STENOGRAPHERS'

NOTE BOOK



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Mrs A-
1902 - Bd & Room 5-00 week
Same husband would not have loaned George over $10.00 on the security - but Not for a business man - Also they didn't have much themselves then -

George Eyes either dark Blue or Brown -

Don't remember him taking part in amateur play - might have done so -

Bats brought in - him type Not instantly recognized but after Mrs A agreed that it looked like George Young and looked younger - no pictures here that I remember -

Kennesaw Okla
Jan 12, 1921.

Geo A Clark - Post-Master - Man about 50 yrs old - Born in Mich. Came Spring of 1892 - Came from Grand Rapids - fine appearance very intelligent man - Says he remembers D. E. George, the house painter quite well as a rather handy man about 50 - with long Mustache and Chin Whiskers - Clark was in Restaurant, Candy

and cigar business
1895 or - and George
occasionally at
in his place - Clark
was also connected
with the Post Office
at that Time - His
place of business was
in same room -
Says he is fairly Certain
that no large remittances
ever Came for George
at that time he was
in Hennessey at least
by Money order -
Says he knows Nothing

re George betting much
money on any fleation
and that if he did
the amounts would
be very small - Says
there was some talk
about George offering
to bet Dick Binding
(now dead) $100.00 but
is pretty sure the bet
was never made -
Says Eugene McCaulcay
was a boy 16 or 17 at
the time and that $10.00
would have been a
fortune to him -
Says that he says

George a good many times, but was never intimate with him. Nor was anyone else here as he can remember.

George roomed at the Carbine Hotel - which went out of business years ago - don't know what became of people who ran it -

George never displayed a great amount of money. Had very little in fact - Usually got drunk when he earned enough to get booze -

Clark was quite active in local politics during that period and would know if any large betting was done.

Clark remembers George as a tall man, well built with grayish hair and a dark mustach and goatee - Says he thought the color was sandy and gray.

Says George panned a house for two years

ago last fall — Tried date for he moved into house on his daughter's 1st birthday and she was 21 last fall — George left here soon after that — He does not know whether he went to Enid or El Reno first. Says he thinks George was a good painter on outside work. The job was not taken by George but by W. C. Ball who employed him. Ball did the inside work.

George talked a lot to himself while working and recited poetry — Clark says there were few people here who would know whether it was Bill Shakespear or Bill Bryan he was reading from. Said George appeared educated and refined in comparison for few in those days thought of poetry here.

Says George was always neatly dressed

and clean altho his clothes were rather old and of poor quality.

Says George might have acted as pals Contracts and employed boys as McConkey says but it wasn't generally known of so.

No one knows where Ball is now left here years ago. Thinks he is dead.

Clark doesn't think George was over 50 yrs old.

Clark says P.O.M.O. records are all destroyed after 5 yrs.

Does not know just when George came but he was here at least two or three years.

He was never known as "Dad" Ryan here, no other name than George.

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was considered as a

little of by people
here [illegible]

Worked fairly steady
painting, but was
drunk a lot -

Had no particular
friends or chums
Saw him here one
time with a "detective"
by name of "Pappy" who
ran a saloon in El Reno.

Never took part in
any plays or doings
in town

Clark is a K.P.
Said George told
him that he was

a K.P. but could
not go to lodge, since
he was behind in
his dues - Never
made himself known
as a K.P.

No one here that was
in Banking business
at that time -

Doesn't believe that
he was Booth. Days
opinion here in 1903
was that Enid wanted
a little excitement -

F.W. Beach left
years ago and is
some place in Washington

showed Clark tintype
He said it didn't
look much like
George - about same
shape face and same
type mustache - and
could be him much
younger.

F. A. Drinkler

Druggist - Wall paper -
Paints.

David George worked
for W. C. Ball who took
painting contracts -
George occasionally
did jobs on own book
but very few - bought
very little paint and
what he did he paid
for cash - (got out
old account book -
showed last paint
bought by Ball was
Oct 1901 - left owing
$9.62½ - would like to

fund him.

George bought dye for mustache and hair.

George was drunk about half the time. Not a first class painter.

He loafed around the store quite often. Was always quiet. He was considered as a character who was very odd.

