De Leon — Dublin
Stephenville
Granbury
Glen Rose
Cleburne
Austin
Thompson

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Reporter's Note

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No. 320

Merritt.
Weather forecast
after Stephenville

Sunday 1/16/21

De Leon -

Arrived at noon

Driven by E.N. Pitts -

Buck George 22 - Never heard of a Dave George except my cousin David J George - 33 yrs old - killed in the war - Son of Mrs Sally George -

Martin George - 39

Brother Buck - Never heard of a David E George nor a John St Helen - Had an

Uncle Wm was an old bachelor - lives back in Alabama with one of his nephews - Was alive a few years ago - Don't remember seeing him - Came here when my father came about '85 or '86 -

Tintype doesn't look like any of our family.

Mrs Sally George -

Were four brothers came from

Alabama to DeLeon

Tom George
Wm W George
Henry George
John Taylor George

Tom George husband of Sally George - All came from Alabama Tom, Wm & Henry all died in DeLeon -

John went back to Alabama about '86 after being there one year - Was mentally unbalanced due to sickness - No education

is about 80 miles of
Irving - Heard from
folks about 4 years
ago - John still living.
Cant remember name
of town in Alabama
Could not be these
none of them any
education very poor
always have been -
Showed mrs George
tintype - Says she
never saw anyone
who looked at all
like it -
Would be curious

to prove relationship
but I feel there
to believe there was
an estate -

Called Bert George
at Commanche, Tex
from Dublin - Knows
No Dave or D.E. George
family came from
Kansas -

Called W. E. George
Cleburne Tex
Dont know much
about family but
never heard father

or Grandfather
Emerson & Dave or
D. E. George - Don't
just Know Where
Grandfather came
from -

1/17/21

Stephensville -

People who were
here in 1878 and
old enough to
remember -

Mike Hickey -
Came in 1875 -
J. W. Gentry dead
Couple years ago
John Morris - friend of
Gentry - dead 15 or 20 years
John Wood - died before
Morris -

Knows of no Dave
or D. E. George or John
St. Helen - Thinks

Tintype looks like
Some one he knows.
Can't remember name
Mack Wilson - 80 -
old Shoe Maker -
here for 50 years -
Gentry, Morris & Wood
dead - Gentry used
to live in his house -
Can't remember
anyone who looked
like Tintype - Knew
a Bill George who
died here Some years
ago after moving away.
Widow just died
last week.
Never heard name
John St. Helen

J.W. Morris -
Son-in-law -
J.W. Gentry - Died
Couple yrs ago -
John Morris dead
Good many years
Son = John Wood -
Never heard of D.R.
or Dave George or
John St Helen
Never saw anyone
looked like Tintype

Mrs Bucks

Mrs Buck - now
in Dallas with
daughter - Mrs T. J.
Arnold 5819 Palo Pinto
ave

Mrs Buck's sister married
Enoch George, lived
in Meridian Tex.
2 Brothers don't remember
other's name - Both lives
had families and died
in Meridian -

Mrs Jim Cage -
Married at Stephenville
in 76.

never knew a
Dave George or
John St Helen -
I think looks like
a man by name
of Ann Smith she
lives in Bosque Co.
Iredale Tex - about
1865-70 Face and
eyes look same - Was
an ex-convict - don't
know what for -
Married a girl by
name of Sarah Ann
Walker. Was killed
by a negro about 1870
Wife married again.

Granville Fagan -
Knew Morris - Gentry -
Wood - all dead -
Never remembers
hearing of Dave (D.E.)
George or John St
Keller - Francis
Tintype look familiar
Can't place who
it is though -

Compton - Built
in business Fayetteville
40 years - Never
Dabs any one that
Reminds him of Tintype -

Never heard of
John St Keller or
D.E. George.

Was a lawyer
by name of Callen
George lived here
is now in Brownsville
Tex - Came from
up near Sugarville
might write Hilliard
Bros or J.W. Featherwood
(a Truck driver) there.

