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GEORGE PERRYMAN, PIONEER PEACE MAKER AND MERCHANT,

FULL BLOOD CREEK, FRIEND TO WHITES AND INDIANS

George D. Perryman, a full blood Creek Indian, was a friend of the white man and a father to all the Indians. They came for miles around to get his advice and have him settle their disputes, which were numerous and heated in those days. His wise and friendly council prevented many shooting scrapes and made enemies into friends.

George's father, Louis, ran a store on a creek at the intersection of what is now Eleventh and Algin Streets, Tulsa. George worked in this store when a young man and told many amusing stories of the pioneer and Indian methods of trading. He said when he weighed groceries for the Osages they would always say, "Pile em up big."

When George grew older, he opened a store of his own, down on the Arkansas River just below the Frisco Railroad bridge and near the ford. This was known as the Reed-Perryman Store. Later they sold out to R.N. Bynum, who moved to the corner of First and Main Streets. Bynum stayed in business

fifteen years, when he sold out to the Treas Brothers. They moved to Third and Main Streets and after running the store several years, sold to Crawford, who in turn sold to the Harlow Mercantile Company, who later sold to Halliburton-Abbott.

During the years of changing from one owner to another, the store had grown steadily and when Halliburton-Abbott became owner and finally moved into their beautiful building at the corner of Fifth and Boulder Streets, Tulsa, it had become one of the finest and most modern stores in the entire southwest.

And so is traced the history of one of Tulsa's first stores, finding that today the place known as Sears-Halliburton, is really a direct descendant of that original trading post.