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An Interview with Robert Butler,
1124 Wood St, Muskogee.

Horace H. Green was born December 26, 1858, and was a son of Paris Green, a cattleman who had settled in Texas ten years earlier. Paris Green was born in North Carolina but was reared in Tennessee in the vicinity of Nashville. He was a man of more than ordinary education for his day and locality, and his knowledge was gained through his own efforts. He studied his books at night by candle.

Paris Green married a daughter of Andrew Jackson of the same family as Old Hickory of historical fame, and she died at Miami in 1884.

Horace H. Green received his education in subscription schools in Cincinnati, Arkansas. During the time he was attending school he would raise a small crop in the summer near the edge of town.

While a boy he began learning the trade of a shoemaker, and established a shop in Cincinnati. He had a nice business here for almost a year, then moved his shop to Tahlequah. About six years later he added a

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nice stock of shoes to his shop and did a nice retail shoe business, Later he added dry goods, groceries, and notions and in a few years he had one of the largest general merchandise stores in that vicinity.

Mr. Green married Miss Mary Merton, a Cherokee, and a niece of Zeke Proctor, who was a well known character in the Cherokee Nation until his death, in 1906. To this union were born four children, Harden H. Jr., Bertha, Marguerite and Irma.

Mr. Green was one of the oldest merchants in Tahlequah and opened up the first shoe shop there, in 1886.