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Interview with George Harris.

My name is George Harris. I was born in Newaygo County, Michigan, in 1873, and moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1892 and remained there until 1911, when I came to Cache, Oklahoma, where I have operated a mercantile establishment ever since.

I am dealing with Comanche Indians every day and have tried to do everything I could to better their condition and teach them the right way of living. I am a member of the Christian Church, a member of the county central committee of the Republican Party of Oklahoma, member of town board and school board, President of the chamber of commerce, postmaster of Cache for ten years.

I have dealt with the Indians twenty-three years and they seem to like me and continue to trade with me. I try to be honest with them and that is one reason I think I get their trade.

I am a good friend of Laura Birdsong and A. C. Birdsong; Laura Birdsong is the daughter of Quanah Parker, Comanche Chief. I am a good friend of Reverend

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A. C. Becker at the Post Oak Mission. I am a brother of the noted writer Jennie Harris Oliver of Fallis, Oklahoma.

I still run a store at Cache, and am still trying to teach the Indians the proper manner in which to live both religiously and morally.