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CEMETERIES--CHOCTAW #7290.
WINGMADE

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BURIAL GROUND FORM
 GOWER, GOWER WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma
 CEMETERIES, CHOCTAW
 KINGKADE

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Field worker's name Gomer Gower

This report made on (date) August 24th, 1937 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Kingkade

2. Founded (date) Indefinite By Kingkade family

3. Abandoned (date) Indefinite Why abandoned

4. Present owners of premises Ethel Butler

Address of present owners Poteau, 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. William Long
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. Thirty -
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves None.
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Torn down
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. Three (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. Used by Kingkaid family
- 12. Condition of the premises Headstones down and graves opened.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. Seven and one-half miles west of Shady Point; fifty yards fouth of Rural Route.
- 14. Legal locetion of burial ground, County Le Flore.

Section Thirty-three Township Eight N. Range 24 E.

(north)

The plat on this form represents 640 acres, one square mile, and is subdiviaed 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 Four

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Gomer Gower
Interviewer.
August 24, 1937

The cemetery reported herewith is of interest perhaps only to Indians of the early period in the history of the Indian Territory.

Only three of the headstones can be found and they lie as mute evidence of vandalism in its most vicious form.

A legend is that the wife of Lyman Kingkaid was possessed of a large sum of money which she kept sewed up in her clothing. Several years after her death, one Douge Le Flore surreptitiously opened her grave and found the money. Upon this being discovered others started opening graves with the result that even today when walking through the old burying ground one has to be careful lest he fall into an opened grave.

It is located in a forest of large trees near the edge of an old field. A very large dead oak tree now lies prone across what once were graves.

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Inscriptions On Tombstones

W. A. BYSA KENKAID,

Died May 9th, 1886.

(This stone has been removed from its original position at the head of the grave and the identity of the grave is lost).

REBECCA

WIFE OF JOHN LE FLORE.

Died November 26th, 1878

Aged twenty years.

(This stone has been removed from its original position at the head of the grave and the identity of the grave is lost).

LYMAN KINGKAID

Died December 4th, 1875

Aged 50 years.

(This stone has been removed from its original position and the identity of the grave is lost).