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J. Wilkes Booth Again He Died in Enid

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Montana Man Declares Booth was not Killed in the Virginia Barn

Wants To Give His Testimony

The Proof That David E. George was None Other Than J. Wilkes Booth Becoming Convincing

The following special dispatch appeared in a recent issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat:

"Washington, March 29--Representative Dixon of Montana has received a letter from a man who claims that Wilkes Booth was never killed near Washington. Mr. Dixon recently introduced a bill in the House granting a pension to Judge E. J. Conger of Dillon, Mont., who it is claimed commanded the detachment of cavalry that overtook Booth and killed him. Mr. King's correspondent repeats an often-published story that Booth escaped and lived in the West until January 13, 1903, when he committed suicide at Enid, Okla. The writer wants to appear before the pensions committee and give his story. He proposes a committee to take testimony as to whether John Wilkes Booth was killed or escaped. The writer claims to have ample proof that Booth was never killed and says he will produce it under proper circumstances."

The above is another link in the chain of evidence which goes to show that the body in the Penniman morgue is really the remains of J. Wilkes Booth as he himself confessed to Mrs. Harper in El Reno.

This new witness claims to have been the commander of the detachment of cavalry that overtook Booth surrounded him in the barn and reported his death to the government at Washington However, there is something mysterious in the actions of this Man Conger. Why didn't he report to the government long ago that Booth escaped? There is only one answer to the question. If the soldiers knew the man they killed was not Booth they were trying to beat their government out of the reward offered. It would be worth something to the history of the country if the government would run down the mystery surrounding the escape of Booth. A good U. S. detective could trace David E. George to J. Wilkes Booth, if it is Booth, in a short time.