

THOMAS, R. B.

CEMETERIES--MISCELLANEOUS. #9055
DEYO MISSION. COMANCHE INDIANS.

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Field worker's name R. B. Thomas.

This report made on (date) Nov. 4th. 193 7

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Deyo Mission Cemetery

2. Founded (date) 1901 By reverend Deyo

3. Abandoned (date) _____ why abandoned _____

4. Present owners of premises Baptist Church

Address of present owners Lewton, Oklahoma R. F. D. 5

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

5. Original owners of premises. United States Government land allotted to

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. (Church.

7. Approximate number of graves. Don't know.

8. Approximate number of marked graves 110

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. _____ (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 Good.

13. Detailed location of burial ground. _____

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Comanche County, Okla.

Section _____ Township 1 North Range 13 West.

(north)

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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Deyo Mission Cemetery

Deyo Mission is located ten miles southeast of Cache, in Comanche County, and was founded by the Reverend Mr. Deyo, a Baptist missionary.

The church gave the land to the Cemetery Association. It was Government land and they gave it to the church board for the cemetery.

Comanche and Apaches are buried here but Whites are permitted to be buried here, also.

This cemetery is kept in good condition by the church with the co-operation of the Comanche Indians.

The Reverend Mr. Deyo, now deceased, was a missionary for a long time in the Comanche Country.

Besides the Reverend Mr. Deyo there are several prominent Indians buried here - Isaac Baker, a rich

Comanche Indian who lived close by and was a deacon

in the Reverend Mr. Deyo's church. He is buried in

financially, is buried in this cemetery, and are several

Medicine men and Marcus Foco, a sub-chief of the

Mexican, who was interpreter for Quantrill's band in the

years between 1850 and 1860.

Some of these graves are marked by nice headstones but many have no markers at all. While all the Comanches reverence their dead, the tribe has been destitute for the last twenty years and hence the Comanches have had no money with which to buy stones for the graves of their dead.