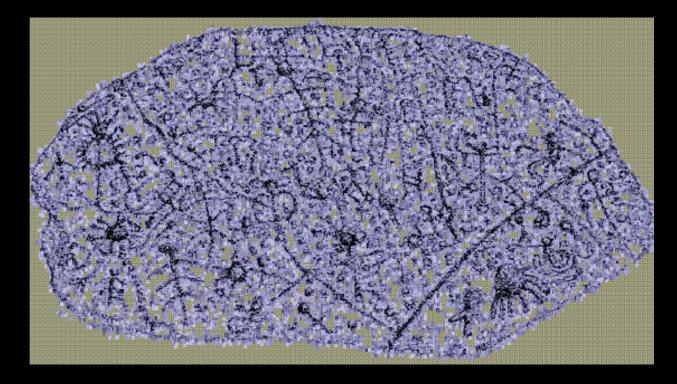
# The Cherokee's Tsul kălū', and the Judaculla Rock Petroglyphs of Western North Carolina

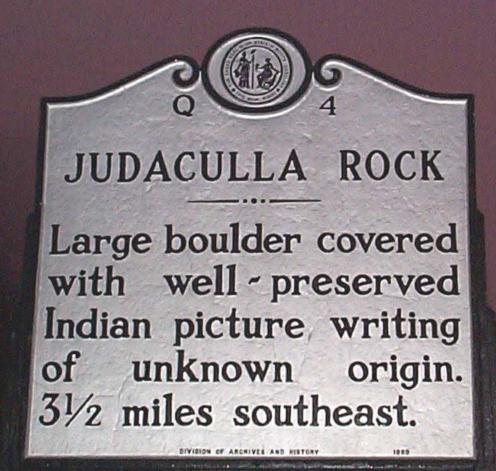


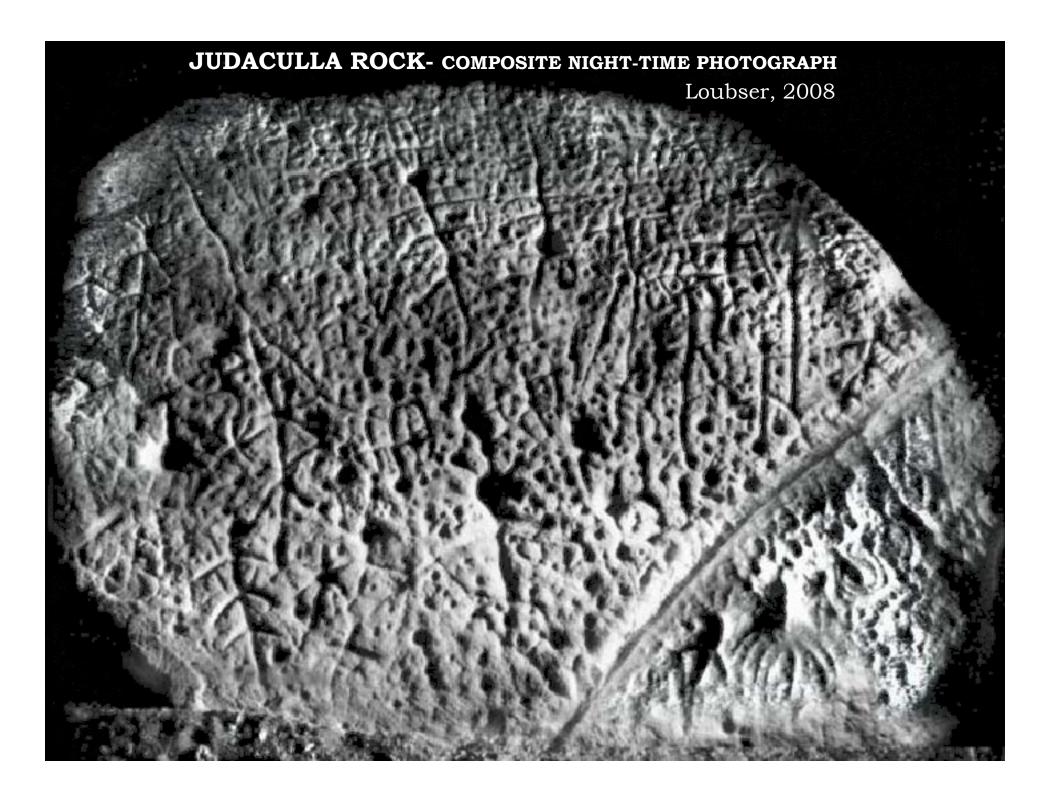


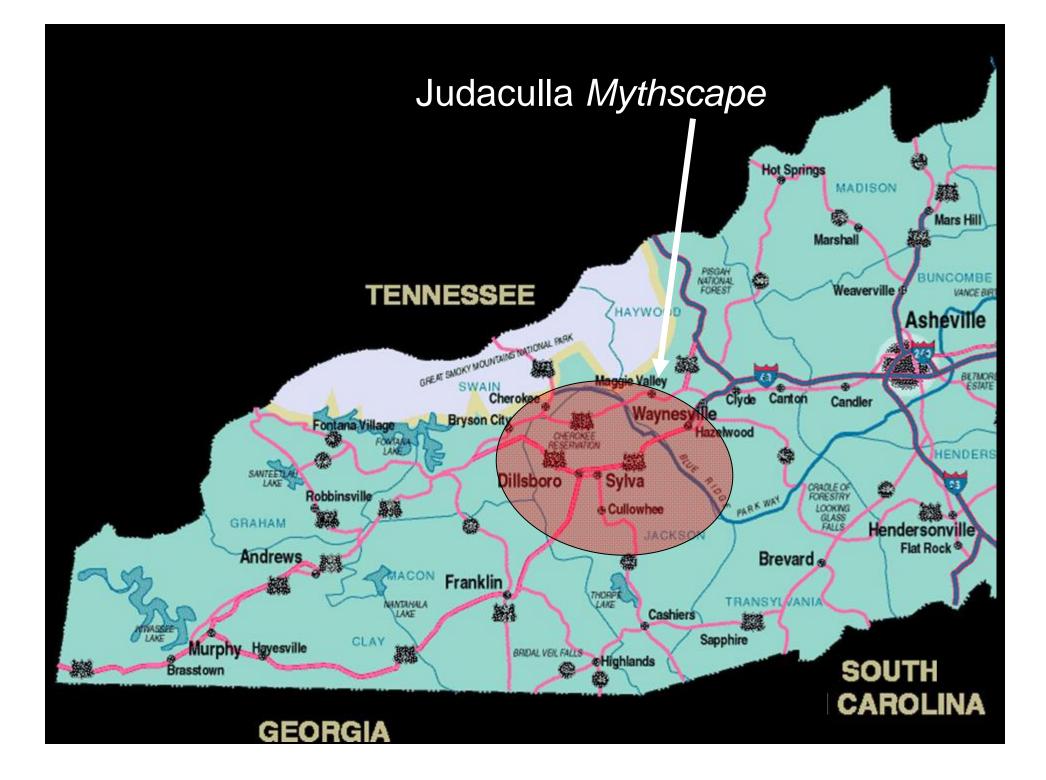
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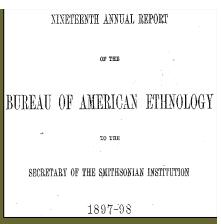




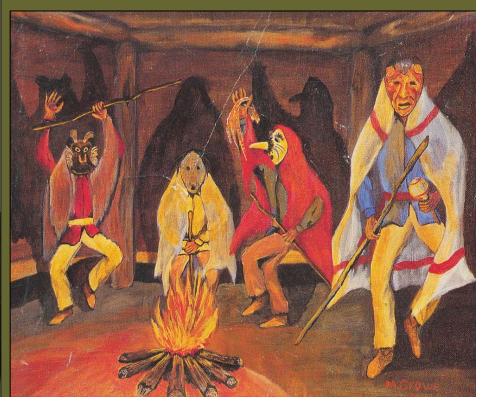
## Cherokee Medicine Man Swimmer, 1888



Ethnologist James Mooney and his History, Myths, and Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees



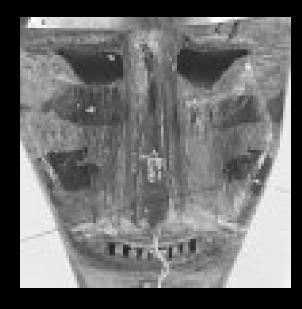
