

The Enid Daily Wave.
Feb. 17, 1903

J. Wilkes Booth.

A New York Woman Claims him as her Father, and also Part of his Estate.

The Mystery Deepens.

New York Papers Stated That, George, Alias Booth Left an Estate of \$30,000, but 30 cents is Close to the Amount.

There has been considerable sensational writing indulged in by penny-a-liners over the suicide of D. E. George in this who confessed to having been J. Wilkes Booth. The New York papers said the suicide shot himself in the head at El Reno and, that he left an estate of \$30,000. Before us is a copy of the Utica, N. Y. Saturday Globe which makes the above statement in connection with a chapter of grave doubts as to the death of Booth on the Garrett farm in Virginia. Owing to these misleading publications in the eastern papers, in regard to the estate left by D. E. George a woman claiming to be Booth's daughter has written a letter to Mayor Hensley of El Reno with an eye to claiming the estate of the deceased, should he prove to have been Booth, which scarcely amounts to 30 cents. In fact a share in the estate was more in the mind of the writer than the proper care and burial of the claimed father, hence, the Wave does not take any serious stock in what the letter contains. However, the Wave will publish same. Here it is:--

New York City, Feb. 11, 1903

Mayor of El Reno.

Dear Sir:

You will please pardon me for taking the liberty of addressing you, but if all the papers are telling the truth about the man who committed suicide in your territory, D. E. George, if he is really John Wilkes Booth, he is my father, and if there is no other identity proven believe him, for he is telling the truth. He was married to my mother long after the assassination of Lincoln in the state of Tennessee. His Wife's name was Louisa Booth and my name is after one of his sisters, I believe the only one he had, and one of my mother's sisters. Laura Ida Booth is my name sake. Do you know whether he had a family in the territory or not? His wife, my mother, died in the year 1879. I never saw my father, he went away two months before I was born. This story may seem strange to you, nevertheless it is true. I have a step-brother who saw them married, and if this is John Wilkes Booth, I am entitled to some of his estate. The papers mention several towns as the place of his suicide. The Globe Democrat places it at Guthrie. Another clipping speaks of Enid, and another of El Reno. I have never been in the territory, and do not understand where these places are located. There is no use of my writing so much until I find out something more from the people who know everything about the matter. As soon as you answer this, I can give you all the information that you want. My people all live in the south, and they know all about what I am telling you, and can give you all the information you want. Please do not give this to the papers as I do not wish for any notoriety.

Yours Respectfully,
Mrs Charles Levine,
New York City