United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property
   Historic name: _Young Cemetery_____________________________________________
   Other names/site number: ______________________________________
   Name of related multiple property listing:
   _N/A_________________________________________________________
   (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location
   Street & number: _1/8th of a mile north of Seven Sisters Hills Road_____________________
   City or town: _Ardmore________ State: _Oklahoma______ County: _Carter________
   Not For Publication:   Vicinity:
   __________________________________________

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
   I hereby certify that this _X_ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets
   the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic
   Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

   In my opinion, the property _X_ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I
   recommend that this property be considered significant at the following
   level(s) of significance:
   ___national                  ___statewide           _X_local
   Applicable National Register Criteria:
   _X_A           ___B           ___C           ___D

   ________________________________
   Signature of certifying official/Title:                 Date
   ________________________________
   State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

   In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register
   criteria.

   ________________________________
   Signature of commenting official:                     Date
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   Title :                       State or Federal agency/bureau
   or Tribal Government
4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _________________

Signature of the Keeper   Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:   

Public – Local   X

Public – State   

Public – Federal   

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

Building(s)   

District   

Site   X

Structure   

Object   

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### Young Cemetery

#### County and State
Carter County, Oklahoma

#### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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### 6. Function or Use

#### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

**FUNERARY: CEMETERY**

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#### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

**FUNERARY: CEMETERY**

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

- CEMETERY

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)
Principal exterior materials of the property: ________________________

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Young Cemetery is an old Chickasaw cemetery dating back over 130 years in Indian Territory, OK. It was established by the Granville W. “Bud” Young Family who settled in Indian Territory in the late 1800’s. They were a prominent family with Bud Young being on the Chickasaw Senate and Carter County Commissioner for eight years. The Young Family started the cemetery with the passing of their young daughter, Laura, in 1887. The Young Cemetery is approximately two acres and is located in extreme northeast Carter County, Oklahoma. It is located 1/8th of a mile north of Seven Sisters Hills Road. The nearest highway is State Highway 177. It sits on a hill overlooking the Ardmore Municipal Airport and is adjacent to an exotic animal pasture, which is home to sable antelope, elk, deer, big horn sheep, etc. There are approximately 300 marked graves and some older graves marked with just stones. The cemetery has mature trees throughout, a flag pole, an original wrought iron fenced area around some of the graves, a modern chain link fenced area, and the whole area is surrounded by a modern steel fence to mark the boundaries of and protect it. The occupancy, according to the Carter County Commissioner, is full.
Narrative Description

The roughly two acre Young Cemetery is located approximately twelve miles northeast of Ardmore, about three-and-a-half miles east-northeast of Gene Autry, and approximately 16 miles south of Sulphur off US Highway 177 in rural Carter County, Oklahoma. It is irregularly shaped, oriented southwest to northeast, and located at the top of a hill, known as Young’s Hill. Being located on top of a hill in rural Oklahoma provides a scenic and serene atmosphere to honor those that are buried in the cemetery. There is winding gravel road that leads up the hill from Seven Sisters Hills Road about one-eighth of a mile north to dead end at the cemetery. The cemetery is bordered to the north and east by dense trees and to the south and west by pasture. A ten-foot wide, modern, steel, vehicle, security picket gate is at the beginning of the gravel road, just off Seven Sisters Hills Road, that leads up to the cemetery. The gate is flanked on the west by a large rectangular sign consisting of welded round pipe with a metal mesh insert with gold painted metal lettering that reads “YOUNG CEMETERY”. This lettering is flanked by two metal silhouette die cuts of the iconic The End of the Trail sculpture. There is an additional ten-foot wide, metal, typical farm style gate just to the east of this more decorative gate that leads to the property around the cemetery. The gates and sign are non-contributing due to age.

