

BOATMAN, ROBERT H.

CEMETERIES--CHICKASAW #102821

NAPLES

**BOATMAN ROBERT H. CEMETERIES-CHICKASAW
BURIAL GROUND FORM NAPLES**

#10256222

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Robert H. Boatman

This report made on (date) March 14, 1938

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Naples

2. Founded (date) 1875 to 1880 By Chickasaw Indians

3. Abandoned (date) _____ why abandoned _____

4. Present owners of premises Wolfe and Randalls

Address of present owners Star Route, Alex, 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. C.C. Ricks

7. Approximate number of graves. 585

8. Approximate number of marked graves 95

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

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 8 (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 Very poor

13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Grady

Section 3 (Three) Township 5 North Range 6 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: 4

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Investigator
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Interview with owner of premises,
Mr. G. W. Wolfe
Star Route, Alex, Oklahoma

This cemetery was founded supposedly by the Chickasaw Indians sometime about 1875 to 1880 and in about 1885 it became a public burial ground. Later a Mr. C. C. Ricks became owner of the land, then some time later Mr. Ricks sold the tract to Mr. G. W. Wolfe, the present owner of the premises.

There are approximately three acres of land in this cemetery with 2 1/2 acres of the land belonging to Mr. Wolfe and one-half an acre of land belonging to a Mr. Randall. There never has been any association connected with the cemetery and Mr. Wolfe continued to pay tax on the full tract of land till 1936.

The graves in this cemetery are mostly in very poor condition. Some have sunken to certain depths and some of the earliest ones have become lost entirely. In several instances in digging a grave others are dug into. Some few of the headstones standing are in fair condition; others are leaning. The cemetery is entirely filled and

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in these late years only a very few have been buried there
and these only related to those who have people
there of the early days. The bodies now being
deposited there are outside the cemetery.

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F. M. RUSSELL

Born - April 10, 1842
Died January 24, 1906
The Angel called him
Dying is but going home
Confederate Veteran.

RUTH MYRTLE

Daughter of R. L. and A. L. Cruse
Born October 1, 1891
Died December 4, 1898
We loved this little tender one
and would have wished her stay
But let our Father's will be done
She shines in endless day

ROBERT WRIGHT

Born January 15, 1839
Died May 1, 1902
Resting in hope of a glorious Resurrection

JOHN

Son of R. J. and T. Barker
Born July 12, 1893
Died December 23, 1898
A little time on earth he spent
till God for him his angel sent

I. M. McKEEL

Born June 30, 1846
Died August 8, 1899
Tis the Lord who hath bereft us
of the one we love so well

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Daughter of D. and S. A. Dixon

Born July 12, 1860

Died October 9, 1905

So her spirit hath flown from this world of unrest
To repose on the bosom of God

James L. Gilpatrick

Company D. 51 Indiana Regiment

Born April 14, 1845

Died November 24, 1913

At Rest

NORAH

Daughter of J. L. and R. J. Gilpatrick

Born November 4, 1872

Died February 9, 1915

The peace of the Lord
be always with you