Never had any great amount of money. Would hang around a saloon and would be given drinks by others. Never heard of him getting remittances. George talked with a Southern dialect.

Never believed he was Booth. Considered him too young. 45 & 50. Could not have been over 55.

Never noticed him limp. Never mentioned Lincoln or Booth that I ever heard. Showed him tin type

Could be him. His eyes were sleepier ~~over~~ sharp like in picture.

He could live here on about nothing 20 yrs ago.

Remembers he could see the little gray where Mustach would grow out when he came for dye.

His type of hair combing and long mustache was the thing for lots of men down here in 90's. No Ryan

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J. A. Felt was Postmaster 1898 - Now dead

"Doc" Taylor - Cattle Buyer - Remembers a crazy painter here thinks his name was George - all that is definite.

Lee M. Gray atty - Remembers George as a painter around town about twenty years ago - "He was

an odd fellows and
a little off -
Tintype - would
dout'less look like
him if it had
a beard and was
of him 25 or 30 years
older - Does not
remember of any
betting on elections -
by George - no very
big betting ever done
here by anybody -
$100.00 would have
been a pretty big
election bet before
the Country struck
Oil - " No Dad Ryan

Chas Pepin - Cashier
1st Nat'l Bank
never heard of a
Painter by name of
Ryan - remembers
D. George. He
never had any Money
never would be able
to find anything in
old Bank records
that far back unless
a dynite date Could
be given. No Election
bets by George ever
heard of. George

Most a little Off.
Mandlin drunk half
the time.

O.B. Kidney — just
an old man around
town. Remembers
seeing George around
the saloons and
knew that he painted
horses — was drunk
a lot.

Fred Ehlers. Dry goods,
clothing.
Was up to see Mummy
at Enid several times
Always noticed old
Man for he was very
odd. Loafed around
Dinklers store quite a
lot in the evening
Would recite poetry
to sely — especially when
about holy drunk.
He seemed to prefer
Hamlet — was about
45 to 50 — might have
been older but doubt
it.

Don't remember ever seeing him limp - Think he sported Mustache -

No doubt about the body at Pawnee being same fellow - Showed Tintype - looked like features - but he remembered George here as a man with a fuller face - Mo Ryan

S. A. Snyder at P.O. lived 6 miles in Country - Saw George around saloons - Saw body at Enid - Same Man never heard of Ryan

Fred Humphrey was a painter here and would know George well - Has a paint shop at Lawton, Okla was here a few days ago and at present is at Hot Springs -

Editor of "Clipper" While George was here - C. H. Miller 1127 South Market Wichita, Kansas.

Geo Baldwin - was
a painter here Must
have known George
Weld - Now lives in
Wichita - His
Bro-in-law is Stevens
of Stevens Grain Co
Wichita. also
knows Baldwin by Bert Barr
Grain Man - own big
Mill Wichita.

Leo Binding - about 33 Son of Dick
Binding. Never remembers
hearing father say anything
about any bet with George
Doubts it.

John N Jones
Dry Goods Merchant.
Was next Postmaster
after Felt - Never
heard of remittances
Heard Bone tell of
a bet thinks it was
for $100.00 between George
and Dick Binding
Thinks it was just
talk. Never was
intimate with George
no one else was.
George quoted Shakespeare
When drunk - Considered
more on classics than
most here

El Reno -

Austine Hotel

219 E. Woodson

Austine

Mrs Mary

Frank Austine and father both dead - Hotel is now run by Frank Austines wife who remembers George Wolf - B. B. Brown Came to El Reno and clerked at Austine Hotel for 6 or 7 years after 1903 - Left here about 8 years ago for Hope Arkansas - Very peculiar man was past 60 - Poor health

She heard from him about
5 years ago – (Perry said
he heard he was dead)
Mrs Anslee says Brown
firmly believed George
was J.W.B. says she
does not remember
Brown ever paying that
George confessed when
he was dying.

Elder Anslee dead 16 yrs 1904
Frank dead 11 yrs.

Laura Ida Booth
here about 8 yrs ago
Mrs S. Cut out

George's name from
the old register and
gave it to her also
an old whiskey flask
which had belonged to
him – Mrs A took
Laura Ida Booth over
to the cottage – and
to hotel – to the room
occupied by George – L.D.S.
sat down on bed and
wept – "father oh poor father"
She L.D.S. was quite careful
to inquire about
the stories re property
supposed to belong to
George – asked Mrs A
what she meant re estate.

