

Enid, Okla  
Tuesday, Jan 11, 1921.

Dear Mr Liebold:

Enclosed is an article copied from The Enid Wave, October 13, 1902, on John Walter Robinson. I spent all of Sunday and half of yesterday before I could find just when he died. I have a lot of additional information re him in my note book. I'm inclined to think Bates learned enough about him to think it unsafe to give his right name in his book. Therefore the name Harris City and County records down here are very hard to check - they were so poorly kept.

I have some very interesting clues about D. E. George. I have a typist working on old local newspaper files at the Library. People pretty generally here believe he was Booth.

B. B. Brown, must have left Enid soon after 1902. Several people remember him but can give no idea where he went when he left here. I have a statement from Lee Boyde, who broke into George's room when they heard him moaning. The story Bates has in his Book, page 269, told him by Brown is not true. Neither Brown or Dumont were there when he died, and it was in the morning not night.

Dumont died about seven years ago. His wife left here. No very definite trace can be gotten of her, but the Bank where they kept their account thinks she went to Arkansas City and remarried.

Rev. Harper died in 1906. His wife went back to her folks in Amarillo, Texas. No one here remembers her maiden name. I will get that in El Reno.

I have an interesting story from Eugene McConkay who knew George at Hennessy (between here and El Reno) in 1896. Bates' book says he knew him as Ryan. McConkay doesn't remember ever hearing the name.

Ryan, who embalmed the body is still here. He doesn't believe it was Booth and tells a very interesting story.

He and Penniman had lots of trouble and Ryan can't say things too mean about both Penniman and Bates.

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Re George E. Smith.

Colfax, Iowa, is a mineral springs town and has had hundreds of strangers every year for years. They stay in boarding houses and are not registered and at the four hotels and a sanitarium. I could not get any trace of Smith there, which was not unusual since he may have been there just a few weeks. He was not a member of the V.C.T. in Des Moines. The Secretary of the Elks at De Corah, Iowa, S. M. Hughes, over long distance, said they had a George E. Smith in 1903. He didn't know him but one of the old members present said he answered the description I gave. And that he had gone to Milwaukee but might be in Warsaw, Wisc., with his brother W. R. Smith.

De Corah is a little out of the way place in northeastern Iowa about 300 miles from Des Moines. I thought I could make it on the way back if you think necessary. I will send you additional material on George tonight.

This has all been worth while since it called our attention to Judah P. Benjamin. The man who actually did the work in the Confederate War Department. J. B. Jones, 53 years old, and a newspaper editor, kept a diary. I have it with me. There is over 900 pages and I've gone through half of it and have marked over 200 references to Jews and Benjamin. If there ever was an International Jew - Benjamin was IT. The Confederate Quartermaster General was also a Jew - Major Myers, and a great many more have Jewish looking names.

To give you some idea as to the frame of mind of this man James, I will quote from page 68, September 7th, 1861, written at the beginning of the war.

"The Jews are at work. Having no nationality, all wars are harvests for them. It has been so from the day of their dispersion. Now they are scouring the country in all directions, buying all the goods they can find in the

distant cities, and even from the country stores. These they will keep, raise a greedy demand for all descriptions of merchandise."

Reference after reference is made to where Benjamin supplied passes through lines to Jewish merchants who sold Southern cotton to the North and sold Northern munitions to the South. Worked both ends. You certainly will appreciate some of the statements made by Jones, who was awake to the problems.

Belmont of New York although an alien enemy to South was able to save \$2,000,000 worth of tobacco in November after the war started. Jones says "A great fee has been realized by somebody."

You told me that Addison Hays and wife, Colorado Springs, were both dead. A Colorado Springs directory of 1919, which I saw in Omaha gave his name. Has he died since then? We must have the letters Benjamin wrote Mrs. Davis, or at least have an opportunity to copy them.

There is a direct line from Fort Worth to Colorado Springs. Do you want me to return that way after I finish in Texas?

This story - a copy of which I will send you tonight - claims that D. E. George was really D. E. George, a member of a prominent Southern family who killed a man and skipped.

There is a hundred different stories to be found here about it.

Very truly yours

F. L. Black