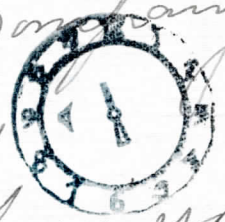


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Dear Sirs;

I was so interested in your articles on the assassination of Lincoln I thought you might be interested in hearing of one concerned in the plot.

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The parents of "Paine" whose true name was Powell were living at that time in Surinnee County, five miles south of Live Oak, on a farm adjoining one I now own.

Young Powell had left home before his parents moved to Surinnee County and came here only on visits to his father and mother. The old people here remember him clearly.

He was a young man of striking appearance, six feet or more in height, of fine physique, and with very black hair, fair complexion and brilliant blue eyes. He was clean shaven, nature having denied him that adornment, a mustache, so highly prized by the young men of those days. No hair would grow on his face except his cheeks, eyebrows or nothing.

After his last visit home his parents lost track of him, and did not dream of

"Paine" as their son until they received his letter containing the awful tidings. Dr. Powell went north at once to render any assistance possible.

The Powells over come with grief or shame stole away so secretly that none of the neighbors knew when nor where they went. Federal troops were quartered at Live Oak and the officers always wanted to see the Powell farm. The home, a log house, was burned many years ago, but the place was known for years as Powell's farm and the pond at the foot of the slope on which the house stood was called Powell's pond.

This letter is not written for publication but for those of the Dearborn Independents staff who may feel interested in it.

Very sincerely,
E. L. Parshley.