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BURIAL GROUND FORM
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Field worker's name James R. Carseloway

This report made on (date) October 13, 1937

- 1. Name (if any) of burial ground Timpson Chapel
- 2. Founded (date) Before Civil War By Bear Timpson et al.
- 3. Abandoned (date) Never why abandoned _____
- 4. Present owners of premises State of Oklahoma.
- Address of present owners State House, Oklahoma City, 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. Cherokee Nation.
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises. None.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 257
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves 102
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 102 (Place each inscription on a separate sheet and attach all to this form).
- 11. Any other information you are able to gather about the burial ground including its history.
- 12. Condition of the premises Good, well fenced and well kept.
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. 3 acres out of Lot 1.

14. Local location of burial ground, County Craig

Section 4 Township 25 Range 19E.
(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 _____

James R. Carselowey
Interviewer
October 13, 1937

History of Timpson's Chapel Cemetery
Established By Bear Timpson a full
blood Cherokee, before the Civil War.
From facts gathered from old timers.

Bear Timpson was a full blood Cherokee Indian,
and served as a private in Company D, under Captain
James Madison Bell, in Stan Watie's army during the
Civil War.

He lived in the White Oak Hills, about eight
miles northwest of Vinita, Indian Territory, in his
early days at which place he resided when he died. He
became a Baptist preacher, and was a leader among his
people, and even in politics leading politicians always
hunted up Bear Timpson to handle the full blood vote.
He lived in a thickly settled Cherokee settlement, and
is said to have established the cemetery, which now
bears his name.

When the Delaware and Shawnee Indians came here
from Kansas in from 1868 to 1874, a great many of them
settled in the White Oak Hills, near the Cherokee settle-
ment, but established their own cemeteries, one for each
tribe farther south.

The Timpson Chapel Cemetery was used entirely for full blood Cherokees at first, but when the country filled up with white people it was used by all alike, and three acres were set aside for a cemetery, and the same three acres has a Baptist Church located on it, also called Timpson Chapel.

Most of the older graves are unmarked, and although Bear Timpson is buried there, no stone marks his grave, but several other prominent Indian graves are marked, with inscriptions in Cherokee. The stones are made of native sandstone and were made by a stone mason by the name of Grubbs at Bluejacket, Oklahoma, who had a stone quarry a few miles east of Bluejacket, but made no pretensions of being a monument maker. The work however, is finely carved and lettered and these stones are among the most beautiful in the cemetery.

These are the Cherokee inscriptions just as they appeared on the stones.

John Corntassel, like Bear Timpson, was a full blood Cherokee Indian and quite a leader among his people. This field worker was well acquainted with him, and saw him in many political campaigns, before the tribal governments were abandoned. He was a leader in this respect and his home was in the White Oaks Hills. He died in 1916. His monument is one of the most beautiful in the cemetery. This old sandstone was five feet high and beautifully carved.

JESSE
OFFER

DECEASED JESSE KODA WAT

1904

SAM BREAD

This sandstone was three feet high by eighteen inches wide, and also very beautifully carved by an old stone mason by the name of Grubbs.

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GRANT

St. D. 7 (m) 24

1904

CORPUS

513 S-455

1117

FOLIN

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Johnson

Falling

Died

Oct. 14, 1914

Aged 62 Years

FALLING

Mary

Falling

Died

Jan. 2, 1915

Aged 58 Years

FALLING

Johnson Falling was about a three quarter blood Cherokee Indian, and spoke both languages fluently and was quite often used as an interpreter among his people. He took a great interest in Cherokee politics and was always one of the staunch supporters of Hookey Bell, who was at one time a wheel-horse in Cherokee politics.

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His wife was also a Cherokee Indian, and they had no children. He had a brother, Henry Falling who lived near Timpson Chapel, had one daughter and several sons. His wife died less than three months after her husband, and left their estate to her nephew and niece, Will and Ada Chaney.

Johnson and Mary Falling were living on South Third Street in Vinita when they died, but their last request was to be buried in the old Cherokee burial ground at Timpson Chapel.

Henry

Husband of

M. E. Falling

Died

Nov. 3, 1906

Aged 51 Years

Sleeping in the arms of Jesus

FALLING

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Mary E, Hunter

Born

April 18, 1867

Died

May 25, 1919

She's gone to worlds above

Where saints and angels meet,

To realize our Savior's love,

And worship at His feet.

Amania

Jenkins

Nice cement hand made tomb, with no other inscription.

At Rest

James Goddard

Feb. 14, 1835

Jan. 11, 1919

Tom Beck

Died

Nov. 13, 1921

Aged 55 Years

"In my Father's house are many mansions."

James

Husband of

A. Horsefly

Born

June 14, 1840

July 23, 1908

A loving husband, a father dear,

A faithful friend lies buried here!

HORSEFLY

Jennie Corntassel

1851-1935

Isaac

Son of

W. B. & D.

Comfort

Born

Jan. 27, 1901

Died

April 4, 1901

Rachel Tanner

Born

Sept. 15, 1823

Died

Jan. 18, 1903

Mother, thou art now at home,

'Mong angels far above,

But below thy child must roam,

'Till summoned by His love.

