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Historic Spots

into the coffin, doubtless stimulated by the stories of buried treasure. Marble head and foot stones mark the spot. The head



THE GRAVE OF NE-CON-HE-CON.

Photo taken by E. F. Heisler after vandals had removed the coffin from the grave.

stone has been broken but the inscription can still be deciphered. It reads:

In memory of
Capt. Ne-Con-He-Con
Born, January, 1809
Died, May, 1863

Was elected Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oct. 1853
He was a true friend to his people and to the U. S. Government
An honest upright man

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HISTORIC SPOTS OR MILE-STONES IN THE PROGRESS OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY,
KANSAS by Grant W. Harrington @1935

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ARTICLE VII.

1. It shall be lawful for any person before his or her death to make a will and thereby dispose of his or her property as he or she may desire.

2. If a man die leaving no will to show the disposal of his property, and leave a widow and children, one-fourth of all his property shall be set aside for the payment of his debts. Should the property set aside be insufficient to pay all his debts in full, it shall be divided away among his creditors pro rata, which pro rata payment shall be received by his creditors in full satisfaction of all claims and demands whatever.

3. If the property so set apart for the payment of debt is more than sufficient to pay all debts, the remainder shall be equally divided among the children.

4. The widow shall be entitled to one-third of the property not set aside for the payment of debts, and the remainder shall be equally divided among the children.

5. If a man die leaving no widow and children his debts shall first be paid out of the proceeds of his personal property, and the remainder, if any, with the real estate shall be given to the nearest relative.

6. Whoever shall take or receive any portion of the property belonging to the widows and orphans shall be punished as if he had stolen the property.

7. The council shall appoint guardians for orphan children when they deem it expedient so to do.

ARTICLE VIII

1. If a white man marry a member of the nation, and accumulate property by such marriage, said property shall belong to his wife and children, nor shall he be allowed to remove any portion of such property beyond the limits of the reserve.

2. Should such white man die in the nation, having no children, all his property shall belong to his wife after paying his debts.

3. Should such white man lose his wife and have no children, one half of his personal property shall belong to him, and the other half shall belong to his wife's nearest relatives.

4. Should such white man be expelled from the reserve, and the wife choose to follow her husband, she shall forfeit all her right and interest in the reserve.

ARTICLE IX.

1. No member of the nation shall lease any ground to persons not members of the nation.

2. Should a white man seek employment from any member of the nation he shall first give his name to the United States agent, and furnish him with a certificate of good moral character, and also a statement of the time for which he is employed and the name of his employer.

3. The employer shall pay all hired help according to the agreement. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of these laws on the reserve shall be punished as therein provided.

4. All white men on the reserve disregarding these laws shall also be expelled from the reserve.

ARTICLE X.

1. Whoever shall forcibly compel any woman to commit adultery, or who shall commit rape upon a woman, shall for the first offence be fined the sum of fifty dollars and be imprisoned in jail for thirty-five days. For the second offence he shall be fined one hundred dollars and be confined three months in the national jail, and for the third offence he shall be punished as the court shall see proper.

About a quarter of a mile to the southwest of the Council House one of the tribal cemeteries was located. Old settlers recall that many burials were made in this plot but the grass now covers the place and the only grave that can now be located is that of Ne-Con-He-Con, one of the tribal chiefs. He was buried in a metallic coffin. Twice vandals opened the grave and broke

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