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Perryville, a town that is now forgotten by the average person, was located about three and one-half miles south of the present town of McAlester. This town, at one time an important stage stop and Military outpost of the Confederates, was located on the Military Road that ran between Fort Smith and Fort Arbuckle. It was founded by a full blood Choctaw Indian, Eli Perry, who, through his holdings, amassed quite a fortune before his death in the early days of the Civil War. He was buried near the town and a pile of stones marks the location of his grave. This town consisted of a post office, inn, several stores, a Government blacksmith shop, log school, a small courthouse, a few private homes and some log buildings that were used for housing the soldiers.