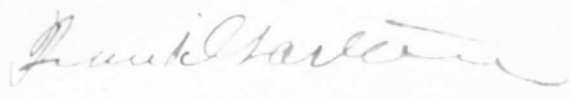


Frank Gaston

I was in Granbury during the time St. Helen was here. I was in his saloon several times, and once or twice I was also in his place at Glen Rose. There were only a couple cabins and a mill there then.

St. Helen was a typical saloon desperado and very keen. He had a quick eye and sometimes his eyes were rather wild looking. No one around here at that time thought St. Helen so strange and different, but of course many after they heard that he might be John Wilkes Booth thought him quite different. After this period I was connected with newspapers in some of the larger cities and saw Edwin Booth and many other actors, and I do not think St. Helen ever acted much like one.

I came back here in 1887 and became editor of the Granbury News. Later I helped Major Thos. T. Ewell write the local County history in 1895. Major Ewell was one of our first attorneys, having been admitted to the Bar in Granbury in 1871, and knew St. Helen. I mentioned St. Helen for a sketch, but the Major said "No. He was only a cheap desperado. We won't put him in." He was mentioned on page 90 in connection with the attempted murder of another of our citizens.



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Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said Frank Gaston on this the 18th. day of July, 1921.



Notary Public Hood County, Texas.