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S T A T E M E N T

Of

George A. Clark, Postmaster,

Hennessey, Okla.

I have lived in Hennessey since the spring of 1892 and came here from Grand Rapids, Mich. I remember D. E. George quite well as a rather lanky man of about fifty, with a long mustache and chin whiskers. I was in the restaurant, candy and cigar business from 1895 on and George occasionally dropped in at my place of business. I was also connected with the local post office at that time, my place of business being in the same room and I am very certain that there were never any remittances came from Mr. George during the time he was in Hennessey, at least by money orders. I never heard of George betting any money on an election here and if he did the amount must have been very small. I believe there was some talk about George offering to bet Dick Binding (now dead) something like \$100.00, but I am sure that the bet was never made. While I saw George a good many times, I was never intimate with him, nor was any one else here as I can remember. George roomed at the Carbine Hotel while here. This hotel went out of business a good many years ago and I do not know what became of the people who ran it. Mr. George never displayed any great amount of money, and as a matter of fact had very little, as he usually got drunk when he earned enough to get booze. I was active in local politics during that particular period, 1895 - 96 on and would know if any large betting was done on the 1896 election. D. E. George painted a house for me twenty years ago last fall. I fix the date quite well for I moved into the house on my daughter's first birthday and she was twenty-one last fall. George left here soon after that and I think went to El Reno. George was a good painter on outside work and worked practically all the time he was here for W. C. Ball who did the inside work. Mr. George talked to himself a lot while working and recited poetry, but just what he recited from I do not know and doubt whether anybody else here did. He was considered a little off by

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Hennessey people. I do not remember of him ever taking part in any plays or doings in town. I am a Knight of Pythias and George told me once that he was a K. P. but could not go to lodge since he was behind in his dues. I do not believe that he was Booth. Opinion here generally in 1903 was that Enid merely wanted a little excitement. I do not remember of a George D. Ryan or "Dad" Ryan ever living here.

Signed G.A.Clark

State of Oklahoma)
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County of Kingfisher)

I M. A. Mitchell a Notary Public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, the said instrument.

Given, under my hand and seal, this 18th day of July 1921
M. A. Mitchell

My commission expires My Commission Expires Apr. 10, 1925 Notary Public