
The Bowl (Cherokee chief)

The Bowl (also **Chief Bowles**, Cherokee: "*Di'wali*") was one of the leaders of the Chickamauga Cherokee under Dragging Canoe (and later John Watts) who fought against the United States of America during the Chickamauga wars. He led the first large Cherokee emigration west across the Mississippi River in 1809, where he and his followers settled in what later became Arkansaw Territory. When the government was organized the next year, he was elected Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation—West, serving until his departure for Spanish Texas in 1813. He was succeeded by Degadoga.

The Bowl became leader of the Cherokee in Spanish Texas, along with Richard Fields, and ultimately died at the outbreak of war in 1839 between the *Tsalagiwi nvdagi* and the Republic of Texas. That war, which later claimed the lives of Fields and The Bowl's son, John Bowles, did not truly end until the Treaty of Bird's Fort in 1843.

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