



## **Trail Tree Newsletter**

**January 2018**

This is Volume 39 of the Quarterly Trail Tree Project Newsletter. We hope the topics in this newsletter will be of interest to you. If you want us to report on other things, just let us know and we will be happy to do that. Below is all the latest news.

### **Trail Tree (TT) Database**

#### *Trail Tree Database*

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that an article had been published on the Marker Trees and we got overwhelmed with trees submissions. Well, three more articles were published throughout the fall and the tree finds kept us hoping to get them all recorded. There are now over 2,300 Marker Trees in the database covering 46 states with three new states added in 2017. I don't see an end to the finding of Marker Trees. They are just hidden for now waiting for someone to find them.

#### *Trees of Interest*

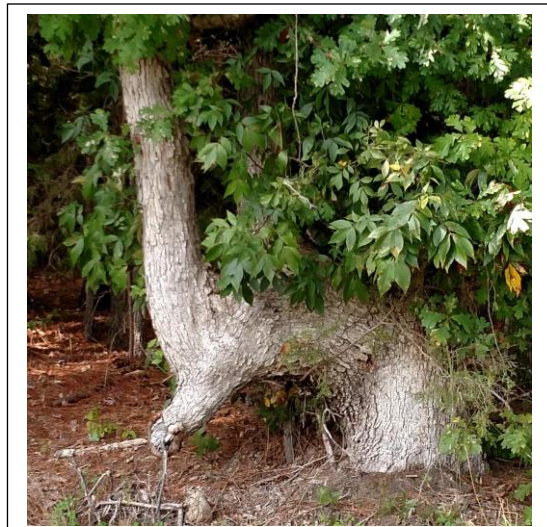
I've selected some of trees from all over the United States submitted in the last few months (through early Nov 2017) to show the extent of Marker Trees nationwide. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are learning more about interpreting the trees and learning to look for common configurations which help to understand their purpose.

#### **NC Tree**

Nicholas sent in a tree from NC that is located on a trading path between SC and VA.

#### **MS Tree**

Mollie sent is a very large tree from MS that is obviously very old. The tree is 49 inches in diameter.



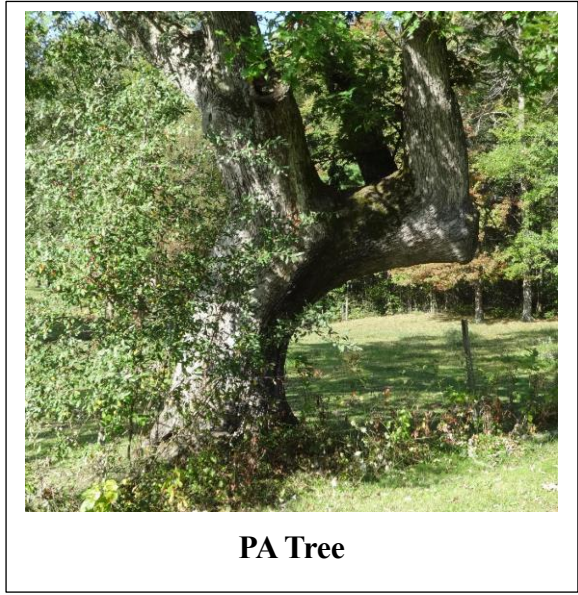
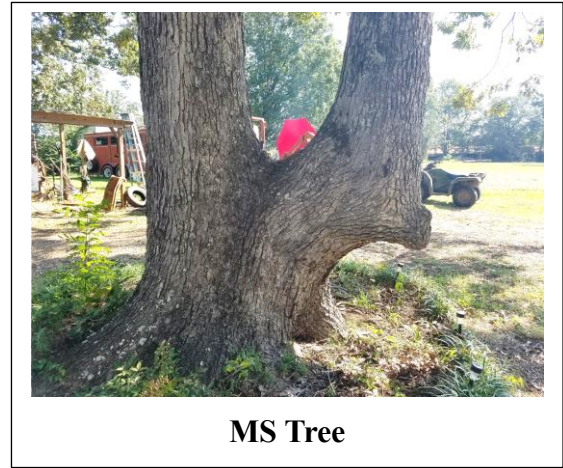
**NC Tree**

**NH Tree**

Tony sent in a tree located in NH that is close to 23 inches in diameter. Finding Marker trees still remaining in the New England area is rare so it is good to have this one located.

**PA Tree**

Patricia sent in another large tree located in PA. We did not get this one measured but is certainly big.



**TN Tree**

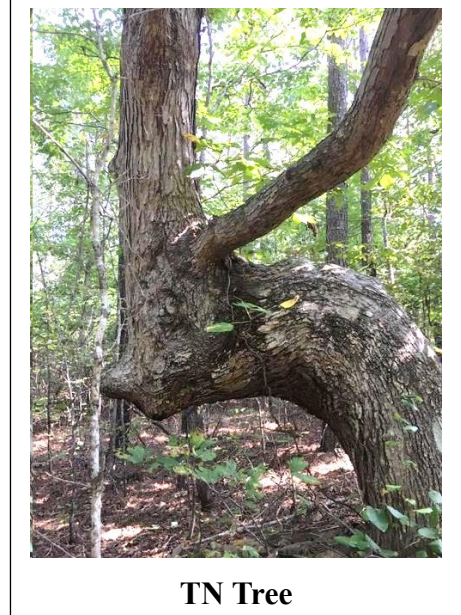
Sibyl sent her tree from TN which again is a fairly large tree.

