

SELFRI DGE, JENNIE

~~CEMETERIES--CHOCTAW
McALISTER~~

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

Field worker's name Selfridge, Jennie

This report made on (date) October 1, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground McAlister

2. Founded (date) 1888 By _____

3. Abandoned (date) Still in use. Why abandoned _____

4. Present owners of premises McAlister Church.

Address of present owners Overbrook, 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.

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

7. Approximate number of graves. 500

8. Approximate number of marked graves 300

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Fair

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 0 (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 Fair

13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Carter

Section 35 Township 6 South Range 1 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 1

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Jennie Selfridge,
Interviewer:
October 1, 1927.

"MCALISTER CEMETERY"

The McAlister Cemetery was first started by white people in Overbrook community; probably about 1885. After the Mississippi Choctaws were moved here in 1905, they began to use this cemetery, and since that time it has been used as a burial ground for all the Mississippi Choctaws in the vicinity of Ardmore.

There are a number of unmarked graves in this cemetery. Most of the ones which are marked, are from 1890 up until the present time.

The Choctaw graves have a good many interesting things on them, including all of the medicine which the persons have taken during their illnesses; the spoons used in giving this medicine, medicine droppers, small syringes, dishes, vases, sugar bowls, toys, rattles, milk pottles, plow points, or any other article which any of the persons might have used during their life times.