

SHERWOOD--BUCHANAN

CEMETERIES--CHEROKEE

CIRTY BELL GROUND

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

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Field worker's name Carl E. Buchanan - J. B. BuchananThis report made on (date) September 17th, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Girty Burial Ground
2. Founded (date) Before the Civil War By Simon Girty
3. Abandoned (date) About 1892 why abandoned Original family extinct
4. Present owners of premises In county road.

Address of present owners _____

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

5. Original owners of premises. Simon Girty
6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
7. Approximate number of graves. 20
8. Approximate number of marked graves 4 markers found by roadside
9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good
10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 4 (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. See sheet two
12. Condition of the premises Neglected
13. Detailed location of burial ground. One half mile southwest of Vian.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Sequoyah. NE NW NESection 21 Township T12N Range R22E

(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 6

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GIRTY BURIAL GROUND

The Girty burial ground was established on what was known as the Girty claim in the early days of the Indian territory by Simon Girty, a fullblood Cherokee, who was born east of the Mississippi river in 1829 and was brought west in the Cherokee immigration. The Girty claim was located on Big Vian creek about one half mile southwest of Vian, Sequoyah county, in the northeast quarter of section 21.

When the country was sectionized, the north line of section 21 ran directly through the Girty burial ground, and when the county road was later opened up, the tomb stones were removed from the graves, stacked by the side of the road and the road built over the majority of the graves. The inscriptions attached were obtained from the stones where they were piled by the roadside.

Isaac Girty, who was killed in a gun battle in Vian when George Starr, Boots Henson and Bob Landrum were killed in 1892, was the last person buried at this place and has no grave marker.

The above information furnished by John H. West, a pioneer citizen of Vian.

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Inscription:

SIMON GIRTY, died March 11, 1883, Age 54.

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Inscription-

LOUCINDA GIRTY, born May 4, 1840. Died May
13, 1887.

Inscription:

ISAAC GIRTY, born February 11, 1854.

Died November 24, 1866.

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Inscription:

JOHN GIRTY, born October 8, 1868.

Died April 9, 1887.