Mrs A Pays George
was drunk a lot and
Considered a nuisance
by her husband
Once when drunk
George said "Mrs Austin
I killed the best man
that ever lived" at
another time he said
"I wish you could see
the pictures I painted
in Jerusalem."
One time he did some
painting in Yukon,
a Squaw town 15 miles
East of El Reno While
there he courted a
young girl 16 or 17 living with
her aunt & Uncle
who were rather old
people - He was staying
the Aunt & Uncles house -
He told them (aunt & Uncle)
that he had plenty of
money and would make
a fine home for a wife
and wanted to get
married - The Uncle
and aunt took him
seriously - They came
down to El Reno with
the girl and asked
for Mr George at

the hotel - and told
Mrs A that the
girl and Mr George
were engaged - Mrs A
took them over to
the Cottage Annex -
George was scared
frantic and begged
Mrs A to play with
him - He said he
had been just joking.
The Uncle & aunt got
terribly mad and
threatened to sue
George for "Breach
of Promise"
but recorded.

He said to Mrs A
one time - "All you
a Southern Woman,"
then asked "Can you
keep a secret?" She
replied - "Did you ever
see a woman who
could?" George. "I'm
going to tell you something
some day." She never
took him seriously
since he was drunk
so much and was
that to be a little off -
She would judge him
to be 60 yrs old -
Darkened mustache

and hair - She saw the dyes in his room.

Mrs A ——

Does not remember that George borrowed money from husband -

Says husband was nervous and would feel humiliated when George got drunk around hotel - where he would try to ~~[illegible]~~ be quite dramatic

Mrs A remembers Geo Smith, he was called "Progress" Smith - had clothing and shoe store - "Progress Store"

Smith's wife was quite friendly & George came over & see him when he was sick a couple times. and had him at their (Smith) house - Mrs A has idea that George might be Mrs Smith's father - (no reason for thinking so)

Smiths were here only a year or two. Mrs Smith was a large woman than husband

and was quite handsome
He was medium size
very much dressed
and had lots of life
Don't think he had
a Mustache -
Smith 30 & 35 - She about
30.

George must have
lived at hotel a
year at least -

George had no "Chums"
Showed Tintype - Mrs
Austin says that it
looks some like
him, That George's
hair was thinner
and his face fuller
Mrs Austin says
that George was always
saying to young girls,
"You are my girl or
this one is my girl."
"Got quite a case
on woman who became
Mrs Harper."
Never said anything
re life in Mississippi
or Texas that She
can Remember -
Was very Southern, had
quite a musical voice
and a Southern drawl.
Painted quite shadily

during time he lived
in El Paso - owned
the 3 cottages north
of Hotel which are
used as annexes:
and superintended
painting of Hotel -
always paid Hotel
Bills - never pass
him with any large
amounts of money
or large bills - would
have been troublesome
if he had tried to
change any or paid
Bills with large bank
Notes -

Mr C. E. Perry - lived
in El Reno at time.
was in Furniture
Business. Remembers
George as a drunken
painter - Heard him
mumbling to self
but never heard of
any revelations but
was rather dramatic
in the way he talked
principles - Thinks
Tantyra looks some
like him, Face was
not as pucked."
Perry knew "Prof"

George E Smith quite
well - Smith and
he were both charter
members of the El Reno
Elks and went
together to Denver when
Grand Lodge met
there - Says Smith
went to some place
in Iowa, don't know
town -
Perry says that at
that time he was also
a K. P. and knows
that George never
attended or said anything
about being a K.P.

Mr Perry says his father, now dead, was living here during the time George was here and after he died. The elder Mr Perry had lived in Boston when he was young and had seen John Wilkes Booth play several times and had seen him on the street and at the hotel where he stayed. The elder Perry that the George story was an awful big joke. Said the (George) was nothing like Wilkes Booth.

The elder Mr Perry was in the Undertaking business in El Reno Died in 1908.

Mr. Kossenhaschen, present Clerk at Ulstine Hotel - lived at hotel when George died. Says he used to laugh at the old man when he was drunk - That he talked to himself a lot - That Tarlton student took much like Geo George.

