Jas Duffy El Reno
Robert McCartney "

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Amarillo

1st Nat Bank - El Reno -

Stenographers' Note Book

White Deer - Shafer

From _____

To _____

Col Springs 180

No. _____

Leadville 40

Jim Duffy - W D Robar -
for many years Chief
of Police for El Reno
Held this position 1900, 01, 02, 03,

Says the only police service
Jim Duffy ever did
was for about 6 weeks
back in 1901 & 1902 when
they needed help and Jim
was a temporary Turnkey
at the jail - Was in
Federal army at Ft. Reno
but not an Officer -

George -

~~Tuesday~~ Sat night

Robar & H C W^m P McCarter a member of the force at the time George was in El Reno -

Say that while George was boarding with the Simmons, he came home drunk one day and Mrs Simmons' brother John Sams, and George got in a fight over something - (Sams dead 2 years)

George went to his room to get his pistol - a 22 shooter on the way threatening Sams, who got out of the house and ran down to Robar's home about a block away Robar was at home and went with Sams to the Simmons place. George came out to meet them with the 22 shooter in his hand - Sams got behind Robar who took the pistol away from George and arrested him, Took him to the police station

and ~~when he~~ held him until he sobered up - Robar still has pistol - Robar made George promise that he wouldn't start anything again and turned him loose.

No police considered George harmless when sober but a little dangerous when drunk They say they saw George a lot during the two or three years he was in El Reno Never saw him treat others + when he got drunk usually got away from saloon They say he was nobody's fool + must have had a good education was tall, dark complexion, hair quite mixed with gray - would sometimes let beard go unshaved for a week

Always reasonably neat - not fine clothes ~~Hat~~ Had very heavy eyebrows, both same

Did not limp. Southern
drawl - Would think him
a Kentuckian -
Tintype resembles him
some -
Looked around the
police Station quite
a lot - Seemed to
consider both Roban
& McCartney - (on force 19 yrs.
10 yrs chief - Left 1½ yrs ago -
writes Am Express Co now -
Roban - Mgr. Elks) as friends
Always wore a heavy
soft felt hat
Was a dope fiend
but not a bad one.
Saw him under
influence quite often
Both R & M are absolutely
sure of this since they
claim they had quit
a few cases and
would not make a
mistake - Both say
a morphine fiend
can't be believed at
all while under the
influence.
"Just such a dont
give a fellow that suggestion
that he was JWB
would appeal to and

grow on -

Roban says he remembers that George drew a land claim - Geo. Told him his fortune was made - and sold it to Simmons thinks it was about 1901 Says he thinks George lived on it awhile -

Say George never had any unusual ants of money although he must have gotten several hundred dollars for his farm

Amarillo - Tex 1/24/21

Mrs Harper -

Mrs David M Young
508 Jackson St
Amarillo - Tex -

Husband in Furniture business.

Mrs Young's Maiden Name was Brewer She first married a Koons - Then Harper May 21, 1900 - He died 1906 and a couple yrs later She married

Young
Got ~~Taddeus~~ from
her Sister-in-Law -
Mrs Brewer, Keary, Okla.

Mrs Young found
slip of paper on which
George wrote - Abraham
Lincoln - John Wilkes
Booth - some time after
George's death and
was never able to find
it.

Mrs added to
statement

She says George claimed
he could tell fortunes
by palmistry - She did not
want this ever printed -

A doctor was sent
for after George had
made his Confession.
George had gotten much
worse - The doctor said
they would not dare
let him go to sleep
and had some of the
Jurymen and
Mrs Young walk
him up & down the
living room floor

until Midnight -
Mrs Simmons
did not hear Con-
fession - She returned
with Coffee while
George was talking
and he stopped
then resumed after
she had left -
Mrs Simmons was
Curious to know
What George had
been saying & Mrs
Young told her later.

Mrs Young did not
see Nor does she know
it to be a fact that
George took part
of drunken Sailor with
play troupe - Can't
remember who told her.
Does not think George
took part in any
Amateur Theatricals

Mrs J thinks George
Came to El Reno
sometime in 1899.
Went to Texas after
She knew him and

foled on farm.

She is sure that his eyes very deep blue

Noticed them particularly when he was sick.

Dyed hair & mustache

Had a distinguished ~~disguised~~ air that any kind of old clothes couldn't disguise -

When not at work had a good suit - Was then a good looking old man

Sang many mournful songs they had never heard before.

Limped only when weather was bad - then complained of Rheumatism in right leg -

Wasn't fleshy or bony poor.

Eyes were perfect match & so were eyebrows -

Heavy black eyebrows.

Was very sure at first that At K tintype was not George - Says J W B picture looks a lot more like him - Eyes same - dreamy look -

Same mouth as J W B

Later that A.A. looked more like time.