Wealthford, Okla #16
J. H. Merritt - 1/15/21
Lived in 86 in DeLeon
Tex. Don't know
there - Sam's first
Wifes father was
Bill George - Several
brothers by name of
George came there
about 86 - One was
about 45 or 50 and
an old bachelor -
all came from
Alabama - Don't
remember old bachelors
Name Might have
been Dave - He only
stayed about a year
was sort of Crazy -
Went back to -
Alabama -
Thinks Tintype looks
some like Tom
George, who died
Soon after they came
to Texas - His Widow
is a Mrs Sally George.
Man who died had
a mustache like
Tintype - and heavy
hair -
Family not educated
at all! Had sharp

eyes - all 3 then
Sally Delonge had
a son by Name of
Willy - old Dave? only
half Indian - very odd + was
about 45 or 50 -

Giantburry - Gordon - Not read
Book

Mr A.P. Gordan - Dry Store
was in Saloon business
in early Notes - Richard
(not John) St Helen worked
for him nearly a year
and he (Gordan) thinks he
knew him as well or
better than any other man
in Granburry - Says St H
was a fine penman and
prided himself on it -
drew pictures of birds
eagles - horses + men
with a pen - could draw
a man so well you could
recognize him. St Helen

never said where he
came from. No one asked
anyone else at that time
down in this country
such questions.
Says he was drinking
one time and had been
knocking around and was
about to get out a fight
Gordon talked him out of
it - & said "I don't
want to have any more
trouble with anybody.
My hands are all dyed
in blood".
Had a big scar on
side of throat - where
he had had a cut -
didn't look like operation
but fight. There was
also a scar on his
breast - Did not limp
did not have flat chin
was rather pointed -
was Tall slim about
6 feet, weighed about 160#
Dark Complexion - Dark
small piercing eyes
looked some like a
French Creole -
Claimed he was
a Southerner - Couldn't
name a place in U.S.

he had ~~not~~ been - Talked about plays and actors some -

Was smart as steel Could get up any kind of document he wanted too. Was quite a friend of John Reed - a gambler - helped John Reed beat an old man by name of Ward out of a farm about three miles from town. St. Helen wrote the claim or patent for Reed - in his own hand writing - Had something to do with an old Post survey -

Was considered a very dangerous man when drunk - Quarreled some but never had any serious fights - Was cut across back of neck in one.

Name of his Saloon was the Black Hawk

Never had any noticable amount of Money - which the Cranberry would make quite a little money, but would get rid of it about as

fast - Never went into
any fits - Left the room
alone -
Always seemed to be
a man that was dreading
something - Said several
times while drunk that
he had blood on his hands
Didn't mean anything
down here then - Lots of
them had -
Dressed neat not
unusually so - Left
without saying Goodbye
and left no traces
Recited Shakespear

and poetry both when
sober and drunk
Could give "a world" of
Shakespear Never
read any Had n't
any books that Jordan
ever saw.
Kept away from public
meetings and crowds -
Had a very neat signature
made beautiful scrolls
when signing name.
Y. says signature of
George Couldn't have
been his writing -
Can't remember that
at Helena & Bate

was ever intimately
acquainted. = Don't
think it could have been
possible - were too
different - Babe only
a kid - St Helen must
have been at least 45 -
Was well acquainted
with Jeff Nutt - Saloon
& Grocery -
Capt Doyle would
not know him so well -
John Farnwalt would
know him fairly well
lived on farm, but was
in his saloon a
lot -
Gordon was a Mason - Says
St H claimed to him
once that he was a
Mason never blowed
himself as one - Either
had read a lot about
them or was one -
Was a very wicked
man - Swore terribly -
always went armed with
pistol and knife -
Could pull a pistol quicker
than any other man Gordon
knows - Had not the
appearance of having
been in the part of the

Country long when the Editor & Yourself Gordon does not believe he is J.W.B. Has never read Book - How Bates ever knew A.H. well enough to get him to talk is straight. If he did talk.

Bates was a little fellow - a lawyer - Clerk in Ins Office - never practiced - Knew and didn't know much. Had an older brother who was asst P.M.

who robbed the mail & was sent up - Sometime in 70 ties -

F.L. Bates only a kid not kind one would trust any story (with might have life & his as to Jobe -

A.H. never said anything re Mrs Surratt Never took a stand or discussed politics

Gordon does not remember Trouble at Tyler -

Didn't get dramatic unless warmed up with whiskey.

never took part ~~any~~
in any plays or
entertainments.
Was liked by Cow boys
and Thugs Cows & Trouble
them.