**NY Tree**

Tony sent in another large tree located in NY. His tree is 35.4 inches in diameter.

**WI Tree**

Jamie remembered a tree she saw as a child and went back to find it. We are happy she did. It is another big one.



## DE Tree

Delaware is one of the new states added in 2017 where we have located a Marker tree. Jayne sent this tree in but we did not get a measurement of it.

## VA Tree

Alana Sent in her tree from VA which is a Birch. We do not often see Birch trees used as a Marker but they do exist.



NY Tree



WI Tree

## MN Tree

Minnesota is another new state for 2017. Taylor located his tree in an area that was associated with the Ho-Chunk Indians. We would love to get this one measured someday also as it is one of the largest ones.



Delaware Tree



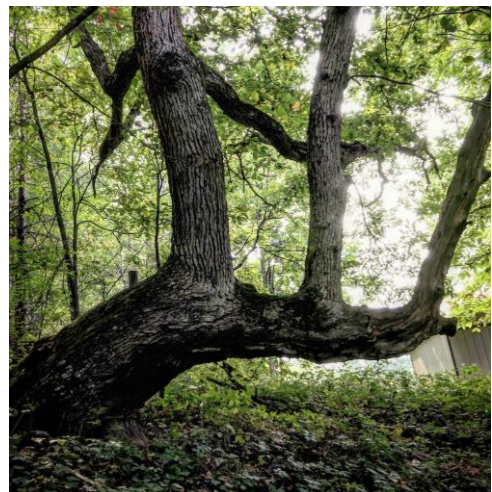
VA Tree

## Special Significance Tree

In the last Newsletter, we introduced the Spirit Tree found in AL. Another one has also been found in GA. Here is another oddly bent tree whose meaning may be also related to spiritual purposes but for now it is just one of those interesting bent trees. This tree was sent in by JD from TN. The tree is near a spring which may have also been a ceremonial site. The tree is shown on the next page.

## Indian Heritage Sites Mapping Program

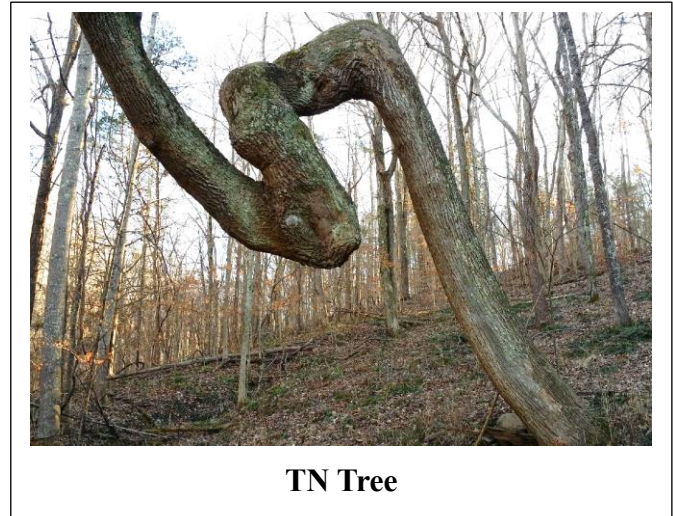
I mentioned in the last newsletter how we are now learning to us Native Science in our mapping of sacred sites. We and our colleagues are continuing to explore this



MN Tree

methodology to better document the sites we are visiting. These methodologies include the use of dowsing to learn about each site. Using these techniques, we have now done a more in-depth analysis of two rock cairn sites in Dawson and Pickens County GA and have discovered new insights to these locations.

We are currently also mapping the trail followed by Col. Marinus Willett in 1790 through GA and AL to visit the Creek Indian Chiefs to convince them to sign the Treaty of New York. Willett visited a number of Cherokee villages on his way to AL and we are working on locating them.



We have also been doing more Indian Trails mapping in TX, CO, and NM. We hope to expand these efforts in the future as new historical maps become available.

### ***Mystery of the Trees Presentations and Book Signings***

We ended 2017 with about 20 presentations. Our last presentation for 2017 was mid-Nov with one of the largest groups ever at 120 people. They ran out of chairs and some had to sit on the floor. We begin 2018 with two presentations, one at FDR State Park in GA and another one in Atlanta. Because we are about to run out of books (less than 40 left), we have decided not to advertise our presentations for 2018 but will respond when requested.

If you want to schedule a presentation for 2018, contact us at our email address [mountainman93@gmail.com](mailto:mountainman93@gmail.com) to schedule a time. If you would like a list of the presentations, contact me at the same email address. The presentations are offered for free but traveling to overnight venues is not feasible unless a large audience of at least 60 people can be guaranteed.

We will likely run out of the *Mystery of the Trees* book before spring. We have printed the book three times so it is time to take it out of print. We will continue to have the *Mystery of the Tree* DVD available until sold out.

### **Facebook**

To stay in touch with our activities in between Newsletter issues, follow us on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mysterytrees](https://www.facebook.com/mysterytrees). This site provides a running account of our weekly activities. Please log on to the site and **LIKE** the page. This opens our information to a larger audience and helps educate folks about the program. Currently, we have over 1,660 **LIKES**. We are now striving for the 2,000 mark. A lot of dialog is now going on between the followers of the site who are sharing their findings across the nation.