

July 6, 1921.

Capt. J. H. Traylor
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Dear Capt Traylor:-

Judge B. M. Estes, Grandbury told me a few months ago that you would possibly remember John St Helen as well, or better, than any one else who was living in Granbury in the seventies. Herewith I am asking you quite a number of questions. It may be pretty hard for you to write out these answers in long hand, so if you will have some stenographer take your statements and send me the bill, I will remit at once. Also if you will be so kind as to have your statements sworn to by a Notary, I will be glad to pay his fee and send you five dollars for your trouble besides:-

About how tall was St. Helen?

What scars did he have?

Lon Gordon and Lee Nutt say he had a very noticeable scar on the right side of his throat - in fact both think the wheeze in his voice was possibly due to him having had his throat cut at some time.

Lon Gordon also said St. Helen had a scar across the back of his neck and one across his chest.

They say St. Helem came to Granbury about 1871 or 72 and left before the Court House burned, which was March 8, 1875.

Have you any idea where St. Helen came from?

Did he ever have more money than he could have made in his own business?

How was he considered as a man? Good, or bad?

Do you remember of any of the fights he had?

Do you remember of St. Helen taking part in any public

entertainments, such as a barbeque down at Glen Rose one Fourth of July in the early seventies?

Was the wheeze in St. Helen's voice continuous, or was it noticeable only occasionally?

Was his voice ever clear and bell-like?

Was he much of a gambler?

What do you remember about the relations of St. Helen and John Reed, and their cheating old man Ward out of his farm?

Do you remember old J M Taylor, the old Confederate soldier who squatted on some land near Granbury? What was his rank in the Confederate Army? What were his and St. Helen's relations? Why was he called "General?"

Do you remember when St Helen left Granbury, and where he went?

Were St. Helen's eyebrows matched?

What color were his eyes?

What were the relations of St. Helen and Finis Bates, a young attorney living in Granbury at the time? Were they ever much together?

Did you ever hear of an alleged confession made to Bates by St. Helen that he was John Wilkes Booth?

Was there anything about St. Helen that would lead you to believe there could be any possible truth in such a confession if made?

Do you remember anything about St. Helen's moral character.

Do you remember of him ever being ill and about to die in Granbury and being taken care of by Bates and others?

Did St. Helen have a colored or Mexican porter in his saloon at Granbury?

What do you remember as to the relations between Bill McDonald and St. Helen?

Any other facts you can remember will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

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