El Reno C. R. Miller - Druggist
Paints

Sold paint to George
for a couple years
and kept for Thurstadt
and Hoar - George
left here owing him
over $40.00 for paint -
Bought a lot of it
during a period of
about two years -
Considered him
fair pay - Old
account Books
destroyed -

Mr Butler owned
for a number of
years the Cottage
which George
bought from John
J Davis at 107
South Mc Court St -
Lot 18 & 19 Block 92 -
George paid Davis
$350.00 thru Van Ness
the real Estate man
who handled the
deal and gave
Davis a Mortgage
for $350.00 -
at ~~Court House~~ El Reno 11/13/21
Deed and Mortgage
Deed - dated Feb 25, 1902
Book of Mortgages #18
Page 377 - Feb 28, 1902
D.E. George to John J Davis

Mortgage $350.00 - for 2 yrs.
Released May 10, 1902
By Payment. Book 1 of
Releases - Page 450 -
Signature of D.E. George
Same as on Check

2nd Mortgage -
Book 18 page 484
D.E. George to Leo Berry -
(Berry a real-estate and
Money & loan man - (Now
dead)
Made May 7, 1902
for $500.00 payable
2 yrs from date
Released Nov. 17, 1902

Deed - Same sig
David E. George to
J.W. Simmons
July 3rd 1902
for $1000.00 George
painted and fixed
place up after he
bought it. Miller
sold him the paint
for the house - Miller
went by the house
one day while George
was working on it
and stopped in
and talked to George.

Miller says
George lived with
Simmons a while
in the house. He
drank a lot - loafed
around the store
but not of him when
under influence of
booze - Never intimated
that, Miller, ever heard
that he was other than
George except the men
& Mrs Harper - Who
at that time was
a widow who was
a friend of the Simmons
Miller thinks Mrs.
Harper exaggerated
the confessions a
lot - Says she was
that sort of woman.

Miller says that
it was funny, but
while George was
here, he was known
only as an old drunken
painter but that
as soon as story
got around that
he was Booth - all
the hens were telling
how he got to
Shakespeare and
how dramatic he

was. Says all of them knew there was "something different about old Man George"

Miller says although George paid his bills fairly well—he was always hard up and never had any money. Said he paid bills because he knew if he didn't, he couldn't get more paint.

Miller Said George was just an ordinary painter — not good not bad.

Never heard of any accusations George made. Mumbled to himself when drunk.

Miller says that George came in once and said he was going back home. To some place in Arkansas. Some time later he came in and told Miller that while he was gone he (George) had attended a nigger wedding

of Some Suggests that I knew him!

Said "Niggers" had a preacher come out from Little Rock for there was no preacher good enough for them in the little town.

Says that George was just ordinary neat - never slouchy

Would get morose spells and hardly talk at all.

Kenfoot Hotel
Old records destroyed.

Henry Schafer owns ranch near Amarillo, Tex.
was a saloon keeper here - got name "Pappy". as Pabst agent.

Bellamy - El Reno Slick Bank - dead.

Miller says Tintype does not look much

like George - Not
same eyes and forhead
There is some resemblance
Would never recognize
him from it - Same
type of mustache -
Eyes never as alert -
Dressed somewhat
in same style - Walking
unusual down here.
Showed Miller J.W.B.
Magazine picture -
Says that never was
George - Says George
had a pointed chin
and that the nose
and eyes were altogether
different - Mustache
only thing alike -

Miller don't remember
relatives he went to
see in Arkansas -

H.C. Risse - Jeweler
had place in store
with Miller - Knew
George - Says this type
might be George when
younger - but that
J.W.B. picture was
never George at
any age - also

says George had
more porkd Chops

1/13/21 W. J. Finch - Real
Estate - Loans -
Was connected with
the Guarantee Bank
which was taken over
by El Reno State Bank
shortly after the Guarantee
Bank organized - never
saw George in Bank
altho he knew him
quite well by
sight -
Finch was a close
friend of Geo E Smith
who wrote to him
a couple times after
he left here - Says
he remembers rightly,
the letters came from
Waterloo, Iowa and
that Smith was hoping
for some Shoe trade
Says he remembers
when Smith came
down here after George
killed himself - Told
Finch that George
had left him his
estate and he was
looking it up - Said

he was going to buy
the old man -
Says Smith was
40 & 45 when here
Says Smith came
from Waterloo he
says sure - was
here about two years.
Says he and Smith
were both charter
members of the Elks.
And that on the
night Smith came
back he set them
up to all the
boys at the Elks
Bar several times
on the strength of the
estate he was going
to get.

