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Abstract

The prototypical role of stative perfects is the expression of resultant states. No such morpheme is described for Cherokee, yet a stative perfect of clearly identifiable form and function is reconstructible for Proto-Cherokee, and in both form and function it can be shown to persist synchronically in the guise of other categories defined for the modern language. Evidence for the stative perfect is likewise discoverable in the Cherokee documentary record, as archaisms preserved in the early Cherokee Syllabary tradition reveal.