No doubt about it.
Tintype being of Julian
J.D. Cross at clerk for
Mrs Gordon also Recognized
at H.H. both say that
Booth picture does not
look like him - eyes of
Booth not as bright
Chins different -
Had Cain deduct ~~part~~

Particularly Cain at
Thinks Booth head
and face was broader
than Booth picture -

Mrs Gordon has
photo - of Booth - in Va
Will write for it Was
in family promises
to send it & true
left personal Cards -

Showed Chuck &
Ded D.G. George
Cross & Gorden
Say it positively is
not Booth hand.

13. Do know he came from Glenrose before he worked for them Gordon says he pawn him sign his name many a time — Richard St. Helen Boarded with Crosses while he worked for Gordon — was a good worker knew a "heap" of cars — No one ever used any first name when talking to or about him Called him Mr. "St" or St Helen Thought was all he had

He once said he was from Texas —

When he was at Glen Rose took meals at L.B. McClanahan — (home & family living) Thinks McClanahan was from Nashville, Tenn and that both St — & he were from Same state —

McDonalds were considered rich in those days as a "land" set —

Both Gordon & Cross Can't Remember that St Helen was ever, Very

sick here - Gordon
said that he would
have known and have
remembered - With many
people here at that
time - Did not room
in store at night
unless guarding all
night - Would he often
did - Could hear
him breathe quite
a distance away
was worse when he
became excited
occasionally slept out doors
no one can paid he could
breathe better.

Cooper dead 18 yrs.

Mrs. Cooper - wife of
"Col" Cooper a lawyer
was fairly well acquainted
with St. A. about Saloon
puts a little - Mrs Cooper
did not know George
except by sight - says
husband called him
Richard St. Helen
and said that he was
a mighty bright man..
and that there was some
mystery about him -
Said the man was too
well read to be knocking
about the country
Said he was remarkably

talented – Mrs C often
said that he didn't
understand him (St)
told Mrs C – "You wouldn't
believe that he has talent
to see him but he has.
Mrs C says he was
sort of careless in his
dress, had a haggard
look and didn't try to
be a gentleman.
Says Truly he looked
like him –
Mrs C Says Mrs C
said that Bates and
St. Helen took walks
together and that
they were pretty good
friends – Husband
never knew of Con-
fession to Bates
Mrs C has made
Bates' Book

A. W. Crockett – Printer
Editor Hamburg Gazette
worked in print shop
when St Helen ran
saloon – was not
in it more than once
or twice Remembers
that St. Helen brought
Bonne drunk to office
one night to treat the

boys -
sure that he called
himself Rickard
At Belle -
Tantlinger was
same man but that
he remembers him
with longer hair
facial expression
same -
Old paper file
destroyed

More of Granbury
Banking history -
Granbury Court
House burned in
March 1875 with all
records -
Saloon was called
"Black Hawk" had
adv in paper - Wines
Liquors & Cigars.
Was a lot of money
in saloon business
then - Granbury was
head quarters for Cowboys
of West Texas then
St. never talked a

lot - Remembers
Bates - was planted
out Hunter St. was
about 74 when he
left for Mississippi
Painted out cottage where
Bates lived -

Says he thinks St
Helen Claimed to be a
Southern man -
Says people here
never generally believed
that he was J.H.B.
after he was found out
Does not remember

Q St - ever being
back at Granbury
Don't know a thing
Rose -
Never heard about
him having any
special amount
of money - only way
he could have gotten
remittances was
thru P.O. P.M. would
have called -

St was a jolly free
hearted sort of man
in a social way like
Saloon men were -
Cowboys liked him -
Read Book -

R. S. Whitehead -
Has read Boone - was
here 7 times - Says
Tuttle was at H: when
Came here from Glen Rose
- Saloon number
times - Never heard Tom
Dan ever operated Cent
of money - Made
plenty of money in business -

63 yrs

Mr. Frank Gaston
Now Editor one of
Granbury Papers - not
then - Was in Saloon
several times - doesn't
remember that people
around there that ST
Helen is Straight at
the time - Did after
they heard he might
be Booth - Remembers
St. Helen was at Barnards
Mill - Glen Rose for
he was in his place
there once or twice -
Remembers ST H as

a smiling natured good looking part of Chas Typical Saloon desperado Keep Keen

Gaston says he said Edwin Booth after words before of course that he knew anything re Booth's Suspension - and that he had seen many others & times during the days he was around the larger cities - and don't think he acted so much like one.