## Judaculla = Anglicized version of $Tsul k \ddot{a} l \bar{u}'$



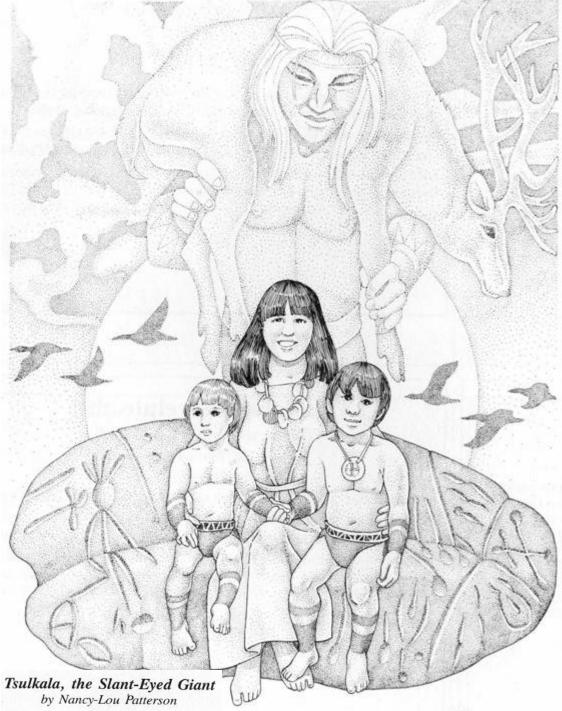
## **Tsul kălū'** means "*He has them slanting*" Referring to the eyes.



Near the Great Divide, between the waters of Pigeon river and French Broad, is situated the Devil's Court-house, which rises to an altitude of 6,049 feet. Near it is Court-house mountain. At both places his Satanic majesty was believed to sit in judgment, and doom to punishment all who had been wayward in courage, or had departed from a strict code of virtue, though bravery in war atoned for a multitude of sins.



