

GREENE, HAZEL B.

CEMETERIES--CROFTON

SPRING CHAPEL CEMETERY #750

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SPRING FAMILY CEMETERY #5870

WATERBOLE #12006

OLD SCIENCE ACADEMY #651

GREEN, HAZEL B.

CEMETERIES--CHOCTAW 7593
SPRING CHAPEL

Hazel B. Greene
Interviewer
Hugo, Oklahoma
9-21-37

1/4 mile N.W. Spring Chapel Cemetery

IN FRONT YARD OF OLD CHARLIE SANGUIN PLACE

1 mile south west of Hugo, Oklahoma, known now as the
Isham Williams place.

IN MEMORY OF

CHARLIE SANGUIN

Born Mar. 20, 1845

Died January 14, 1879

IN MEMORY OF

SEIMA JANE SANGUIN

BORN October 21, 1875

Died February 1, 1931.

* This was Tom Sanguin's daughter.

THREE OTHER GRAVES IN THAT YARD HAVE NO MARKERS AT ALL

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SPRING CHAPEL

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SPRING CHAPEL CEMETERY, ONE MILE SOUTH OF HUGO, OKLAHOMA.
OUT SOUTH BROADWAY.

IN MEMORY OF

SUSAN SPRING

Born May 12, 1899

Died Jan 13, 1985.

IN MEMORY OF

BETSY,

Wife of Levi Spring.

Born August 15, 1842

Died April 30, 1874.

IN MEMORY OF

SOPHIA SPRING

Wife of Levi Spring

Born August 15, 1842.

Died April 11, 1907.

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SPRING CHAPEL

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IN MEMORY OF

ROSANNA.

Daughter of Levi Spring, born July 1870

Died November 5, 1874

IN MEMORY OF

LEBI BOHANNON.

Born November 6, 1882.

Died November 29, 1932

Morris Fisher and wife sleep in one unmarked grave, beside the son, Willie Fisher, who murdered them for their money and property, about 1918. No tombstones, not sure of date.

Willie Fisher died of tuberculosis in the penitentiary at McAlester, where he was serving a life-term for the murder of his parents.

All graves unmarked

In Memory of

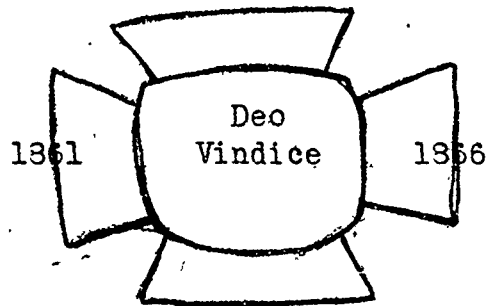
Levi Spring.

Born February, 8, 1843

Died, February, 16, 1903

An iron cross, is partly buried in the earth at the foot of his tombstone, with the dates and letters on

it thus:



Spring

BURIAL GROUND FORM

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Hazel B. Greene

This report made on (date) May 18, 1937

- 1. Name (if any) of burial ground Spring Family cemetery
- 2. Founded (date) 1859 By W. M. Spring
- 3. Abandoned (date) -- Why abandoned --
- 4. Present owners of premises Spring family

Address of present owners Louis Spring, Hugo, would be one.

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

- 5. Original owners of premises. W. M. Spring
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 46
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves 29
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. old, broken and fallen.
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 32 (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.
- 12. Condition of the premises Fair, but fence poor.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. Exactly two blocks from city limits, south out Eighth Street.
- 14. Legal location of burial ground, County Choctaw

Section 35 Township 6 Range 17E

(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 15

1 acre				
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Hazel B. Greene, Field Worker, Hugo, Oklahoma,
May 18, 1937

Exactly two blocks south of the south end of Eighth Street, of the city of Hugo, is the family cemetery of the Springs. W. M., or Uncle Billy Spring, settled that place probably about 1850. He built the usual hewn log house, the kind most commonly seen here in that day and time: two rooms divided by a wide hall, porch across the front and boxed side rooms. "Uncle Billy" was nearly if not all white; he might have been a little bit Indian (Choctaw). He and his wife, Jane, a fullblood Choctaw Indian, were both born in 1832, and from what various members of the family can recall they were married about 1850. It was customary here in those days to bury the dead in a corner of the yard. The first to go was an infant son, born June 15th, 1859, and died July 15th, 1859. (Note that he was born on the 27th birthdate of his mother).