Says At 14 had a Grey eye - Sometimes part wild eyed.

Says Glen Rose was only several Cabins and an old mill at that time - was part of Hood County - about 90 the County was divided and Glen Rose is now the County Seat of Somervell Co.

Says he helped Ewell write the local history.

At Helens name came up, and Ewell said, "He was only a Cheap desperado, we wont

Just known as "Says
Swell" was a very
intelligent lawyer.

S. L. Knight - Reminds
of Helen Brian Rolling
Report about known -
Hardtype no Luck -

John Fennwalt -
Texas Ranger Gained
Drawing 1856 Left 1874
Back again now -
very active -
Says he knew Pat
Hellen about as well
as any one could
know a Man and not
know anything about
him - Spent a good
many hours in his
saloon -
Say Pat (calls him Pant)
seemed to have his
right leg bowed out a
little and thinks he limped
a little in that leg -
Remembers him as John
not Richard although
all the boys called
him Pat. or Pat H.
Had some thing wrong

with throat - Wheezed
when he talked -
Was the most liberal
& kindest man he ever knew
Things there was some
other Man with him
a Lot whose name he
Can't remember - Man
about same age - about
St H. light only heavier
rather heavy set - St H
about 5-10 or 11 and
rather slim - thinks the
other man had a Mustache
and rather heavy hair -
Thinks he handed Barr

Remembers Bates &
St Helen were friends
St H never showed lots
of money & Tomlinson
never heard of him
having any great amount
Must have made quite
a little on patents
St H never took any part
in Pub meetings -
Never heard of any
gathering around Glenrose
Wherein Bates alluded
7 Thinks both pictures same
Man is sure D/Tulipe
Henry St H -
Says St H was a very

agreeable, jolly fellow
Man with him never
had much to say
Can't remember Mans
Name -
St. H had More of
a foreign accent than
Southern - Thinks he
talked like an actor -
Has Red Book

Mrs J.D. Ryler - nee
Padia McDonald
Claims She was 8 or 9
when St H first Came
to their house near
Glen Rose Says She
is 50 - Says father
told her St H got money
about every 3 months
Never said how -
She thinks St. H confided
everything in father - not
sure of this though -
Lived 3½ M north Glen Rose
Boiled Right Leg in hot
water - Said horse fell

cc: him - Carried Cant
always wanted to ride
on the horse - Said he
"didn't want to get hurt -
~~Dam~~ any more"
Business at Glen Rose
was "mighty little" a little
Whiskey & Cigars

W. A. McDonald - brother
a little older - Doesn't
remember any more
than she - She got all
he knew for her story
of affair sent to
Bates -

Says Bates got praise
& glory on promise
to return - Never has
she received -

Says She never heard
or heard of H H talking
of Mrs Surratt or the
Booth Lincoln - McDs
intense partiality -
Doesn't know whether
H H paid anything or
not for playing with
them - Wasn't in business
in Glen Rose long -
When he went to Granbury
Says She saw him -

once there. Looked the same in Granbury as he always did at their house.

He never came back to their house on a visit after going to Granbury. But after he had been with them about a year he was gone for several months. When he returned he said he had gone to California. When she was older she doesn't remember how old, says father said A H had gone to California to see his people.

Brother says Mrs R claims that there father never told him anything about A H.

Mrs R has read Bates' story and gets mind of one doubts anything in it.

She says A H drank a lot when with them. Claims that after he left they accidentally

heard from him then
his friends and
that he went to Okla.
Can't give the names
of any of the friends
from whom they heard
from at St. Wants to
act like she might
know a lot more than
she does - Said these
mutual friends knew
who he was & would
never give him away -
Said he was southern
Couldn't have stayed
at our house after
had it been
Nice to ladies, never
made love to any of
them -

D. L. Nutt - (Lee) 3
Grocery & Liquor from
J. F. & J. Nutt Bros -
Did business at same time
and good friends -

John Reed - the gambler
was with St H. a
lot at first but later
didn't seem to be
such close friends
(Reed & Wife both dead)
St. H seemed to be
a man with a fine
brain - drew up
a paper for Reed which
helped him Reed beat
old man Ward out
of his farm -
Reed left long time
ago - Reed dead quite a
while -
Reed did not work
for St Helen - never
drank - was a sport
and card shark -
Reed full name John F.
St H boarded part
of time at Granbury
House where old
Garage now is - St House
burnt y. business long
time ago - No records.