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Charles, Son of

J. & C. Horsefly

Born

March 7, 1890

Died

June 2, 1891

Susie

Dau. of

W. B. & D.

Comfort

Born

May 4, 1896

Died

March 29, 1901

Ned

Walker

Born Dec. 6, 1867

Died Feb. 1893

Ableep in Jesus, blessed sleep.

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J. A. Son of

P. F. & D.

Timstrong

Died

Jan. 14, 1881

Aged 3 Yrs. 8 Mos. 25 Da.

Infant Akers

2-24-34

Aged 2 days

Sam O.

Tattersall

March 3, 1882

Feb. 8, 1928

***** CHARLES HOLMESTER *****

Died Nov.

15---1933

Age 56

In Memory of

Katheryn E.

Dau. of J. G.

& Willia

Lane

May 16, 1916

June 1, 1917

Lottie B.

Dau. of

R. L. & Eva A.

Pattison

Born

Jan. 3, 1895

Died

July 22, 1919

She has gone to God, angels greet her,

Gone to join the seraph band,

Who are springing now, to meet her,

In the glorious spirit land.

John M.

Son of -

G. & Cora

Williams

Born Nov. 28, 1900

Died Dec. 22, 1900

J. L. Son of

Grant & Cora

Williams

Born Nov. 12, 1901

Died Oct. 9, 1903

Budded on earth, to bloom in heaven.

Grant Williams

Oct. 18, 1863

April 1, 1918

Peaceful be thy silent slumber.

Lawrence, Son of

W. H. & M. F. Deal

Born July 18, 1904

Died Aug. 6, 1908

In heaven there is one angel more

Lula, Dau. of

W. H. & M. E. Deal

Born May 11, 1907

Died July 21, 1908

Budded on earth, to bloom in heaven.

Gladys

Dau. of C. & B.

Rodman

Aug. 15, 1908

Feb. 7, 1926

Gone to live with Jesus.

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Hattie Ann

Elliott

Sept. 25, 1862

July 13, 1918

Charles F.

Fritz

Born July 13, 1896

Died Jan. 12, 1913

Aged 16 Yrs. 5 Mos. 27 Days.

The pains of death are past,

Labor and sorrow cease,

And life's long war fare,

Closed at last.

His soul is found in peace.

Agnes Fritz

Died Mar. 24, 1893

Aged 88 Years

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Francis

FRITZ

Born

Aug. 14, 1836

Died

Sept. 28, 1916

Our Darling Boy

Stephen Fritz

Died

March--1891

Aged

15 Months

Elizabeth

Hilderbrand

Born

June 17, 1882

Died

June 10, 1912

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Charles S.

Hilderbrand

Born

May 28, 1912

Died

Aug 13, 1912

Our Loved One

George Dowing

Born Dec. 29, 1874

Died Jan. 21, 1911

John Edward

Downing

June 29, 1934

July 4, 1934

THOMAS

Annie Ferrell Thomas

1853-1925

A tender mother, and a faithful friend.

J. H. Thomas

Died Aug 24, (Year invisible)

Aged 69 Years, 1 Mo. 2 Days

Our Darling

Rachel Irene

Moore

Dec 28, 1924

Oct. 25, 1926

Gone, but not forgotten.

Infant Baby of

Bert & Lillie

Jones

Born and Died

Nov. 2, 1905

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Sarah

Humphrey

May, 1866

Oct. 8, 1918

Farewell, dear mother,

Sweet be thy rest.

Her Husband, in an unmarked
grave, on south side of her
grave, died in 1931, age 78.

Infant Son of

A. G. & M. Humphrey

Born and died

Nov. 18, 1916

Nellie Boot

Nov. 10, 1974

July 10, 1930

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Carrie

Louise

Dau. of

Bert &

Lillie

Jones

June 30, 1907

Feb. 28, 1912

Age 4 Y. 9 Mo.

Etta Tooley

Wife of

Wm. Daugherty

Born

Jan. 7, 1886

Died

July 22, 1910

DAUGHERTY

23

Mattie Tooley

Died Jan. 19, 1933

Aged 65 Years

Infant Dau. of

W. & Etta

DAUGHERTY

Born & Died

June 6, 1908

— Bird Doublehead

Born

May 24, 1882

Died

May 1, 1916

Asleep in Jesus

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Cornelia

Doublehead

May 16, 1911

March 26, 1918

Gone to be an angel

Cornelia Ruth

Dau. of Wm. & Nellie

Boot

Born

Oct. 13, 1895

Died July 26, 1918

FATHER

MOTHER

John Boot

Eliza

Died

Wife of

Oct. 10, 1883

John Boot

Aged

Died

50 Years

April 3, 1913

Aged 73 Years

25

Isaac

Son of

J. & L.

Dick

Died

April 20, 1880

Aged

1 Year 10 Mo.

Dorcas

Armstrong

Born

April 5, 1852

Died

Nov. 3, 1885

Gone, but not forgotten.