Frightful Cherokee mask with slanted eyes



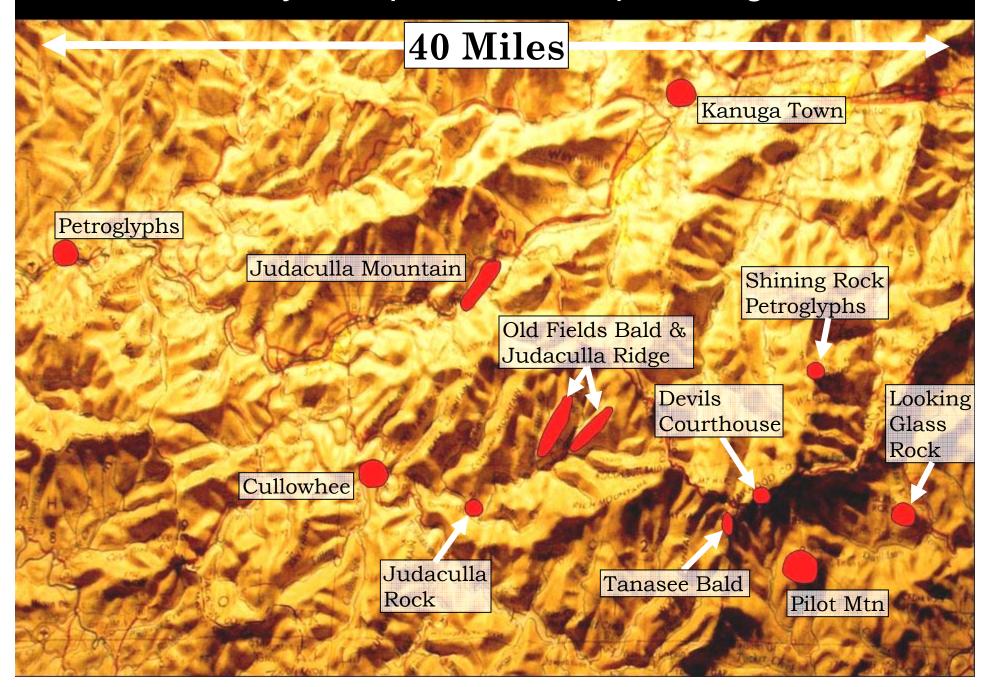
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#### Judaculla Mythscape - Landscape & Legend



Tanasee Bald (Tsul Kalu Tsunegun'yi)

aka Judaculla Old Fields

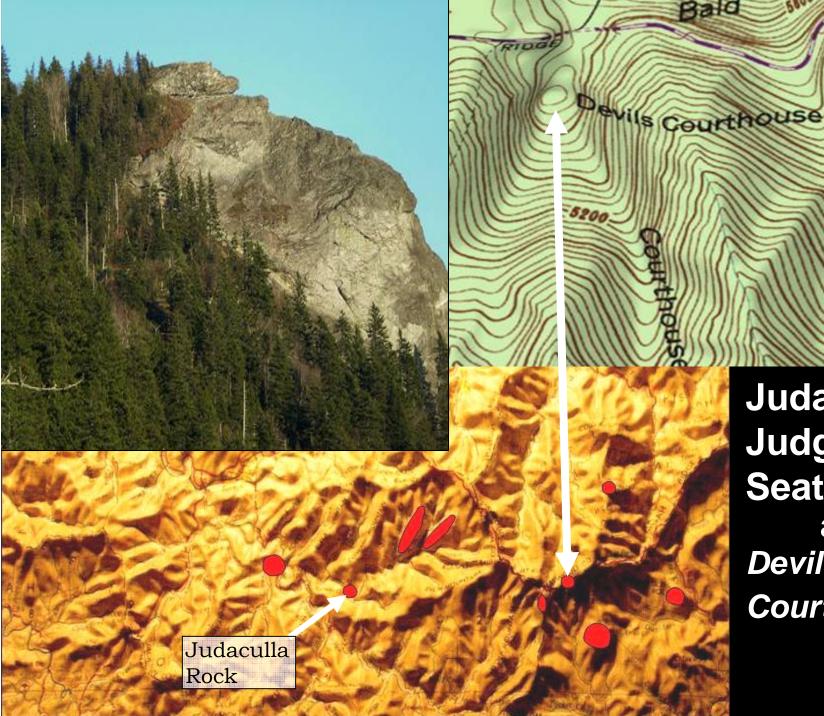
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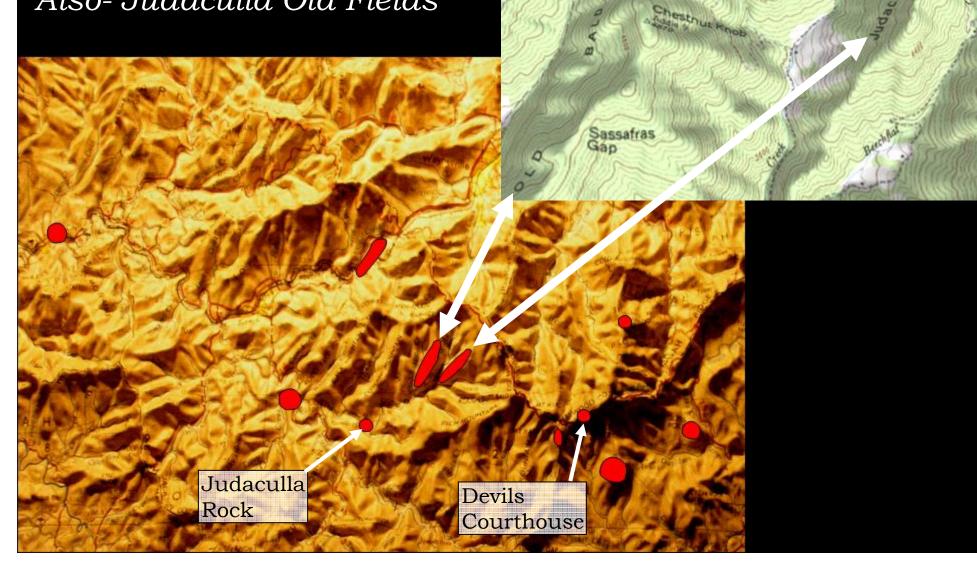
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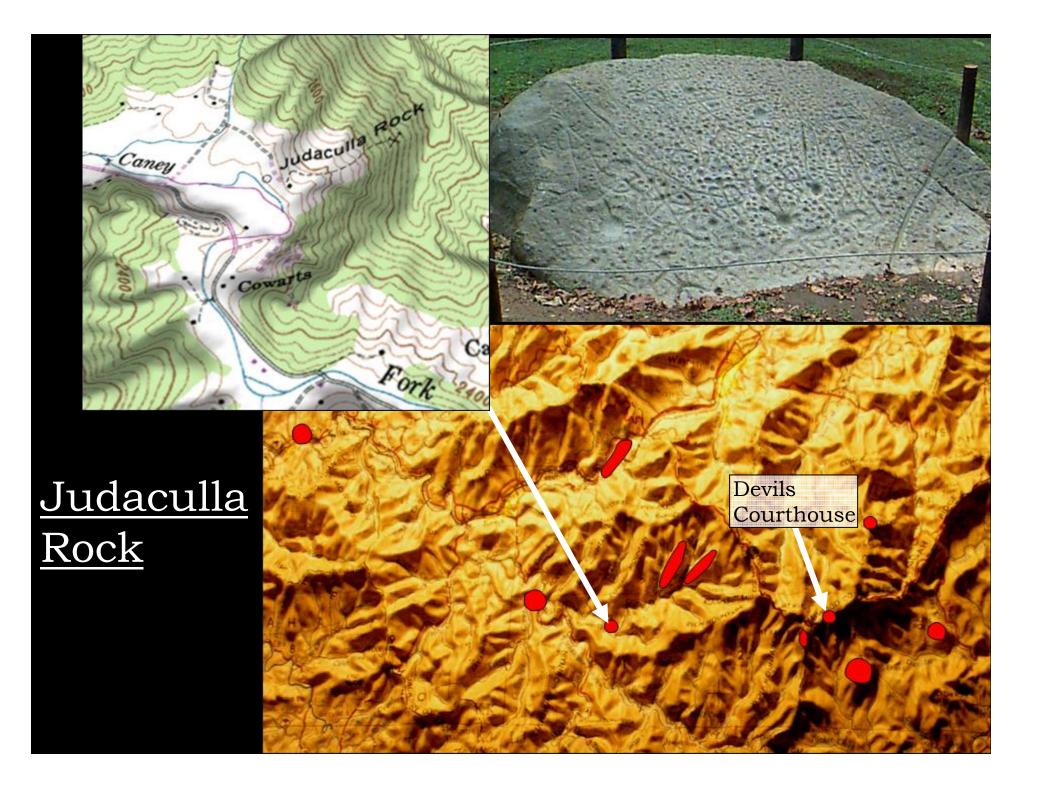
Judaculla's Judgment Seat aka Devils Courthouse