Through the decorative gate and up the gravel road, at the top of the hill, is Young Cemetery. It is immediately surrounded by a non-contributing modern, black, metal, security picket, perimeter fence that is approximately eight feet high, that both marks the boundaries of the cemetery and protects it from trespassers and vandals. The fence was donated and there are plaques on each section of the fence that notes who donated that section of fence. A ten-foot wide, picket gate that matches the security fence, is located at the southernmost corner of the fence. The gate is embellished with a cutout circle with a metal silhouette die cut of the iconic The End of the Trail sculpture in the middle of the circle, in the middle of gate. The silhouette die cut matches the ones on the sign at the bottom of the hill. A pedestrian gate accompanies this gate to the east. Just inside the gate, there are two large mature trees that flank the gravel road as it enters the cemetery grounds with the flag pole in view between them, beyond. The perimeter fence with gates and flag pole are non-contributing due to age.

Inside the boundaries of the cemetery, there are numerous mature trees and climbing rose bushes throughout the area, with the majority of them located in roughly the center of the cemetery. The non-contributing flag pole is located just southwest of the center of the cemetery and north of the entry gate. In the northeast portion of the cemetery, there are two, small, rectangular areas, one demarcated by original wrought iron fencing and one demarcated by modern chain link fencing. The area surrounded by the original wrought iron fence contains the graves and headstones of some of the more significant people buried in this cemetery; namely Granville W. and Adaline Young who share a headstone. This contributing, original, hoop-and-picket style wrought iron fence is about four feet high. At the top of the pickets, there is a leaf motif. The area surrounded by the chain link fence appears to be devoid of any burials and could be used to store maintenance equipment.
Though the shape of the cemetery is irregular, oblong, and oriented southwest to northeast, the burials are laid out side-by-side in columns running north-northeast to south-southwest and rows oriented west-northwest to east-southeast with the headstones at the east end of the individual graves. The middle section running the full length of the cemetery from north-northeast to south-southwest has the highest concentration of burials. The headstones and grave markers are of various sizes; materials, though most are granite; designs; ornamentation; and level of condition. They range from grand monuments to simple stones with a few having large stones laid on top of the actual burial.

In 1887, Bud Young established the Young Cemetery when their daughter Laura passed away at a young age. It was located across the road from the big ranch house. This area is known as Young’s Hill. Both Bud and Adaline are buried here in a fenced area with their children and grandchildren buried around them. It is a beautiful cemetery and is lovingly cared for by their great grandson, Bobby Newton, a Chickasaw rancher, who lives nearby on his grandmother’s Indian allotment.

Following is a listing of the recorded graves in the Young Cemetery dating back to 1887 in this beloved cemetery with the latest internment occurring in July 2018. The dates of their birth and death are shown respectively. This list does not represent all of the graves in the cemetery as there are unmarked graves and stones.

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8. **Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [ ] B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [ ] C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [ ] D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**
(Mark “x” in all the boxes that apply.)

- [ ] A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- [ ] B. Removed from its original location
- [ ] C. A birthplace or grave
- [x] D. A cemetery
- [ ] E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- [ ] F. A commemorative property
- [ ] G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years
Young Cemetery
Name of Property

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- ETHNIC HERITAGE: NATIVE AMERICAN

Period of Significance
1887-circa 1933

Significant Dates
1887
circa 1933

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation
CHICKASAW

Architect/Builder
GRANVILLE W. YOUNG
Young Cemetery  Carter County, Oklahoma
Name of Property                   County and State

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Young Cemetery, located off Seven Sisters Hills Road, off U.S. Highway 177, in rural Carter County, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under Criterion A for Exploration/Settlement and Ethnic Heritage: Native American. The period of significance is from 1887, when the cemetery was established when first burial was made, through circa 1933, the approximate year that the land of the Young Community was sold to Charles Goddard and incorporated into the 12,000 plus acre Goddard Ranch. It is significant it as the final resting place of those that settled in and developed the no longer extant community of Young, Indian Territory and their descendants and is the only remaining evidence of this once bustling little community. The Young Family, who established the town and the cemetery, was of Chickasaw decent and many of those who are interned here are of Chickasaw heritage and is still used by their descendants today.