Found C. A. VanEss.
was in Real Estate
and Insurance
Business left here
about 8 yrs ago
rather hurriedly. Would
be awful glad if
I could find him
VanEss - that he had
skipped with $30,000.00 or $40,000.00
belonging to various
Eb Reno people.

Van Ess was a Notary
& handled deal
for J. J. Davis.

Mrs Bear—
Living with Son
Frank Who is with
Carter Oil Co, Tulsa
Okla

Frank Myers—
Real Estate & Insurance
& Notary—
Been here for 40 yrs.

Says he remembers
George quite well
and that an old
fellow who lived
alone in a little hut
loaned George some
money once and
they came out & him
to fix up the note—
Says he can't remember
the amount but

that it wasn't large
Says he don't remember
old fellow's name
but everyone called
him "Possum" Finds
old man must be
dead - was quite old.
Hasn't seen him for
years.
Says after that
George came into
his office five
or six times and
talked for quite
awhile about
his property -

Myers paid no
particular attention
to what he said
Saw him many
times on street.

Turner he is same
Man as Intype but
wouldn't be sure -
Hair looks thinner
No, not at all
like Jones picture.

Says he had not great
look of intelligence
actor added, was a
fair talker. People

he saw him on
street well at night
were Saloon Bums.
Remembers Geo Smith
by "Progers" store
Bowled with him
a thousand times
never had a mustache
here. Was a pretty
smooth fellows and
had lots of "Pep"
was a business
getter. Was around
saloons a lot and
always selling them
up to the boys
He was the sort
of fellow that gets
business by making
the "rounds" Was
quite liberal about
loaning money &
always looking for
the "grand chance
to get rich."
Elks organized
Dec 8 1902. Was
also a Member with
"Prog" Remembers
he came back
not long after he
left here and was
treating the boys

didn't hear him say just what he was back for.

Myers. Say George was always neat but poorly dressed. Hands were large and rough. Said once that he came from Texas.

1/13/24

Oklahoma City

Tom F. Hensley ~~Capital~~ was Editor of Democrat 1901, 2, 3 or. Now a State Senator.

Hasn't seen him out at present. Knew George quite well - advertised in paper for awhile. Slow pay. Ads dropped out since Hensley did not expect he be paid for it and knew that was known all over town as a painter.

George Canon and
Hooked- was quite
insulted about it-
Ed was replaced for
a short time-
(could not find it in
1903 files of Paper)
Our Conversation drifted
to the Civil War and
Mrs Surratt- only
time George ever
appeared dramatic
and displayed any
special intelligence
Said that Mrs
Surratt had been
murdered.

Hem- says George
was a Southerner and
a staunch democrat
but did not take part
in any political Meetings

The above was the only
time Hensley ever saw
him Stuck any dramatic
poses- Thought he was
partly drunk and just
raving.

~~Says~~ George was
a lonesome fellow
only when drinking.
Other times very quiet

Says Twitty pe look some like George- Jute a little -

Says he was Cansidered just as a drunken bum and painter around El Reno - town of 3 or 4 ~~M~~ -

Type of down and out not pairicularly polished - never heard him quote Shakespear - never any amount of money -

Grant this paper went West some place don't know where long time ago -

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Brown published at little paper-up at Piedmont for awhile after leaving El Reno - soon after 1903 - Was quite old then and that was the reason Hensley let him go - Heard that he had left Piedmont and gone up to some little town near Chicago -

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(Hensley is 69 - Said he was 89 - Inclined to get maxed up.)