Altogether they had about fourteen children.
(This mother was an epileptic).

About 1872, Uncle Billy Spring decided to build a new house for his large family. He selected a spot about one hundred and fifty yards east from

the old house. He built what was, for those days, a very fine house. It was a frame house; one story; in the shape of a T. There were two sixteen by sixteen foot front rooms separated by a ten by sixteen foot hall, with a porch all across the front, which faces the west. The hall door was pretty "nifty" for those days with glass panels on each side and above the door. There were fancy curlicues of wood on each side of the fancy porch posts.

Immediately back of each front room are ten by thirteen foot side rooms. The hall opens into sixteen by eighteen foot dining room, then back of it is a sixteen by fourteen foot kitchen and along each side of this kitchen and dining room are porches, on the north and south sides, with large slabs of stone that looks like granite but has some shell formation in it. A walk leads from the south steps to the smokehouse; it is of flat brown stones and there is a walk to the well, which

is is a masterpiece of masonry. The inside of this well all the way down is walled with sandstone, or what appears to be sandstone, a foot or so thick and hewn or sawed out in circular form as is also the slab of granite-like rock that covers the entire top of the well of soft water and a round hole two feet in diameter is cut in this slab.

The foundation of the house and the chimneys at each end of the house are also of this hewn stone.

The three granite like front steps also are hewn. Two are about six feet long and the bottom one is about seven feet and is rounded at the ends. The flat sandstone rocks in the walk to the gate are immense: at the gate another granite step lets one down to the sandstone paving outside of the stone wall that serves as a front fence. The wall varies in height, according to the ground, but is three to five feet high all along the front of that

stone wall, a distance of about one hundred feet. The paving has extended all along, but some stones have been moved away. That wall is also of hewn rocks, some sandstone and some like granite, blue granite, cemented together. The saddle house is still standing and it and the horse lot are surrounded by an ancient looking rail worm fence. In the early days of this country every well equipped ranch or farm had its saddle house. Soon after the new house was built Uncle Billy had a gin put up where the old house stood, and this old house was moved away to another part of the plantation. The old boiler of the gin is still lying on the old house place.

One Choteau, a Frenchman, who "drifted" in here did that stone work. What machinery, if any, was used is not known by any one of the family now living.

Uncle Billy had a blacksmith shop, always, on the place and the old base rock of the forge is still out in the field.

He had about five different store buildings from time to time, on the place, only one at a time but he would get tired of the location or want a new building, so would just put up another log cabin for a store. The saddle house is of boxing plank but the older ones are of logs. All nails used in buildings on the place are of the old square variety. The sills of the house are all of hewn oak logs, but are pretty well rotted out. The house is nearly fallen down, but people live in it now.

The Aetna Life Insurance Company owns the home place, but the Spring family owns one acre upon which the cemetery is now. The cemetery itself is small, approximately fifty graves, crowded close together. No doubt the fence will be extended as needed. There are four rows of graves and five off down a sort of a lane extending from the southeast corner of the plot.

In the Spring family cemetery it is very noticeable that the Mother's name is usually omitted from the epitaphs. For instance -- a number of graves are marked simply. In Memory of ----- son or daughter of W. M. Spring. NOT, son or daughter of W. M. and Janè Spring. Notice, too, that two daughters of theirs died the summer of 1869.

Nannie and Harriet Self were sisters and married Bazil and Willie Spring, brothers. Harriet lives now at Bethany.

