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

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Field worker's name Pete W. Cole

This report made on (date) April 20 1937

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Forbis Folsom Family Burial Ground

2. Founded (date) Unknown By Family Burial Ground

3. Abandoned (date) _____ Why abandoned Family moved away

4. Present owners of premises A. Zweigel

Address of present owners Atoka, 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. Forbis Folsom, Allottee
- 6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.
- 7. Approximate number of graves. 3
- 8. Approximate number of marked graves none
- 9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. no marks
- 10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. _____ (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 under farm, see sheets attached
- 13. Detailed location of burial ground.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County Atoka

Section 29 Township 38 Range 13 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 2

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THE OLD HOME OF FORBIS FOLSOM
 AS VISITED BY
 FIELD WORKER FRED W. COLE &
 WILSON JONES.
 April 20, 1937

Forbis Folsom, now deceased, was allotted one hundred and sixty acres of fine, rich land on Muddy Boggy bottom by the government. There he lived and improved the land and had most of the land in cultivation when he died.

He first built a two room log house and a sideroom, built a long porch in front. He lived there for several years and later moved to another place nearby.

There are about three of the members of the family buried at this old place. There are no monuments or rocks to show any mark but a small cedar bush was set at the head and foot by one of the family. It is not known when this cedar bush was set but it has grown to a height of about fifty feet which made a beautiful marking of the grave. Several Bois D'Arc trees of large size were standing nearby and all around the grave with outstretched limbs waving toward heaven until one day a woodsman came along and all at once shame fully and disgracefully chopped down and dragged them away and now the renter's plow is running over the graves of the once called American Indian, which shows to the world that the respect one should have over a grave of the deceased is lacking or has been forgotten and a lust for self confidence rules his heart.

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The log house, well kept up yard at one time, a beautiful spot for a location of a house that once stood, for a number of years where proud parents and children lived and enjoyed freedom, a place where they called it home and lived, and enjoyed life and liberty is now only a memory. Plum thickets and young sprouts growing all around and on the place where once a log cabin stood and only a few more years this house will be no more as it is rapidly diminishing. Such is the condition of this home of Forbis Folsom, a full-blood well-to-do Indian farmer and stockman in his time.