Reed did not come
to Sunbury with St H
was already here —
St H could draw
beautiful portraits
of birds and animals
Never knew of him
drawing houses or
scenes —
Matt thinks he was
Booth because when
he got Lally drunk +
mad said Bos, Bos,
but never all the Booth
had something wrong
with throat which
made him talk hoarse
Had throat cut or
something —

Knot Bates — Twin bro —
was asst P.M. Dunbury
Robbed mail Sentenced
2 to 4 yrs — Was a very
quiet fellow — Took
Money Nugget sent away
when was a trap
since they had been
Missing Some — Wife
divorced him while
he was in pen and
Married again —
Remembers that F L Bates
had some sort of case

for St. H. Never
considered Bates as
a lawyer was here
2 or 3 yrs =

Says St H was full
most the time. Got
awful drunk several
times and could hardly
go.

Saw him have a
fight once with
a half-breed Indian
by name of Selridge
Selridge was a quiet
sort of fellow who
did not quarrel
but he said St H
had had some sort
of trouble - Selridge
and a fellow named
Wray (both dead) was
in Mutt's saloon playing
checkers. St H came
in about half drunk -
St H said or did
something for which
Mutt first saw them
St H had Selridge
on the floor Bill
McDonald was also
in store - Ran up
with a rifle & and

St H - Nutt caught hold of Mc and pushed him out the door - When he turned he saw St H going out back door - and found Selvidge hiding back of Counter with a bloody knife - With which he had Cut St H across back of Neck - said muscles open -

Some time after St H + Selvidge became friends again -

St H got mad at Nutt once - St H didn't like an old man who was called "Gen" Taylor - not a general but just an old Confed Soldier with sorty lady sense. Living around Saloons. St H had ordered him out of his place and also ordered him to keep out of Nutts place - Nutt don't know why - St H came

over and tried to
run Taylor out of
Mutts place and
Mutt ordered St H
to leave the old man
alone - St H pulled
his gun toward Mutt -

Mutt thinks St Helen
had left before
Court House burned
March 1873) Mutt says
he thinks McD brought
St H here from
Glen Rose
McD & he were good
friends - McD was
a drinking & fighting
man - Cut 2 or 3
men up - McD got
drunk every time he
came to town - Cap
Allen had a saloon
near by - Don't
know where he went
Never noticed St H
limp - was a little
limp shouldered
Something wrong
with neck did not
look around
like men generally do,
but as my neck was a

little stiff -
Carried a Cane
only occasionally not
often -
Never owned any
property here - Doesn't
remember who owned
Black -
Payed Wholesaler
P.O. order Or sent it
by wagon more probably
the latter. - Never
had any unusual
amount of Money
that Mutt ever heard
of or Dave -

Dont Know whether
he was a Catholic
or belonged to any
secret orders.

A.S. McCamment
(dead) County Clerk
at that time distinct
like St Helen - said
he was crooked -
Told Mutt how S & H
helped Reed beat old
man Ward -
Cant understand why
S & H would have Bates
do legal business - was a

great friend Col, Cooper.

Remembers that
when Reed came here
a woman & her
daughter came along
d'abont 16 very pretty-
name Georgia Guardy
Came from Tall County
John Reed soon married
the girl - abut '72
The story was that
Reed burned the
Court House because
he had been indicted
for something he
had done - He was
tried for Arson and
convicted but appealed
Case & got off -

Says A. A ought to
have saved $100.00 a
year on business he
Cure to - Was quite a
Gambler -
Could not have done
so well at Glen Rose
but was at there long -
Mott thinks he may
have just closed up
place in Granbury & left

Can't remember of
Twin selling it to
Anyone - May have
Wrought -
N. Says - McCammet
the County Clerk
would often say
"At H & Redark
rascels" -
N. Thinks Twintype
looks like At H but
that Booth picture
doesn't at all - Opposite
Chin & forehead - eyes
look different - Don't
think they are the
same -

At H. quite a joker
and very pulgar.

Nutt thinks At H was
sick one time in Some
Room up stairs &
some of the men sat
up with him.
all doctors tho D - then
are now dead -

Doctor Coffman
" Hannaford
" Turner

Remembers At H stole a fine
hand - Saw the birds & things he
drew - Taylor was "Gen" John Taylor
Sort of simple minded - cranky +
getting old.

