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LEGEND & STORY FORM
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) August 16, 1937

1. This legend was
 secured from (name) Wilmont Stumpf

Address 529th Southwest 32 Street, Oklahoma City

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story About gold mine in
 EasterⁿOklahoma.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
 sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
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Interview with Wilmont Stumpff
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In LeFlore County in the eastern part of the state eight miles east of Spiro is the Pocola settlement.

There are valleys and hills here and ever since the country started to be settled up there has been a hunt for gold in the Pocola settlement.

Several mines have been started and shafts have been sunk and the hills have been hunted over and over and gold has been found in small amounts, and several small companies have been organized to start drilling mines but these mining companies do not last long.

A man named Vandergriff, it is claimed, found quite a bit of gold.

He lives at Pocola and is said to have also found pearls in an Indian mound there.