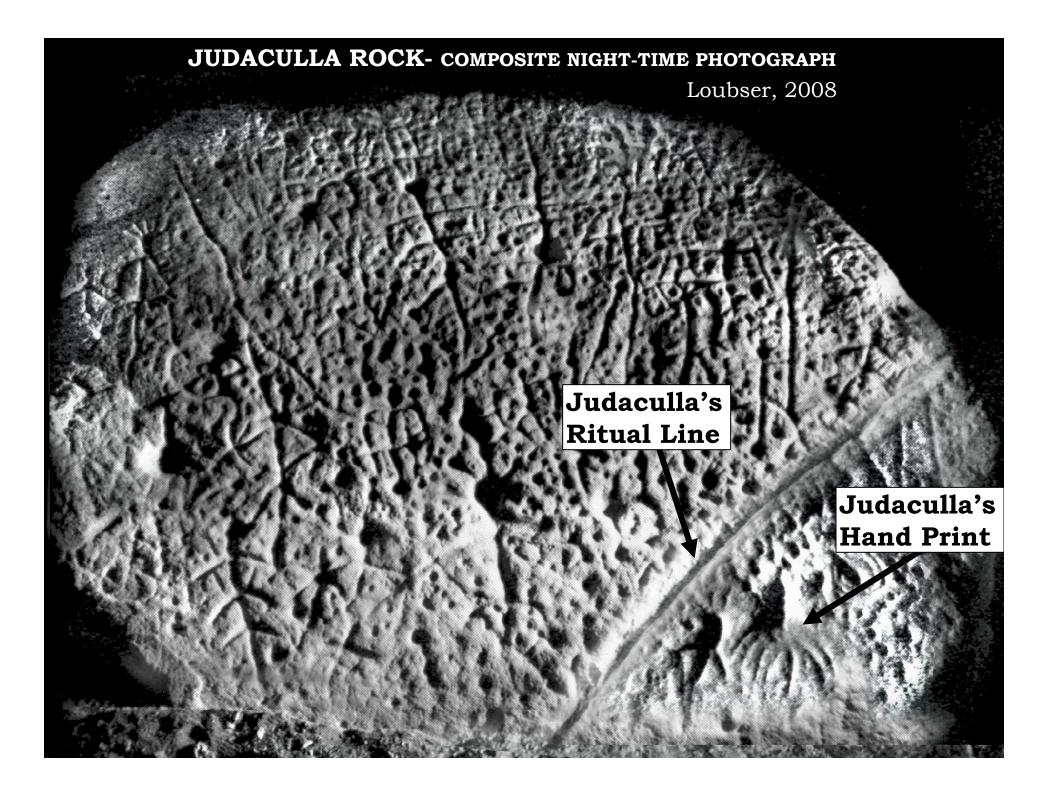
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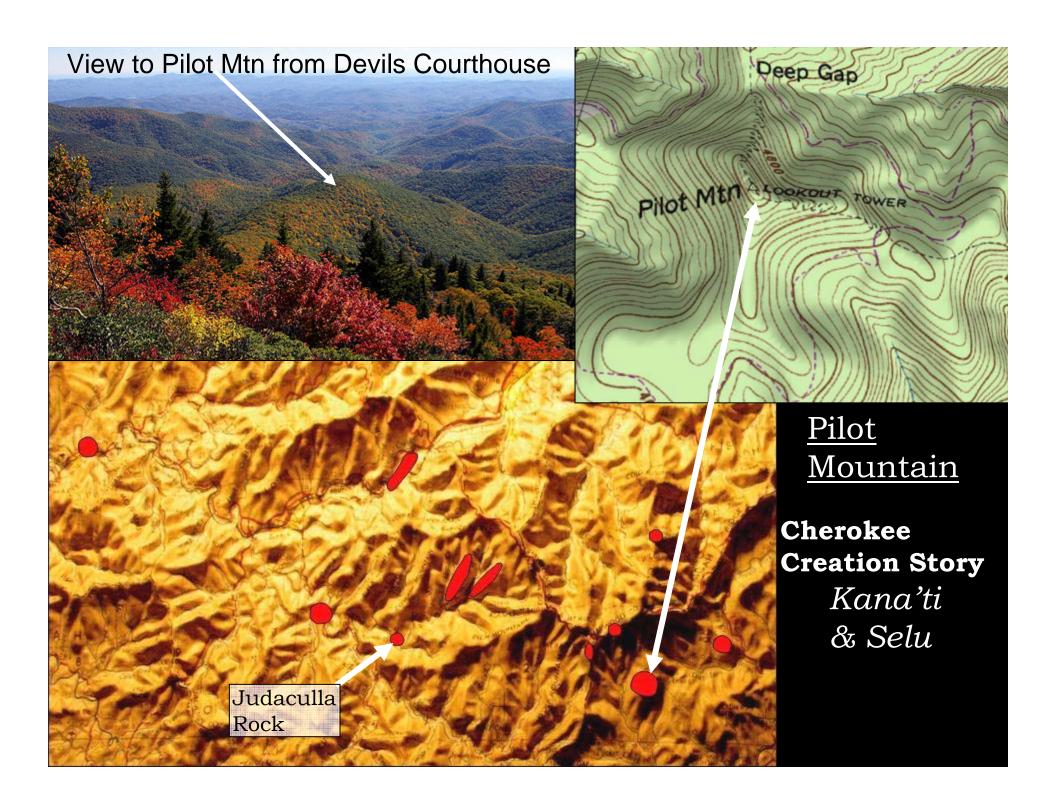
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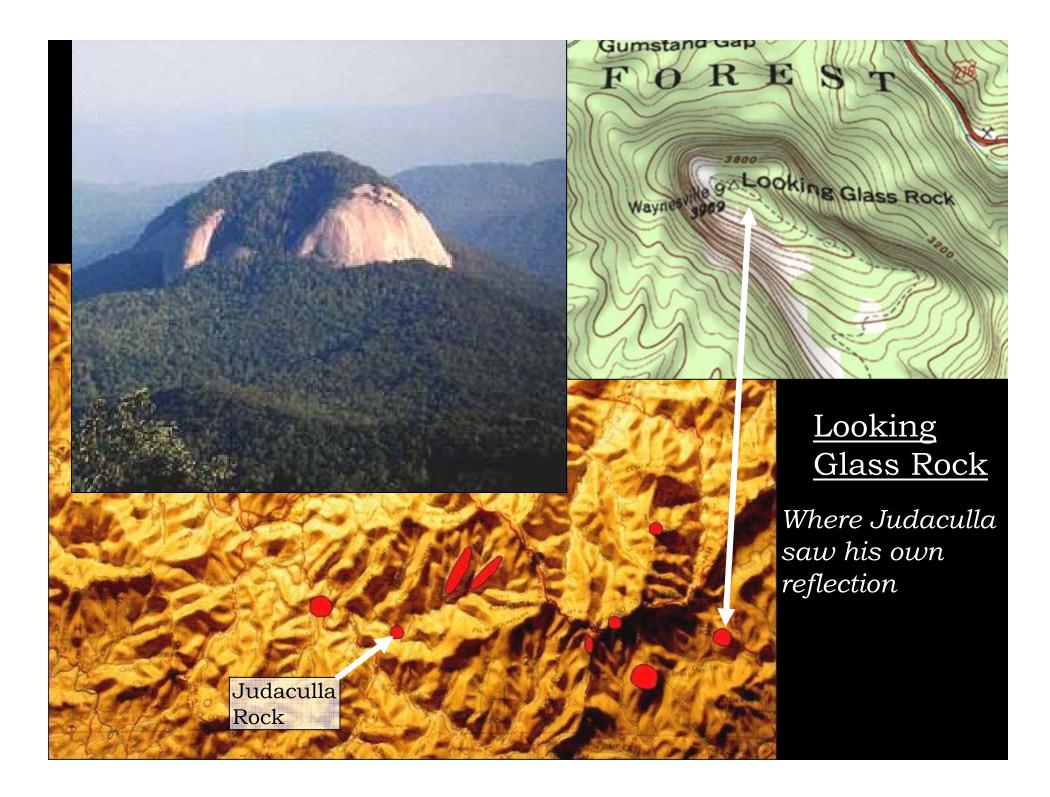


