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Field Worker's name Jimmie BirdwellThis report made on (date) July 19 1937

1. Name George Plummer  
 2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 3. Residence address (or location) 315 West California  
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 29 Year 1875  
 5. Place of birth Texas

6. Name of Father William Plummer Place of birth Georgia  
 Other information about father Father dead  
 7. Name of Mother Glemmie Petty Place of birth Texas  
 Other information about mother Mother dead.

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached \_\_\_\_\_.

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Jimmie Birdwell,  
Field Worker,  
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An Interview with Mr. George Plummer,  
315 West California, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Plummer came to Oklahoma City from Texas in 1904 and was given the job of town-crier and any important news was cried out on the streets by Mr. Plummer for which he received \$3.00 per hour.

At the time Mr. Plummer came to Oklahoma City, there were eighty-five saloons in town. For special events like elections called by the townspeople, Mr. Plummer would go all over town using a megaphone crying out the news, sometimes working fifteen hours per day.

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Mr. Plummer said he was a sort of "Jack-of-all-trades" for Oklahoma City, acting as special deputy sheriff and as agent for the city in land disputes.

Mr. Plummer later took Al Jennings, the bank-robber, and toured the country with him, showing Jennings in connection with some moving pictures.

There was a great show place in Oklahoma City when Mr. Plummer came here known as the Delmar Gardens and this was a

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wide open place with dancing and gambling, a resort to which people came from all over the country.

This place was located southwest of the present intersection of Noble and Southwestern Streets.

Just after Mr. Plummer came to Oklahoma City a man who called himself Adam God, his wife and a young man came to Oklahoma City in a wagon; they drove into a wagon yard on Reno Street and gave all the stuff they had away, including the wagon and team, then they pulled off all the clothes they had on and gave them away. Then they started north up Broadway, Adam God in front, his wife behind him and the young man behind her.

After crossing Grand Avenue, a policeman saw them and called for help and it took six policemen to catch the three, wrap blankets around them and get them to the Police Station.

Mr. Plummer said Oklahoma City was one of the roughest towns he ever saw and he said that it was not uncommon to see six men fighting at one time.

Gun fighters were here in large numbers as they were in all frontier towns but they were soon run out of town.

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Mr. Plummer went into the furniture business after the big boom and is still in business.

During the first few years he was interested in a show house but the old building was soon sold and torn down.