~~Dr. W. D. Kendrick did have a tombstone, but no one seems to know what became of it. His widow, Patsy, lives one mile south of the old place where she was born. And the house stood right beside what is now the cemetery, when she was born. She is the only one of W. M. Spring's children that is left.~~

Walter Self was crossing the railroad track at Goodland, Indian Territory, June 29, 1901, when a train struck and killed him instantly.

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SCOTT

son of Patsy and W. D. Kendrick.

NOTE: This one was so
broken that this was all
I could read. It was
of soft sandstone.

IN MEMORY OF

JANE,

wife of W. M. Spring.

born June 15, 1832

died August 6, 1896

IN MEMORY OF

MARY,

daughter of W. M. Spring

Born June 1857.

Died August 10, 1869

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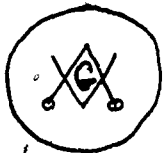
IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL,

Son of

Bazil Spring.

Born July 10, 1889

Died Feb. 25, 1891



W. M. SPRING.

Died Sept. 26, 1906

Age 74 years.

SPRING

IN MEMORY OF W. C.

son of Bazil Spring.

born August 8, 1887

died Sept. 16, 1887

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IN MEMORY OF

MARY JANE,

daughter of Willie Spring

born Jan. 7, 1886

died Nov. 3, 1886.

Note by Field Worker -- Harriet Self was the wife
of Willie Spring, and is still living.
Willie died about 1930.

SOPHIE

wife of L. W. Ratliff.

born June 22, 1872

died October 23, 1906.

Gone but not forgotten,

In heaven with the angels.

IN MEMORY OF

FRANCIS,

daughter of W. M. Spring.

born July 15, 1853.

Died June 15, 1869.

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IN MEMORY OF

JANE,

daughter of W. M. Spring.

born Feb. 15, 1861.

died May 25, 1861

IN MEMORY OF

Infant son, of

W. M. Spring.

Born June 15, 1859.

Died July 15th, 1859

AMIE ETTER.

daughter of Willie and

Harriet Spring.

Born Oct. 3, 1887.

Died June 1, 1898

NOTE: This was copied letter for
letter, the name is not ANNIE

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WILLIE SPRING LIES IN AN
UNMARKED GRAVE IN THE SPRING
BURIAL PLOT, and died about
1930.

NOTE: Field worker attended funeral.

IN MEMORY OF

NANNIE.

Wife of Bazil Spring.

born March 13, 1871.

died November 5, 1892

NOTE: She was Nannie Self.
(by Field Worker)

IN MEMDRY OF

ANNIE ABBIE.

wife of Ambrose Rice.

died Aug. 28, 1896

Gone but not forgotten.

The birthdate was not on the tombstone.

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IN MEMORY OF

Infant son of

Annie and Ambrose Rice.

born and died Aug. 26, 1896

MAUDE M.

daughter of John Spring.

born April 9, 1892

died Aug. 21, 1898

NANCY.

wife of John Spring.

born Aug. 23, 1859

died Feb. 25, 1902.

JOHN SPRING . Sr.

died May 13, 1937.

Aged 82 yrs. 10 mo. 12 days.

NOTE by Field Worker--This was no tomb-
stone, just an undertaker's marker.

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W. F. SELF.

born December 25, 1876

died July 2, 1906

Gone but not forgotten.

NOTE by Field Worker

W. F. Self was the first
husband of this Field Worker.

MRS. CARRIE SELF,

wife of W. C. Self.

born Sept. 4, 1842

died June 19, 1915

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled.

W. C. SELF.

born June 23, 1843

died Jan. 8, 1913

We shall meet again.

NOTE by Field Worker

W.C. Self was the father of Walter,
W. F. and Nannie Spring who are in this
burial ground.

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(Another Undertaker's marker).

Mrs. Elrod.

74 yrs old.

NOTE: by Field Worker
That is all that can be read.