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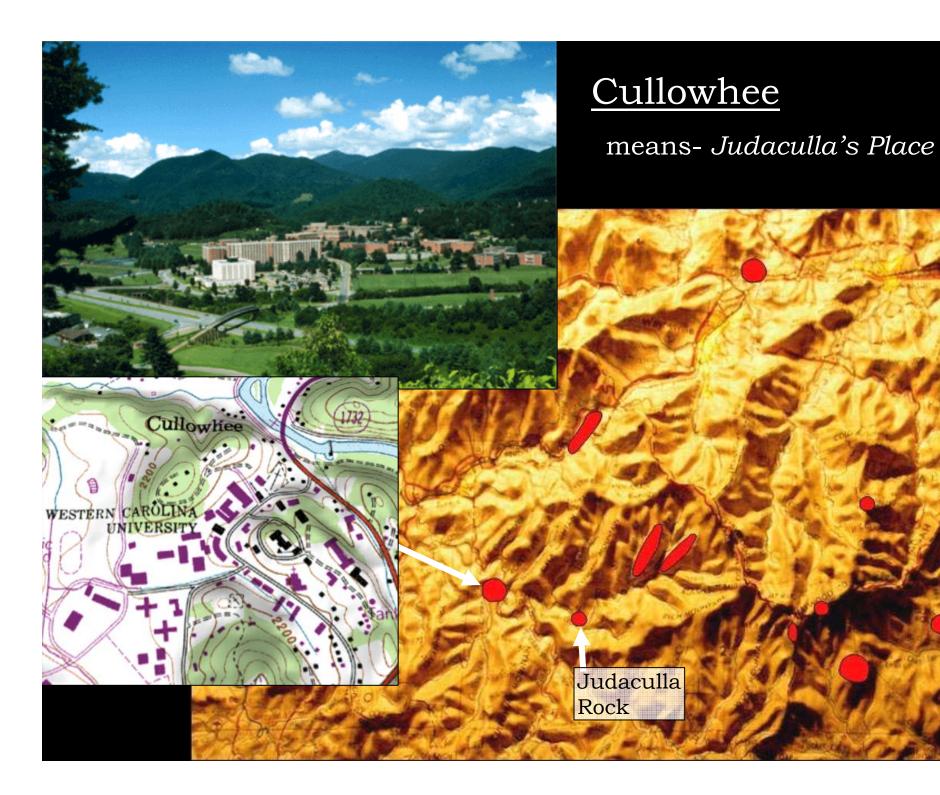


