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CEMETERIES--CHEROKEE

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

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Field worker's name James R. Carselowey

This report made on (date) October 11, 1937

- 1. Name (if any) of burial ground White Oak Cemetery
- 2. Founded (date) 1871 By Doublehead (Fullblood Cherokee)
- 3. Abandoned (date) _____ 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. 214
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves 86
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. 86 (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 Excellent- Just had WPA Project and everything
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground. fine. 1/2 A in SE NW NE & 1/2 A in NE SW NE
- 14. Legal location of burial ground, County _____

Section 3 Township 24 Range 19

(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 _____

HISTORY OF THE WHITE OAK CEMETERY.

The White Oak Cemetery was established by fullblood Indians of the Cherokee tribe, about 1871, according to Hiram A. Williams, whose Cherokee family took their allotment adjoining the cemetery.

The first grave was that of a fullblood Cherokee named Doublehead, who was a soldier in the Civil War, evidently a Northern soldier, as he is not listed in Stand Waitie's regiment.

His grave was marked by a sandstone monument with only his name on it, and in 1871 his body was taken up and removed to a private cemetery, known as the Doublehead Cemetery, only a quarter of a mile north of the White Oak Cemetery, where, according to Mr. Williams, a monument was erected at his grave.

After Doublehead's removal from his original burying place, the Indians then living in that vicinity began using this place as a public burial ground, and it is now used by the town of White Oak as well as by the country round-about, although it is a two and a half-mile drive from White Oak and difficult of access.

It is located in the White Oak hills, in what was once a thickly settled Cherokee settlement. The Cherokee tribe is now scattered and only a few Cherokees are living

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in that vicinity.

H. A. Williams first settled on his wife's allotment adjoining this cemetery in 1907, and is still living at the same place, his address being Vinita, R.F.D. 4.

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Gerald Feeney

Died Aug. 7, 1929

Thomas O. Gibson

Died Aug. 5, 1927

James Edward Feeney

May 24, 1930

Jasper O. Fry

1847 - 1899

Mary E, his wife

1848 - 1922

Richard Dameron

Died June 1, 1935

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Bert Dameron

Co. B.

2 - U. S. Inf.

Son of S. G. & Kate Wills

Born July 22, 1891,

Died July 24, 1891.

Fred K. Risman

Co. B.

80 Ill. Inf.

Mary S.

Daughter of T.W. & M.E. Cooper

Born Apr. 14, 1893,

Died Oct. 20, 1900

Flora Frazier

Born Feb. 5, 1908

Died Jan. 13, 1909

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Mary C. Heard

Born Dec. 3, 1926

Died Sept. 4, 1933

Millie Heard

Born February

Died December

Josephus Bennett

Co. K.

34 Ind. Inf.

Annie B. Rimmer

Born Jan. 26, 1872

Died June 20, 1896

William R. Rimmer

Born Nov. 28, 1868

Died April 5, 1895

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Lillie F.

Daughter of

Thomas & Mary Skinner,

Born 1870,

Died Aug. 12, 1894.

V. A. Gearheart

Born Sept. 22, 1828

Died Sept. 2, 1908

At Rest

MOTHER

Eliza Jane Parker

Born March 15, 1840

Died Feb. 2, 1924

FATHER

George W. Parker

Born Aug. 1, 1840,

Died Jan. 15, 1924.

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Nora, Daughter of

M. & L. Minson

May 15, 1881,

Jan. 26, 1905..

Lincoln R.

Husband of Hattie Cormicle,

Born Jan. 24, 1896,

Died Sept. 9, 1917.

Wanetta, Dau. of

Lincoln R. & Hattie Cormicle,

Aug. 24, 1916

Aug. 19, 1917

R. G. Hawkins

Mar. 2, 1832

Nov. 24, 1899

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Rhoda C. His Wife

Mar. 2, 1832

July 30, 1911,

Hawkins.

Callie, Wife of P. E. Robinson,

July 18, 1877,

Feb. 26, 1909.

Lenard J. Son of

L. B. & C. M. Gordon,

Born Sept. 17, 1903,

Died Sept. 26, 1903.

Andy S.

Son of J. & Mattie Sweatman,

Born May 16, 1896,

Died Feb. 16, 1898.

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Elizabeth Hampton

Died July 16, 1906

Aged 96 years

Ivin M. Trotter

Born July 10, 1910

Died July 28, 1911.

Andy W. Hampton

Nov. 10, 1849,

Oct. 12, 1912.

Alzona M.

Wife of

W. T. Jones

Born April 7, 1876,

Died July 23, 1915.

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Herman

Son of H. B. & Lula

BROWN

Born Dec. 28, 1905,

Died Dec. 30, 1905.

B. M. Daughter of

W. A. & M. C. Newcomb

Born June 29, 1901,

Died Jan. 25, 1906.

Frances Marie Frye

Died July 13, 1932

Aged 12 years

Frances Marie Frye was killed by lightning while playing in her own yard near White Oak. After a long drouth, she and her two sisters ran out into the yard, rejoicing at the first rain in a long time, and ran under a tree in the yard, when lightning struck the tree and killed Frances and knocked the other two unconscious but they recovered.

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Anna Marie Gibson

Died Jan. 1, 1929.

T. R. Dameron

Born Feb. 1, 1929,

Died Apr. 21, 1929.

Peachy Ellen Puckett

1872 - 1915.

Lydia E. Terry

Born Sept. 1873,

Died Sept. 1, 1927.

