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Mr. Fred. L. Black

Dearborn Independent

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Dear Mr. Black:--



I have been trying to find that John Wilkes Booth performed at a New Orleans theatre in I862, but we have no playbills for that year, and our clippings have been equally silent. Perhaps he did, but we have no evidence that I have found.

I am sorry that you are not coming east this summer. I had looked forward to the pleasure of seeing you again, but I hope it is only a pleasure deferred.

> Yours sincerely, Silvan a. Hall (Mrs. J.D. Hall).