

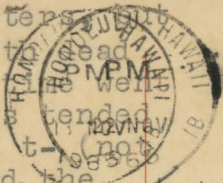
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Dear Emmett:

I just came across a fascinating reference for those who believe that Linear B could not have been devised for Greek. It has to do with the Cherokee syllabary, which was devised for Cherokee. The article is by W.L. Chafe and J.F. Kilpatrick: 'Inconsistencies in Cherokee spelling' and is in a volume entitled: Symposium on Language and Culture, Proceedings of the 1962 Annual Spring Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, ed. by Viola E. Garfield, Seattle, 1963, pp. 60-63. Like Linear B, the original system partly distinguished t from d, but not other voiced-voiceless pairs, and provided unambiguous ways of writing a few

consonant clusters  
did most of them with  
vowel methods. As  
on, the native users tended  
to drop the special t-  
(, here) symbols and the  
special cluster devices.  
Cypriote might come direct  
from Linear B. It's really  
a fascinating parallel.

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