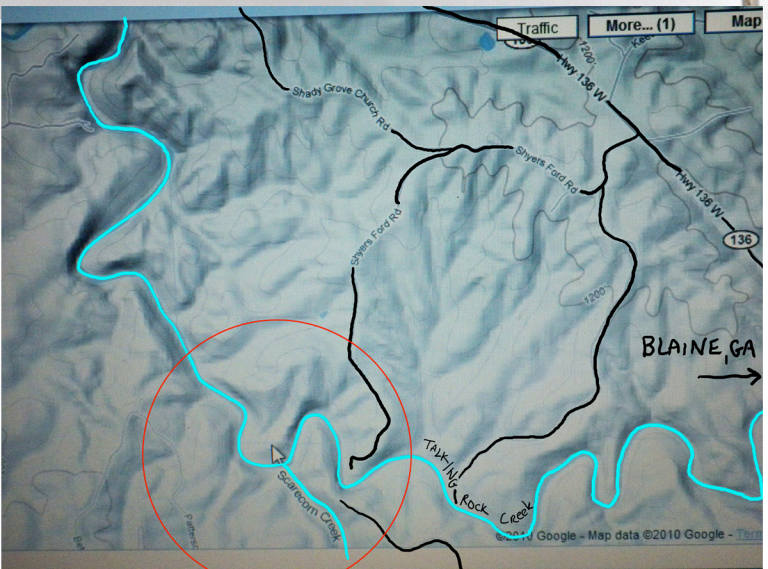
4. **Scarecorn Creek Indian Gold Mine**

Bill Gober, who lives in Pickens County, tells this true story relating to Cherokee Indian gold.

A few years ago a Cherokee Indian came to Pickens County and stayed with a family who had befriended him. Each day the Indian would go rambling through the countryside alone searching for something. Several weeks later he approached the man of the family and told him that he would like to take him to a certain place and show him something real pretty if he would consent to be lead blindfolded. The white man was so anxious to see what it was that the Indian wanted to show him that he readily consented to the blindfold and was lead a short distance from his house into a cave where the blindfold was removed. He feasted his eyes on piles of gold nuggets on the floor of the cave, for here was a storage place of a rich Indian gold mine.

Later, after the Indian departed from Pickens County, the white man searched the whole countryside looking for the cave with the gold nuggets close to his home but his search was fruitless. He lived close to the confluence of Scarecorn Creek and Talking Rock Creek.

It is a well-established fact that there is a rich Indian gold mine in this area, as at least one white man has seen an Indian waybill showing the location of this mine which places it on Talking Rock Creek at the mouth of Old Scarecorn Creek. It is also rumored that the Indians buried several pots of gold in this area prior to their removal.

See Plate I, Talking Rock quadrangle, for location of Scarecorn Creek.