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Photograph of the unveiling ceremony for the Estatoe Path historical marker, 1957. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History.

^[2]Estatoe Path was a long-established Indian trail that linked the eighteenth-century [Cherokee](#) ^[3]Lower Towns of northwestern South Carolina and northeastern Georgia with the [French Broad River](#) ^[4] Valley in western North Carolina. It may have originated at the site of Old Estatoe, located on a branch of the Upper Tugalo River near Clayton, Ga. However, it is more often described as originating with the cluster of Lower Towns, including Keowee and a different town of Estatoe on the Upper Keowee River in South Carolina. This path headed north, crossing into North Carolina's present-day [Transylvania County](#) ^[5] to the vicinity of Rosman, where a large Cherokee town was apparently located. The path then followed the French Broad River Valley and ultimately reached the Toe River Valley. It is possible that the [Mitchell County](#) ^[6] community of Estatoe derived its name from the nearby path.

Additional Resources:

"Estatoe Path." North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Program. <https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/nc-highway-historical-marker-program/Markers.aspx?ct=ddl&sp=search&k=Markers&sv=P-47> ^[7] (accessed October 18, 2012).

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