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THE BOOTH FAMILY.

RICHARD BOOTH

MISS GAME

JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH 2. ALGERNON SIDNEY BOOTH 3. JANE BOOTH

RICHARD BOOTH was the son of Elizabeth Wilkes, cousin to John Wilkes, "the agitator" (1727-1797). Richard Booth, an ardent republican, followed his son Junius to America, in 1822, and died on December 29, 1839, aged 76. On the stone that marks his grave, in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, the following words are cut, beneath a cross: "Ex vita, ita descendo, tamquam ex hospito, in fervam Reguum in elytissimi Ducis illiæ ire ad Astra." Richard Booth's wife, whose maiden name was Game, died, in England, at the birth of her daughter, Jane. Of ALGERNON SIDNEY BOOTH I have no record.

JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH January 18, 1821. MARY ANN HOLMES

JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH, JR.,
ROSALIE ANN BOOTH,
HENRY BYRON BOOTH,
MARY ANN BOOTH,
FREDERICK BOOTH,
ELIZABETH BOOTH,
EDWIN THOMAS BOOTH,
ASIA SIDNEY BOOTH (Mrs. J. S. Clarke),
JOHN WILKES BOOTH,
JOSEPH ADRIAN BOOTH.

Henry, Mary, Frederick, and Elizabeth died young. Henry's death occurred in 1837, and he was buried at Pentonville, London. Rosalie died, unmarried, in 1889, aged 65. Junius Brutus Booth, Jr., was twice married, and several of his children survive. John Wilkes Booth, who shot President Lincoln, was

shot by "Boston Corbett." Asia Booth (Mrs. J. S. Clarke) left several children, one of whom, Creston Clarke, has gained auspicious reputation as an actor. Joseph Adrian Booth is the only surviving child of the great Junius.

In the preface to her book, called *Passages, Incidents, and Anecdotes in the Life of Junius Brutus Booth*, published, in New York, by G. W. Carleton, in 1866, Mrs. Clarke makes the following reference to a domestic incident in her father's early life: "By a boyish mésalliance, contracted in Brussels in the year 1814, there was one son, who, if alive, is still a resident of London, and of whom we possess no further knowledge."

A descendant in the line thus indicated was known to Edwin Booth, and was befriended by him, at Reading, in England. A newspaper effort was at one time made, in New York, to harrow, distress, and extort money from Edwin Booth, on the score of his father's alleged irregularity; but it failed to elicit any response. Edwin Booth was too wise a man to care for what Lord Beaconsfield so well characterised as "the hair-brained chatter of irresponsible frivolity."

JANE BOOTH

JAMES MITCHELL

Cousins to
EDWIN BOOTH

ROBERT MITCHELL,
of Edentown, North Carolina,
CHARLOTTE MITCHELL (Mrs. Hyde),
of Baltimore, Maryland,
ELIZA MITCHELL (Mrs. William Ward).

JANE BOOTH, with her husband, James Mitchell, and several children, came to America soon after 1821, and she died here, in 1853. Eliza Mitchell, daughter of Jane Booth Mitchell, was an actress in John T. Ford's company, in times prior to the Civil War, and was married to William Ward, also a member of Ford's company.