Was a perfect gentleman when sober.

Same incident happened after the last - knew nothing about it.

Gave her good advice about men.

Says A.A. not as heavy eyebrows as George + A.A. face looks too short

Never had much money that Mrs Y knew of - Always had money & pay bills + had decent clothes -

Worked at painting fairly steady.

Except night of Confession never said anything else re where he had come from.

Mrs Y. saw him only 2 or 3 weeks after this Confession - which was in April 1900 -

She married May 21, to Rev E.C. Harper - Moved at once to Medford 2 yrs then oct 1902 to Enid -

She was afraid of George

after confession - asked her several times what he had told her while he was sick -

Never told her any more -

Neither she or Mrs Summons that at that time - Neither Rev Harper that there was anything in confession except ravings - If doped man did not know much of it until after suicide - and Bates.

Mrs May Summons
(Mrs Wheeler took
Kodak picture of George
with Summons' on
front porch -

After signing Z statement Mrs H said she had been thinking and wasn't sure whether George or Bates told her about George running little groceys and selling booze on frontier.

She was very certain that George told her that a friend of his in the South had kept track of him, George, Constantly and would write a book about his life after he was dead, so the world knows his story - Said man had pictures of him which he had sent every year. Said man knows all about his life.

Told Mrs Y at another time that he had come from a very fine family and had friends in the South from whom he could get all money he wanted, but that he was proud and would rather work - Thinks he said he had one friend who would send him plenty of Money - All he had to do was let the Man know - Never Mentioned Main Name When Bates came and

told her that he knew all about George & had kept in touch with him. She that Bates must be the friend George had talked of -

Was 64 or 65 in 1900 -

In 1900 Summons were renting house which George afterward bought

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At another time Mrs Y says George said he had done different kinds of work had money in Bank & did not have to work, but had to do something to posture.

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Mr Chalmers -
1st not Bank - where Check #1 - Records to 1910 destroyed last year - did not have room for them - were of no use -

Mrs H said the first thing George said on night of Confession was to ask for a mirror - looked into eyes to see if poison was taking effect - Then Confessed.

Henry Shafer
White Deer -
Ran Saloon in Cl Reno
1900 - 02 - Remembers
George in Saloon -
Never saw him with
An unusual amount
of money - Cant
remember much re
him - Good Many always
around Saloon -
Remembers seeing
No Scar - Might
have been through -

Col. Springs - 1818 Cascade Ave
Hayes Davis -
about 4 - sons
& Jeff Davis daughter
& Addison Hayes -
changed name - by
family request to
perpetuate Davis family -

Says all ~~letters~~
received by Confed
Govt or Grandfather
prior to 1865 are
in possession of
Officials at Washington
During time in Prison

Rose Kept - About
2000 or 2500 beginning
with 1869 - many
from Judah Benjamin
Sent to Confed Hist
Society - Miss Harris
or Harrison - 18 mo ago - with
instructions to sort
and return purely
personal - None have
as yet been returned -
Davis started to sort
spent one evening and
gave it up as a
bad job.

Letters in big Chest.

Davis has Grandfathers
Confed Library.
Davis was 1st Lieut in
Air Corps - France.
Connected with Fathers Bank.

Davis merely remembers
Grandfather but was
quite a favorite with
Grandmother, with
whom he spent
considerable vacation
time while in Princeton
~~Graduate 1904~~ -
Grandmother wrote
for many years for
N.Y. World until 1904

on various subjects -
Became a great friend
of Mrs V. S. Grant in
N.Y.

Mrs Dorn wrote very
rarely on Civil war.

Davis says grandmother
often mentioned
Benjamin & said
that he was a wonderful
man - that he had
~~xxx~~ more ability than
any other member
of the Confed Cabinet.

Mrs. Davis wrote
a two Val set -
"Jefferson Davis
A Memoir by his
Wife -

Pub went to wall
& she made nothing
on it -
Copies Can be gotten
from
A. R. Taylor & Co -
Book store - Memphis
Tenn -

Davis says
Craven's Prison Life
of Jefferson Davis is
Gold -
Cadmus Book store N.Y.
Most complete Confed Books.

Burger- great friend
of Mrs Davis-
Consulted her many
times in preparation
of books-
"The Middle Period

Reconstruction and
the Constitution-
Scribners

Rise & Fall of
the Confed Govt-
Jefferson Davis-

The Confed. Accession
By the Marquess of
Lothian 1864
William Blackwood
& Sons- Edinburgh
& London- written 1864

Mrs Cosford
Moved West some place
then it was Seattle
Wash. Pharmco

Leadville.

