

GOWER, GOMER

CEMETERIES--CHOCTAW-CHICKASA

6532

NEW HOPE.

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GOWER, GOMER CEMETERIES: CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW. Form B-(S-149)  
 BURIAL GROUND FORM 6532. 2119  
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Gomer Gower

This report made on (date) June 28, 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground New Hope.

2. Founded (date) Unknown. By

3. Abandoned (date) Still used. Why abandoned

4. Present owners of premises

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. Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

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

7. Approximate number of graves. 300

8. Approximate number of marked graves 150

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions.

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 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. Used as burial ground for students.

12. Condition of the premises Very bad.

13. Detailed location of burial ground. Near Highway 271, one-half mile east of Scullyville.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County LeFlore.

Section 17 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 4


## NEW HOPE.

The Burial Ground described herein may not compare with the Oak Lodge Cemetery, nearby, in terms of years of existence, nor in the number of notables interred in it, but the fact that it was used as a place of interment for the unfortunates who died while students at the New Hope Female Academy will doubtless place it in the category of historic spots.

It is in a deplorable condition; many, many graves are over-run with Sumac bushes and other underbrush. There are more graves unmarked than there are of those which are marked, which fact renders it possible that it contains the remains of those whose memory we would revere in an appropriate manner did we but know who they were. Reverence for the dead, alone, should prompt that some action be taken to restore this beautiful spot to a suitable shrine.

It is located on a gentle rise upon which grows majestic oak and hickory trees. The entrance is immediately off Highway 271, at a point about two miles northeast of the village of Spiro.

Inscription on tomb of Mary Pool.  
Cemetery, Scullyville:

Mary Pool

Died March 11, 1900

Aged about fifty-nine years.

Inscription on tomb of Francois M. Pillers  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

Francois M. Pillers

Co. G. Mo. Inf.

The absence of dates from this inscription  
probably indicates he was a Civil War casualty.

Inscription on tomb of Henry T. Fannin  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

Henry T. Fannin

Born September 17, 1879

Died April 23, 1911.

Inscription on tomb of William T. Sage  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

William T. Sage

Ark. Pvt.

38 U. S. Vol. Inf.

June 7, 1933.

Metall marker at foot, age 55, 10 wks. 2 days.

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Inscription on tomb of Charlotte Watkins  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

Charlotte

Wife of I. E. Watkins

Born August 15, 1826

Died February 16, 1879.

Inscription on tomb of J. M. Cromwell  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

Erected to the Memory of

J. M. Cromwell

Born December 5, 1846

Died July 2nd, 1896

(Overgrown with brush).

Inscription on tomb of James N. Hall  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

James N. Hall

Husband of S. F. Hall

Born December 15, 1860

Died January 14, 1901.

Inscription on tomb of W. S. Merone  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

W. S. Merone

Born March 2, 1839

Died June 12, 1899

Inscription on tomb of A. R. Fudge  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

A. R. Fudge

Born October 12, 1839

Died November 23, 1904.

Inscription on tomb of Isom Watkins  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

(Masonic emblem)

Isom E. Watkins

Born March 29, 1818

Died June 24, 1880.

Inscription on tomb of David Radley  
New Hope Cemetery, near Scullyville:

Sgt. David Radley

Co. D. 97th, Illinois Inf.