

HUMMINGBIRD, GUS

CEMETERIES--CHEROKEE 7352

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BURIAL GROUND FORM
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Field worker's name Gus Hummingbird

This report made on (date) August 20, 1937

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

2. Founded (date) Unknown By Unknown

3. Abandoned (date) 1907 Why abandoned Family died out.

4. Present owners of premises U. S. Government

Address of present owners _____

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

- 5. Original owners of premises.
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. Thirty (30)
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves _____
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Fair
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. Ten (10) (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. NW-14-3W.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Adair

Section Twenty (20) Township Nineteen (19) Range (24)

(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 2 (Two)

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Gus Hummingbird,
Investigator
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"SANDS CEMETERY"

The information concerning the history of this cemetery was given by Wily Beavers who has lived in this community for forty years. This cemetery was started by some Cherokees before the Civil War. The names of the families that started the cemetery is unknown. After the Civil War the father of William Sand, claimed the land.

The Sands family used this as a family cemetery. After the death of Mr. Sands the son, William Sands, then claimed the land. At allotment the said William Sands allotted the land. After the death of said William Sands the land was sold to John Kelly, who now owns the farm.

The family cemetery was abandoned in 1907. The Government set aside an acre for the cemetery near this place.

But somehow there was a mistake made about this land. The community used this land for a community cemetery, although Kelly paid the taxes on the land. Just a few years ago Kelly gave a deed to this land to a committee for a community cemetery. This community cemetery joins the Sands Cemetery.

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Most of the inscriptions on the old cemetery are written in Cherokee and the tombstones are homemade.

There are one hundred forty graves in the two cemeteries, but there are only thirty on the old cemetery, ten of the inscriptions being:

Sarah J. daughter of Betsy Cole, Died September 16, 1895
Age 10.

Inscription in Cherokee,-----1819-----1899.
Lena wife of George Hughes-----Died May 4, 1907.
Inscription in Cherokee,-----1881-----1894.
George Hawse age 99,-----1890-----1899.
Jennie Grittenden,-----1876-----Invisible.
Anna Wife of N. Sands-----Died October 20, 1895.
Jennie Daughter of N. Sands-----Died Sept 1, 1895.
Jennie Twister-----Died June 22, 1896. age 68.
Twister-----July 28, 1895.