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CEMETERIES--CHICKASAW 10418227  
BRITAIN

BURIAL GROUND FORM

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

BOATMAN, ROBERT H. CEMETERIES--CHICKASAW

BRITTAIN 10418.

Field worker's name Robert H. Boatman

This report made on (date) April 11, 1938

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Family Cemetery

2. Founded (date) 1887 By Mark Brittain

3. Abandoned (date) 1895 why abandoned Because of no title.

4. Present owners of premises Mr. Bilips

Address of present owners Oklahoma City, 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 Chickasaw Indians

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

7. Approximate number of graves 12 to 15.

8. Approximate number of marked graves 5 (five)

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions Very poor.

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 4 (four) (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. Sheets attached

12. Condition of the premises Poor

13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County McClain

Section 19 (nineteen) Township 8 North Range 2 West.

(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.

SW-NE SW S 10 Twp. 8 N R2W

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Number of sheets attached to this form 3

Robert H. Boatman,  
Investigator.  
April 11, 1938.

Interview with C. D. Adkins,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This cemetery was first founded in 1887, by Mr. Mark  
Brittain, who, being a white man, was married to a Chickasaw  
Indian. There were no burial grounds anywhere in this  
section of the country. Mr. Brittain having lost a son  
had no where to bury him, so it was the child's burial here  
that started this family grave yard. Then as this land was  
directly owned by the Chickasaw Tribe and Mr. Brittain  
being intermarried he refused to let any other people bury  
their dead there other than relatives or very close friends,  
for the reason that this particular strip of land was claim-  
ed by him and his wife. Sometime later, however, Mr.

Brittain sold some of his land to a Boss Sweeny who now  
lives at Norman, and the little cemetery was on the land  
that was secured by Sweeny. It was then some of the people  
tried to secure some kind of title to the burial ground  
from Mr. Sweeny, but he refused to give title or sell the  
land and the cemetery was practically abandoned because

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no title to the plot nor right to bury was given. Later a Mr. Billips of Oklahoma City bought that land and again the famil began to bury their dead here though no deed has ever been given to anyone, and the people are still trying to secure title of ownership in order to obtain a public burial ground.

The general condition of the premises is poor, headstones leaning and broken, inscriptions average, some badly faded.

