

HUMMINGBIRD, GUS

CEMETERIES--CHEROKEE  
HOLT

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**BURIAL GROUND FORM**  
**WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma**  
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Field worker's name Gus Hummingbird

This report made on (date) August 26, 193 7

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

2. Founded (date) March 8, 1887 By Leonidas Holt

3. Abandoned (date) Sept. 20, 1897 Why abandoned New Location

4. Present owners of premises Lydia Hern

Address of present owners Westville, 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. Eva Holt

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. None.

7. Approximate number of graves. Three (3)

8. Approximate number of marked graves Three (3)

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions, Good

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached: Three (3) (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. Yes

12. Condition of the premises Good

13. Detailed location of burial ground. NE-SW-NE

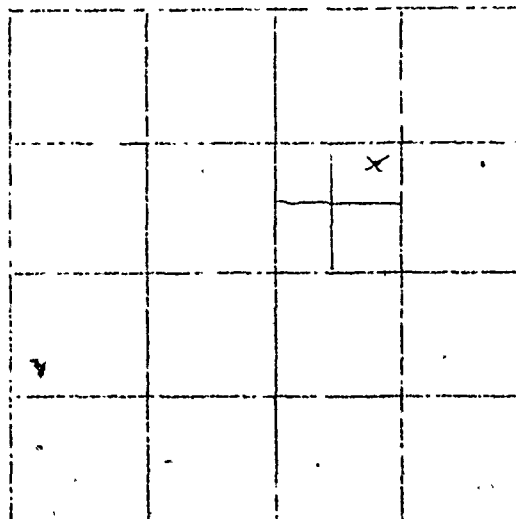
14. Legal location of burial ground, County Adair

Section Thirty Two (32) Township Eighteen (18) Range (85)

(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 Two (2)



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## (HOLT CEMETERY)

The information concerning this cemetery was furnished by Bill Williams, a resident in the community for fifty years. This cemetery was started the date found on the tombstone of Samuel Holt, for he was the first person buried at this cemetery. There were no graves before this time. The Holt family were part Cherokee and they started this cemetery as a family cemetery. After the coming of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, the town of Westville buried its dead at what was known then and is yet as Foreman Cemetery which is located about a mile west of the town.

This family decided to bury its dead at this place. The cemetery was abolished in 1897. Thomas J. Baggett was the last person buried at this place. Baggett was a permitted white man to teach school in the Cherokee Nation. While teaching school he married the daughter of Leonidas Holt. Therefore, he remained in the Cherokee Nation with his wife's people.

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## (Inscriptions at Holt Cemetery)

Leonidas Holt-----October 27, 1828-----November 28, 1895.

Samuel Holt-----December 15, 1865----March 8, 1887.

Thomas J. Baggett-----November 30, 1864----September 20, 1897.