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BURIAL GROUND FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name James R. CarseloweyThis report made on (date) October 26, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Secondine
2. Founded (date) About 1870 by John Secondine
3. Abandoned (date) About 1920 why abandoned Place sold, not segregated.
4. Present owners of premises Daisy Walker

Address of present owners Vinita, Oklahoma. R.F.D. 4

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

5. Original owners of premises. Cherokee Nation, Anna Harvey, Allottee, her heirs.
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 6
9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. OK.
10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 6 (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 Not so good, In Woods Pasture, not fenced separate.
13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County CraigSection 32 Township 25 N. Range 19 E.

(north)

The plat on this form represents 360 acres, one square mile, and is subdivided into 360 acre tracts. The center of the section, and burial ground should be located accordingly. If possible, make additional subdivisions on plat to give more exact location.

Number of sheets attached

to this form _____

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SECONDINEHISTORY OF SECONDINE CEMETERY
NOW ABANDONED

The Secondine cemetery was established by John Secondine, last chief of Delaware tribe of Indians, about 1870, strictly for a burial ground for the Delaware tribe of Indians. There is no other race buried there, according to the oldest Delawares now living.

The Old Chief was among the first of his tribe to come to the Cherokee Nation from Kansas to select a new home here. He came with three Shawnee chiefs, Henry Rogers, Johnson Blackfeather and Cyrus C. Cornatzer, together with other members of both tribes, before the Delaware and Shawnee treaty was signed, and became a law. They selected sites for their home, and shortly after they returned to Kansas their treaties were signed, and they were the first to remove to the Cherokee Nation with their families.

A large group of both Delawares and Shawnees settled in the White Oak hills about ten miles southwest of Vinita, Oklahoma in what was then Cooweescoowee district, where

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there was also a large settlement of fullblood Cherokee Indians.

Each tribe selected their own burial ground, which was located on land belonging to the Cherokee Nation. Secondine selected his, on what was then his land, according to tribal holdings; the Shawnees selected one, not more than a mile away, known as the Shawnee Cemetery; and the Cherokees already had one, near Estella, called The Timpson Chapel. The Delawares and Shawnees never allowed any other race to be buried in their cemeteries, but the Cherokees, after allotment allowed the white race to bury in their burial ground, but no other tribe of Indians.

When allotment time came, Anna Harvey allotted on the land where the Secondine cemetery was located, and after her death her allotment went to her brother, Frank Daugherty and her sister, Saphrona Washington, who later sold the land to Charley Walker, A Cherokee Indian.

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The burial ground was not segregated from allotment and he stopped further burial in the Secondine cemetery. I was unable to get the exact date this cemetery was abandoned, but found it was not long after statehood. But certainly after 1916, as Secondine was buried there in 1916.

The cemetery is not fenced separate and stands out in the center of a woods pasture, and is in fairly good shape. There were only six marked graves in the cemetery and twenty four unmarked graves. Some of the unmarked graves looked to be very old, and were marked only by a sunk^{on} place in the ground, and some had flags growing around the graves. A few had rails around them.

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JOHN SECONDINE

Born

Sept. 2, 1850

Died

Nov. 26, 1916

He is not gone, but sleepeth

God gave, he took, he will restore,

He doth all things well.

Emma

Wife of

John Secondine

Died

May 3, 1889

Her end was peaceful.

At Rest

Jobe Thomas

Born

July, 10, 1875

Died

May 28, 1914

THOMAS

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Roy Thomas

Born

Dec. 16, 1913

Died

June 14, 1914

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled,

A place is vacant in our home,

That never can be filled.

Francis M. Brown

Born Oct. 18, 1856

Died April 22, 1891

A kind and affectionate wife,

Fond mother, and friend to all.

W. E. Son of

R.R. & Mayme

Brown

Born

Oct. 26, 1905

Died

Nov. 23, 1905.