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CEMETERIES--MISCELLANEOUS
(TONKAWA)

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(NEZ PLACE)

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

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Field worker's name Robert W. Small,

This report made on (date) July 10th, 1937. '193

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Tonkawa Burial Ground

2. Founded (date) about 1886 By _____

but little used in late years

3. Abandoned (date) not abandoned ~~why abandoned~~ because the Tonkawa
tribe have a new and more accessible grounds for burials.

4. Present owners of premises Not known if Tonkawa's hold title to this
ground. Very probable the Govt. reserved this site at time lands
Address of present owners were allotted or homesteaded.

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

5. Original owners of premises. The county records afford most reliable

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. information

7. Approximate number of graves. 50 to 100

8. Approximate number of marked graves 3 ~~XXXX~~ bearing names, dates & Ages

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. One, fair,

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 3 (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 late graves well kept, older part very bad.

13. Detailed location of burial ground. In bottom land, Salt Fork River
except 27 graves, on bank of higher ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Kay

Section 14 Township 25 North Range 1 West,

(north)

The plat on this form represents 640
acres, one square mile, and is sub-
divided into 40 acre tracts. The
center of the section, and burial
ground should be located accordingly.
If possible, make additional sub-
divisions on plat to give more accurate
location.

Number of sheets attached
to this form 3 inscriptions

also, account of personal
inspection made July, 10, 1937.

An account of personal inspection made of the original Burial Grounds of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians, on July 10th, 1937, by Robert W. Small and A. B. Plumb.

The original burial ground of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians is located about one hundred forty feet south of the northeast corner of Section 14, Township 25 north, Range 1 west.

The east side of the burial ground approaches the section line running north and south between sections thirteen and fourteen, though this section line is not open to travel, and occupies a space of about two acres, approximately square.

The land embracing this burial ground is bottom land on the north bank of the Salt Fork River, except a narrow strip running along the north side which is on the bank or slope that extends out upon the higher lands and on this narrow strip of higher ground about 27 graves are to be found, most of which show evidence of having been cleared of grass and weeds in the early spring of 1937. The remainder of the ground, where first burials were made at an early date, is low and

covered with a dense growth of weeds with a few trees.

A fence that once enclosed the premises is all down and most of it removed. The entire burial ground is surrounded by cultivated land, now in corn, with the exception of the east side which extends to the section line.

No head stones or other markers evidence who or when the dead were buried in the low land part of this burial ground.

FROM CARD ON MARKER.

"Waneta Harjo, died Jan. 29, 1928. Age 7 yrs. 25 days."

FROM GRANITE MONUMENT.

"Back Bill, died September 9, 1904. Age 84 yrs. old."

FROM CARD ON MARKER.

"William Stevens, died Jan. 10, 1929. Age 30 yrs. old."
