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Field worker's name Jimmie Birdwell,

This report made on (date) February 25, 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) George Mays,

Address 306 East 13th., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story _____

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Fight on Nigger Creek

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached _____

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Jimmie Birdwell,
Investigator,
February 25, 1938.

An Interview with Mr. George Mays,
306 East 13th , Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma.

Near Wagoner is a little creek called Nigger Creek, which was named because of a battle in 1864. The Confederate Army came upon the Federal negro soldiers who were making hay. The Confederates surrounded them and opened fire and the negroes caught unaware of danger, were slaughtered. There was just one negro who got away. Father was a Confederate Soldier and I was just twelve years old when the War started.

Frank N. Smith was driving a commissary wagon for the Government and was stationed at Fort Gibson. He now lives at Okay, and was an eye witness to the fight. There are not any negroes living anywhere close to Nigger Creek now; they seem to have a great horror of the creek.