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BURIAL GROUND FORM

Form B-(S-149)

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Ethel B. Tackitt.

This report made on (date) May 25th 1937

- 1. Name (if any) of burial ground Old Lone Wolf Cemetery
- 2. Founded (date) 1901 By Town of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.
- 3. Abandoned (date) 1903 why abandoned School land
- 4. Present owners of premises Lock Hunter or A. B. Hunter
- Address of present owners 1206 East 9th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

- 5. Original owners of premises Has not been located.
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. W. L. avis
- 7. Approximate number of graves. Four
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves Stones have been disturbed.
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. Initials defaced. (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 Is in a field and cultivation is near.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Kiowa

Section 13 Township 6 Range 20

(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

THE ABANDONED CEMETERY OF LONE WOLF,
KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

When the town of Lone Wolf in the Kiowa Country was opened for settlement by white people. on August 6th, 1901, it became a town of tents over night, with all kinds of businesses, post office, grocery stores, dry goods stores, saloons, and a great number of gambling places.

That Fall an epidemic of pneumonia from exposure followed but there were no deaths in the town until December 20, 1901, when an infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGuigan died and a cemetery was started on the N. E. - S 13 - T 6 - R 20.

On February 9, 1902, a Mr. Keith and a two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bird were buried. All had succumbed to pneumonia.

A young man named James Jerry had come to town and had worked in saloons, pool halls and such places, drinking much. His face was scarred as if it had been burned. He lost his money gambling. Then he told his associates that Lone Wolf had everything but a cemetery and he was going to start that. He killed himself and was buried on March 18, 1902.

It was found that a cemetery could not be started on school land, which this section proved to be, and in 1903 the

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cemetery was abandoned. All bodies were moved to the new cemetery except the bodies of James Perry, Mr. Keith and the two Bird children. Their graves remain in a sad state of neglect.

No Indians were ever buried in this cemetery.

Mrs. F. E. Walker, wife of Dr. F. E. Walker practicing physician at that time, gave the above information.

There is no city record of this cemetery.