

Eastern Shawnee that is scattered in different parts in the state of Oklahoma, who come and participate with the Quapaws. (But, you don't carry on any of the burial ceremony, right here? You bury the whitemans way?)

Yes! We buried ordinary back through fall the customs and our burial seems, anymore here up around here, we buried as the White's carry on.

(Are you member of the Intertribal council?)

Yes, ma'm, I'm member of the tribe at present and of the hospital board at Claremore, Oklahoma.

(The Shawnee, the Eastern Shawnee are you terminated yet?)

No, we've not ask for termination. We are still unterminated.

TRIBAL CEMETERIES

(Mr. Bluejacket, our Ottawa County Historical Society is mapping the Indian Cemeteries, could you tell me if the Shawnee have any, any tribal cemeteries as such in Ottawa County.)

We have had two, that I know of where the, that was set aside. Somehow one is not used, very much. After it was set aside the land was sold as a whole. The acre that they have the grave yard on, seem as tho., that it wasn't properly cared for. It development into farming area. And then they the Cresspond Cemetery, located some three miles, or maybe three and half west of Seneca. On the Lawstreet Road is what they call it, on the west side of the Modoc Bryant known as the Cress Pond Cemetery.

(C-r-e-s-s)

Yes, Ma'm.

(Why was it called that?)

Well, they have that water cress growing, around the spring there right at it. And they call it the Cresspond Cemetery.

(Do you know of any people who are buried there, any of the Shawnee leader, Chiefs or anybody?)

I don't know how many of 'em, the older people that were buried there, back that I could remember of. But I can remember on two occasions, on three, no four occasion where some of the older members were taken there and buried. But it seem to, be so watery. That you would almost had to stand on the casket to sink 'em, when the graves were dug. That seem most to the younger