

George Said To Be George.

Clark of Oklahoma City Claims to Have Known the Deceased From Childhood.

Mr. C. M. Clark of Oklahoma City gives light on the life of David E. George who was presumed to be J. Wilkes Booth.

The Wave clips the following from the Guthrie Capital:--"For the past few days the newspapers have been publishing sensational articles regarding D. E. George, who after committing suicide at Enid, left a note containing a statement to the effect that he was John Wilkes Booth who shot President Lincoln.

"C. M. Clark, of the senate in a conversation with a representative of this paper this afternoon established beyond any doubt that George was not Booth and had nothing whatever to do with the assassination of President Lincoln. Mr. Clark said: "I have been acquainted with George since the days of his boyhood in the state of Mississippi. His name was David George and he was born in Mississippi in 1836. His father at one time was a celebrated physician in Mississippi who was known from one end of the state to the other. His uncle was Senator George of that state. Before the civil war Bradford Forrest, general of the Confederate cavalry, married George's sister and during the war he was a major on General Forrest's staff. In '63 he came south from Memphis and was accompanied by my brother, who was known as 'Luck Clark.' They were in the recruiting service at that time and stopped three days at our home in Yorkville. My brother was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Dave George had three duels about the time of the war and was wounded three times. After the war he killed Ben Thompson at San Antonio, Texas in a theatre because Thompson had killed a bartender who had been in the employ of George. Thompson was a noted Texas character and it is said that he killed twenty men. George was tried and acquitted, but the killing preyed upon his mind to such an extent that he took to drink. He belonged to a prominent family in the state of Mississippi, but drink drove him to his death. He was a ~~find~~<sup>fine</sup> architect and built several first class government buildings in Oklahoma. He came to Oklahoma City about two months ago and told me at that time that when he died he would leave me a portion of his property."

If the remainder of Mr. Clark's story above, contains no more truth than the account of the killing of Ben Thompson, it is all a pure fabrication. Mr. Robert Burns of this city was a resident of San Antonio at the time Thompson was killed, and says he was shot from the gallery of the same theatre in which he had killed its owner, Jack Harris, and that a man named McCoy was tried for and acquitted of the crime. Thompson's death resulted from several shots fired with Winchesters by men stationed in the gallery by Harris' friends. So Clark's story does not hold water nor cut much ice.