Evan Morris

Co.I

Wis. Cav.

MORRIS

Eliza

April 1866

July 1931

At Rest

John Terrell

Dec. 10, 1885

Nov. 5, 1928

Clemon O.

Grandson of

M. M. Butler

Aug. 4, 1900

Feb. 6, 1920

BUTLER

Rev. M. M. Butler

April 24, 1849

Baptist Minister

Feb. 16, 1918

Nancy J. His Wife

Aug. 31, 1847

Feb. 11, 1929

Yallet, Son of

Wallace & Purdie

Hilderbrand

Born Dec. 24, 1905

Died Aug. 23, 1932

Husband of

Silver

Hilderbrand

Weep not, he is at rest.

Arlington L.

Dau. of Mr. and Mrs.

Yallet Hilderbrand

Born & Died

Aug 24, 1932

R. W. Moore

1857-1937

W H I T A K E R

William A.

1860-1930

Nora E.

1889-1922

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Z. M. Cox, Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Cox
Nov. 24, 1901
Dec. 13, 1924
At Rest

WARREN
John Warren
May 6, 1854
Aug 24, 1919

Mary His Wife
June 22, 1859

Raymond Son of
Wm. & Edith
Warren
Jan. 31, 1910
Aug. 22, 1918

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Louis A Rahn

Dec. 6, 1885

Jan 26, 1934

Arthur A. Husband of

Martha J. Cook

April 6, 1872

Aug. 19, 1913

Earl Shank

Jan. 12, 1904

Jan. 4, 1920

Robert Franklin Trotter

Died Oct. 18, 1935

Aged 88 Years.

Martha E. Trotter

Died Sept. 10, 1937

Aged 80 Yrs. 2 Mos. 1 Day.

Walter Lee Son of
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jenkins
Feb. 10, 1913
Oct. 6, 1935

Jackie Lane
Son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCause
1932

William A. Rogers
Died --21, 1936
Aged 78 Years

Mrs. J. L. Bennett
Died May 23, 1936

G. B. Bennett
Died 3-- 6--
65 Years old

Sand stone marker.

Floyd M. Anderson

Sand stone marker.

RATOLIFF

HENRY R. TOLIFF

March 7, 1881

April 10, 1923

At Rest

D. G. Sanders

Husband of

Maggie Sanders

March 25, 1880

June 17, 1933

David G. Sanders, a white man married Maggie

Falling, daughter of Henry Falling, Cherokee, and while plowing corn on her allotment in June, 1933, fell from his plow with a heart attack and died.

When he failed to come in for dinner his wife went to the field and found him lying by the side of his cultivator, his team still standing.

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Felix M. Makin

Jan. 8, 1936

59 Years 1 Mo. 1 Day

Felix M. Makin was a white man who operated a coal mine in the Timpson Chapel neighborhood, and while digging coal from a shaft in January, 1936, a rock caved in and fell on him, killing him and his dog, which was lying nearby.

Susie Hilderbrand

Wife of

F. Hilderbrand,

March 4, 1890

April 23, 1910

Wana O. Dau. of

F. & S. Hilderbrand

Feb. 14, 1901

May 30, 1910

Blossom Son of

N. & Jennie

Walker

Born May 13, 1887

Died Sept. 6, 1902

Nellie G.

Dau. of

G. B. & Katie

Hilderbrand

Born Nov. 27, 1915

Died Nov. 2, 1917

John A. Casto

Died July 29, 1936

Aged 69 Years

Lula D. Casto

1868-1914

Hattie I. Peck

May 17, 1929

Aug. 20, 1929

Thomas O. Dougan

Born Jan. 26, 1866

Died July 29, 1922

Gladys E. Scarbrough

1910-1928

Daisy E.

Scarbrough

Oct. 24, 1874

Jan. 25, 1920

Raymond K. Jr.,

Son of

King and Pearl Mayes

Born & Died July 3, 1924

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Lercy

Son of

Sam & Mary

Seman

Born April 12, 1898

Died Nov. 13, 1918

L. D. Hold

Born Aug. 4, 1909

Died July 16, 1917

Ollie Infant

Dau. of

F. H. & Addie

Andrews

Died

June 21, 1896

Aged 3 Mo. 7 Days

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Stephen E. Stone

Sept. 1, 1886

Dec. 26, 1933

B. J. Hilderbrand

Husband of Laura Hilderbrand

Born

April 21, 1849

Died

Sept. 12, 1905

Benjamin J. Hilderbrand was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and a member of the Indian Mission Conference of the M. E. Church, south. He was a very influential man among his people, and was sent to Washington at one time to represent the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Congress.

After his death, his wife, Laura Hilderbrand, married Aaron Butler, another Indian Mission preacher of the Methodist Conference, and at his death she married the third Indian mission preacher, Jim Lacy, and they are now living in 1937 near Fucha, Delaware County, Oklahoma, in the Spavinaw Hills.

Millessa C.

Dau. of W. J. & Bettie

Hendryx

Infant Dau. of

Wilson & Eliza

Colston

Born July 24, 1894

Died July 24, 1894
