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Religion of John Wilkes Booth.
What authority for this statement? This must have been a supposition gained by reading the second will which left part of his property to Sisters of Charity, Dallas, Texas, and part to the Catholic Church of El Reno, Okla.

Where idea Booth being Catholic?
Left property to ~~[illegible]~~?

B Claims
Hubbell claims he
know's priest that
Confirmed Booth

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Dr H W Gay recognized a man in 1869 in Tate Co., Miss. as John Wilkes Booth. This was also during the time that St Helen says he was in California and George says he was in Europe. What became of Dr Gay's statement containing alleged confession of this man which agreed with the confession of St Helen ?

Backer could not have been same man again Mr Bates fails to refers us to his source -

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St Helen says p ~~130~~58 ~~that in~~ fall ~~of 1866~~ down thru Miss. Indian Territory hid there about 18 months then went to Nebraska city employed by as a Teamster - to salt Lake City, then to California - Reamed awhile went on to Mexico from there up thru Texas to Glenrose Mills -

Tread Kell - Employed
Jesse Smith (St Helen) fall of 1866

~~Mar~~ Col Levan P 222
Knew Booth as Mar 2
in Lexington Ky 1868

Col Connolly P 223
Knew him in Village
Mills, Tex, in 1883.

Dr Gay P 226
Knew him in Tate County
Miss 1869

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Why did he rush
back to Lexington ~~for~~?
Then down to Mississippi
to live with Dr Gay?
No proof of anything
here merely confusion

P. 130

Bates saw a Mr Treadkel, who was residing near Enid, Okla. and who Bates claims said that in 1866-67 he had in his (Treadkel) employment a driver whom he recognized years afterwards from a picture as resembling John Wilkes Booth. There were no affidavits to support this statement and if there were it would not mean much as people in Leadville, Colo. say there were hundreds of wagon trains passing through there at that time and that a great many people would resemble a tintype of St Helen.

Picture was shown by Bates — 1903

Says ~~Bates~~ George was located at Hennessey, Okla. Ter. in the year 1896, playing the roll of gentleman of leisure under the name of Geo D Ryan. Statement of quite a few Hennessey people who remember old man George, the house painter, says that they never heard of a man named Ryan but remember ~~B~~ E George and the fact that he was there several years, worked quite steadily for a contracting painter except when on drunks and that these were the only times when he was a man of gentlemanly leisure. Considered as a old man who was a little off.

Refer Hennessy

Mr Bates can not remember ~~give~~ his source for that material although but 18 years (1903) since it was told him and he remembered a word for word Confession with not a note from St Helen from 1875 to 1907 32 years!

Statement is made that ~~Bates~~ opened an account in El Reno State Bank in 1899. However, this bank was not established until 1901.

Bates
Understood from
Bellemy 1903 acct here

"But took no jobs
of Painting after that
first one for Mr Austine"
another imaginative
statement with no source.

Statement that Mrs Simmons took to board with her the Methodist minister and his wife, Rev & Mrs Harper, is not true. Mrs Harper was at that time a young widow by the name of Koon and she married Rev Harper in May, 1900, they immediately left El Reno. Mrs Harper was a friend of May Simmons, Mr Simmons' daughter, and was a frequent visitor at the cottage.

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Statement, that George moved in the social circles through which he was born and that he was one of the El Reno "Four Hundred", is absolutely untrue. He was considered in El Reno as a sort of a bum and by those who knew him as a dope fiend. Also had police record and was so much trouble to Simmons that they did not keep him any longer. After he left for Enid, he wrote them a letter begging for them to take him back. This letter they never answered.

Mrs Harper (Mrs Young) states that the only time she knew about George ever taking part in a play was when a play troupe came to town and that one of their number who played the part of the drunken sailor becoming ill, George filled the part very creditably. She does not remember of the young people of El Reno having a play at any time in which George took part.

that she was told that

Mrs Y doesn't think
she made statement
re remittances
Not in statement to
Bates Scrap Book
Knows nothing re
his finances

Knowing already that Bates has the bad habit of Mrs Young one is surprised to find him attributing to Mrs Harper (Mrs Young) such false statements as p 232

"He had always been well supplied with money, the origin or source of which no one knew, for from some mysterious source he received a regular remittance"

"He was a familiar figure in Gudrina ... and Enid".

"And though he claimed to be a painter of houses, yet he did no work"

"At one time — a young man —" cont-

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George's handwriting does not look at all like John Wilkes Booth's, even compared where he wrote the name of Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth at time he made confession to Mrs Harper.