1/18/21

Judge Estes - of Estes + Estes. attys - B.M. Estes 68

Says Mrs Ryler belonged to drinking dancing crowd - which was pretty wild -

~~She~~ her father Bill McD a terrible drunkard and a gambling cuss - Was an old devil - Kicked ~~out~~ one fellow across counter and ruined him - Was an old swearing

Coward and you Couldn't believe a word he said

W.E. thinks he remembers some other fellows - write D.T.H but can't remember him well wasn't Reed he is sure

Every record in old Court House burned except a Mark T. braid record which was out of the building.

Days No word of
Bates Statement
The two men were
to different -
Bates was not con-
sidered a bit smart
was Chimerical and
as lazy as the devil -
Lived from hand to
mouth -
Bro in P.O. - Bill Hays PM
Bates
running Office -
stole Reg. mail -
Decoy caught him
Wife didn't get a
divorce, but went
off with another man
by name of Mundy
While Bates was in
Prison - Knot Bates
dead -

Finis Bates got his
legal training studying
around Granbury -
Bates were numbskulls
People paid no special
attention to them -

Cy St. H did tell
Bates such a story he
was kidding him.
St H would never

tell any. kind like
Bates such a
dam fool yarn by
it was true -
St H was too keen.
was a keen as lightning
Jos. J.S. planted to
read Bates Book but
after first 5 pages
gave up in disgust
Told local preacher
who loaned it to him
that it was all a
lie

Thing wrong with
St H throat not
asthma - made him
have sort of a whangy
voice -

Says Mrs Ryler is
between 60 & 70 - says
she was a young
woman while he
was still young -
oldest son 38 or 40

Says St H did carry
a little cane not
a big walking stick
only carried it once
in a while -

J.E. says first wife name
was Johns -
Took from Book

Babs Book

Judge Estes

Bosque River 1st Mile South Barnards Mill Glen Rose - Paluxy River or Creek - Glen Rose -

Judge Estes says old J.M. Taylor lived out east of town - a Squatter on some property belonging to some Virginia people. Judge Estes was the agent for these people and let the old man and his family live there - was no General - Hardly always he was even an officer of any kind - was just a Confed. soldier - just an ignorant old fellow would'nt have been able to make a speech if he had to - Was no other Jno. Taylor only one ever there - Don't think there was ever a 4th of July Celebration at Glenrose in those early days - was only 3 log Cabins and very few people in neighborhood -

Says Ft Helen Could

not have made Speech in full, clear voice throat would not let him. P 19

P 20-21 — Judge Estes says Bates never wrote this did not have capacity - sounds like old A.T. Howell who lived here about that time - Up in Okla some place now -

Judge Estes says he thinks Bates' spent most of his time around Judge Williams Office and Judge Estes' brothers office -

Judge Estes says S+H did not have a negro or Mexican porter at Granbury.

Says he knows that S+H manufactured corn booze and made terrible stuff. P 22

Says that Bates never hung around saloon of S+H P 23 - 27

Wm Fornalt also said he that S+H ran a moonshiner -

J.E. does not think S+H ever was at Granbury

M.

Gen. Wright - Granbury

Says scar on St H throat very prominent right side - could easily see it - St H about 40 - 45 When in Granbury Says St H quoted poetry but never made any fine speeches that she ever heard or heard of - Wouldn't have been able to on acct of throat Says he can't remember of St H being sick in Granbury - if he was it wasn't for long. Cont. after Peters

Capt - Jas H Doyle

Came to Granbury 1870

Mdse business Dry goods

Says his memory is not very good back at that time - Mr. Gordon's & Lee Mutt's much taller - Says she thinks that St H. was sick at one time - Only four doctors Coffman, Hanna, Turner, Hannaford - all dead last to die was Dr. Hannaford about 5 yrs ago - Said that

St Helen had neck cut in front & had a beige and sort of stoop in shoulders and a sort of stiff neck had to turn body instead of head - Says Dr. Hammond Sandhurst ~~he~~ Hosp (a long time after Bates Book came out) it was just acting on part of St. H to keep them from suspecting he was Booth -

Doyle remembers that St H was in a fight at Nitts and a man by name of Selridge cut him across back of neck. Says he thinks St H left here about 1876. All court House records burned in 1885 -

Says St. H place of business was just a shack - Most of them were then -

Never Knew of him having more than

ordinary amt. of money.

