

### Colder Tonight

Weather for Minneapolis and Vicinity—Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday with snow probable Sunday; colder tonight; rising temperature Sunday.

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# LINCOLN'S ASSASSIN WAS NOT SHOT! LIVED UNTIL 1903, HIS NIECE ADMITS

## BOOTH FAMILY BREAKS SIXTY YEARS' SILENCE

Mother of Martyred President's Slayer Visited Him in San Francisco Year After Crime, Blanche Booth Says—Assassin Leaves Affidavit Accusing Vice President Johnson of Fostering Plot and Aiding in His Escape.

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John Wilkes Booth escaped.

This was admitted today in Minneapolis by his niece, Blanche Booth, breaking the 60-year silence of the Booth family regarding the fate of Abraham Lincoln's slayer.

She repudiated the statement made Feb. 17 by Edward Harper Sampson, Moline, Ill., one of the guards supposed to have killed Booth, that with his death the secret of the burial place of Booth's body would be lost. She believes he knew that Booth was not shot by his pursuers as history relates.

### Niece Settles Controversy

After fighting off interviewers for years, Miss Booth today finally revealed at her home, 1319 Yale place that the story of Finis L. Bates was true, thus settling a controversy that has raged for years since it was announced that Booth was killed in a barn on the Garrett plantation near Bowling Green, Va.