Refer to Bates' scrap book.

Mrs Harper had the scrap of paper on which George wrote at time Bates visited her - This is reproduced in a newspaper clipping in Bates scrap book. Why didn't he use it.

Does not even refer to fact that George wrote name John Wilkes Booth -

Knew it wouldn't match

Scrap book for sig

Bates Feb 9 '21 says he never took any stock in this signature - Booth evidently because it doesn't help him

Statement made that George painted but one house, this is absolutely untrue. He painted a great number of houses and worked rather steady at this trade both in El Reno and country surrounding. Ran an account steadily in Miller Drug Store for paint and left there in 1902 owing Miller something over $40. People who remember his painting say that it was not extra good but fair.

Statement that the Editor of the El Reno Democrat dropped George's ad. from paper because he thought it was useless expense is not true. Mr Hensley, Editor at that time, says he dropped George's ad. because he did not pay his bill, that George did come around and protest - paid up and ad. was continued.

Where Ryan?

Okla

at present any state senator -

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Why weren't statements obtained from persons mentioned in Cooper's letter?

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After receiving letter re Mrs Ruggles with his address - why as part of an investigation was not a statement obtained?

The introduction of the letter from Fitzhugh not followed up - addis nothing - Ruggles identity matter of Record C.T. - and Ruggles own statement in Century for Jan 1890

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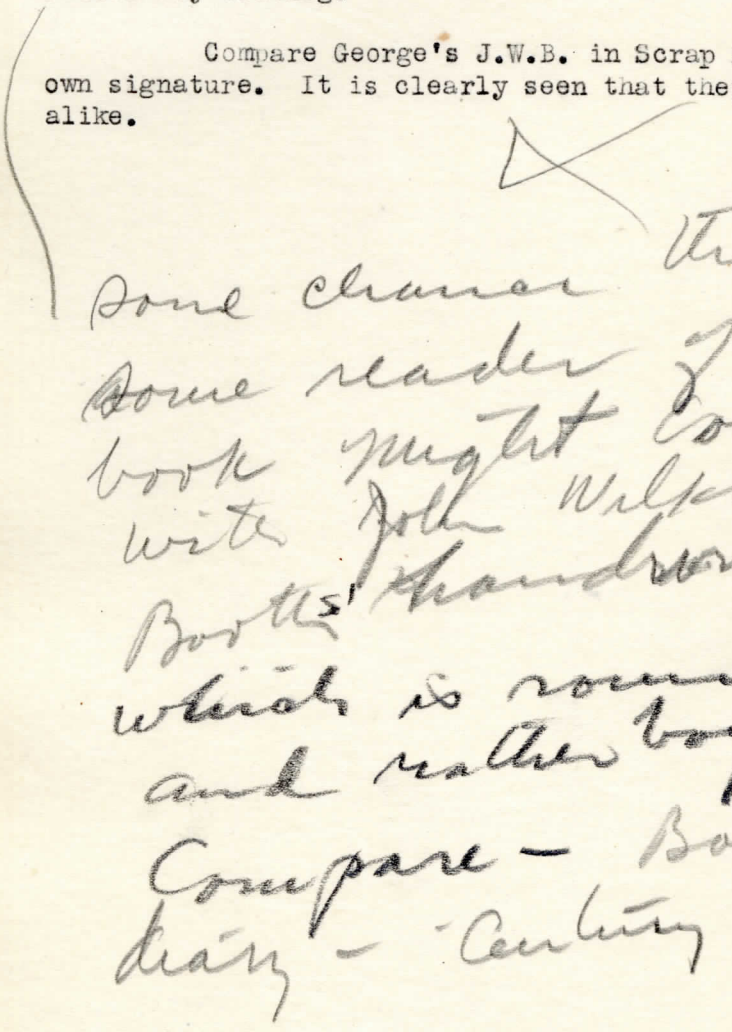
Scrap Book - Page 39

The clipping here altered to read "round, little scrawly, boy writing" when original is large lettered, shcool boy writing.

Compare George's J.W.B. in Scrap Book with J.W.B's own signature. It is clearly seen that they are not at all alike.



How did Brown know that George had gone under the various names of Ryan, Kearns, St Helen, & Smith. ?

Treadkel did not tell Mr Bates about man whom he knew as Smith until after Bates saw Brown.

Who told Brown that Colonel Levan knew Booth in Lexington, Ky. in 1868 under the name of J J Marr?

How did Brown know that George had gone under the name of Ryan at Hennessey when no one in Hennessey knew him by that name?

Refer 228