Laura dba Booth
wrote letter from Nyc
to Hensely claiming
George was her father.
Hensley got a letter
about same time from
Laura & dau's brother
about same time -
Writes from Arkansas
said there had'nt been
time for them to Communicate
Says both tells same story
Impressed Hensley as
proving that George was
J.W.B.

may be able to find letter
at Home El Reno

Hensely wrote brother
but never heard
further from him -
Hensley got several
letters from L.J.B.
in which she was
quite anxious to know
re estate -
Some years ago
she came down to El Reno
from Enid. She had
some picture of Booth
at different ages
which Hensley that looked
some like George -
She said she had
been the Mummy at

Enid and was sure it was her father.

Hensley Knew Geo "Prof" Smith - Seemed quite a friend to George. Always that there was something mysterious between Smith & George.

Caswell M Clark

Bartender Southern Club "Senate" Bar

Board 1140 W. Washington Ave - Okla City Directory 1905 & 06 & 07 - Left 1907 When Statehood Came in & made things dry - No one knows where he went - Police headquarters John Hubetka - Chief of detectives was in Saloon business at time. "Left here for parts unknown"

Oklahoma City.

Mrs E.E. Hahn
Was Miss Chester Lowe
El Reno - 1900 - 01, 02 -
a friend and frequent
visitor of Mrs U.S. Wheeler
(Miss Simmons) and
Mrs Koons - later Mrs Harper.
Mrs Hahn was 20 in 1900
and worked in one of the
El Reno stores - Got
acquainted with George
at Simmons - George
was partly Courting
an old maid who
worked in the same
store. also was trying
to Court Mrs Koons
(Harper) who was a good
looking blond widow.
She didn't care at all for him.

George walked home with
Mrs Hahn several times
She was nice to him
because he was an old
man and she felt sorry
for him because she that
he had seen better days -
Says he was very intelligent
When sober, but drank
a lot - Says the girls
when together at Simmons
could hear him talking
to himself a lot while
he was up in his room

He liked Shakespear and would quote from him - occasionally in a dramatic Manner.

Remembers that George gave Mrs Koons (Harper) a beaded purse one time Not an expensive one though - Wouldn't know whether Mrs Harper would exaggerate or not -

Says George never had a lot of money and dont think anyone ever sent him any. Painted houses all the time Else knew him.

Did not know about Confession & Mrs Harper never let she saw it in papers -

Mrs Hahn always that there was something strange about the man and wouldn't be surprised if the story was true.

Mrs Hahn worked for Perry the furniture man El Reno at time - Remembers George but nothing special about him.

Jim Duffy

Mrs Austine - would not take anything he says without grain of salt - Both his daughters worked for me and they were just like him - about 65 - might be a little older. C. R. Miller - druggist -

Duffy would'nt tell you a lie but would stretch the truth - 6-5-70.

Finch - Jim here for about 40 years was a petty Officer at Fort Reno at that time - As now 6-5-70 - Knows him well - Was Correspondent K.C. star & Sublime Capital - Didn't get much but did'nt need much on which to live. Finch laughed about him being prominent and a friend of the Gov. - "Everyone in the Cop or judge down there" Always told a story a mile long about everything

Was a guard for a couple years at Reformatory - Saw him some time ago and

he said he was Chief of
police at Capitol -
Is only a Night Watchman
had some time ago. at El Reno. a police
for 26 years ago. at El Reno. with
Duffy - Says -
1/14/21 - At Capitol
Okla City - Man. 65 to 70
Says that he was in
Army during Civil War
stationed at Washington
D.C - claims he knew
JWB well and also
"Ched" Sincerly intimately -
Saw Booth on Stage many
times.
Says he was an officer
at El Reno Jail to
George's Suicide, who
he persisted in calling
Rogers - Says the Head
George insinuated
and that George told
him the story of his
life - Says Herbert says
that he (Booth) was not
killed as histon says
but that he played in
Washington D.C. for
six days after shooting
Lincoln - Duffy says that
George lamented the
hanging of Mrs Surratt
and that she was innocent
Duffy Claims to have
received a number
of letters from Margaret

Dupont Lee of Washington D.C.
a noted Spiritualist
Who was interested in
Booth and that she
sent him (Duffy) a picture
of Booth which was
a duplicate of one
already in his possession
who he had secured
in 1876- (One in Campbells
article - Copyrighted by
Bates which Campbell
told me came from
a Mrs. Dupont)
Says he wont show
these pictures of the
letters from Margaret
Dupont Lee as he
promised her he would
not - and that he would'nt
let anyone else get
possession of them.
(Campbell doesn't know
where Mrs Dupont was
said he had promised man
who owned picture that
he would not tell where
he (Campbell) got it-)
Says he never told
anyone beyond that
George was Booth but
that George's story out
in the papers at the
time proved that he was

