

*Chas A Cameron
Josie Cameron*

July
7th
1921

Mr. C. A. Hendy, Jr., Mgr.,
Ford Motor Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hendy:-

Attached, is a letter to Mrs. Josie Cameron on whom I called while in Chicago last winter, also a statement she made to me at that time to which I would like to have her swear before a Notary.

Mrs. Cameron's address last January was #2255 South Park Ave., Apt. 46. If she has moved you can doubtless trace her by a special delivery letter to that address, asking her to call you at the office and give her new address. The driver I had last winter met her. I think he was a Mr. Smith. You doubtless have a Notary at the office; if so, it would possibly be easier to send him to her home. You may give her five dollars for her trouble and charge it to the Dearborn Publishing Company with any other expenses that you incur in this connection. If impossible to trace her in any other way - her husband Mr. Chas. A. Cameron is a cotton seed oil inspector for Morris & Company and travels a lot for them. They could possibly put you in touch with their home address if it has changed.

I am also enclosing a statement of Sargeant A. W. Boggs of the James C. King Home for Old Men, Garfield Ave. & South Park Ave., near 55th Street Station, South Side Elevated, Phone Oakland 1682, which I also wish to make into the form of an affidavit. You will have no trouble at all finding him and getting this.

Very truly yours,

THE DEARBORN PUBLISHING COMPANY

F. L. Black

Business Manager.

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Dear Mrs. Cameron:-

I am sending with one of our Chicago men a statement of the interesting co-incidences in your life re John Walter Robison. I would appreciate immensely your making a sworn statement of this. I am quite anxious to file a copy of all the statements I obtained with the War Department since the matter is of so much interest to them, and then later we may want to publish a story on the interesting and strange co-incidences always attending anything connected with John Wilkes Booth, no matter how remote.

I am authorizing our man to give you five dollars for the inconvenience to which we are putting you, although I believe I know you and your Southern hospitality well enough to be rather afraid that you will resent an offer of pay; but Mrs. Cameron, do not consider it in that light, for I want you to take it and purchase some little present as a remembrance of my two indeed interesting conversations with you about the drama when I called last winter.

Give my regards to Mr. Cameron, and accept my best wishes for continued health and prosperity.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs Chas A Cameron

In the Surgeon General's office at Washington is the doctor's
report signed by seven people who knew John Wilkes Booth and was identified
as the man killed in the barn at 12th Place in Enid, Okla. in
the hallway of the trial. The doctor's report shows that John Wilkes Booth's
signature was written in the name of D E George.

February
12th
1921

Mrs Chas A Cameron
Chicago
Ill

*2255 South Park ave
apt 46*

Dear Mrs Cameron:

Herewith we are returning two letters you loaned us which you received in 1901 from John Walter Robison. People in Enid who were very well acquainted with Mr Robison and also knew D E George, the man who claimed he was John Wilkes Booth, laughed at the idea that they ever could be taken for the same. Of course, the mistake was perfectly natural on your part having never met D E George. Robison came from a Georgia family by that name and was captain in the Confederate army during the Civil War. He died on October 10th, 1902; D E George died on January 13th, 1903. Robison is buried in Enid Cemetery, Section R, Lot 44. I talked to three of his very intimate friends. Frank Letson, Vice Pres., Enid Nat'l Bank was quite interested in amateur dramatics as was also Robison. Robison was of much finer caliber than George, dressed much better and was admitted to the best social circle in Enid. He represented the Dramatic Mirror for several years. He was an attorney and came to Enid in 1893 taking a position in the Land Office. He was quite an intimate friend of Judge Steen at whose home he was a frequent visitor. D E George did not come to Enid until December after Robison had died.

Bob Wilson, present stage manager of the Majestic, worked in theatre at the time you played in Enid and knew Robison quite well. Wilson at that time during part of the day gathered laundry for one of the local laundries and called at a small two room cottage, where Robison lived alone, for his laundry. After D E George came to Grand Ave Hotel in December, Wilson also gathered his laundry.

A great many others such as O J Fleming, Pres Enid Nat'l Bank, Everett Purcell and Tom Hopley both newspaper men knew Robison and of course had seen George. Capt Robison and Major Trump, the only two Confederate officers buried in Enid, lie side by side and their graves are decorated each year by the local G.A.R. at the time that graves of Federal soldiers and officers are decorated. Going over the Oklahoma and Texas haunts of D E George has convinced us there is nothing to the story. George was an ordinary dope fiend who let his imagination run wild when he got a little too much morphine. The preponderance of evidence is against D E George and John St Helen, the man who Mr Bates knew being the same individuals. It looks as though Mr Bates had been made the victim of some very clever newspaper men who were merely looking for sensation. We have also found that the government has sufficient proof to hold their case against all comers.

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Mrs Chas A Cameron

In the Surgeon General's office at Washington is the coroner's affidavit signed by seven people who knew John Wilkes Booth and who identified the body of the man killed in the barn at the Garrett Place as Booth. In addition to this, the testimony at the trial in 1865 showed that it was Booth's left leg that was broken while the leg of D E George broken was the right.

We certainly appreciate your kindness in letting us have these letters and wish to assure you of our thanks. With kindest regards to both yourself and Mr Cameron, we are

Very truly yours,

THE DEARBORN PUBLISHING COMPANY

~~F. J.~~ BLACK

Business Manager

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