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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Waterhole Cemetery
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
3 1/4 miles south of Garvin ___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Garvin ___ VICINITY OF
STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Oklahoma 40 McCurtain 089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
McCurtain County Historical Society
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE
Idabel ___ VICINITY OF OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER
McCurtain County Court House

CITY, TOWN STATE
Idabel STATE OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE
1979 ___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN STATE
Oklahoma City STATE OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Waterhole Cemetery is located in a wooded area three and a quarter miles south of the town of Garvin and Highway 70. The cemetery is owned and maintained by the McCurtain Historical Society. The Society has erected a chain link fence around the graveyard and has repaired the headstones which were broken. It also keeps the grounds cleared and is in the process of preparing a new headstone for the grave of Isaac Garvin to replace the broken and lost marker. There are approximately 80 marked graves in the cemetery as well as others which are unmarked. The cemetery occupies an area of approximately three and one-half acres.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Indian History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1830s to Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Waterhole Cemetery is significant because its use dates from the 1830s immediately after the Choctaw removal from Mississippi to Indian Territory, and because it is the burial place of Choctaw Chief Isaac Garvin and is the only site remaining that is associated with him. Garvin was born on April 27, 1832, in Mississippi and emigrated to Indian Territory, locating in Red River County. He died on February 20, 1890. He was a well-educated Choctaw lawyer and intellectual who served as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation from 1878 to 1880. Before being elected Chief he served as county judge of Red River County and Supreme Judge of the Choctaw Nation. He is buried near his former home south-west of the town of Garvin which was named for him by his son-in-law Wood Kirk after Garvin died. George Washington and Louis LeFlore, important members of the community from after the Civil War until their deaths in the 1930s, are also buried in the cemetery, as well as other members of the Garvin family.

The cemetery was initially an Indian burying ground but later became one of the first community-type cemeteries in the county. It was used as a burial place for people from all cultural groups, and is still available for use by relatives of those buried there.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview, Louis Coleman, Idabel, OK, June 19, 1979.
Historical McCurtain County by the McCurtain County Historical Society.
 Peter J. Hudson. Reminiscences of Peter J. Hudson; Chronicle of OK.
 Vol. XVII, #2, 1939

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.5 acres

UTM NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Garvin, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 15'

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached plot map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marjorie Schweitzer Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

June 29, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Oklahoma State University

405-624-5678

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Stillwater

OK

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

W. Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE 9/18/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Odell

DATE 12/11/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Odell

DATE 12/5/79

ATTEST:

Sally G. Odell
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

PLAT OF SURVEY

Part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31 T 75 R 23 E AND
Part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36 T 75 R 22 E

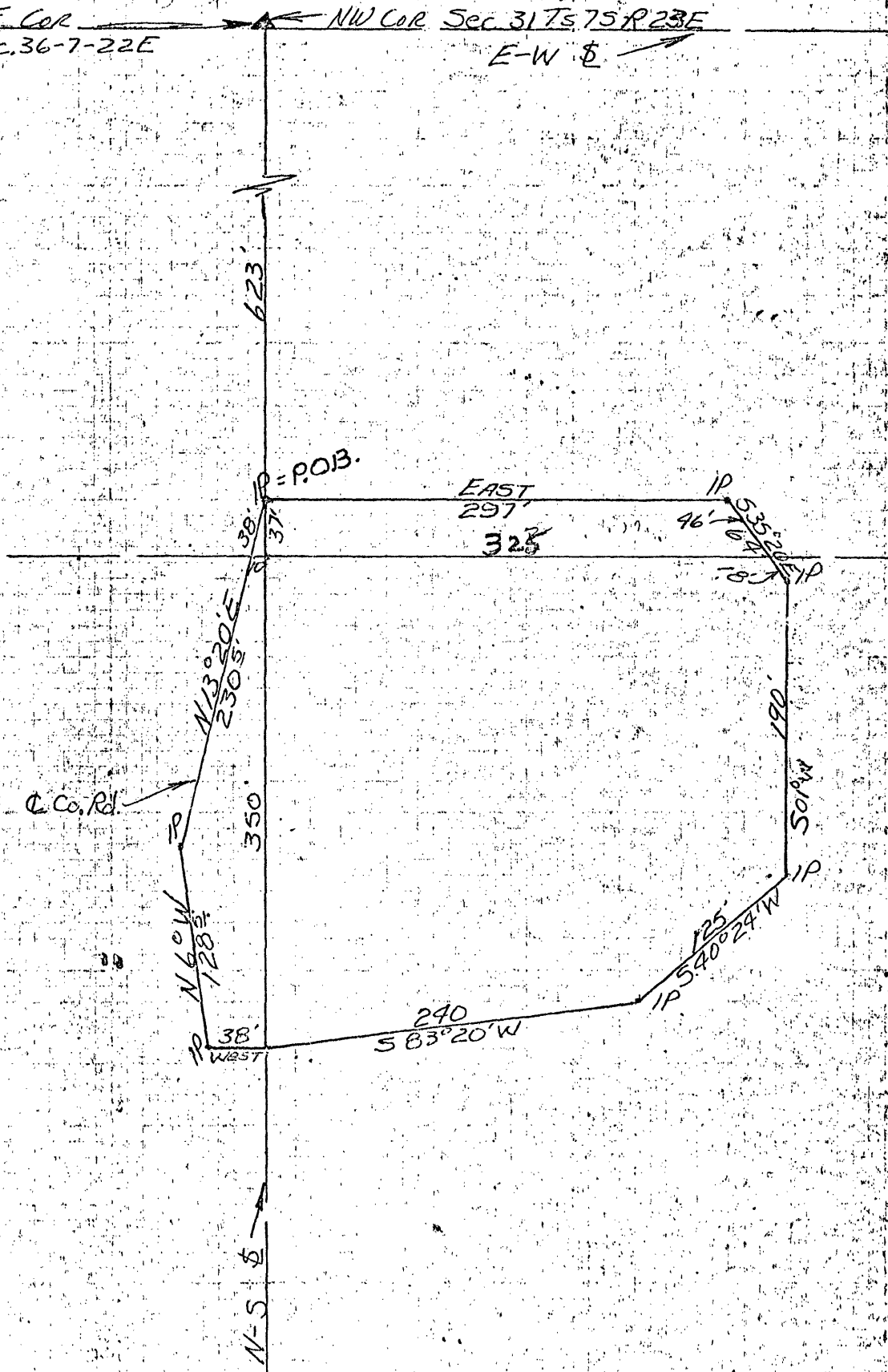
WATERHOLE CEMETERY — MCCURTAIN CO.

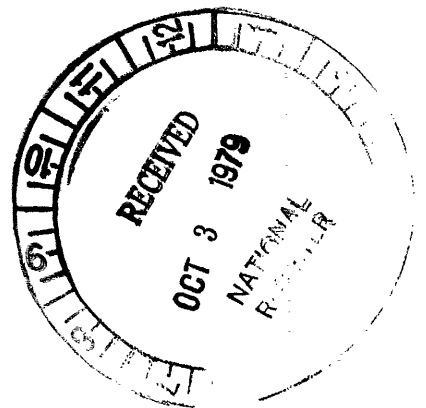
SCALE
1" = 100'

NE Cor
Sec. 36-7-22E

NW Cor Sec. 31 T 75 R 23 E

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