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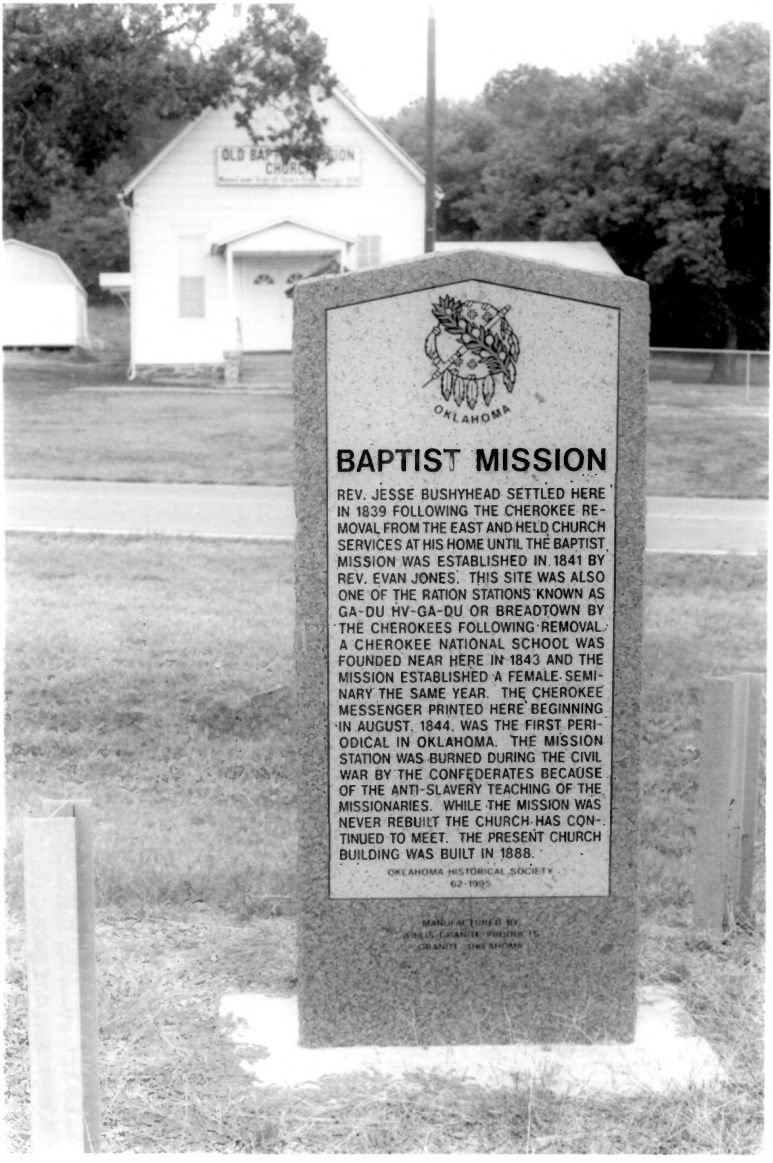
OLD BAPTIST MISSION
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REV. JESSE BUSHYHEAD SETTLED HERE IN 1839 FOLLOWING THE CHEROKEE REMOVAL FROM THE EAST AND HELD CHURCH SERVICES AT HIS HOME UNTIL THE BAPTIST MISSION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1841 BY REV. EVAN JONES. THIS SITE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE RATION STATIONS KNOWN AS GA-DU HV-GA-DU OR BREADTOWN BY THE CHEROKEES FOLLOWING REMOVAL. A CHEROKEE NATIONAL SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED NEAR HERE IN 1843 AND THE MISSION ESTABLISHED A FEMALE SEMINARY THE SAME YEAR. THE CHEROKEE MESSENGER PRINTED HERE BEGINNING IN AUGUST, 1844, WAS THE FIRST PERIODICAL IN OKLAHOMA. THE MISSION STATION WAS BURNED DURING THE CIVIL WAR BY THE CONFEDERATES BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-SLAVERY TEACHING OF THE MISSIONARIES. WHILE THE MISSION WAS NEVER REBUILT THE CHURCH HAS CONTINUED TO MEET. THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1888.
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