

CEMETERY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- Provides clean-up, identification and documentation of abandoned Chickasaw family cemeteries. The application process helps to provide an initial evaluation of cemetery conditions, to determine the scope of maintenance, and to develop a plan of work upon approval.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Applicant must be 18 years old or older
- Any person with knowledge about a Chickasaw cemetery may apply
- A separate application must be submitted for each possible cemetery site along with specific directions
- Landowner permission signature is required on the application
- Cemetery cannot be operated by an organization or association

STEPS IN THE PROCESS

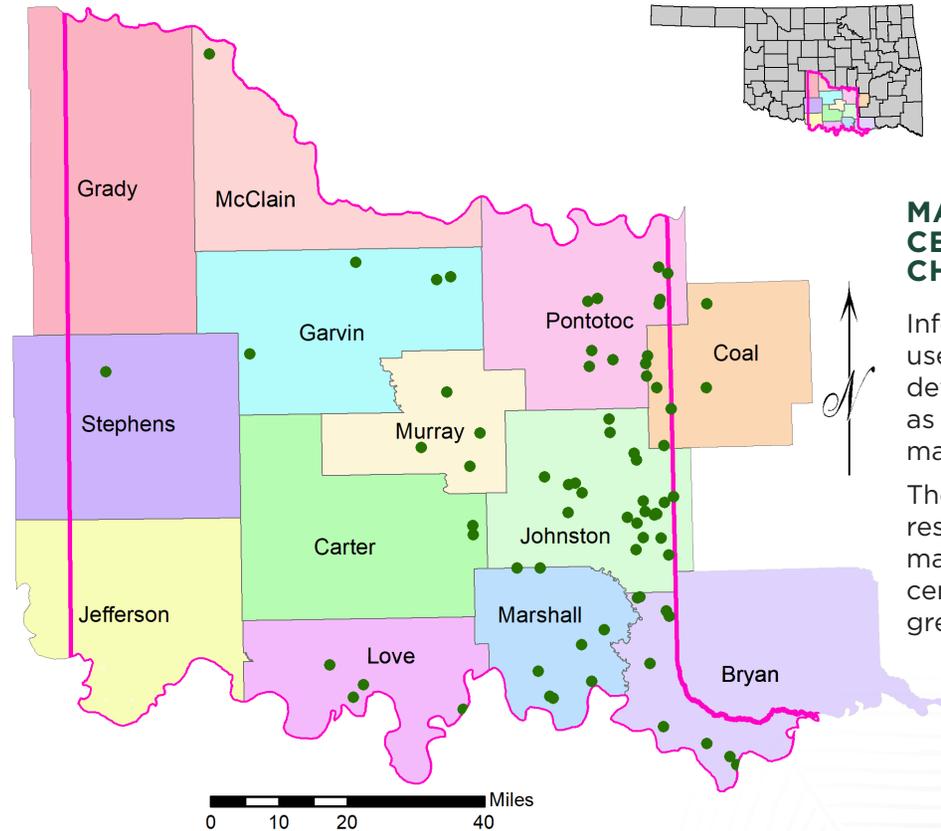
1. Obtain and submit an application for services form from the cemetery preservation program webpage or office.
2. Subsequent review and detailed research will be performed to confirm documentation as a Chickasaw cemetery.
3. Upon research completion, the application will be approved or denied.
4. The landowner will be contacted with the application status.
5. A work plan will be developed with the landowner to evaluate the cemetery needs and address the services needed based on the approved application.

FIELDWORK

- Locate, measure, map and document locations of burial sites
- Record and photograph information on markers and detailed cemetery directions
- Verify Chickasaws buried in the cemetery
- Use geospatial technologies for field data collection: Global Positioning System (GPS), Geographical Information System (GIS), Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), remote sensing and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
- Headstone restoration may occur
- Regular cemetery preservation and maintenance



COLLECTING DATA IN THE PITCHLYNN CEMETERY USING A GPS WITH ANTENNA.



MAINTAINED CEMETERIES OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

Information gathered is used to create various detailed maps, such as this example of maintained cemeteries.

The Chickasaw Nation reservation is shown in magenta. Maintained cemeteries are shown as green dots (March 2020).

REDISCOVERY OF MOSELY FAMILY CEMETERY

BEFORE



AFTER FIELDWORK AND PRESERVATION



HEADSTONE REPAIR AND CLEANING

BEFORE



AFTER



Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture & Humanities
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Chickasaw.net/Services/Cemetery-Preservation-Program.aspx



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