In 1868 in NYC
Chas A.S. Vivian, an
actor started a Club
The Jolly Corks - Which
later became The Elks.
Vivian was a Bostonian

~~A picture~~

A picture of Vivian
with other founders
is on wall of Leadville
Lodge - At this time
Vivian had Mustache
and looked very much

like JWB - another
& larger picture -
smooth faced - taken
about 10 yrs later
Also hangs on
Wall - Pic does not
look like JWB at
all - except hair
& eyebrows -

Circa 1879 Vivian
Came to Leadville
and Opened. Pic
Vaudeville Theater -
Did not found any
Society there.
Died in 1881

and was buried in
local Cemetary -
Wife went back
East -

One of largest funerals
in early Leadville
days -

Several years ago
Boston Elks had
body taken up and
sent to Boston -

Wife has written life
of Vivian - Published
about 12 yrs ago -
Most any Elk Lodge

would have one.

Edwin Booth
played in Tabor
Opera House in
April 1888 - 3 nights.
Picture is on wall of
lobby - autographed
only time anyone
can remember that he
ever played here.

The first directory
of Leadville was
published in
1880 and one
each year since
Searched all from
1880 to 1896 - for
John St Helen
" Helen
" St Leon
D.G. George
David George -
In 1885 found
John St. Leon - no
vocation - 225 Harrison
Ave.
1886 - John St Leon
actor same address.
This building has been
vacant for years - Was
a store with rooms above.

The Elks - Leadville
were founded May 1
1892. - A picture
of Charter Members
with names is on
wall - None of them
by any stretch of the
imagination could be
At Helen.

The Elks bought the
Tabor Opera House
and changed name
to Elks Opera House.
Remodeled building
and made front
of 2nd floor into

Nov 20 - Founded 1879

Club Rooms. -

H. R. Pendry atty is Secy -
No At Helen or
At Leon or
D.E. or David George
ever on Roster -

Mgr - Opera House
T. A. Goldner -
Teller American
Natl Bank -
None of old records
before 1893 kept -

Quite a few old Elks
were at Lodge Sunday
Night Jan 23 -
None of them recognized
Tintype as anyone they
had ever known.

M. J. Monnihan -
Monnihan & O'Mera
Undertakers -
Landvill since '79
"Yes, I recognize
that picture - Tintype -
I buried 100 fellows
that looked very
much like that
back in the early
days here."
Never knew anyone
by name St Helen,
St Leon, ~~Leon~~ S. E.
or David George.

Journal - Democrat
No files papers
prior 1890 available -
Butter - ~~High~~ Editor } old men
McDonald - ~~Editor~~ Mgr } came
in 80 ties -
No on Tintype &
Names -

J.W. Clark - old
atty - No.

Land Office
No Patents

Police Station
No records 80 tes or
90 tes -

- M.F. Dwyer
Police Office last
40 yrs - No

Judge Evans
Leadville from Mich
1880 - No -

John Coleman -
West 6th St -
Connected with old
Tabor Opera House 1879-
1893 - Property Man
+ Bill Poster -
Remembers when
Edwin Booth was
here late 80 tes.
Was very quiet,
reserved - Held
himself aloof - Says
he only remembers
him here once -

Does not remember
a John St Helen
" " Leon

Dr E. or David George
and sure none
Connected with Opera
House during this
period -

Does not recognize
Tintype as any one
he ever knew!

No Stock there in
85 or 86 -
All 3 night stands.
No one connected

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with any other theaters
- all gone years ago -
around now - only
Burlesque or Vaudeville -

Bob Ball - E 3rd St. owner
Colorado Baking
Stage Mgr Elks
Theater since 1893
When they took over
Tabor Opera House.
Came Leadville 1882
Not shows a lot
Tabor & all other
Faces - No on
Tintype & names.

Says he seen any
Number of people
around there that
look some like
Tintype.

J W Booth organized
Elks Lodge in Leadville Colo

~~H. E.~~ Garvin
Cincinnati
2147 South James St

Lodge has large framed
photo of him in rooms

Life Ins Policy 5000
& Note on sale of house
taken by party named
Smith supposed to be
Byron Booth Northrup

Kenfoot Hotel
El Reno
Oklahoma
Jan 10th to 15th 1903

Policy payable to
David E George
Estate

D E George bought
cottage

Arnstein owned
cottage inn where
D E George stayed.

Did Penniman notify
Northup alias Smith

~~Moth~~
~~Father~~ of Northrop mem
was sister of
Jesuius Buttras Booth's
wife

Rev Banks married
Geo Northup's daughter
1 second cousin to
Jno Booth

Confused to Rev Simmons
Methodist minister
at Enid Okla

Jeff Davis
2 Daughters
one married
Addison Hayes
Mrs Jeff Davis has
letters from
Judah P Benjamin

Addison Hayes Banker
at Colorado Springs.
he & wife dead left
one or 2 children.

other daughter Miss
Winnie Davis never
married.