Booth for he couldn't
not have known so
much about it and
looked so much like
Booth and even had
same scar on face
eyebrow without being
the man himself - Does
not know definitely the
cause of Georges death
Was a heavy drinker
which doubtless killed
him -

Duffy talks freely, but
impresses one as unreliable
as far as facts go -
Acts and talks as if
he was holding
something back. Some
big secret that was
quite important - Wants
to give the impression
that he is the only man
who can clear it up -
Wants one to think
that he is "IT." Says
he hasn't read book,
but undoubtedly has -
for that's where he got
his "dope" but has it
all mixed up - About
such a fool as Hubbell.

Myers - Real Estate - Jim
Duffy was never more than
a hanger on around town -

Ed Reno

1/15/21 - Deed from Miller - for 1 month

1/15/21 Sat night. Mrs Austine - George always telling her she had too much work - too young & ruin her good looks - Husband well enough off & give her good allowance - always giving her advice on how to handle husband - Never told him he lady or he would have thrown old man out - If George was dope fiend would account for his peculiar spells -

It was after the old Uncle threatened a breach of promise that he said, "Mrs Austine they'd better not fool with me, I killed the best man that ever lived"

None of Summons present at Confession

Weatherford Okla
Sat Jan 15, 1921.

Mr J.W. Summons & Mrs W.O. Wheeler - (may Summons)

Mr Summons dead - Mr Summons Knew D.E. George in 98 or 99 at Geary Okla where he painted houses for about 6 months - Summons & George boarded in same place. George was then sort of a character, rather

strange and peculiar
at that time George
claimed he came
from near Ardmore
and during the
Geary period and
at El Reno went
away several times
for a week or two -
Claimed he had been
visiting his brother
who lived on a farm
near Marietta - South
of Ardmore.
After George's death
Summons wrote to
Wolverton a banker
at Marietta, who
replied that he knew
of no one by that name
but that he might be
a fellow he knew
under another name
Summons Court Remember
other name - Has kept
no correspondence.
Says George spoke
of living in Texas, and
among Shakers in
Western Kentucky
Also spoke of having
been in Europe and
Claimed he had

traveled a lot - He had lived in a good many places down here - didn't play awful long in any one town. Every once in a while he (George) had a spell. claimed to be sick - Summons. Not he was possibly a dope fiend -

Was a man of intelligence with a knowledge of Politics and the Country - Took spells of quoting Shakespear -

George happened to board with Summons first time when he met Summons on street in El Reno and due to their acquaintance in Sedan - George wanted Summons to board him - This was soon after Sean - This was before George bought Cottage - Summons lived in place a couple years and then moved out - afterwards George bought place and

fixed it up and rented it to Simmons for his board -

Dan Ems the real Estate man sold the place to George for John Davis!

George never had a special amount of money but once. I had taken a homestead down south of Hydro lived there a short time - Sold the place after he lived there Simmons 1st time

Sold for $1400.00 160 acres - May have owed some on it. Used some of money to buy Cottage. Never was flush with money - would always manage to have a little. Would take spells and work hard and then lay off and go away for a couple weeks. Went some place else before going to Enid, but for just a short time - Don't know where.

After going to Sund - wrote & begged Summons & take him back - They never answered his letter. Never heard of him doing any thing else but paint - Did quite a lot of That.

Fairly Prompt Pays

He and "Prog" Smith seemed to be quite friendly Smith never visited George at Summons - Was a gallamer while sober When he got drunk would say he was sick.

Both Mr Summons & Mrs Wheeler say they do not remember him ever taking part in any theatricals. Used to try to recite things for the girls at the Summons -

Tintype "yes looks like he might have looked when Younger" Had a keen eye -

Mrs Summons not present at Confession Mrs Harper -

Had more than one spell Don't know which one it was -

Never pays Board

Jim Duffy not more than 70 may be younger - never prominent Don't think Mrs H would