Mrs. Elrod was the mother of
the widow of John Spring
who died May 13th, 1937.
The widow is Dora Spring.

Betty Jo Spring.

1 yr.-----

NOTE; by Field Worker
The balance obliterated by the
weather from the undertaker's marker.

Dr. W. D. Kendrick married

Patsy, daughter of W. M. Spring.

He lies in an unmarked grave

in this cemetery.

NOTE: by Field Worker - The H. C. Kendrick, whose
gravestone shows that he died in 1885, was the
father of Dr. W. D. Kendrick and Anna M. Cash is
a daughter of Dr. and Patsy Kendrick.

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STELLA,

wife of Bert Spring.

born April 17, 1890.

died Dec. 26, 1916

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled.

HAZEL,

daughter of Willie and

Hattie Spring.

born Sept. 19, 1901

died Jan. 4th, 1903

WALTER.

Son of

W. C. and M. C. Self.

born June 20, 1886.

died June 29, 1901.

Sleep on brother, Thy work is done,
Jesus has come and borne Thee home.
Our darling one has gone before,
To greet us on the golden shore.

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To him, I trust a place is given,
Among the Saints with Christ in Heaven.

The next one was broken,
only this showed.

Born Jan. 23, 1881.

Died Feb. 16, 1881

IN MEMORY OF

Bazil L. Spring.

born Nov. 23, 1868

died Sept. 26, 1893

IN MEMORY OF

H. C. Kendrick.

Died April 11, 1885

Age 55 years.

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Anna M.
wife of J. L. Cash.
born June 8, 1886.
died May 30, 1913.

The voice loved is gone.
Your place is vacant in our home.

On the north side of the stone
is inscribed.

"Five infants, of J. L. & Anna
Cash."

And on the south of the stone
are five little graves.

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CEMETERY, CHOCTAW.
Waterhole.

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Field Worker - Hazel B. Greene
Indian-Pioneer History, S-149
October 30, 1937

In this old cemetery there are grave stones with the dates as far back as 1876.

There are about 175 graves and 75 are marked with dated stones.

The cemetery has not been abandoned. The burial plot belongs to the members of the Waterhole Church, located on Waterhole Creek, right across the road from the cemetery.

This old cemetery is just about a half mile west of the home of James Wood Kirk and the old village of Garvin.

About three miles south of the present town of Garvin, in McCurtain County, on Waterhole Creek, is what is known as the Waterhole Church and Cemetery. Instead of going straight south the road has to curve west to go around the cemetery.

EPITAPHS

FROM TOMBSTONES IN THE OLD

WATERHOLE CEMETERY.

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CEMETERY, CHOCTAW.
Waterhole.

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KATE.

Daughter of

T. W. & Nova Hopkins

February 8, 1902

February 10, 1902

In Memory of

H. G. McFarland.

Born August 19, 1845

Died February 16, 1884

In Memory of

Mary F. Ellis,

Wife of

H. G. McFarland.

Born August 2, 1851

Died November 27, 1883

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CEMETERY, CHOCTAW.
Waterhole.

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Johnnie,

son of

T. W. & Nova Hopkins

Born, January 22-1900

Died February 16. 1902

Wm J. Townsend

January 1, 1850

October 25, 1885

His many virtues form the
noblest monument to his memory.

Gabriella Garth,

Wife of

James Wood Kirk, Sr.

May 7-1883

October 28-1912

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CEMETERY, CHOCTAW.
Waterhole.

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James Wood Kirk, Sr.

February 14, 1852

April 13, 1916

MAHELIE JONES

DIED MAY 11 1916

Age 106 years.

On a broken stone.

I. L. Garvin

Broken here, then

) -nia Garvin

May 15, 1878

Age 20 years

and 6 days.

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MARTHA S.

Daughter of

Melvina Carnes.

