APPENDIX A

From the field

Legendary 'Healing Rock' remains mystical to many

by Greg Bersche
Skiatook Lake Ranger

The history that lies below Skiatook Lake's dark surface can be easily forgotten.

However, through the efforts of those people who once walked through these valleys, the reflections of yesterday need not be lost forever.

One such man is Bill Kugee Supernaw, local resident and Quapaw Indian. That bit of history that he has helped keep alive is the legendary Healing Rock. Supernaw remembers visiting what was then called the Tepee Rock at the age of 14 as he was hunting the Hominy Creek bottoms.

This legendary rock stands 12 feet high, has a 17-foot base, and is 14-16 inches thick. It is triangular in shape with its jagged apex pointing upward to the heavens.

Through the efforts of Supernaw and others, this curious rock escaped the waters of the lake when it was relocated to higher ground in 1986 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which moved features of historical interest that the lake would cover. Learning of this concern, Supernaw contacted the Corps of Engineers who had an archaeologist study the Healing Rock.

Many local residents today speak of the Native American people of long ago believing in the rock's ability to heal the sick and injured. It is believed today by many that these people brought their ailing to this rock and left them there to be healed.

And, then there was the famed prophet John "Moonhead" Wilson who supposedly laid injured near the rock and was brought back to health by an opossum which cleaned his wounds and brought him food. And as late as the 1940s, a small group of Indians was seen carrying someone on a stretcher to the Healing Rock.

But, what is really known about the rock and its history? How did it get there, and what historical significance does it truly have?

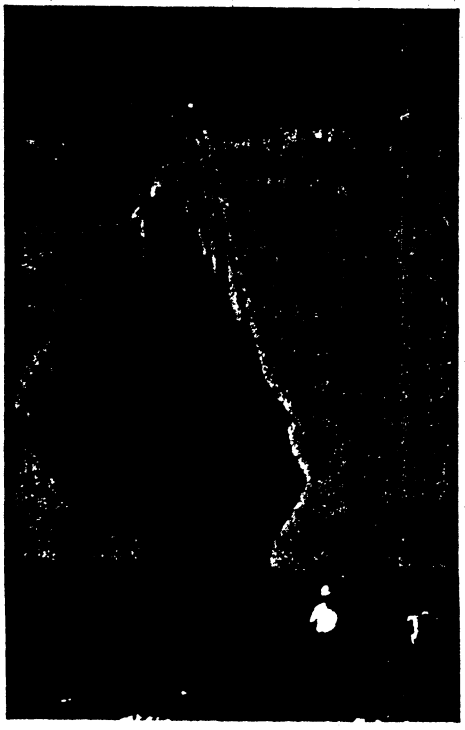
Supernaw says that the story begins in the period of 1890-1900. His great-grandfather, a Quapaw Indian named Tall Chief, lived approximately one mile from the Healing Rock. It was Tall Chief who brought the first Native American Church to the Osage people in this area.

This was at the time when the Quapaws moved to this area from around what is now Miami, Okla. The first Native American Church gatherings were in the area of the Healing Rock. Supernaw states that the rock is significant for its proximity to this early church site and was always recognized as a unique physical feature. He also states that the rock today serves as a monument to all those families who live in this area.

But what about its healing powers? He states that the archaeologist who studied the rock found no evidence that it was formed or erected by early man. Instead, a natural erosion process left the rock standing erect.

The smaller rocks which surrounded the Healing Rock in circular fashion were also concluded to have been of natural formation. Excavation around the Healing Rock revealed no trace of prehistoric activity associated with the rock. Supernaw says that many people chose to ignore the archaeologists' findings and to continue to believe in the rock's mystical healing powers.

The Healing Rock is located south of the Corps of Engineers project office on Skiatook Lake. The Corps has built an access trail from the office to this unique natural feature.



Healing Rock was lifted from its original site in 1986 and relocated near the project office. Just this winter, a path was built out to the rock to make it more accessible to visitors.

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Dr. Bob Blackburn
State Historic Preservation Officer
Oklahoma Historical Society
2704 Villa Prom, Shepherd Mall
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, concerning the lease and proposed development of approximately 550 acres in Osage County, Oklahoma.

As described in the enclosed report by Dr. Donald Henry of the University of Tulsa, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received an application from the Skiatook Economic Development Authority (SEDA) for a lease and proposed development of approximately 550 acres in portions of Sections 2, 3, and 4, T21N R11E and Sections 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36, T22N R11E in Osage County, Oklahoma. Activities that may occur within the proposed lease area include construction of a golf course, cabins, conference center, RV and other camping areas, a marina, and an interpretative hiking trail. The proposed project is located on lands administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Skiatook Lake.

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Because no archeological sites were located within the proposed project area and consultation with potentially affected Native American tribes has not revealed any concerns about the proposed lease and development, we feel that the lease and proposed development of the project area to SEDA will have "no adverse effect" on cultural resources in the proposed project area. We request your comment on our opinion of effect regarding this project.

Thank you for your help with this request. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Louis Vogele, Archeologist, at 918-669-4934.

Sincerely,

for Larry D. Hogue, P.E.
Chief, Planning, Environmental and
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Comanche Tribal Business Committee
HC 32 Box 1720
Lawton, OK 73502

Dear Sirs:

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Mr. Sherman Chaddlestone
Cultural Resource Management
Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, OK 73015

Dear Mr. Chaddlestone:

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Dr. Robert Brooks
State Archeologist
Oklahoma Archeological Survey
111 East Chesapeake
Norman, OK 73019-0575

Dear Dr. Brooks:

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Mr. Anthony Whitehorn
Cultural Resource Management
Osage Nation of Oklahoma
627 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Dear Mr. Whitehorn:

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Ms. Carrie Wilson
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

Dear Ms. Wilson:

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Mr. Gary McAdams, President
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005

Dear Mr. McAdams:

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Mr. Everett Waller
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Oklahoma Archeological Survey
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

July 5, 2002

Larry D. Hogue, P.E.
Chief, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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1645 S. 101 East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74128-4609

Re: Proposed recreational development (e.g.,marine, golf course, cabins, conference center, hiking trail), state source L.L.C. at Skiatook Lake. Legal Description: portions of Sections 2-4 T21N R11E and Sections 25-27, 35, 36 T22N R11E, Osage County, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Hogue:

A cultural resources report of investigations has been received by this agency on the above referenced project. This agency confirms the recommendations contained in the report. The review was conducted in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Please contact this office at (405) 325-7211 if buried archaeological materials such as chipped stone tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass, metal items, or building materials are exposed during construction activities.

In addition to our comment on the cultural resource inventory conducted for this project, the appropriate Native American tribe/groups should be consulted for any concerns they may have pertaining to this report.

Sincerely,

Mary Duncan

for Robert L. Brooks
State Archaeologist

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cc: SHPO
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