Though no archeological investigations have been done or are proposed to be done due to the nature of the site, Criteria Consideration D is also applicable because the cemetery is the only existing resource associated with Young Community and has been used since 1887 to the present and has the potential to yield information about the burial customs of the Chickasaw people and their ancestors.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

History of Carter County and the Chickasaw Nation

Carter County, Oklahoma is located in south-central Oklahoma, near the border with Texas. It was created at statehood in 1907 and is named in honor of Charles David Carter, of the prominent Carter family, who was of Chickasaw and Cherokee heritage and who served in Congress from 1907 to 1927. The area was once designated as Indian Territory and was where the Chickasaw people were relocated beginning in 1837, where the Choctaw were already given land. In 1855, the Chickasaw separated from the Choctaw and created their own government. The Chickasaw Nation encompassed all of what is now Carter County.1

Carter County area was impacted little by the Civil War, however, as the Chickasaw aligned with the Confederacy, after the war, the federal government revoked earlier treaties and forced the Five Civilized Tribes to cede and allow railroads access to Indian Territory. In the subsequent years and decades, multiple railroads built lines through the area. Oil production further spurred their development.2

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2 Ibid.
In 1898, the Curtis Act was passed and divested the Chickasaw Nation of any real power. This gave way to the allotment process and individual land ownership which cleared a major obstacle for the statehood movement. In 1906, the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention planned for statehood and created Carter County with Ardmore being named the county seat.³

The major economic drivers for the county have been and still are ranching, farming, and oil and gas production. Large cattle ranches have been in operation in the area since Indian Territory. Agricultural farms have also been important to the area with cotton, corn, wheat, peanuts, and oats being the primary crops. Oil and gas, like for most of the state, has remained an important industry in the area.⁴

Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement – The Granville W. Young Family

Granville W. “Bud” Young was born in Barren County, Kentucky, August 23, 1855. When he was nine years old his parents moved to Nebraska where they lived for a few months before moving to Cooke County, Texas. After reaching the age of maturity, Bud became a cowboy and started making many drives on the Chisholm Trail from Texas to shipping points in Kansas. Bud’s father was James Leonard Young, born in Barron County, Kentucky, who was a hot headed Irish rebel. At the outbreak of the Civil War he went with many rebels to join and ride with the Quantrell Raiders in the south to serve throughout the war. Bud Young’s Mother was Judith Glover Young who was Chickasaw and French. During her husband’s enlistment in the Confederate Army, she showed her determination of character and uncompromising valor like many southern women of those times by managing the farm, producing the livelihood, and protecting the household. In 1853 a Yankee company of soldiers camped in front of Mrs. Young’s home while her husband was away and demanded that she prepare a meal for them. She promptly refused and the commanding officer undertook to enforce the order and she seized an old fashioned butter churn dasher and chased them out of the yard. For this she was court martialed and later saved from punishment only through the efforts of a superior officer who was a brother Mason to her husband. After this the house was burned and there was no safety for her and her family so she moved to St Louis for protection. Her husband then sent her and the children to San Francisco where he hoped they would not be harassed. Their tickets called for a journey by boat up the river and then by stage the remaining distance overland but the boat was stranded at Nebraska City where she obliged to remain until her money supply became very diminished, together with the fact that the Sioux Indians were on the war path, which caused the proposed move to California to be abandoned and diverted to Cook County Texas where she remained with relatives until after the war.