B.W. Morris - formerly Co. Clerk very ill in bed. Says he remembers P.H. That as far as he can remember there are no records with his name on in Court House now - Might have been before fire. Too feeble to say much.

Mr A.L. Peters - 3 miles Granbury quite deaf. Remembers P.H. Helen never remembers him being sick. White in Granbury never knew him to have much money. Thinks Bates & P.H. on good terms never saw them together much.

Geo W. Wright - says P.H. told him once that he had had his leg broken in fall from horse -

Says it was his cut. throat which caused his wheeze and it was

Continuous - especially
noticeable when he
got a little excited.
Says Joe did get after A H for selling
whiskey without license. Bates went
down to Taylor & got away with some gpt H money.
Judge Estes - Matt Gordon
Dan Capt J. H. Traylor
who was Sheriff
here at time would
remember him well
that Capt. Traylor
has a good memory
and writes a good letter
how one which he
had written. D
Judge Estes a
few months ago
which was very
clear for a man
of the Capt age, about
80. His address is
Live Oak St -
Rockport Tex -
East of Corpus Christi
on coast

Traylor was officer in
Confed. army

W. A. McDonald
Married Feb 23 1883
Would be Too Young
Remember March - DE.
Wise, Okla - Country -

Gordon & Cross

Bates P 11 - Says St H always had Cohenze - Both say it was from having his throat cut

P 14 Say St H never gave Bates his pocket book or wallet with Money - Would not have done business that way.

P 22 Says St H never had Negger or Negs in Training -

P 23 - Never Recited Lockesley Hall at any evening entertainment never attended any except in Saloons - Says this page is all a lie -

P 24 Dont Remember ever seeing St H & Bates in Company And St H boarded - 60 meals at Crosses for over a year -

Say never heard any entertainment of Reeds - Roland Reed very few of them then

and they would have remembered – days
B & H would not
have done as said
on P 24 & 25

Say they never
paid Bates around
B & H saloon –
wasn't part of Kid that
would –

P 29 – Say B & H
never made any
fine Speeches –
Would sometimes
sleep out – in wagon
back of saloon
Could hear him breathe
100 feet when asleep

Glen Rose Wed
Jan 19

Tom Matthews
lived at Granbury in
69 – 71 – Knew St Helen
Came to Granbury
about '71 – had bad
health and awful
wheeze in throat
sounded like asthma
Never did anything
but sell whiskey
and gamble around

Granbury & Glenrose
Think he was at
Granbury before
Glenrose but
isn't sure
Don't have any
idea where he
went when he
disappeared - Thinks
he must have been
50 to 60 when at
Granbury - Was
very Careless &
rough Spoken. Had
the appearance of
an educated man
Coughed a great deal

Matthews work Compelled him to get
up early, remembers
going past place
of B & A - Granbury -
St A was Sleeping out
back in some sort
of wagon Could hear
him Snore.
Never Knew or heard
of St A having more
than an ordinary
amt of Money -
Could make all
he was ever known
to have in his business.

Glenrose

Geo Booker - 3 to 4 miles
from County.

Remembers St Helen
but not much
about him - Thinks
he had a little grocery
there and sold booze
but wasn't there
long. Don't think
McD kids old
enough to remember
much -

Mort Martin had
saloon Glenrose
after St Helen - no
lead -

Kit McClure - came
after 7 - did not
know 44 -

Bill Price - had
been in saloon busines
in Glen Rose - Now
living at Cleburne -
Says he came later
than 44 - had heard
of him but never
knew him -
Showed him the type

he exclaimed -
"Say that looks like
Mel when I was
young" - He looks
a lot like it yet
although 70 - same
mustache, same shape
face - and hair
although thinner combed
about the same -
Keen eyes & bushy
eyebrows -

W. W. Snider
Confederate Home
Austin Tex -
77 years old -
Resident Glenrose 1871
Man Bates refers to
in Book who sold
business to St Helen

Mr Snider say that
St Helen employed
Bates to shanghai
out affair died
that is the way he
Snider came to be

Bates Client — Says that he and Bates drove to Tyler in a buggy and that on way over Bates said to him (Snider) that St Helen wasn't Thats Mans name that he was John Wilkes Booth —

Snider Says he does nt remember how much he sold his business to St Helen for, but that it Couldnt have been more than $1500 and might have been a little as $1000 Said it was just a little store of Groceries & Liquor and that the sale took place in 1871

Says that his license ran out and St. H. failed to renew it. and that was the reason he (~~St H~~ Snider) was indicted.

