

BUCHANAN - SHERWOOD

CEMETERIES--CREEK #6806

YAHOLA HARJO

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

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Report made on (date) July 21st 1937

Name (if any) of burial ground Yahola Harjo Burial Plot

Founded (date) 1713 By Yahola Harjo

Abandoned (date) 1713 Why abandoned _____

Present owners of premises John McGilbray

Address of present owners Yahola, Oklahoma

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

Original owners of premises. Yahola Harjo
Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.

Approximate number of graves. One

Approximate number of marked graves One

General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good

Number of inscriptions copied and attached. One (Place each inscription on a separate sheet and attach all to this form).

Any other information you were able to gather about the burial ground including its history. See sheets two and three

Condition of the premises Cared for.

Detailed location of burial ground. 1/2 of a mile south of Yahola

Legal location of burial ground, County Muskogee - SE NW SE
Section 28 Township T15N Range R16E
(north)

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 Three

YAHOLA HARJO BURIAL PLOT

This burial plot consisting of one grave is the last resting place of Yahola Harjo, fullblood Creek and the most prominent and beloved medicine-man in legendary history of the Creek tribe. In council with friends and relatives previous^{to}/~~the~~ illness that resulted in his death, he expressed the desire to be buried on his own home place and designated the place for the ~~grave~~ about thirty feet west of his log cabin. It is situated at the foot of the southeastern slope of the high hill upon which was the old Yahola stamp ground when he was buried in 1913, a number of his relatives erected a concrete vault over ~~the~~ grave, which was bitterly opposed by another faction of his relatives, due to the fact they were of another religious faith and contended the concrete vault should not be placed over the grave because Yahola Harjo could not escape from the grave on resurrection day. In later years the vault has become

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broken and destroyed and a marble marker placed at the grave which brought a satisfactory conclusion of the matter to both factions.

Thus Yahola Harjo, the sage of the Creeks, sleeps as he lived, alone on the land he knew and loved as his home through so many years, the original claim he established in the early days of the Creek Nation in the then untamed Indian Territory. Although he sleeps in the mystery sleep called death, spiritually he will live forever sacred in the memory of the Creeks.

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Inscription:

YAHOLA HARJO. Died June 22, 1913. Age 90 Years.