In 1877 Bud followed the cow trail into Indian Territory where he met Miss Adaline Johnson who was a pretty Indian girl in a sore at the small settlement called Cobb Town and he knew he would marry her. She was a full blood Chickasaw and was the daughter of George Cutchubby

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⁴ Ibid.
Johnson and Lucy Colbert Johnson. Her grandfather was Winchester Colbert, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He was an honored and illustrious chief who was on the committee sent to Washington in 1866 to form a treaty to secure the reinstatement of the Chickasaws after the forfeiture of their lands to the government. He was a native of Mississippi and a member of the famous James Logan Colbert family whose imprint upon the Chickasaws and Choctaws has been indelibly traced in the language of those people. He spoke both Chickasaw, English and French and even up to his death spoke in French or Indian. The Colbert homestead was at Oil Springs, the fountain head of the little creek of the same name which was so well known for its beautiful scenery, crystal like water and game fish. Here is where the beautiful Adaline Johnson was born and when Bud met her he knew he would marry her. Below is some ancestry information that was provided by Belle Young Chigley, daughter of Adaline Young and Granville Bud Young and donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society:

Levi Colbert married Nancy In-chuck-a-puta and four children were born of this union. Winchester Colbert married Annica Kemp and they had four children, Humphrey, James, Robert and Lucy. Lucy Colbert married George (Cutchubby) Johnson and one daughter was born Adaline Cutchubby Johnson who married Granville W. “Bud” Young.

The Young’s then settled in Indian Territory in the 1880s and would also become a political force in early statehood days. Bud and Adaline’s first home in Indian Territory was a log house with a puncheon floor and had a rock fireplace in each end. The house had one window and they had water from a dug well. Adaline cooked in a skillet on the fireplace. Then they built their ranch house which was a huge two story, five bedroom house on a beautiful hill near the Washita River and the beautiful Arbuckle Mountains which became a famous landmark in this section of Oklahoma.

Bud went to Denison, Texas once a year with several wagon loads of cotton. He returned with a year’s supply of sugar, salt, coffee and clothes. The sugar and coffee were in barrels. The coffee was green and they parched and ground it at home. They bought flavoring in sticks instead of by the bottle and they were hard to keep from the children.

The Young house was headquarters for the preachers. Adaline made a “fly scarer” out of newspaper strips attached to a string that stretched from one wall to the other over the table. The children took turns pulling the string to keep flies away when the adults were at dinner. The Youngs had ten children of which two passed away at an early age. They were:

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Laura   birth February 22, 1886   death September 7, 1887
Charles Reuben   birth March 16, 1904   death November 29, 1908

All of the children were born at the ranch house with a midwife or doctor present. They were enrolled on the Dawes Commission Rolls and given land allotments.

The oldest daughter, Belle, always rode to Berwyn after supplies needed for the ranch. She had to cross the Washita River and her horse always had to swim but she had no fear. She always rode on a sidesaddle wearing a long riding skirt which almost touched the ground. Adaline rode also and she always took the children with her. One rode in the front and two behind her.

Granville Young served eight years in the last Chickasaw Nation Senate prior to statehood. He was involved in political activities and ran successful agricultural, banking, and extensive stock operations. In 1904 he helped organize the First National Bank of Berwyn, OK, now Gene Autry, and served as President. He also served on the board of the First National Bank of Ardmore. He was the Carter County Commissioner for eight years from the first commissioner’s district and saw county valuations increase from $11,000,000 to $33,000,000. He was instrumental in building the first hard surface road in the county from Ardmore to the Murray County line which was christened “Young’s Trail.” He owned over 4,000 acres of land in the area. He was a top level in the Masons and Grand Conclave of Knights of Templar. Adaline Young was in the Eastern Star and she established the Busy Bee’s Club for Women in the area. She often would sing in her native language at the Club.

In Granville Young’s later years he was in a severe automobile accident that left his health impaired after a long stay in the hospital. It was thought that he never fully recovered from this misfortune. He returned to his home and they did everything possible to make him as comfortable as could be. He passed away at the Young residence in Berwyn on March 22, 1926.

Adaline Young died August 8, 1933. She was in her garden on a hot August day and some of the children heard her moaning and they quickly ran out to the garden. They moved her inside the house but she soon died of a heat stroke.

**Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement – The Young Community**

Not much is known about the Young Community, except what has been passed down through the generations of those that established the thriving little community. The community was one of many little towns and communities that dotted the main road between Sulphur and Dickson, Oklahoma about every five miles. When Granville W. “Bud” and Adaline Young settled in Indian Territory, made their homestead in what is now Section 15 of Carter County, and quickly started building. Their first house was a log cabin, then they built their grand ranch house. They also had an identical house built in Berwyn, all of which are no longer extant. This was start of the Young Community. Seven Sisters Hills Road is named for the seven Young sisters who lived in the hills seen in the surrounding Arbuckle Mountain range. Their large house was located across the road from there the Young’s Church stood and the cemetery is north of where
the church stood by about one-hundred yards. The church is no longer extant. The Young’s were very much in favor of education and Granville Young established the first Independent School in Carter County. He built the Young’s School where those in the surrounding area could get an education. Young’s School, Carter County School District No. 1, was established in 1909 for local children. The school building is also no longer extant. It was located down the road from the Young’s large ranch house. Bud Young personally financed the school until the school district took it over. A Young’s country store was located at the intersection of US Highway 177 and Seven Sisters Hills Road. In 1887, the Young Cemetery was established when Laura Young, the youngest daughter of Bud and Adaline died. She was the first interment in the cemetery and at only one-and-a-half years of age, she is also one of the youngest interned there. It can be inferred that the economy of the community focused on ranching, since that was and is what the area is known for and is further justified by the Young’s owning and operating a 4,000 acre ranch. In circa 1933, Charles Goddard of the Goddard Ranch bought almost all the land that once made up the Young Community and either burned or razed the buildings associated it the community. The descendants of the Young Family still live on their grandmother’s original allotment and now maintain the cemetery.

The Young Community was short lived, but in its roughly fifty-year existence, it served the needs of the Young Family and those of the other families in the vicinity. The area was populated by Chickasaw when they were relocated to Indian Territory and most of the people that are interned in the Young Cemetery are the original families of the Young Community and their descendants. It is the last remnant of this once thriving community.

**Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage: Native American**

The Young Cemetery is significant as one of the last remaining cemeteries in the rural area of Oklahoma which was settled by Chickasaws in Indian Territory prior to statehood. With the Removal of the Chickasaws from their homelands in 1837, they settled in Indian Territory Oklahoma, in the Chickasaw Nation. They created their own government and constitution and established their homesteads before statehood. The Young Cemetery dates back to over 130 years and is overseen and maintained through family donations by Bobby Newton, Chickasaw Rancher who still lives on his Grandmother’s Indian Allotment. There is a lot of family history of the Chickasaw descendants of Governor Colbert. Family heritage was passed down through generations and so much history is documented on the Governor. The following is from the Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol 18, No. 4 on Chickasaw Nation Governor Daugherty Winchester Colbert:

“The political affairs of the Chickasaws were closely interwoven with the Choctaws during those early formative days in the West. The treaty of January 17, 1837 at Doaksville created the Chickasaw District in the Choctaw Nation. The district under the provisions of the treaty of June 22, 1856 became the Chickasaw Nation and the separate political status of the Chickasaws were accomplished. Winchester Colbert was a directing hand in framing this treaty and had served as a member of the Choctaw council from the Chickasaw District but early became a strong advocate of the political
separation of his people from the Choctaws. He was a prominent member of the constitutional convention which framed the constitution for the newly created Chickasaw Nation, in August 18856 and served as a member of the first Chickasaw legislature.

In August, 1858, Winchester Colbert became the second governor of the Chickasaw Nation when he defeated Gov. Cyrus Harris who was running for reelection. Harris postponed a second consecutive term for Governor Colbert when he returned to the governorship in the fall of 1850, but Colbert again defeated Harris in August, 1862, and was reelected in the autumn of 1864. The two concluding terms of Governor Colbert covered the fateful years of the Civil War, from the fall of 1862 to the fall of 1866. Winchester Colbert was a signer of the treaty which, as a Chickasaw delegate he had aided in negotiating with Gen Albert Pike the representative of the Confederate States at North Fork, Creek Nation on July 12, 1861.”