Jan 13, 1879

October 14, 1880

EMMA

Daughter of

I. L. & Melvina Garvine.

July 12, 1872

July 20, A. D. 1876

Mary Jane

Wife of,

J. W. Kirk.

Daughter of

I. L. & Melvina Garvine.

May 31, 1861

December 24, 1880

BURIAL GROUND FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Hazel B. Greene

This report made on (date) June 28, 1957

- 1. Name (if any) of burial ground Old Spencer Academy-- Burial Ground
- 2. Founded (date) 1848 Possibly earlier By Spencer Academy
- 3. Abandoned (date) about 1903 or 1904 Why abandoned because could not sell Dep't Interior forbade
- 4. Present owners of premises Narcissa Knutson
Address of present owners Spencerville 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. Narcissarazier filed it
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 60
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves probably a dozen.
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.
- 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.
- 12. Condition of the premises All grown up in bushes above a man 8s head.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. In Narcissa Knutson's field about quarter of mile from house
- 14. Legal location of burial ground, County _____

Section 5 Township 6S Range 19 E.
(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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On June 25, 1937, John D. Knutson of Spencerville,
and I
Oklahoma, tramped across the fields to the Old Spencer Academy
Burial ground. Weeds, vines, big old green briars and bushes
higher than our heads had to be cut away before we could get
to the nearest tombstone. One would never suspect that a
burial ground was there from observation alone, as it was
so overgrown with bushes, tall trees, etc. Mr. Knutson cut
away enough of them to make a trail to the nearest graves.
While I copied the inscription on the first one, he cleared
the way to the next and the next. It was impossible to esti-
mate the number of graves, but Mr. Knutson said there were
sixty-odd.

Mrs. Knutson stopped people from burying there in
about 1904. The Indian Department would not let her sell
it and people going in and out to the cemetery disturbed
her crops. She has no member of her family there at all.
Part of her family are buried in the garden there close to
the house, and part at other places.

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OLD SPENCER ACADEMY

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A rough granite upright slab, says only,

The son of

C. H. and L. M. Gardener.

Died December 4, 1843.

Age 17 months.

Wherefore should a single doubt arise,

That our sweet bud now blooms in Paradise,

That greater than parental tenderness,

Now joys our babes departed soul to bliss.

At the top of a polished marble slab, that completely covers a grave, is a semi-circle of words carved; two rows of it, in Choctaw. Below is inscribed;

In memory of

A beloved wife and only child,

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Ramsey, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Pack,
of New York City,

and wife of Reverend James R. Ramsey, Missionary of
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to the Choctaws,
who died at Spencer Academy, July 17, 1849.

Age 31 years and seven months.

Also of

Nathan William Ramsey,

Only child of the above, who died June 17, 1849.

Age 17 months and 12 days.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there
shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither
shall there be any more pain; for the former things are

passed away. Rev. XXI. 4

Then that is carved in Choctaw, too.

GREENE, HAZEL B.

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OLD SPENCER ACADEMY

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Susan D. Morrison,

Missionary teacher in Spencer Academy and wife of
Samuel Morrison.

Born, Tarrytown, New York, Nove. 15. 1815

Died Suddenly at Pine Ridge, C. N., Feb. 4, 1851.

After three hours of intense suffering on the roadside
between S pencer Academy and that place.

Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall
find so doing. Luke XI. 43

Then that verse printed in Choctaw.

Be Ye also ready in such an hour, if ye think not the Son
of man cometh. Matt. XIV. 44

Then that in Choctaw.

Jesus said unto her, I am the life. He that believeth
in me, though he were-----yet, shall he live. John XI. 25

Then that in Choctaw.

There is a world above, where parting is unknown.

A long-----of love, formed for the good alone.

GREENE, HAZEL B.

CEMETERIES---CHOCTAW ACADEMY 6511
OLD SPENCER ACADEMY

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and faith beholds the dying here,
Translated to that glorious sphere.

The slab is of polished marble and completely covers
the grave. A semi-circle of two rows of Choctaw printing
is on the top.