

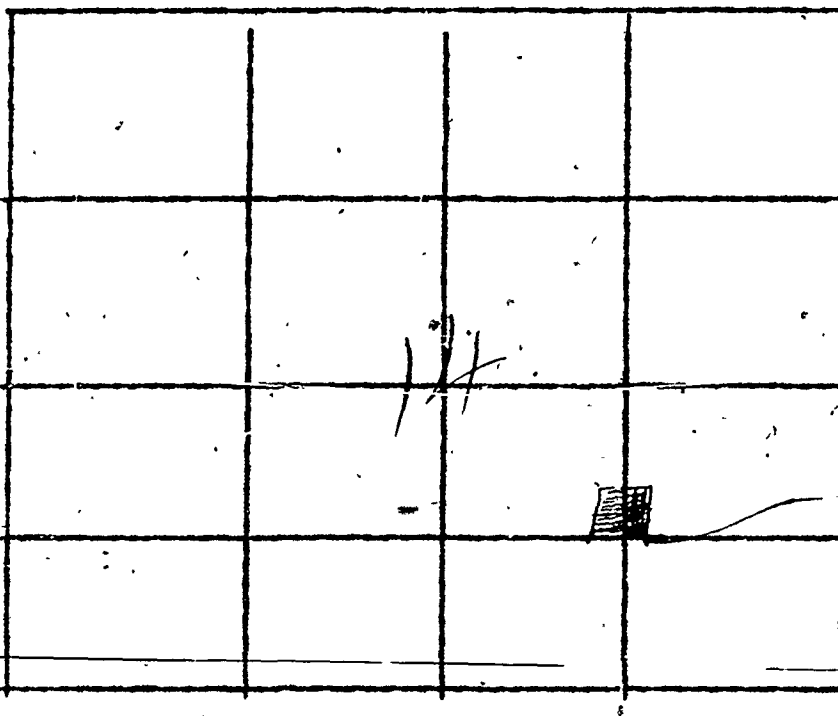
INDIAN-PIONEER HISTORY PROJECT
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INTERVIEWER: PETE W. COLE DATE: JUNE 9, 1937 CO. ATOKA.

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ITEMS: _____

SECT. (s): 14 TWP: 4S RANGE: 10E COUNTY Atoka



Abandoned
Church
Now used as
Burial Ground.

NOTES IN DETAIL: This abandoned church is on the
allotment of a Choctaw woman, Sophina Moore, now
Robinson. The church has been moved south on a
new location. The old site is now used as burial
ground only.

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Story in brief of Old Indian Church
and cemetery.

Pleasant Hill (Harih Achukma) is a Methodist Church.
The year of its organization is not known as the old
members who first helped organize it have all died.
But it dates back to territorial days. This church
was or the first meetings were being held in private
homes about four miles west of Caney, Indian Territory,
and later two acres were set aside by the government for
church site on the corner of an Indian's allotted land.
There is also a burial ground set aside for the cemetery
and it has been used as burial ground to the present time.

It is claimed that another church had a claim on this
property before the Methodists first moved to this new
location, so in 1935 another tract of land was bought

from J. Milton Lee, the present owner of the land, and
they have built a church and made other improvements on
the new tract, and the old site reserved for this purpose
had been abandoned and used only as a cemetery.

The name of the church is Pleasant Hill. There are
about two hundred people that have been buried at this
place, but there are no head stones on any of the graves

except thirty-one. Houses were built over most of the graves but have not been properly kept.

It is claimed that there are about 200 people that have been buried at this place. This is undoubtedly true, yet there are no head stones on any of the graves but about 31. Houses have been built over most of the graves but they have not been properly kept and they are in bad condition. The headstones and the inscriptions are;

THY WILL BE DONE
JOSLIN LEWIS
DIED
MARCH 13, 1918
AGE 40 YRS.
LEWIS

BACEY LEWIS
DIED
JANUARY 17, 1916
Age 58 Yrs.
THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL
LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD

INFANT DAUGHTER OF
SHELBY PERKINS AND
MELINDA

ALLEN WRIGHT
DIED

DIED
MARCH 15 1920
GONE TO BE AN ANGEL

MARCH 15 1913 Age 26 Yrs.
THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL
LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR
LORD.

WRIGHT

THY WILL BE DONE
MAXWELL BYINGTON
BORN
JUNE 21, 1901
DIED
APRIL 2, 1920
MEMBER OF CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN.
BYINGTON

DANA K. CARTER
BORN JANUARY 24, 1905
DIED JANUARY 14, 1915

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME
UNTO ME AND FORBID THEM NOT.