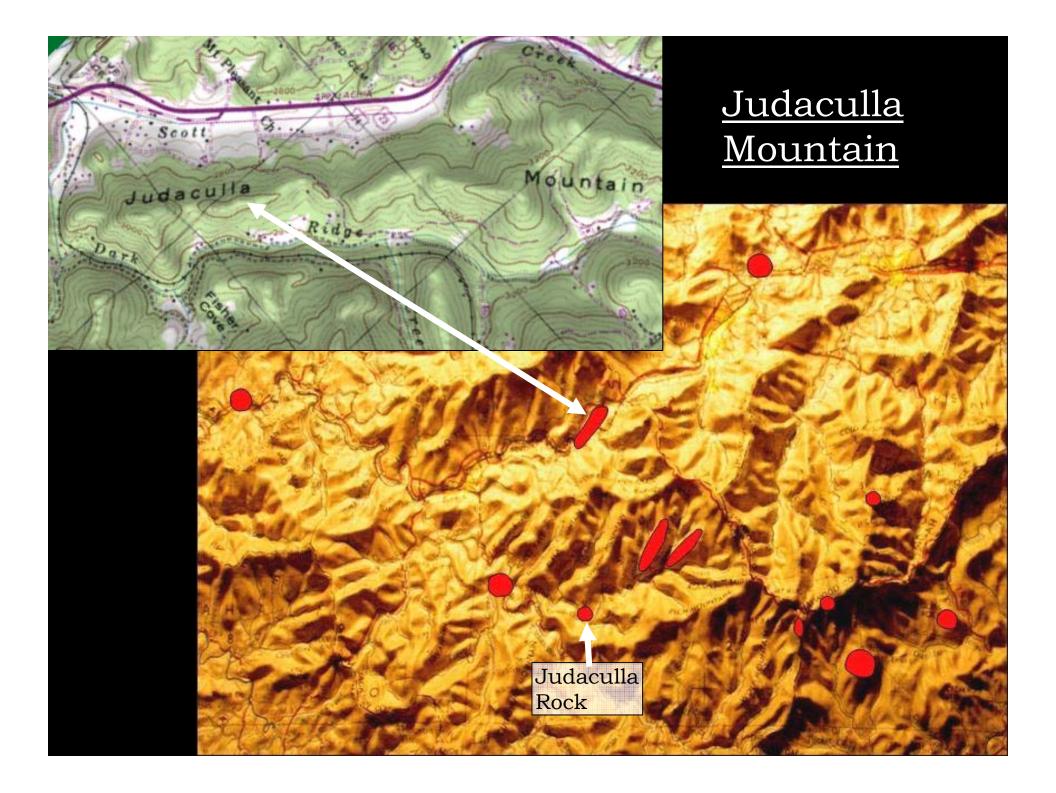




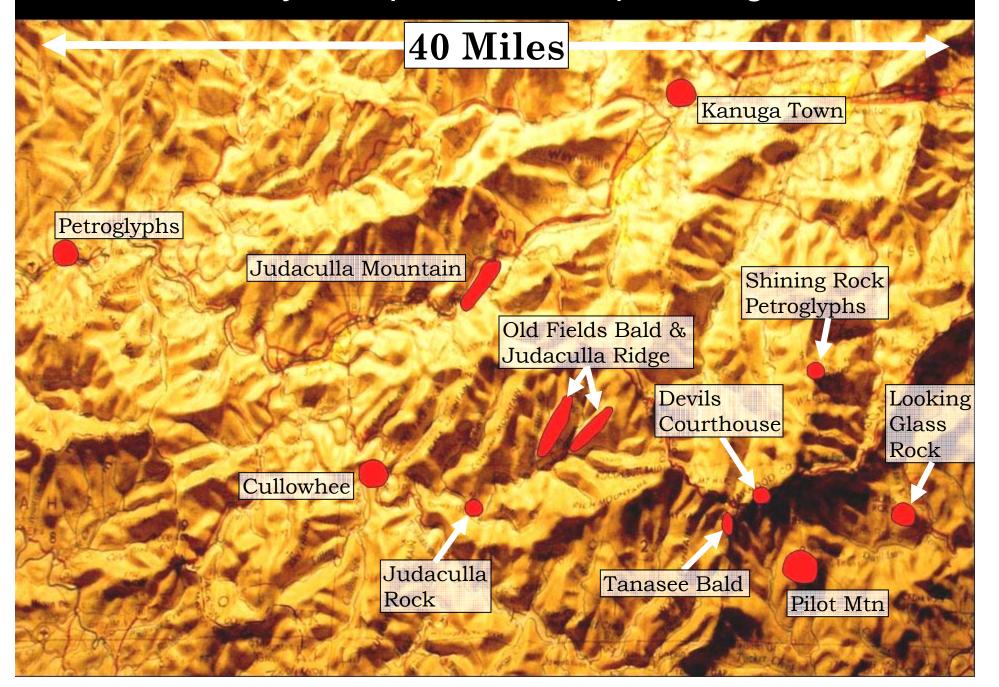




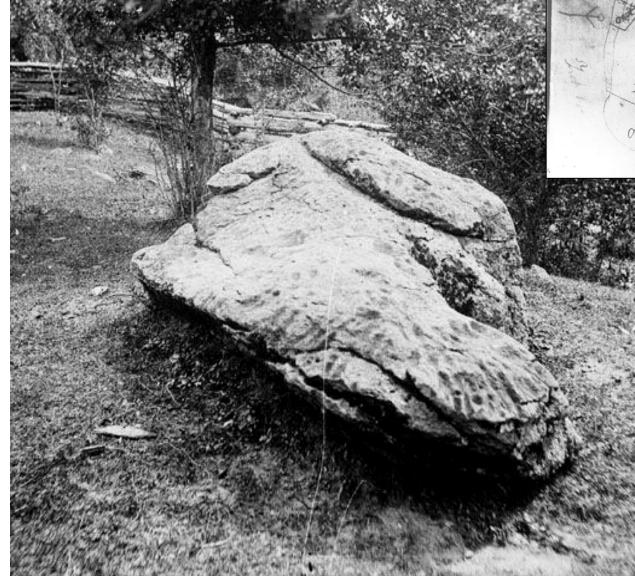


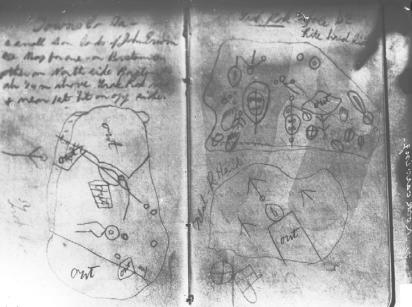


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#### <u>Gardner