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Informant: Gilbert Fallin, 81-year-old Cherokee, Estella Community, Craig County, Oklahoma

Subject: Bare Timpson Graveyard.

After the monthly meeting at the Timpson Chapel, Mr. Fallin and I went to locate an old all-Indian burial place known as Bare Timpson Cemetery. In prior conversation Mr. Fallin felt it would be good to have some record of this Indian burial place made before it finally succumbs to the elements. No decendents are known to care for the place, and there is no means yet provided to preserve it. There are many such old burial grounds known only to the octogenarians of our time, and most of which have vanished in so far as physical evidence of their existance.

As to location, Bare Timpson Cemetery is in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 3, T25, R19, Craig County. On the hill about 200 yards west of Pawpaw Creek, and about 100 yards south of the north section line road one will find the weed and brush covered burial ground. A large cedar tree on the west side spreads is branches as in a last effort to care for those who rest there.

We made every effort to account for all of the graves, and could identify sixteen burials. It is not known exactly how many were buried here or when. Mr. Fallin's grandfather's marker testify to some date period. Bare Timpson's [illegible] Susan E. Deal's headstone gives possibly a [illegible] here. As is common to Indian burial [illegible] marked headstones.

In support hereof there is attached a plat of this All-Cherokee burial place.

It should be added that this cemetery is located on what used to be the Claude Deal farm. The Deals were also Cherokees and were prominent in their community. The Deal family has been gone a long time now, and their lands now belong to whitemen, but their memory is fresh and cherished by the many old timers still living around Timpson Chapel.

It should be noted that there was buried in this cemetery is an Osage Indian, known only as Tsa-tseh. History does not give any information about him.

John Armstrong, 84 years old, living at Pryor will be contacted to verify some of the information regarding the Bare Timpson Cemetery. Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong was born and raised half a mile south of this place and knew many of those buried there.