Preliminary

You told me Mr Bates when you were here in December that you had never made any notes at time of St Helen's confession to you and had never put this into writing until your prepared for the first edition of your book in 1907. "Yes"

What do you remember about St Helen as to height and scars?

To what extent did asthmatic or throat affliction bother his speech? "only with cold"

How tall would you judge him to be? Same height as B 58½

What led you first to consider this confession at all seriously? What date? "1897 - Sana Blakemark Globe"

How did you first learn of George's death? "wire"

Is the communication which you sent War Dept the only effort you made to interest them in the Booth affair? - "Yes"

In St Helen's confession, did he ever mention other members of the conspiracy? "no"

Did George tell in his death bed confession how he had escaped?

How was tin type defaced? -

What were circumstances about Mr Smith asking for you at Hotel at El Reno?

What other pictures have you besides Tin type & Booth photo & Picture of George after death - "none"

What did Bank tell you?

Preface

P1 —

Tintype 1st identified

Evidently not considered

as picture of Booth

heretofore —

Why Kept?

Dona

Photo of Tintype

before Married

Note - Bates Page 7

Statement here - Re - One of the first clients referring to St Helen. It is correct according to Snider's statement. but Snyder was indicted

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According to Bates' own statement, he was a boy in teens, St Helen a man 38 or 40 years old.

2/9 Bates insists Snider was his client first

Says Snider was sick in hotel at Tyler

B Says he might have said that Mans Name was not St Helen - but Sure that he didn't say he was Booth.

Note - Bates Page 9

Statement here does not agree with Snider, who says St Helen was Bates' client, that Bates came to him (Snider) at St Helen's suggestion.

St Helen not
knowing other Lawyers
came to Bates -
Later better friend of
Cooper -

P9 - Imagine Jno B.
living under a negro?

Bates - Does not think
it would be unusual for
Booth to sleep in same
room as nigger.

Note - Bates Page 11

Statement - Re - "Wheeze of St Helen" agrees with others. In addition to this, a very deep scar was across the right side of St Helen's throat, also one across back of his neck which he had gotten in a local fight. Many people in Granbury who knew St Helen thought wheeze was due to cut throat.

Bates - Remembers of no scar on throat & back of neck of St H.

Says Wheeze only bothered him when he had a cold at all other time voice was bell like.

Note -Bates Page 14

Granbury people who knew St Helen say he was not the type to hand a man his pocket book with that much money, if he had that much at one time.

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Pages 14-15

Snider says he gave Bates money for costs and nolle prosequi of proceedings, amounting to approximately $80. That he was never reimbursed by either Bates or St Helen.

Bates Snider lies -
says
"Guilty Costs" 5.00 & Costs
2 Indictment $35.00 each
& some costs -

Waived presence in Court
because he was sick -

Can't understand amt
in book 65

Note - Bates Page 18

General J M Taylor was an old half simple Confederate soldier who had not even been an officer. He was a squatter on some land belonging to a Virginia family and was allowed to remain because the agent of the Virginia people felt sorry for him. (Judge Estes) St Helen always showed greatest antipathy for J M Taylor and did not allow him around a saloon, in fact tried to run him out of town. (Lee Nutt)

He was called "General" by the people around as a joke.

Bates claims - that all he knows re Taylor I told him himself - - all he knew about him -

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Note - Bates Pages 18-22

Not a single person in Granbury or Glenrose could remember of any Fourth of July celebration at Glenrose Mills in the 70's and say that section was so sparsely populated that a celebration would not have been logical. No one remembers St Helen taking part in any public meeting or patriotic celebration or attending such an event except in his own saloon.

B Says meeting took place

Describe more in detail ?

Wasn't it peculiar that after Doctor stated that St Helen was dying , he ran off and made it necessary for Bates and the porter to treat St Helen after the confession was made.

Bates says Yes

Note - Bates Page 34

Family affairs given - all things which were common newspaper knowledge in 1865.

Bates did not make use of notes at time of this confession and acknowledged Dec 8th on his second trip to Detroit that this confession had not been put into written form until book was prepared, about 1907. All details of confession historically right were a matter of common knowledge within a few years after Lincoln's assassination

Again ackn Feb 9

Note - Bates Pages 27-30

Lonn Gordon, who was generally acknowledged to have been personally the best friend St Helen had and for whom St Helen worked the first year he was in Granbury, does not remember St Helen even being seriously ill. Neither does John Formwalt, Judge Estes, Jeff Cross, Lee Nutt is not sure but thinks St Helen was sick in some room up stairs at one time and men took care of him.

Loper in

Where did St. H take ill? Nutt says in back room up-stairs? Who were others who took care of him?

Boarded at Cross'

B insists that sick scene took place as described. Cant understand Dr Hannaford running away.

Connection of Andrew Johnson with assassination was discussed quite freely at the time of impeachment trial (1868) and was carried as far as appointing a committee in the House of Representatives known as the Assassination Committee to investigate possible connection of Andrew Johnson with Lincoln's assassination. This committee finally gave up investigation due to the fact that their principal witness was proved to have perjured himself in most his testimony not only regarding this but other cases.

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Refer to De Witt Page 87-99-174-175

All of which shows that the possible connection of Johnson with assassination was discussed in the two or three years immediately following assassination and was known by any person who read the newspapers at that time.

Johnson Implication
Century Jan 1890
Page ~~434~~ 445

Pearsons July 1904
Post marked 1905
Before Book

Claims Col - ?
Served the drinks to Johnson & Booth. Would not allow statement to be used

Bates P 48

Riding boot left at Dr Mudd's –

And this was a left boot – taken off a right foot

Bates suggests that ~~this~~ a ~~right~~ left was substituted to throw people off the track

Note - Bates Page 49

No Ruddy ever lived in neighborhood of Cox Plantation and Franklin A Roby is overseer of Col. Cox who helped take care of Booth. ~~Herold~~ Roby did not die until the year 1900.

Magazines of Bates

Roby

Centuray 1896 - Page 905

" 1884 - " 828

Bates Page 49

Cent. 1884 - 825

description of Ruddy

& of Jones similar

in some respects.

Cared for by Jones

also Roby - statement in Jones Book - does not corroborate this.

To meet at 2 p.m. April 22 - 1865

Does not at all agree with time they met. not good prearrangement.

Story of trip in Lucas wagon covered with furniture fake -

Garrett
Lucas
Stewart etc -

Statement ascribed to St Helen that he was employed as a teamster to drive in a wagon train going from Nebraska City, Neb. to Salt Lake City, Utah is not particularly significant since at that time hundreds and hundreds of wagon trains were making the same trip.

Picture show
1903 - Ten type
by Bates.

B learned of Threadkeel
Cant remember how
no signed Statement
Cant remember how
he learned he was
near Enid
