The Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum

Coloring Book

Presented by the
Volunteers of the Samuel A. Mudd Society, Inc.
The Society was founded June 22, 1976 as The Society for the Restoration of the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Home. The home was placed on the Register of Historical Places, October 1, 1974. The property was deeded to the Society by the Maryland Historical Trust, March 3, 1983. On March 26, 1981, the name was changed to the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Society, Inc. The Society is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the historic Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Home. The Society encourages research into the role that this historic site played at the time of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Revenue from members and visitors is contributed toward preserving the house and grounds. The history of the house, its furnishings, and the Mudd family, is provided by volunteer docents who conduct the tours. Other items of interest can be found in the Farm Museum and the Exhibit Building. In the gift shop visitors will find books containing historical information from this period of American History.
Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd was a country doctor and tobacco farmer during the Civil War. He was married to Sarah Frances Dyer and they had nine children.

At the end of the Civil War John Wilkes Booth shot and killed President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C. As he was escaping, he broke his leg. With the help of his friend, David Herold, Booth rode his horse for thirty miles before he arrived on the doorstep of Dr. Mudd's house. Dr. Mudd treated Booth's broken leg and let the two men stay for several hours in his guest room. Dr. Mudd was sent to prison because he helped the man who killed the president.

Many people think that was unfair because Dr. Mudd didn't even know Booth had shot President Lincoln.
The Mudd family started building their house in 1857. It took until 1859 before they could move in. They called their farm St. Catherine.
John Wilkes Booth rested on the coach in the parlor until Dr. Mudd found a lamp to take upstairs. Dr. Mudd cut his boot off in the upstairs bedroom and then examined the broken leg.
While Sam helped him up the stairs, Booth held onto the railing. Booth couldn’t stand on his left leg because it was broken.
John Wilkes Booth rested in this upstairs bedroom. The painting above the fireplace was done by Mrs. Mudd while she was in college. It is called “Sleeping Beauty.”
John Wilkes Booth and David Herald used the old plantation road behind the well and escaped across the Zekiah Swamp into Virginia before they were captured.

Dr. Mudd was also arrested.

He was put on trial and sentenced to prison.
When Sam was in prison he was assigned to work in the Carpenter’s shop. He made many pieces of furniture including this gaming table.
Sam made this desk for the prison commander at Fort Jefferson.
Dr. Sam saved many people from a disease while he was in prison. Because of this, President Johnson pardoned Sam and he could return home.
Some people call the bed in the children’s room a rolling pin bed because it looks like there is a rolling pin on top of the headboard, but it is really a cannon ball bed. The rolling pin was used every so often to roll the mattress out flat.
A man named Ned Spangler made this dresser. Ned was also arrested for President Lincoln’s death. Ned and Sam became friends in prison. Ned came to live on the farm when he was released.
Sarah kept her dishes and silverware in the sideboard in the dining room.
The Pianoforte came from Leipzig, Germany.
It has 15 keys less than a regular piano.
Both Sam and Sarah played it.
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Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. John Wilkes____
6. St.____, name of Dr. Sam's home
8. President who was shot

Down
2. Crop Sam grew
3. CIVL_____
4. County where Dr. Sam lived
5. What Booth broke
7. Volunteer who gives tours

Answers can be found on the final page.
Dr. Samuel Mudd House

Word Search

See how many of these words you can find:

BOOTH  PIANOFORTE
DOCTOR  PRISON
FARM    SAM
LINCOLN  SARAH
MARYLAND SWAMP
MUDD    TELESCOPE
MUSEUM  ZEKIAH

Answers to the crossword puzzle on previous page: