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INTERVIEW WITH REV. JACKSON CARN  
WARDVILLE, OKLAHOMA

FIELD WORKER PETE W. COLE.  
April 19, 1937

Double Spring (Kulli Tuklo) is a Gumberland Presbyterian Church named after a spring near Muddy Boggy River. There are two springs a few feet apart and a few feet in depth which the water runs at all time when properly kept, but now abandoned. It can be seen by those who know the location, close to a small branch which runs by this spring, and on an old abandoned road which runs east from Old South Lane.

This is an old church, dating back to 1888 and earlier the exact date not known. It was first organized at Joe Homer's place and later it was moved to the allotment of Sampson James' widow. (After statehood) and one acre tract was reserved and deeded to the church. It was again moved to about one and one half miles to another location where it is at present. The one acre reserved at the other place is still the property of the church but all are now under cultivation.

When Kulli Tuklo was first organized, Simon Folsom, William Shaklibbi, Joe Homer and several others in this vicinity were active in having a place to worship as there was no other church of their faith near to this settlement.

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After the people either moved away or died out, it became necessary that it be moved and from this place it has moved twice to its present location.

It is now on Green Wesley's (deceased) allotment and at present is very active. The people living around and near are mostly members of this church. The church officers have increased and there are now four elders, two deacons and about fifteen members in good standing.

We have Sunday School every Sunday when weather permits, and quarterly meetings four times a year. The church is located near Lane, Oklahoma, where there is a Post Office and two stores, and two saw mills in operation, and is on Highway 19. There is one old hewn log cabin that was built by Cephus Gipson in 1912 still standing here and it, is used as a camp house.

#### KILLI TUKLO GRAVE YARD.

This family grave yard is located near Kulli Tuklo, Indian Church on the allotment of Green Wesley, who died in 1919. There are about thirty graves in this old field, the present site, but only one is marked. There have been a few houses or sheds that were built over it but they have been destroyed or

rotted down and the old graves are in the open. Proper care is needed as it is in an old field.

Mr. Wesley built a house and moved to live on this land and selected this site as a family grave. A few years later Kulli Tuklo Church was moved on the land from another location; hence it has been used as a burial ground since. There is no cemetery close, other than the family burial ground of Green Wesley.

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

Field worker's name Pete Cole 5400

This report made on (date) April 19, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Kullu Tuklo Cemetery
2. Founded (date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_
3. Abandoned (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Why abandoned Still used as Cemetery
4. Present owners of premises Jemima Billy Wesley Now Gipson  
 Address of present owners \_\_\_\_\_ Lane, 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. Jemima Billy Wesley now Gipson
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 One
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 Bad condition
13. Detailed location of burial ground.
14. Legal location of burial ground, County Atoka

Section 13 Township 3 S. Range 12 E.  
 (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.

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		✓	Graves House Kullu Tuklo Church
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Number of sheets attached to this form 2

INTERVIEW WITH JACKSON CARN  
A FULL BLOOD CHOCTAW 59 YEARS  
WARDVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

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I was born near Lukfata, Oklahoma, in what is now McCurtain County in 1879. I am a native free born American Choctaw Indian and a citizen who came to what is now Atoka, County in 1882, at the age of about four, and was raised here. During my days I often visited and attended the Choctaw Court and on several occasions I have seen the defendant convicted of crimes that they had committed and receive his punishment by whipping or by death. I have seen negroes tied to a whipping post and punished for larceny of hogs. I witnessed a man receive one hundred lashes on his bare back by a sheriff of the county or his deputy for murder.

Occasionally when a defendant was found guilty and sentenced to be shot, he would ask the court to give or grant him so many days or months to have his business transacted and attended to; and if the court grants the request, he would return home and on the day that was set for the execution he would promptly return to take his punishment.

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An incident happened one time, as the story goes, where a man was sentenced to die for murder, was given reprieve to go home and straighten out his business. He went and stayed until the time expired. He took sick the day before and was unable to report until the next day or two. When he felt better, he did not have time to saddle his horse as he was so anxious to go, that he jumped on the pony bareback and ran all the way to the place of execution. When he arrived, the horse was so tired, could not go any further, wet with sweat. The man jumped off and ran to the sheriff and reported why he was late and took his punishment.

I know of a man who is still living today. He was convicted of slaying his own wife, and sentenced to be shot. He was out on reprieve when the Indian Territory became a state, and the Choctaw Court abolished. After the change of administration, he was declared clear of the charges against him.

#### JOE HOMER

Joe Homer was active in politics in his time and participated in several troubles that was common at that time. He died before statehood but the time of his death is not certain. In his lifetime he selected some fine land where he made his home and lived until

his death. He made large improvements on his land by splitting rails and fenced what land he needed. There is one mulberry post that attracts attention today and is still standing on the place that was split by Joe Homer in 1889. This post was later moved and can be seen today on his son Lafayette Homer's (Now deceased) allotment.

The Joe Homer family burial ground is located in a field. He picked a spot for the family burial. It is dated as far back as 1884, hence we know that it is over half century since this site was reserved for this purpose but there is no marking or headstones to show on several of the graves.

It is not known as to when it first started nor when it was abandoned but are satisfied of the last date we find on a tombstone