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A. W. Crockett

I was working in a print-shop in Granbury when St. Helen ran his saloon here. St. Helen carried a small ad in the local paper for his saloon the "Black Hawk" for wines, liquors, and cigars and must have made quite a little money in his business as Granbury was headquarters for the Cowboys of West Texas then.

St. Helen claimed to be a Southern man. I do not remember him ever being sick at Granbury, and never heard about him having any special amount of money, at least not more than he could make in his business. If he had received remittances from some outside source through the Post Office, it would eventually have become known.

St. Helen was a jolly fellow in his saloon and was well liked by the cowboys.

I remember Finis Bates, a young attorney who ~~was started out of Granbury~~  
*Granbury*  
~~and~~ left ~~here~~ about 1874, going to Mississippi. Very few people in Granbury, who knew both, believe that St. Helen was John Wilkes Booth, even after Bates' book came out.

*signature -* A. W. Crockett

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said A.W. Crockett on this the 18th. day of July, 1921 and I certify that all erasures and interlineations were made before signing.

*Ray E. Ely*  
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Notary Public Hood County, Texas.