The records at the Court House, El Reno, January 13, 1921 showed that David E. George paid J. Davis ~~$315.00~~ 350.00 through a real estate man by the name of Vanness and gave Davis a mortgage for $350.00, or $700 altogether in payment for the place at 107 S. Macomb Street, the cottage to which Mr. Bates refers as having cost $3500. The deed and mortgage were dated February 25, 1902 and the mortgage is in the book of mortgages #18, page 377 of February 28, 1902. D. E. George to John J. Davis, mortgage $350.00, for two years, released May 10, 1902 by payment. Book 1 of releases, page 450. The signature of D. E. George is the same as on check and on letter and wills.

There is then a second mortgage, book 18, page 484 of book of mortgages, D. E. George to Leo A. Berry . (Berry was a real estate man and had money to loan) This mortgage was made May 7, 1902 for $500.00 payable two years from date. This was released November 17, 1902. There is then a deed, David E. George, to J. W. Simmons, July 3, 1902 for this cottage, the consideration being $1000.00. George had himself painted and fixed the place up after he bought it and ~~consequently~~ as a result made $300.00 gross on the deal.

Since this is the only real estate deal of record in the El Reno Canadian County and the only one the El Reno people interviewed ever heard about, there can be no doubt that the thirty-five hundred dollar cottage is just another fiction of Mr Bates'

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