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CEMETERIES--CHEROKEE
BELL

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HUMMINGBIRD, GUS.**CEMETERIES - CHEROKEE****BURIAL GROUND FORM BELL****7363 532****WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION****Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma**Field worker's name Gus HummingbirdThis report made on (date) August 25 19371. Name (if any) of burial ground Bell Cemetery2. Founded (date) About 1867 By Bell Family3. Abandoned (date) 1905 Why abandoned Family died out.4. Present owners of premises John T. McKinnonAddress of present owners Siloam Springs, Arkansas

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

5. Original owners of premises. Tilden Bell
6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. Forty (40)
7. Approximate number of graves. Twenty-three (23)
8. Approximate number of marked graves. Good.
9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Twenty-three (23)
10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. (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. nn-nw-nw,

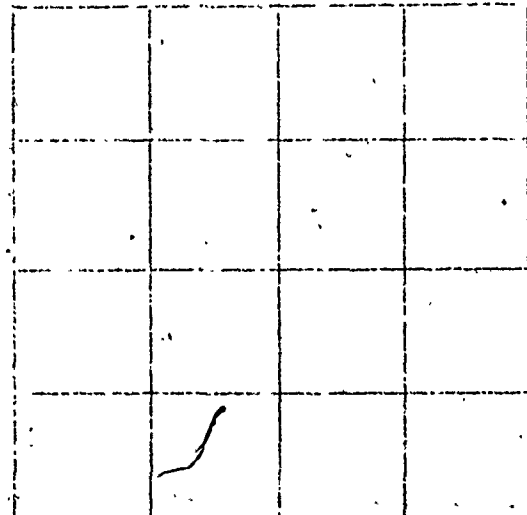
14. Legal location of burial ground, County AdairSection Five (5) Township Nineteen (19) Range 26

(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 _____



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Gus Hummingbird
Field Worker
August 25, 1937.

BELL CEMETERY

According to Oscar Cannon, an old timer in the community who has people buried there, this cemetery was started about 1867. The facts were told to him by his father, Irby Cannon, and his friend, Jesse Parris, an old soldier in the Civil War, who are both buried at this place.

Before the Civil War there were several Cherokees buried at this place. Recently, after the Civil War, the families of Bell, Cannon and Harless began to use this old cemetery for their burial ground. The land at that time was claimed by Irby Cannon. At allotment this land was allotted by Tilden Bell. Tilden Bell, according to the county records, sold this land to John T. McKinnon who now owns the land. Since McKinnon bought the land he has donated about two acres joining this old cemetery for a community cemetery. But the old cemetery is separate from the new. There are forty graves in the old cemetery, twenty-three are marked. There are one hundred and thirty five graves in the new cemetery.

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Mary A. Morris

December 28, 1828,

April 18, 1900.

Elizabeth Cannon

July 8, 1863,

August 3, 1894.

Irby Cannon

April 3, 1826,

May 26, 1900

O. V. Cannon

July 5, 1876,

July 4, 1900.

John M. Bell

Co. H, 12 Tenn. Cav.

July 7, 1831,

April 15, 1899.

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Jesse Parria

Co. M. Indian H. G.

July 3, 1831.

March 28, 1884.

Carrie Thomas

August 8, 1892

May 17, 1895.

George W. Ward

January 15, 1820

November 17, 1898.

Evvy Bell

October 3, 1878

September 20, 1881.

Willie Bell

Died May 22, 1891.

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Infant son of

W. B. and F. Webster

Died January 9, 1891

W. A. Bell

1842-1882.

Susanna wife of

W. A. Bell

March 10, 1841

March 9, 1875.

Savannah Webster

March 9, 1871

March 14, 1897

Andy son of

W. A. and L. D. Bell

January 1, 1882.

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Marshay May Harless

August 22, 1883,

October 12, 1883.

Lora wife of

A. E. Harless

December 4, 1851

January 14, 1896.

Susan A. Webster

February 27, 1821

July 14, 1900.

Dolly daughter of

J. D. and E. J. Harless

May 5, 1883

August 13, 1887.

J. R. Webster

November 7, 1852

March 2, 1900.

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Fannie wife of

J. D. Smith

October 22, 1865

Sept. 13, 1892.

Daisy Bell

August 30, 1889.

July 28, 1895.

Caroline Bell

February 15, 1804.

February 27, 1905.
