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CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

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

Field worker's name Augusta H. Custer

This report made on (date) August 24, 1937 1937

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1. Name (if any) of burial ground George Brent; Cresse Ranch: A Mr.
Lariette.

2. Founded (date) _____ By Cheyenne-rapaho.

3. Abandoned (date) _____ Why abandoned Land was farmed.

4. Present owners of premises George Peck, Cresse heirs; Indian named
Scott Harrison.

Address of present owner George, Oklahoma.

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.
 8. Approximate number of marked graves
 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
 13. Detailed location of burial ground.
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14. Legal location of burial ground, County Blaine
12 and SW of 11

Section	S W of 21; NE of Township	13	RANGE	12
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(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.

2	1	6	5	11	3	2	1
11	12	7	8	4	10	14	18
14	13	18	19	16	15	14	13
23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25
35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36

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Augusta H. Custer,
Interviewer.
August 24, 1937..

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Gable

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gable and Carrie and Joe Moore

told me of these Indian camps. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians used to have large camps at these places and hold tribal dances and ceremonials. The early settlers said that the tom-toms could be heard many miles away whether conditions were right, and it gave them a weird feeling sometimes. There were no war dances put on after 1900 while the soldiers were in camp at Fort Riley. It was no trouble for a man to get on a horse and notify the soldiers.

At the George Peck place there is an old sun shade made of willows, which is still standing. This place was known as the George Brent place or crossing. The exact location is in the SW. Quarter of Section 21, township 13, Range 12. The willows are woven together so firmly that it is in a state of good preservation. No other landmarks of the other camps can be seen today.

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These camps were in easy reach of the Indian Mission; and this is where the Government gave out the rations once each month.