Snider Says that When they Both Snider,

went to Tyler. they intended to fight the case and that he (Snider had $5.00 in his side pocket.

That Bates went to Court House and later came to where Snider was waiting and said that he could get the case Nolle prosequi and there would be no fine but that the costs and expenses would be $8.00. Says he gave Bates the money but that it was never returned by either Bates or St Helen. Says he remembers that he returned home with about $400.

Says he dont know just what Bates did at the Court House but he thinks Bates explained to the judge that it wasn't he Snider who sold the whiskey but St. Helen.

Says he does not know why St H

was not then indicted unless it was because another a Man Couldnt be indicted for the same Offense.

Says he thinks A. H. & Bates were pretty good friends. Dont Know how A H happened to go to Bates with case. Dont Know whether A H ever paid anything to Bates or Not -

Says as soon as he read book he said "that's wrong I paid the bill." Says he doesnt want to hurt Mr Bates feelings that he has sent him second Book -

Says his daughter (dead) lived in Memphis and his Grand Children now live there - Says Bates know about them -

Says he (Snider) went to Memphis in 1910 to visit daughter and called at Bates office but didnt find

him in. That after he returned he wrote Bates - who replied that he had been sorry to miss him.

Snider says D.T.H. talked with a whang and had a little limp - Said he didn't run around with the women but made suggestive remarks about a good looking - Married women who lived near by.

Snider says he does not remember of any 4th of July Celebration at Glenrose and that he thinks he would have known of it since he was the greatest fiddler in the County.

Says that he (Snider) is 77 and that D.T.H. was about 10 yrs older than he.

Says that one time he & D.T.H. were sitting on a

large rock or stump
and that A. H
was looking away
and the distance.
Snider says he said,
"Mr. A. Helen your
mind is a long
ways from here"
A H says, "yes,
Mr Snider, if you
knew what I was
thinking about, you
would be ~~surprised~~
mystified.
Say A H ~~said~~
claimed that he had
been all over the
U.S.
Say A H was quite
an artist with pen
and wrote a fine
hand
Says A H didnt carry
Cane while he was
here and that he
rode a horse very well
was as active as a cat.
Says A H once said
something about
having been in California
Say he never said anyth-
ng folks or having
been in Army
Lincoln or Mrs Surratt

but that he talked like
a Southerner -

Says that B H never
had Money, just a
little pocket change

Says he thinks after
~~B.~~ H left Granbury
he went to Las Pesos
and taught School
then went to Memphis
for 2 years and
Changed Name to
George then came
to Okla - Couldnt
say where he got
this idea except
that he had at one
time Bates Book
Got signed statement

1/19

Austin - Story of Killing
of Ben Thompson -
Talked to Capt. Thompson
of Confed army - Confed
Home Austin, Capt Thompson
Wrote not a relative of Ben
Was a good friend of Ben
called him Cousin -
Capt Thompson & Statement
from Papers who Name
Thompson killed Jack
Harris a friend of Mgr
of Theater - who When
Thompson & King Fisher Came
to Theater at once organized
a Killing Party -

The Austin Daily Statesman
Wed Morning March 12
1884 - Ben Thompson
& King Fisher, friend,
Killed night before in
Vaudeville Theater, San
Antonio by William
Simms - Mgr of Theater,
Wm Foster an attache
of Theater, & Jacob Coy
a Special Police Officer
attached to Theater
Thompson shot twice
through Brain - Both
Thompson & Fisher were
noted desperadoes

Thompson was 40 yrs
old & came from
Nottingh England -
Fisher 33. -
Thompson's description
served in a general way
for both of H.

Thompson it was found
was killed by a pistol
in the hands of Coy
Thompson had been
for a number years
leader of Celebrated
Burton Gang.

Major W. M. Walton
defended Thompson several times
and wrote a "Life of Ben

Thompson - Borrowed
copy at State Library
to revise but died before
revision was finished