

Booth vs. George Up Again

Laura Ida Booth Declares that David E. George Was Her Father
and no Other Than J. Wilkes Booth

Great Excitement In New York.

The Whole Story Tastes Like Salt Mackerel, But it's "Interest-
ing Readin'."

From the New York Sun:

Laura Ida Booth, an actress, of Bound Brook, N. J., has made up her mind that she is the daughter of John Wilkes Booth, that Booth was not killed after the murder of President Lincoln and that he married the widow of a Kentucky mountaineer in the early '70s.

More than that, Miss Booth is ready to believe that David E. George, who died at Enid, O. T., in January of this year, was John Wilkes Booth. George, according to Miss Booth, left an estate of several hundred thousand dollars, a will as yet unopened, and no known relative. George's neighbors, it is said, were certain that he was Booth.

Miss Booth came to the city last week armed with the certificate of her mother's marriage to a John W. Booth and other papers to support her claim. She showed them to George H. Brennan, a theatrical manager, who was so much impressed that he summoned Leon Laski, a lawyer at 17 Park Row, who is prepared to present the claim of the alleged daughter of John Wilkes Booth to the property of David E. George.

Laski wrote to Probate Judge M. C. Garber, of Enid, asking about George's disposal of his property, and got a reply yesterday, saying that George left a will, still unopened, and that W. B. Penniman had been appointed administrator.

"There is one strange thing about the case which lends support to our contention," said Laski. "The property man of Laura Keene's company, who opened the window for Booth to escape after he shot Lincoln, is now living at Enid. It has never been proven that Booth really was killed. The price set on his head was never withdrawn, which was sufficient reason for his concealment of his identity.

"The John Wilkes Booth who married Laura Ida Booth's mother deserted her soon after his daughter's birth, and has never been heard from since. Her mother who has since died, and her half-brother, whose name I haven't learned, has already identified the body of George as that of her father, Booth.

"Laura Booth's father was an object of curiosity to the Kentucky mountaineers, because he was constantly reciting Shakespeare.

"The people of Enid also say that David E. George showed surprising knowledge of dramatic things and of Shakespeare's Plays."