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CEMETERIES--MISCELLANEOUS #1341
DEVIL'S CANYON 455

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CEMETERIES-KIOWA COUNTY

Form B-(S-149)

BURIAL GROUND FORM DEVIL'S CANYON.

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Ethel B. Tackitt Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.This report made on (date) April 22 193 7

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Devil's Canyon
2. Founded (date) Not yet established By Mexicans and Indians
3. Abandoned (date) Not yet established Why abandoned " " "
4. Present owners of premises Lynn Perry
Address of present owners Lone Wolf, Oklahoma Route #3

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. Not known
8. Approximate number of marked graves None
9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.
10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. None. (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 In plowed field
13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Kiowa CountySection 12 Township 4 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

Ethel B. Tackitt
Investigator
April 22, 1937

Interview with Mr. Perry Jones
Hobart, Oklahoma.

The Devil's Canyon burial ground is located at the mouth of Devil's Canyon near the North Fork of Red River. Section 12-Township 4,- Range 20, Kiowa County.

This place was settled by Perry Jones in 1901 when the Kiowa Country was thrown open for settlement. It is now owned by Mr. Lynn Perry.

The graves have been plowed over in recent years but many of the old settlers can yet locate the exact spot.

Signs of early mining are to be seen in this canyon to the north of this burial ground. There is mining done on Section 7-Township 4,- Range 19, Kiowa County.

The story of this burial ground which has been told by Indians and early settlers of the country states that in a very early time a band of Mexicans were mining in this place, now called Devil's Canyon, for gold and found some. The signs of the old shafts are yet to be seen. They fought a great battle with the Indians in which many, both Mexicans and Indians, were killed and were buried at the above

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located place.

Many persons have searched for this lost gold mine but as
yet it has not been located.