T. B. SON OF E. S. AND
MARY HAYES
AGE. 15 1917
Nov. 1, 1921
WEEP NOT, HE IS AT REST.

J. A. PICKENS
BORN
SEPTEMBER 15, 1879

DIED
March 4, 1918
A FEW MORE TOLLS A FEW MORE
TEARS, AND WE SHALL WEEP NO
MORE.

BEN
SON OF J. A. AND M. J. WRIGHT
BORN
MARCH 2--1903 DIED JULY 8, 1903
WEEP NOT PAPA AND MANA FOR ME
FOR I AM WAITING IN HEAVEN FOR THEE
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J. A. WRIGHT
BORN MARCH 2, 1879
DIED
MARCH 19, 1914
GONE TO A BETTER LAND(WRIGHT.)

VIOLA ROBINSON
BORN DEC. 9 1910
DIED
MARCH 27 1910
GONE TO BE AN ANGEL

COME YE BLES ED
SOPHIA .. ILLIAMS
BORN

JOHN WILSON
BORN FEB. 14, 1910
DIED

DEC. 25 1860
DIED

NOV. 3 1919

AUG. 9, 1916
A LITTLE FLOWERS OF LOVE THAT
BLOSSOME BUT TO DIE

GOD'S FINGER TOUCHES HER
AND SHE SLEPT.

ALLINGTON JONES
DIED

TIMATHY WASHINGTON
BORN JAN. 18, 1906
DIED

MARCH 8, 1918.
AGE 63
DEATH COMES EQUALLY TO ALL
JONES

MARCH 25, 1916
*** WASHINGTON

SERENA WIFE OF
WILBURN DANA
BORN
NOV. 1878 DIED MARCH 4, 1918

INFANT OF LORING
AND SOPHIA ROBINSON
BORN
NOV. 4, 1910
DIED NOV. 21, 1910

COME YE BLESSED
MILTON WRIGHT
DIED
OCT. 16, 1911
Age 41 yrs.
Only crossed the river of death
that beautiful summerland.
WRIGHT

SALLIE DAUGHTER OF
LORING ROBINSON
BORN
DEC. 15, 1892
DIED
FEB. 10, 1910

AUSTIN PICKENS
DIED
JUNE 10, 1909 Age 55 Yrs.
LORD I COME TO THEE FOR REST
PICKENS.

BESSIE LYDIA WILSON
BORN JUNE 23, 1903
DIED NOV. 41, 1910

MELVINA FLETCHER
AGE 40 Yrs.

GIPSON FILLMORE
DIED
DEC. 12, 1903
AGE 65 YEARS.
HE WAS A KIND AND
AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND
A FOND FATHER AND
FRIENDS TO ALL.

SILA LEWIS
BORN JUNE 25, 1875
DIED DEC. 16, 1908
THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LOVE THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

NANCY
DAUGHTER OF J. A. AND S. M. PICKENS
BORN
NOV. 30, 1908 DIED FEB. 22, 1909
BUDDEN ON EARTH TO BLOOM IN HEAVEN

PETER LEWIS
AGE 22 YEARS

COME YE BLESSED

ADLINE

WIFE OF W. R. GIBSON
BORN APR. 15, 1884
DIED DEC. 51, 1904

ASLEEP IN JESUS PEACEFUL REST
WHOSE WAKING IS SUPREMEPLY BLEST.

GOD'S FINGER TOUCHED HER AND SHE SLEPT.
LOVE

BETSEY WIFE OF L. T. ROBINSON
BORN IN 1885 DIED AUG. 14, 1908

ISREAL SHARKEY

DIED JAN. 2, 1909⁺ Age 40 Yrs.
ASLEEP IN JESUS PEACEFUL REST
WHOSE WAKING IS SUPREMEPLY BLEST.

GOOD BYE

(HERE HANDS CLASPED)

HENRY B. HAYES

JAN. 18, 1870 Sept. 19, 1933
HE WAS A GOOD FATHER AND FRIEND TO ALL.

CORNELIA HAYES

MARCH 18, 1901 (Born)

MARCH 12, 1916 (Died)

DEATH COMES EQUALLY TO ALL.

TALLI HEKIA (STANDING ROCK)

Talli Hekia (Standing Rock) was an Indian Church located near Caddo, Oklahoma, in Bryan County near the line of Atoka County. It is not known as to when this church was organized, but the church book shows that it was in operation as far back as 1880 and the last meeting was held in 1912. Altho there is nothing to show of the old ground, as it was not located on any reserved property. Hence when the land was allotted to the Choctaws, no provision was ever made about the church ground.