

SELFRIDGE, JENNIE

CEMETERIES--CHICKASAW 298  
OVERTON 1694

BURIAL GROUND FORM  
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Field worker's name Jennie Selfridge.

This report made on (date) June 30, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Overton

2. Founded (date) 1869 By Governor Overton

3. Abandoned (date) still in use. why abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

4. Present owners of premises Holmes Colbert

Address of present owners Galera, 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. Gov. Overton
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 6
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves 6
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good.
- 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 Good
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground.

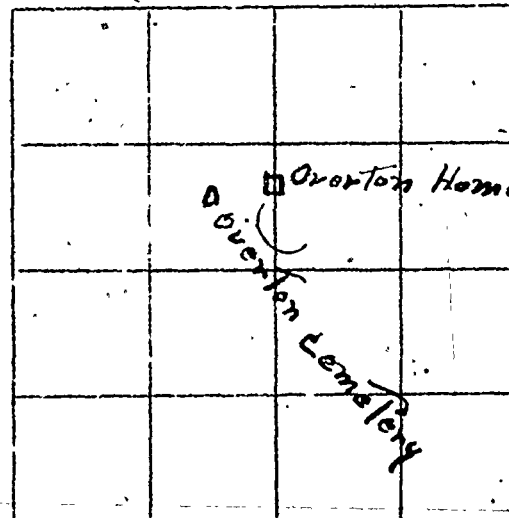
14. Legal location of burial ground, County Marshall

Section 3 Township 8 south Range 4 east

(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 4



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Jennie Selfridge  
Field Worker,  
June 30, 1937.

The Gov. B. F. Overton home is still standing, although it is in a very poor state of repair at this time. There are five rooms in the downstairs section with a large hallway between. Two of the upstairs rooms were completed and one was left unfinished. The chimneys were constructed by a rock mason from Denison, Texas, in 1876. The house had been built several years when the chimneys were built.

The cemetery is located about fifty yards southeast of the house. It is inclosed with a large iron fence, and a large magnolia tree stands in the northeast corner of the yard. This tree is said to be over fifty years old. The stone at the grave of Mr. Holmes Colbert and probably two of the other stones were imported from Italy. Mrs. Colbert was the daughter of Governor Overton.

Milton B. Overton killed a man in Madill. The man had been arrested and had his hand tied. Milton walked up and shot him. It is said that he was following the practice started by his father. He was arrested, put in jail, and contacted pneumonia. He only lived a few days.

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There are only six graves in the Overton cemetery,  
but these six are kept in perfect condition by the farmer  
who lives at the farm.

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Mary E.  
Wife of  
B. F. Overton  
died  
July 5, 1872  
aged  
25 yrs. 7 mo's  
29 days

Ella  
Wife of  
Holmes Colbert  
Born  
Sept. 24, 1869  
Died  
Nov. 6, 1896.

Bettie  
Wife of  
B. F. Overton  
Died  
Feb. 12, 1876.  
Aged  
19 yrs 11 mos & 27 da's

Milton B.  
Overton  
Born Jan. 16, 1861  
Died Apr. 2, 1889

Sarah G.  
Wife of  
B. F. Overton  
Died  
Oct. 7, 1869  
aged  
27 yrs 5mo's 22 Days.

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Gov. )

B. F. Overton

Born.

Nov. 2, 1836

Died

Feb. 8, 1884.