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CEMETERIES--SEMINOLE  
FRANK DAVIS

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Form B-(S-149)

BURIAL GROUND FORM FRANK-DAVIS.

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Billie Byrd

This report made on (date) March 17 1938

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Frank-Davis

Exact date unknown

2. Founded (date) but as far back 1874 By Jones family

3. Abandoned (date) In use why abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

4. Present owners of premises Amanda Frank

Address of present owners Okemah, 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 Amanda Frank

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. None others.

7. Approximate number of graves. 23

8. Approximate number of marked graves 17

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Fair

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 5 (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 Fenced and reported to be neglected.

13. Detailed location of burial ground. 11 miles west of Okemah, Oklahoma

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Seminole

Section 10 Township 11 Range 8

(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 4


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Billie Byrd,  
Journalist  
March 17, 1938

## FRANK-DAVIS CEMETERY

Information obtained from Mrs.  
Tingo Frank, Okemah, Oklahoma.

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INSCRIPTIONS:

Earl J. Davis

February 12, 1907,

September 14, 1927

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Lewis Son of J. E. & Ella Davis,

Born January 12, 1902

Died June 22, 1902.

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William Frank

March 12, 1904

November 18, 1926.  

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FATHER

Jess E. Davis

November 22, 1870

April 21, 1921

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Lucinda Jones Lena

June 18, 1855

March 6, 1926

Mother is a wonderful thing,  
O, Mother, other folks can have you,  
but only your mother understands.  
She works for you, looks after you,  
loves you, forgives you anything you  
may do, understands you and then the  
only bad thing she ever does to you  
is to die and leave you.

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The cemetery was in use way prior to 1874 and there are other graves there besides those that can be seen. It first began when they buried a girl there whom my mother had taken as an orphan and raised. It was right there that my father, Nero B. Jones, was the owner and operator of the Arbeka store. It was a little farther to the west from my father's store that the Davis' had their store. Lucinda Jones Lena was my mother.

There is no sign of the burial grave of a William Knight. He had been a long sought member of the Isparhechar faction and I can remember the time that the Lighthorsemen took him as a captive and brought him to the Arbeka store. All the rebellious persons were being rounded up after Isparhechar had come to peace terms. William Knight made an attempt to escape on a pinto pony and as he rode away from the store, his captors fired at him and he died immediately. I can remember the confusion that resulted among us children then and I can remember when they brought his body into the store and laid it on the floor while my mother was summoned from a neighbor's home.

Nero B. Jones died in 1895 and was buried in this cemetery but there is no sign or mark.

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Maud (Davis) Jones, sister of Jess E. Davis, was buried in our cemetery at her request made while she was still living. These two were the son and daughter of the late Alice B. Davis who served for a short time as chief of the Seminole Nation.

In 1936, memorial services were held for the late Alice B. Davis at the Sasakwa Baptist (Indian) church near Sasakwa, Oklahoma, and it was Reverend Willie Kernal, a Baptist minister, who delivered the sermon and gave the history of the Davis people. He told they were descendant of the noted Seminole chief, Osceola, back in the early days.

Maud (Davis) Jones' grave is unmarked. During her lifetime she was well known and was an active woman among her people.