(Jew)
Judah Benjamin
in Confederate Cabinet
& loaned large sums
to Confederacy

Later went to England
& died after destroying
all letters. 50 yrs at that
time. born in Louisiana (?
was an American, a
lawyer in new Orleans.
short time in England &
became Kings Counsel

~~Confederate~~

Judah P Benjamin
1st atty Genl
Sec War
Sec State

Great intimacy between
Jeff Davis & Judah P
Benjamin.

Davis had Benjamin
notwithstanding resolution
of Cabinet to remove
him. Davis thereafter
recommended him to
Sec of State.

Burning of New York
Peace Commission to
Canada.

Jeff Davis home
210 E Court St
Memphis Tenn

Book
Lincoln in the Telegraph
Office by
Homer Bates

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at Hotel
BB. Brown - sent
to D Eldorge & to whom
~~to~~ remittance after
death was returned to
Grand Ava Hotel
Enid Okla.

Judah Benjamin's
Family
Whereabouts.

Locate records
Treasury Dept
Confederate Govt
Most likely in
possession ?

Mrs Van Kerkaman
Nashville, Tenn.
Jake Thompson
See Treas.
above niece of
Thompson adopted
& raised by him

Franklin Ruddy.
Overseer Cox Plantation
Back of Potomac River
where Booth crossed
in Maryland.

Notes on Train -

Compare Tintype
& W B Picture for
eyebrows - Can't be
done since Tintype is
so Cracked - Why?
Opposite P 202 - Was this
Made before Tintype was
Cracked? - Or was
Tintype Cracked purposely
and detail cut opp. 202
faked in? All agree
that eye brows were
Matches and very heavy.

Picture opposite page
223 - Under picture
"Only painting job He
ever did -

St Helen
George told Two
different stories
re escape of JWB from
Washington - George
told Mrs Young that he
spent 10 yrs in Europe
which would take us
to 1775 - 3 or 4 yrs after
Granbury people knew
St Helen.

Pages 18 - 19 - J.M. Taylor
a nut - holy simple
old fellow - St Helen
never knows to appear
in Public Glenrose
or Granbury -
No one remembers
his Celebration & doubts
it having ever taken
place -
Laughable Combination
Kid Bates in teens - Simple
old Jim Taylor & Desperado
St Helen.
St Helen did not like Taylor
wouldn't allow him around
a Bates saloon. -

p 22 + 27

Never had negro gates in Granbury ~~Texas~~ or Mexican one either. Had White Bar-Keep. Medium size Mustache + Name Couldn't be Remembered not there long. This shows how much Bates was around his place of business.

Negro in Arkansas - Killed about time St Helen left there.

p 22 + 27

St Helen wasn't known to have a single Book in Granbury and Bates did not have an Office the Greater part of the time - Hung around other Law Offices.

p 24 - No one could remember Reeds ever being in Granbury and all laughed at idea of St. H lecturing Roland Reed.

p. 28 - General opinion that St H left before Court House burned 1875 & Bates not there in

1877

P. 30 - 1877 - Jane Bates
Tintype - Opp P 202 age 38
Jno B age 27 - 1865 - 26a

38
27
12 Tintype then was taken
in 1867 - 1877 Compare
placement P 2 of Preface
late winter or early Spring
of 1878 - P 30 - Mutt -
Gordon - both say that
a photographer would
have been a damn
fool to have
stopped at Glenrose
in 1877 - Wouldn't
have made enough to
live for a day

Pages 34 on
St Helen's story was
Common Newspaper
knowledge in 1865-66.
However Bates couldn't
remember it anyway
for 20 yrs before putting
it on paper - Undoubtedly
wrote most of it from
whatever Newspaper,
Magazine and book
accounts written before
1907 - Bates admitted

On his 2nd trip to
Detroit - Dec 8 1920
that he had never
made note but
could not forget what
was said because of
circumstances and
impression made upon
his mind - If it made
such an impression
why did he not attempt
to do something before
1898 -

Was only writing Govt
as a lead to see how
they would take it -

Page 41 - Even Lincoln
Connection Wilkes Booth
discussed in Congress
at impeachment
Trial - 1867-68 - Was
in all newspapers of
time - "Assn Committee

O'47 - "Thigh-Shin Bone
against edge of stage -"
Could not have happened -
Look at stage picture of
Ford Theater - Also
fractured right shin
bone 6" or 8" above ankle -
Not True - JWB left leg
almost - ankle - Left foot.

Q47- House not held by Harold, but by boy to whom Spangler gave it in charge -