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## BURIAL GROUND FORM

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Field worker's name Marvin G. RowleyThis report made on (date) Jan 15 193 7

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Polk Grave-yard
2. Founded (date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_
3. Abandoned (date) 1907 why abandoned Ch. F.C.S. right of way
4. Present owners of premises Lansing City, Southern Railroad Co.
- Address of present owners Lansing City Mo.

NOTE: Answer fully, if possible, questions 5 to 13 inclusive, here or on sheets firmly attached to this form.

5. Original owners of premises.
6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
7. Approximate number of graves. 30
8. Approximate number of marked graves 1
9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.
10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 1 (Place each inscription on a separate sheet and attach all to this form).
11. Any other information you were able to gather about the burial ground including its history.
12. Condition of the premises Along the side of the railroad track
13. Detailed location of burial ground.
14. Legal location of burial ground, County \_\_\_\_\_

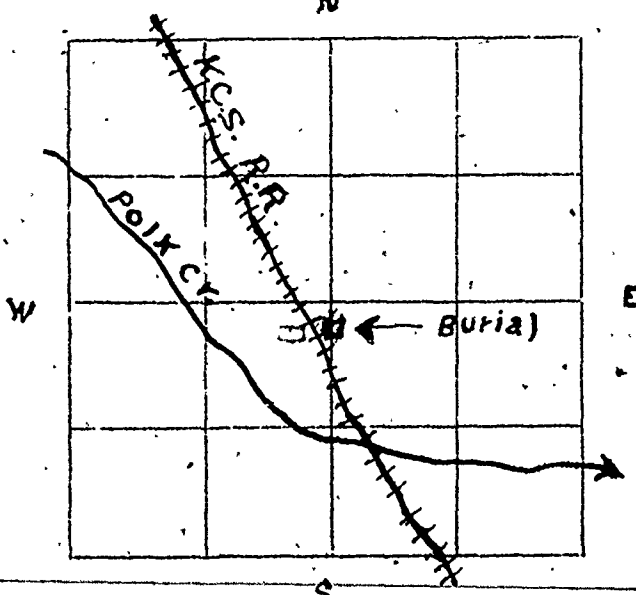
Section 15 Township 7N Range 25E

(north)

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The plat on this form represents 640 acres, one square mile, and is subdivided into 40 acre tracts. The center of the section, and burial ground, should be located accordingly. If possible, make additional subdivisions on plat to give more accurate location.

Number of sheets attached

to this form 2

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This burial ground is located in Section 13, Township 7N, Range 25 E. It is on the property and right of way of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company. It was the Nellie Willis Choctaw Indian Allotment, later was in the Willis estate. This burial ground is known as the old Polk grave yard. There is just one square marker. It is of marble, also it is the last one to be put in this burial ground. This grave is of Charley Jones, Full-blood Choctaw Indian.

An old lady, called by every one with whom I talked, was "Old Lady Polk". I could not find out her first name. She was a Full-blood Choctaw Indian and is in this burial ground. It is thought by Arthur Dosier and Frank Pierson, Poteau, Oklahoma, that the small creek about a quarter of a mile south of this burial place was named after her. The father of Charley Jones is supposed to be buried here and Robert Payne, a Full-blood Choctaw is buried here also. The statement of J. P. Odom, Poteau, Oklahoma, Route #1, is that there are at least thirty graves or maybe more in this cemetery. They are all supposed to be Choctaw Indians.

The train ran over Charley Jones when he was drunk. The boys who go out there have been in the habit of standing on the railroad and throwing rocks at the marker of the grave of Charley Jones. It is pretty badly chipped up by this abuse.

The inscription of the stone marker of Charley Jones -----

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Charley, son of J. & S. Jones. Born February 9,  
1879, died May 1, 1907.. Weep not for me, for I  
am waiting in glory for thee.