

United States of America,)
) ss
District of Columbia,)

O. H. Oldroyd, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides at 516 Tenth Street, N.W., being the house in which Abraham Lincoln died, and that since Lincoln's first campaign for the presidency he has been a collector of Lincolnia, and that about thirty years ago he removed his collection to the District of Columbia and has occupied the house where Lincoln died since that time. That when he moved to Washington thirty years ago, he realized that at some time there might be a controversy as to whether or not John Wilkes Booth, the assassinator of Abraham Lincoln, was actually killed as generally accepted, or if he made his escape. With this in mind, he called on various parties in Washington who had first hand information about this matter. Among these parties interviewed was Harry Ford, the son of John T. Ford, who was the proprietor of Ford's theatre - where Lincoln was shot, and he also called on and interviewed Mr. Buckingham, the doorkeeper of Ford's Theatre when Lincoln was assassinated. Mr. Harry Ford and Mr. Buckingham both advised the affiant that at least three members of the company that was playing at Ford's theatre on the night Lincoln was shot and who were personally acquainted with John Wilkes Booth, went down to the Navy Yard and went aboard the Monitor on which Booth's body was being kept for identification and that these three members of the company who went down and viewed the body separately stated that there was tattooed on the left forearm of John Wilkes Booth in indelible ink the initials J. W. B., and that knowing these initials to have been on the left forearm of Booth, they looked for them to make sure of his identification and found them there. Affiant further states that Mr. Harry Ford and Mr. Buckingham brought these three parties to him, and they told affiant of this fact.

About twenty seven years ago, affiant took a trip on foot over the route which John Wilkes Booth followed down to the Garrett farm after the shooting of Lincoln, and that when affiant reached the Garrett home he spent the night there and met two of the sons of old Mr. Garrett who resided at this place when John Wilkes Booth was shot there. That affiant talked with these two sons, and they advised him that they had just returned from the war the day before John Wilkes Booth reached their home, and that when Booth died on the front porch of their home, that they noticed the initials J. W. B. in indelible ink on his left forearm.

In testimony whereof affiant has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 12th day of March, A. D. 1925.

O. H. Oldroyd (SEAL)

United States of America,
District of Columbia,

I, Claude L. Poincarter a notary public for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that O. H. Oldroyd, personally known to me, appeared before me and executed under oath the above statement and declared the same to be true to the best of his knowledge and belief. This the 12th day of March, 1925.

Claude L. Poincarter
Notary Public for the District of
Columbia.