An excerpt from The Chickasaw Times April 2019 states:

“1856 Constitution Reestablishes Chickasaw National Government. Responding to that sense of nationalism and the desires of Chickasaws to once again govern themselves, Winchester Colbert, Isaac Alberson and other Chickasaw leaders developed an approach that was ultimately effective in gaining federal support for separation from the Choctaw Nation.”

“In 1855, the United States, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation signed the Treaty of Washington which re-established the Chickasaw Nation’s separate government-to-government relationship with the United States. That treaty once again recognized the Chickasaw Nation as an independent entity, which was no longer part of the Choctaw Nation. It also established permanent jurisdictional boundaries between the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, while continuing certain shared legal rights with respect to the United States”.

Governor Winchester Colbert was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2008.

Like her grandfather, Governor Winchester Colbert, Adaline and her husband, Granville, were prominent and influential citizens in Indian Territory and early statehood days. Adaline Johnson Young was a granddaughter of three term early Chickasaw Nation Governor Daugherty Winchester Colbert, a distinguished member of the well-known Chickasaw Colbert family. She and her children were granted allotments, which became part of the Young Community and which part of is still owned and lived on by her descendants.

Education and maintaining their Chickasaw heritage was of utmost importance to the Young’s and as such, when their daughters were of age, they were sent to Bloomfield Indian School for Girls, which was destroyed by a fire in 1914 and moved to Ardmore in 1917, to further their education. They were very well educated and talented in music and readings which they performed in at the school.
The Young Cemetery marks the final resting place of some of the most influential Chickasaw citizens and family in the late 19th – early 20th century and is the only reminder of that influence.

**Criterion Consideration D: Cemetery**

The cemetery is the only existing resource associated with the Young Community. Established in the early 1880’s by Granville and Adaline Young, the community sprang up at the foot of the Arbuckle Mountains. The cemetery itself dates from 1887 with the first internment. That first internment was the youngest daughter of the Young’s, Laura. Since then, every one of the Young’s and their descendants have been laid to rest there. Additionally, other families who can trace their families back to Territorial days are also buried in the cemetery with most of them being Chickasaw. The period of significance is from 1887, the year of the earliest burial and establishment of the cemetery to circa 1933 when the Young Community ceased to exist. Though there have been some modern improvements, mainly to maintain the site, the cemetery retains its integrity of location, design, material, feeling, and association sufficient enough to convey it’s historic importance.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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___ designated a National Historic Landmark
___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #____________
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___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.19

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)
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UTM References
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☐ NAD 1927  or  ☐ NAD 1983

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

NE/4-SE NW-S/2 NE NW- Section 15, Township 3S, Range 3E
At the intersection of Settler Lane and Seven Sisters Hills Road, follow Seven Sisters Hills Road west for 2,351 feet; then proceed north for 61 feet to Point 7, which is the security gate and sign reading “YOUNG CEMETERY” (non-contributing resource). From this point, follow the gravel road in a north-northwesterly direction for approximately 708.5 feet to the Point of Beginning (Point 1) for the boundaries of the cemetery; then proceeding in a west-northwesterly direction for 117.3 feet to Point 2; then proceeding in a north-northwesterly direction for 196 feet to Point 3; then proceeding in a northeasterly direction for 157.7 feet to Point 4; then proceeding in a east-northeasterly direction for 218.4 feet to Point 5; then proceeding in a southeasterly direction for 211.6 feet to Point 6; then proceeding in a southwesterly direction for 263.6 feet back to the Point of Beginning (Point 1).

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These are the boundaries and point that encompass the extent of the cemetery and resources as defined by the fence and the jurisdiction of the Carter County Board of Commissioners.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Bobby Newton and Sara Werneke (OK/SHPO)
organization: ________________________________________
street & number: 1160 Seven Sisters Hills Road / 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive
city or town: Ardmore / Oklahoma City  state: OK / OK  zip code: 73401 / 73105
e-mail: working_cowboy@hotmail.com / swerneke@okhistory.org
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn’t need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

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- Modern Metal Boundary Fence
- Modern Metal Entry Gate
- Flag Pole
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Modern Metal Entry Gate and Sign
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Young's Summit School

Bud Young Tells of His School and of His Cattle on Feed.

Mr. W. (Bud) Young drifted into town yesterday from his ranch and farm, Young's Summit, and Bud as usual was bubbling over with all kinds of news and information. Bud is an old citizen of this section of the country, having settled here years ago before the advent of the railroads and he is an intermarried citizen. Bud is a big cattle man and farmer and at this time is carrying over the winter 1,000 head of cattle on long feed, 200 head of steers, and 500 head of stock cattle which he proposes to offer on the market in the spring. Bud is feeding his cattle on corn, cotton seed, and sorghum hay.

Although Mr. Young makes no display of it, and it was with difficulty that the information was secured, it was learned that he also keeps up a school on his place out of his own pocket and sees to the fact that all the children in that community attend the institution, and also employs a teacher. The employment of a teacher is not all, but he furnishes them with books also. Just at this time the school at Young's Summit has an enrollment of between 35 and 40 pupils, who are given the regular course in elementary education. The teacher is Mr. Young's daughter, a graduate of Moolfield Academy and Hargrove college of this city. Mr. Young made application to the federal authorities for some assistance in keeping up the school but was refused. This did not daunt him in the least because the school is still kept up and has been for the past two years at the expense of this one man. No child in that neighborhood is denied admission, but all are welcome.

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Grandma Adeline Johnson Young

Grandma was born the 36th of June 1864 in the Chickasaw Nation. She considered herself a full blood Chickasaw. Her father, George Johnson was born in Paduka, Kentucky and died in Benvana, Texas. Her mother, Lucy Bransford Colbert was the daughter of Daughtry "Winchester" Colbert. Winchester Colbert was governor of Chickasaw Nation from 1858–1866. For more information see article "Chickasaw Colberts".

Being the daughter of Chickasaw governor Great Grandma must have lived at least part of her life in Tishomingo, which was the capital of Chickasaw. She may have been born over there. Great Grandma had four children, two girls with George Johnson and two boys, Walter Strickland and Joseph Monroe Scally. Grandma’s sister was Aunt Susan.

The first home we actually know Grandma lived in was on the banks of one of the prettiest little creeks in Indian Territory. It was called Oil Creek because there was continuous seeping of oil from its rocky banks. It was well known because of the large falls and the deep swimming hole at the bottom of the falls. On the west bank of the falls was a high rocky bluff that had a few shallow caves. The east bank was a flat grassy campground. Parts of the falls were gentle enough so that people could slide down them. Other parts of the falls were very high and dangerous. I’ll bet Grandma and her brothers and sisters and everyone of my cousins have at least one tale to tell about camping over there, swimming over there. See the archeology section of this book for my memories near the falls on the east side of the creek there was an old Indian burial ground. Some day I’d like to find that cemetery, there might be relatives’ gravestones still there, however it isn’t very likely because rocks around that area (I think) were pretty soft and they probably have weathered away. As an millionaire, Charles E. Goddard, around the early 1930’s bought nearly all of the land around Oil Creek. His son Bobby Goddard inherited and damned up the creek making a huge lake. Some say you can still see part of the falls depending on the water level of the lake.

The Chickasaws have always put great value on education. Many of those who came to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears were able to speak and write English plus their own Chickasaw language. I don’t think we say we were all sent away to Choctaw school because they were better than our Chickasaw schools. Grandma and Grandpa also made sure all their children had the finest education available.

See article on Grandpa for the story of their meeting. At the time Grandma was 20, Grandpa 36. Their first home was only 3 miles west

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