Tom M. Terry

Born May 1, 1853,

Died Aug. 1, 1931.

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Eli, Son of

H. M. & I. E. Terry,

May 3, 1916,

May 17, 1916.

Waneta M. Terry,

Born Sept. 20, 1926.

Died July 12, 1934.

7 Yrs. 9 Mos. 22 Ds.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Lucy E. Riling

Was Born

April 19, 1894,

Died Aug. 7, 1895.

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Infant Son of

W. E. & E. J.

Griswell

Died

Feb. 25, 1897,

Age 6 Days,

Budded on earth, to bloom in Heaven.

W. H. Robinson

Was Born Oct. 2, 1897,

Died May 15, 1890.

Lile Robinson

Was Born March 25, 1879,

Died Oct. 18, 1899.

John H.

May 26, 1890,

May 3, 1925.

Gone, but not forgotten

ROBINSON

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Infant Dau. of

A. L. & M. A. Pitts

Born & Died Mar. 11, 1888

Gone Home

Infant Dau. of

A. L. & M. A. Pitts

Born Mar. 11, 1899

Died Mar. 15, 1899

Gone to be an angel

Minnie P.

Wife of C. B. Peterson,

Born October 2, 1870,

Died June 14, 1923.

At Rest

Minnie P. Peterson was the mother of one child, a daughter Anna Laurie, who was six years old when her mother died. Mrs. Peterson was a fullblood Shawnee Indian, and her husband was a fullblood Dane, who came here from Denmark. Mr. Peterson was a musician, and his daughter, Anna Laurie, was

very talented in music and began taking music lessons at the age of six years, and, in 1936, the Bacone Indian College heard of her and came to her, and after hearing her play on the piano, offered her a free scholarship in the College and promised her a trip around the United States with their famous "Singing Redmen's Glee Club" as their pianist, in her senior year, which she accepted.

MOTHER

A. M. Peterson

Born April 29, 1833

Died Jan. 6, 1912.

Gone, but not forgotten

Mrs. A. M. Peterson was a fullblood Dane, the mother of Chris B. Peterson, with whom she lived until her death. They came here from Denmark when Chris was a small boy.

Jamie,

Son of J. A. & Ica Egnor,

Born Sept. 11, 1901,

Died Sept. 24, 1905.

Suffer little children to come unto me,
and forbid them not, for such is the
Kingdom of Heaven.

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Phoebe Robinson

1848 - 1930

Geo. H. Robinson

Co. I

6- Ill. Cav.

Susan E. Wife of

G. Q. Dick,

May 12, 1887,

Aug. 25, 1911.

Gone, but not forgotten.

DICK

Nelson S. Robinson

Was born June 28

Morris P. Keltner

1915 - 1923

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Triple Stone

E. T. Hayes

Feb. 17, 1865

July 18, 1924.

Asleep in Jesus.

Charles

Sept. 10, 1888

Apr. 18, 1899

Alta

Apr. 6, 1898,

Jan. 24, 1899.

Gone, but not forgotten.

HAYES.

Daniel J. Topping

June 13, 1900,

July 16, 1901.

Our Baby

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E. M. Clark

Margurite,

Wife of Wm J. Settles,

Born Jan. 28, 1863,

Died Mar. 1, 1893.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Jessie,

Dau. of

W. J. & M. J. Settles

Born Feb. 28, 1898.

Died Mar. 2, 1898

Walter T. Freeman, Jr.

Oct. 31, 1921,

July 28, 1922.

The Golden gates were opened, a gentle
Voice said come, and with kind words
Unspoken, he calmly entered home.

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H. A. Freeman

N. B. Freeman

Was born July 10, 1888,

Died April 7, 1891.

M. J. F.

Anna Freeman

MOTHER

Born-----

Died Oct. 16, 1927

Triple Monument

Ralph,

Son of J. & S. Bennett,

Born Mar. 27, 1907.

Died Sept. 13, 1907.

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Ira,

Son of J. & S. Bennett,

Born Jan. 10, 1911,

Died July 11, 1913.

Infant son of J. & S. Bennett,

Born & Died Feb 12, 1905.

Infant Dau of

E. L. & M. B. Staten,

Born Jan. 2, 1908,

Died Jan. 4, 1908.

Budded on earth, to bloom in
Heaven.

"Sun Beam"

(Baby grave- No other marks).

Late Bankhead,

Feb. 19, 1891,

Aug. 23, 1927.

At Rest.

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C. D.

Wife of J. E. Thomas,

Born April 20, 1856,

Died July 1, 1911.

(Double Monument)

Forest E,

Son of L. E. & Mae Thomas

Born Aug. 18, 1907,

Died Aug. 26, 1907.

Clarence L.

Son of L. E. & Mae Thomas

Born Aug. 28, 1912.

Died Sept. 22, 1912.

Jim Holman,

Died Feb. 10, 1936

Aged 60 Yrs. 5 Mos. 3 Ds.

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M. P.

Handmade Sandstone for a baby's grave
No other marks.

Corpl.

David L. Cowan

Co. K.

15 Mo. Cav.

Mrs. Dillie S. Chitwood,

Died July 18, 1925,

Aged 59 Years.

Charles F. Park

Sept. 1, 1864,

June 29, 1924.

(Vault)

Mary A. Park,

Sept. 14, 1866.

Feb. 1, 1919.

(Vault)

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Vera Gordon

Born April 10, 1925

Died May 21, 1925