Rock</u> – Yancey County, NC

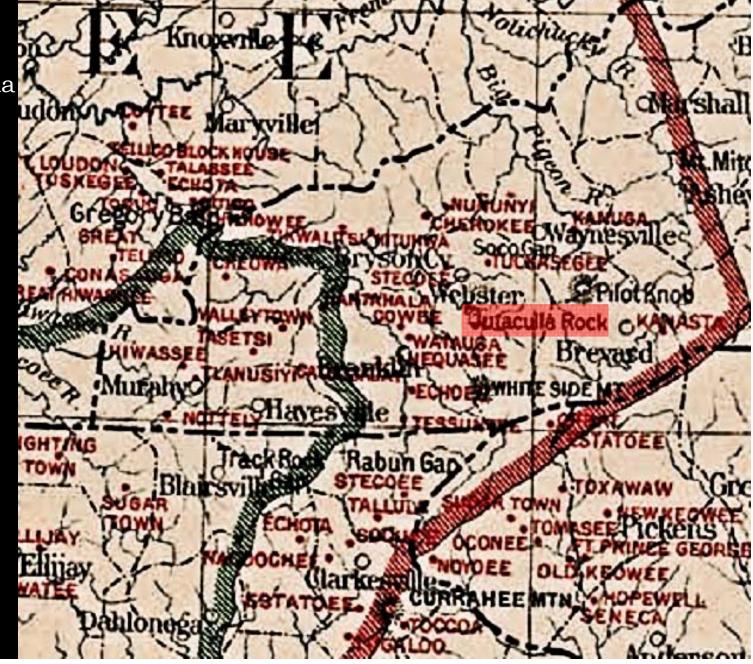




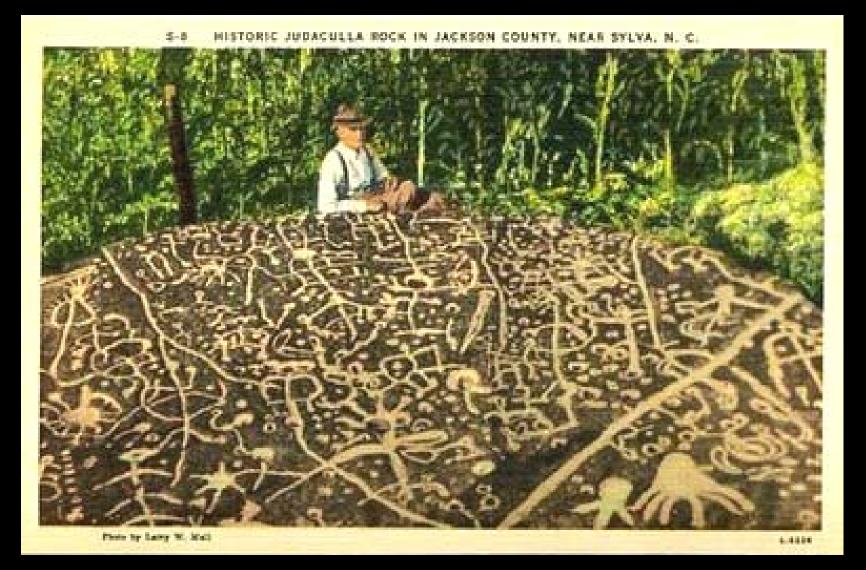
Mooney Photograph (circa 1889) of Gardner Rock and his notes and sketches of North Georgia petroglyphs

