

BURIAL GROUND FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Gomer Gower

This report made on (date) June 28th, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Oak Dodge

2. Founded (date) 1838 By Susan Hall

3. Abandoned (date) Still used why abandoned _____

4. Present owners of premises Mrs. Lily Quinn

Address of present owners Spiro, 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. Choctaw and Chickasaw nation

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.

7. Approximate number of graves. 400

8. Approximate number of marked graves. 250

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. twenty-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. Contains remains of many notables

12. Condition of the premises Not good as desired

13. Detailed location of burial ground. A short distance off Highway 271, at Old Skullyville

14. Legal location of burial ground, County LeFlore

Section 18 Township 9 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 Twenty-one

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GOMER GOWER. CEMETERIES-CHOCTAW.

Gomer Gower,
Field Worker.

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The Burial Ground described herein, due to the large number of notable characters buried in it, is perhaps destined to become a shrine at which future generations will pay homage to the memory of those Pioneers, who for their sterling qualities were selected to lead their people through the momentous changes experienced by the Choctaw people and should be given attention at this time commensurate with its importance.

The present owner, Mrs. Lily Quin, who, together with her husband, were the original allottees, took preliminary steps to deed the property to a Board of Trustees, but due to illness on her part, and the absence of Judge D. C. McCurtain to whom the drawing of the papers was assigned, the proceedings have not been consummated. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that if it is contemplated to secure this property for historical purposes, steps should be taken soon looking to that end. Mr. Edgar Moore of Spiro is in a position to render assistance and has indicated he will be glad to do so. It may be pointed out that the inscriptions copied and attached hereto include such names as Hon. Edmond McCurtain, David and Robert McCurtain; Col. Tandy Walker; Thomas W. Lanier; David Spence Ainsworth and William Hall. The latter was killed by an overseer on his plantation in 1838.

Inscription on tomb of Hon. Edmond McCurtain,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

In Memory of Hon. Edmond McCurtain,

Born in Mississippi, 1842.

Died at Scullyville, November 4th, 1890.

Inscription on tomb of Jessee Jones,
Oak Lodge Cemetery: Scullyville:

Jessee Jones (Masonic Emblem)

Died August 20th, 1882.

Inscription on tomb of Robert McCurtain,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Robt. McCurtain,

Born December 25th, 1853.

Died August 11th, 1874.

Inscription on tomb of Samson McKaney.

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Samson McKaney,

Aged twenty-one years,

Died February 2nd, 1881.

Inscription on tomb of Louise McKaney.

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Louise McKaney,

Aged fifty-two years,

Died July 29, 1881.

Inscription on tomb of Caroline Tabor.

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Caroline Tabor,

Born 1852

Died June 6th, 1879.

Inscription on tomb of Col. Tandy Walker.

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

(Masonic and Odd Fellow emblems)

Col. Tandy Walker,

Born October 11th, 1814,

Died February 2nd, 1877.

Inscription on tomb of Marry E. Walker,

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Marry E.

Daughter of Col. T. and Lizira Walker,

September 1st, 1846,

Aged sixteen years.

Inscription on tomb of David McCurtain,

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

In Memory of David McCurtain,

Born April 4th, 1846,

Died March 6th, 1874.

Inscription on tomb of Thompson McKinney,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Thompson McKinney,
Born May 21st, 1856,
Murdered December 17th, 1881.

Inscription on tomb of Ben J. Lanier,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Ben J. Lanier,
Born November 15th, 1844,
Died May 10th, 1875.

Inscription on tomb of Thomas D. Ainsworth,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Thomas D. Husband of Z. E. Ainsworth,
Born October 19th, 1851,
Died November 13th, 1917.

Inscription on tomb of Lyman and Fannie E. Moore,

⊙ Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

FATHER

MOTHER

LYMAN

FANNIE E.

Born 1837.

Born 1844.

Died December 11th, 1881. Died January 31st, 1933.

(This beautiful stone placed by their children).

Inscription on tomb of John D. Parish,

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

John D.

Son of J. E. and I. F. Parish,

Died Dec., 11th, 1875.

Inscription on tomb of Robert A.

Son of Col. T. and C. W. Walker,

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Robert A., Son of Col. T. and C. W. Walker,

Born August 9th, 1851.

Died September 28th, 1871.

Inscription on tomb of Thomas W. Lanier

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Born September 10th, 1810,

Died June 21st, 1850.

Inscription on tomb of David Spence Linsworth,

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

David Spence Linsworth,

Born in Mississippi, August 23rd, 1822,

Died at Scullyville, January 18th, 1901.

Inscription on tomb of Davis James

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

In Memory of Davis James who departed this

life on the 9th, day of February 1856,

Aged 45 years.

(Masonic emblem at head).

Inscription on tomb of John G. Ring,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville;

John G. Ring,

Died April 3rd, 1854,

Aged fifty-five years.

(Horizontal vault, in bad condition).

Inscription on tomb of Solomon Dewesse.

Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

Solomon Dewesse

Born August 4th, 1818,

Died November 21st, 1880.

Inscription on tomb of William and Susan Hall,
Oak Lodge Cemetery, Scullyville:

IN MEMORY:

WILLIAM HALL,

AGED FORTY-FIVE YEARS

DIED 1838.

SUSAN HALL,

AGED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS

DIED MARCH 18th, 1858.

(William Hall was murdered during a slave
uprising on his plantation).

These are among the earliest burials in
the Choctaw Nation.