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CEMETERIES--CHICKASAW

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BURIAL GROUND FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Field worker's name Robert L. Boatman

This report made on (date) October 21, 193 7

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

2. Founded (date) Not known. By Very early settlers.

3. Abandoned (date) _____ why abandoned _____

4. Present owners of premises Bibble Burial Association.

Address of present owners Blanchard, Oklahoma, route 4.

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


- 5. Original owners of premises. Government
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 400 Jack Hopkins
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves 150
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Fair.
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 7 Seven (Place each inscription on a separate sheet and attach all to this form).
- 11. Any other information you are able to gather about the burial ground including its history.
- 12. Condition of the premises average to poor.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. 1/2 mile south. 1/2 mile east of Dibble.
- 14. Legal location of burial ground, County McClain

Section 3 Three Township 7 North Range 4 West

NE NW.

(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

INSCRIPTIONS:

L. A. CLARUM

Born March 23, 1864

Died August 10, 1931

He was faithful to every duty.

J. L. HUNTER

Born October 7, 1838

Died November 17, 1900

O tell his children and children's children

dear to see not far his now he is one.

EDWARD COOPER

Born February 11, 1843

Died February 1, 1905

The cross is my anchor.

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JAMES T. MARTIN

Born November 24, 1849

Died June 22, 1904.

In my Father's house are many mansions;

Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

DRE. C. CHEWLY

Born March 9, 1844

Died July 4, 1906.

Prepare to meet me in heaven.

She was the sunshine of our home.

W. F. JOHN STON

Born May 10, 1856

Died November 9, 1913

Thy trials ended,

Thy rest is won.

IRENE M. WISCHER

Born November 13, 1879

Died October 31, 1915.

No pain, no grief, no anxious fear can reach
the peaceful sleeper here.

Mr. N. W. Hamsey of Dibble gave this information about the abandoned cemetery at Dibble.

It was in the very early days here in the Territory sometime between 1875-1880 that a tract of land was laid out by the Government in the Chickasaw Nation for burial ground.

This plat of ground was on or near Dibble Creek in what is now Section 33, Township 7 North, Range 4 West; this plat was used for some time, then a store and post office were established and this settlement given the name of Dibble and then a town site was laid out and then it was learned that the cemetery was in the town site. There were only a few people buried in this place and there never were any markers put at any of the graves. So then it was decided that the cemetery should be established at some other place in order that a town might be built there, and so a tract of ground consisting of ten acres was purchased from the Chickasaw tribe in what is now Section

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3, Township 7 North, Range 4 West, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the old plat and the old cemetery was entirely abandoned in 1895. There is no way of knowing just how many bodies were buried at the old place and people have almost forgotten that this place was ever used as a burial ground.

Mrs. Lollie Moore's home is built on this tract of land and today crops are raised on it.

The new cemetery was established in 1895 with the abandonment of the old one.

The inscriptions attached were taken from graves in the new location in Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 4 West, McClain County.