#### Map-<u>The Cherokee Country</u> by James Mooney, 1900.

Showing Judaculla Rock along with major landscape features

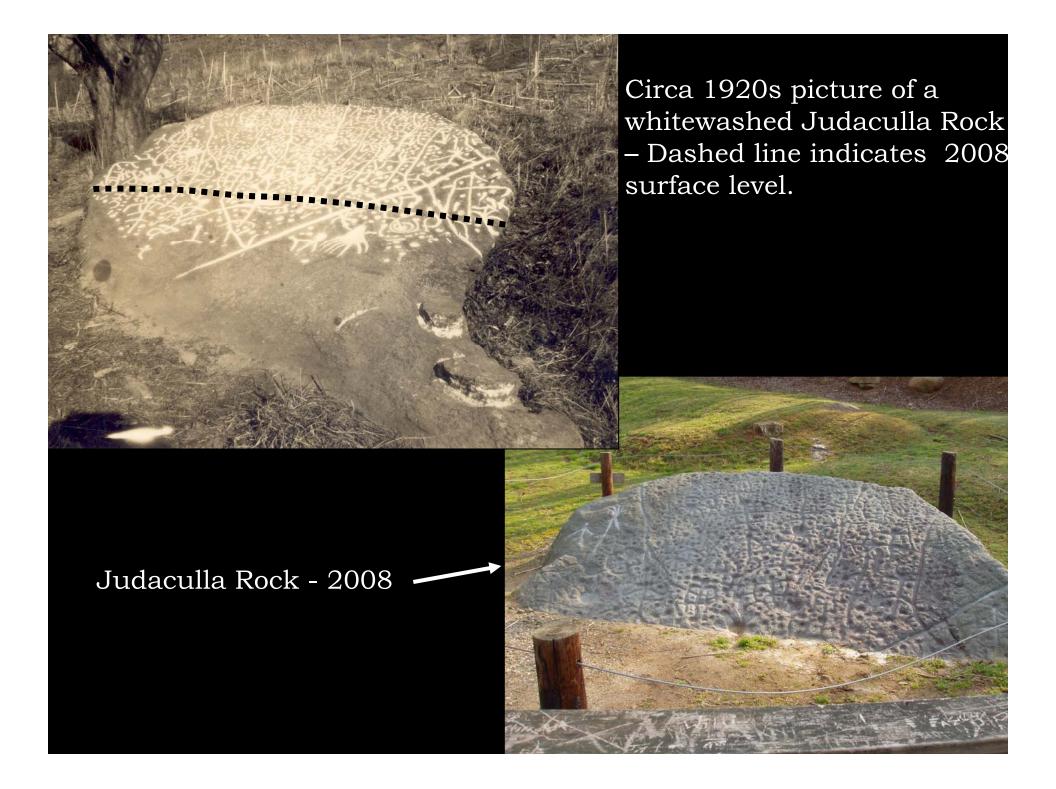


#### Circa 1930s postcard of a whitewashed Judaculla Rock with landowner Milas Parker in the background



#### Deteriorating conditions at Judaculla Rock





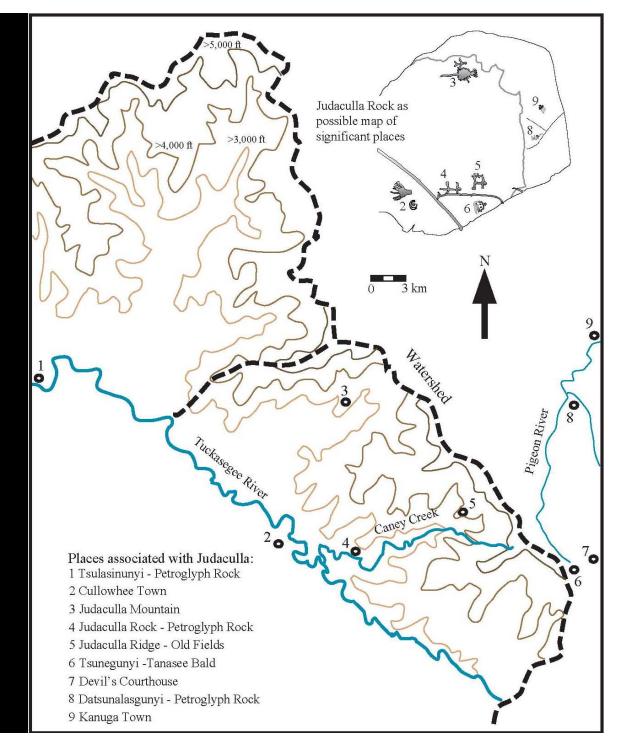




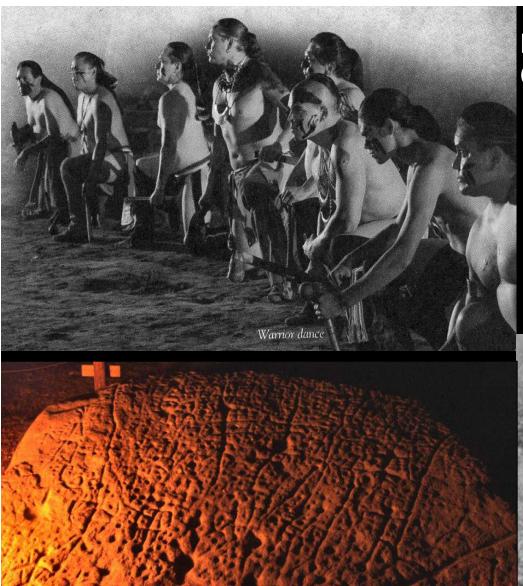
Jannie Loubser, Douglas Frink and coauthor Lorie Hansen remove sediment from the face of Judaculla Rock, 2007.



#### Judaculla's World on the Landscape and Possibly on the Rock. Loubser 2008







# Modern rendition of the Cherokee Warrior Dance.

Cherokee ball players performed necessary rituals prior to the game. (Mooney, 1888)



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