

HOW BOOTH'S BODY WAS DISPOSED OF

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JOHN WILKES BOOTH

The remains of John Wilkes Booth were exhumed at an early hour last evening from their resting place in the Arsenal grounds, permission to remove the same having been granted by the President to Mr. Weaver, a prominent undertaker of Baltimore. An order was issued to that effect, and a similar order was given to Atzerodt's brother to remove his (Atzerodt's) remains. Both orders were issued by the Secretary of War during the afternoon, and strict precautions were taken to prevent publicity. The indefatigable members of the press were on the alert, however, and within a brief time after the orders were issued they were in possession of the fact. An hour or so before dusk Mr. Weaver, assisted by the firm of Harvey & Marr, undertakers of this city, proceeded to the Arsenal grounds to obtain Booth's remains; and in a short time, Mr. Plant, undertaker, also of this city, arrived to obtain Atzerodt's body. With the assistance of a couple of laborers employed at the arsenal the remains were soon disinterred; that of Booth being placed in a handsome black walnut coffin furnished by Harvey & Marr. The remains were in a fair state of preservation considering the time they had been buried. The coffin was then placed in the wagon in waiting, it being.

taken directly to the Baltimore depot and transferred to the baggage care of the train leaving at 7:30 P. M. Mr Weaver accompanied the remains to Baltimore, and will have charge of the arrangements for the interment, which will probably take place this forenoon at Greenmount Cemetery, the grave site being near that of Booth's father, the famous tragedian, Junius Brutus Booth. Atzerodt's remains were conveyed, in the box in which they were originally buried, to Plant's establishment, on Seventh street, where they were placed in a handsome coffin, and ere our readers will have perused these lines, will probably have been interred at Glenwood Cemetery, north of this city. It was stated last night that this course would be pursued to insure privacy, and that no persons would be present except the mother and brother and two or three other relatives or intimate friends of the deceased.

The applications for the remains of both Booth and Atzerodt were made several days ago, and were held under advisement until yesterday. That for Booth's remains was made by Mr. Weaver on behalf of Booth's brother, Edwin Booth, the tragedian. During the day, Mr. Weaver called at the Executive Mansion and received an order reading nearly as follows: "The Secretary of War will order the delivery of the body of John Wilkes Booth to ---Weaver, of Baltimore. A. Johnson, President." This was taken to the Secretary of War, who thereupon issued the necessary order for the disinterment to General Ramsey, commanding the post.

Information that the order would be issued for the removal of Atzerodt's body having been received, Mrs. Atzerodt, mother of the conspirator, came to this city, from Baltimore, yesterday morning, to be present at the reinterment. Shortly after noon John C Atzerodt, in company with Louis Schade, called at the White House, and received the order, as follows: "The Secretary of War will order the delivery of the body of George A Atzerodt to his brother, John C. Atzerodt. A Johnson, President." The brother, J. C. Atzerodt, with the undertaker, at once proceeded to the War Department, and procured the order on General Ramsey, and the body was taken up as mentioned.