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The following is an excerpt from Amended Short Sketch of the Historical and Traditional History of Bates Line of Descent of Western Virginia, and of the Bates-Hill, Bates-Bourland and Martin-Houser Families written by Wm. S Bates of Houston, Mississippi:

9th. Finis Langdon Bates, born in 1848, not having completed such education as farther's resources and inclination justified; on his removal to Texas, placed him in our home care, from which he entered the Summerville Institute, a private institution conducted by Prof. Gathriggt, where he completed an imperfect course of education, returning to our home he read Law under my supervision, and on being admitted to the Bar soon after married Miss Roberta Money of Carrollton, Miss., daughter of John Money, and farther of the Hon. Hernando D Money, Congressman and United States Senator, representing Mississippi to the day of his death. This newley married couple at once removed to the frontiers of Texas, locating at the Village of Granbury, County seat of Hood. Where, as a young lawyer he soon gained the confidence of associates and financial success. Among them, quite an accomplished and refined man, though a recluse, and occupant of the back room of an eating house, conducted presided over by another man, he all the while remaining in the background. In the meantime, this consern being operated under an assumed name, and having violated the Federal law, the name was indicted in that court, and the recluse arrested, and brother was retained by him to make his defence, which the recluse understood established the confidential relations of attorney and client, and at the same time the client revealed to his lawyer, that under no circumstances would he enter a personal appearance in the Federal Court, lest he should be identified; and as he thus spake handed his attorney a roll of bills, stating, "here is all the money needful for my defense, Go to Paris and appear for me, enter a plea of guilty and pay all." So the plan proved a success, which seemed to rivit friendship and increased confidential relations between the parties, and soon after the man, yet in his seclusion was taken suddenly sick as he expressed, unto death, called brother to his relief, though still impressing profound secrecy, when he revealed the fact that he was the real John Wilks Booth, the assinator of President Abraham Lincoln, That the execution of Mrs. Sarrat was a discredit to the government, for she had no connection with the plot culminating in his Assasination. Continuing, then gave a full statement of the manner of his escape and his meanderings from that period to the date of his revelation and confession, And since his suicide at Enid, Oklahoma, this brother has written quite a creditable Book, which purports to contain a full history of this confessed assinator of President Lincoln, supported by proofs, etc. Not content with his Texas venture, he returned to Miss., settling for a time at Greenville where he obtained an intrest in its Street Railroad and in meantime lost his wife, and finally removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he opened his law office, and again married a Miss Doyle., his children being a son and daughter, the fruits of each marriage.

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