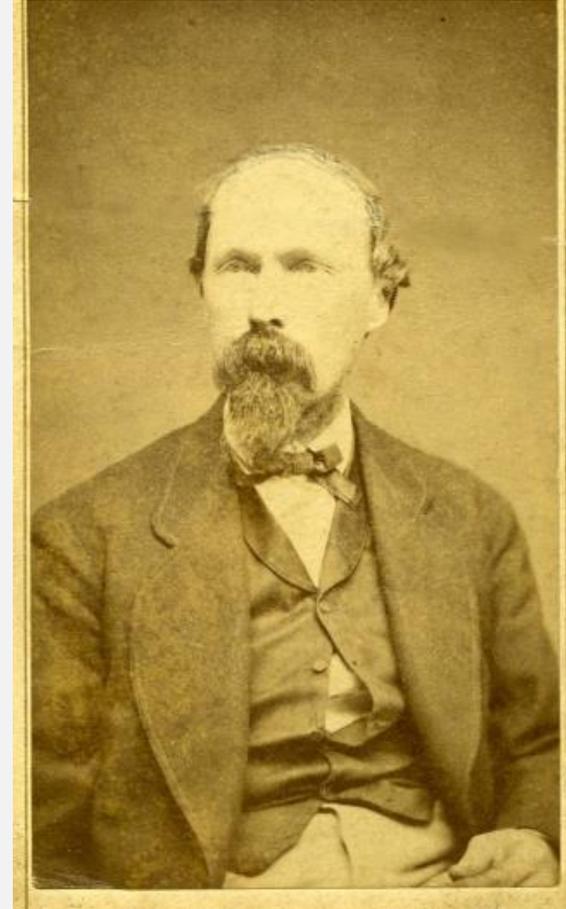


DR. SAMUEL A. MUDD AND THE “INJURED MAN”

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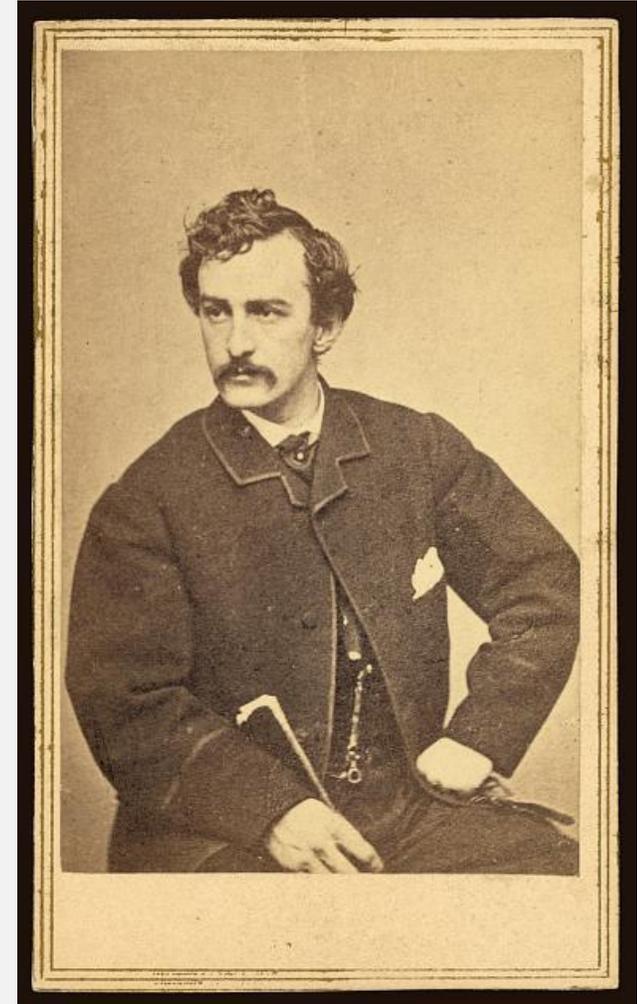
- was born and raised in Bryantown, Charles County, Maryland
- came from a wealthy and educated family
- earned his medical degree from what is today the University of Maryland's medical school in 1857
- did not join any army during the Civil War
- was a 31 year old doctor and tobacco plantation owner when Lincoln was assassinated
- was married with four young children by April 1865
- was introduced to John Wilkes Booth at St. Mary's Catholic Church in November, 1864
- was entertained by Booth in his hotel in Washington in December, 1864



Dr. Samuel A. Mudd

JOHN WILKES BOOTH

- was born and raised in Bel Air, Maryland
- was a famous actor who came from a family of celebrated thespians
- was an ardent supporter of the southern cause, but never served in the Confederate army
- at first developed a plan to kidnap, not kill, Abraham Lincoln
- visited Charles County, Maryland in November 1864 to recruit members into his plot and buy horses
- met Dr. Mudd at St. Mary's Church and spent a night at Mudd's home
- changed his plan to assassination after the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Courthouse
- assassinated President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865.
- fractured a bone in his left leg during the assassination
- Booth escaped Washington on horseback and headed into southern Maryland in an attempt to cross the Potomac River and enter Virginia.



MUDD TREATS AN “INJURED MAN”

- Booth arrived at Dr. Mudd’s home at 4 a.m. the morning after the assassination with David Herold, one of his co-conspirators.
- The Mudds claimed that the men were using the alias’s “Tyson” and “Tyler” and that the “injured man” had a long, heavy beard.
- The “injured man” was helped into Mudd’s parlor and placed on the couch
- The “injured man’s” boot was cut from his leg and a quick examination revealed a broken bone just above the left ankle
- The “injured man” was helped upstairs and the bone was set
- The “injured man” rested in the upstairs room until 4 or 5 pm, when he and his companion left the Mudd farm
- As the two men left the house, Mrs. Mudd noticed that the “injured man” was wearing a fake beard. This scared her and she urged the men to leave her home.



HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

- Dr. Mudd was arrested a week after Booth was at his farm, put on trial, and received a life sentence for his part in helping Booth escape.
- Dr. Mudd was pardoned in 1869 and returned to his home. He lived there until his death in 1883.
- To this day, Dr. Mudd is considered a controversial character in the Lincoln assassination.
- As a result, many questions surround Dr. Mudd's association with John Wilkes Booth...
- How did Dr. Mudd not recognize Booth, despite having met him on two prior occasions?
- What did Dr. Mudd know about how the "injured man" had broken his leg?
- When did Dr. Mudd realize something was amiss with the "injured man's" story?
- When he realized something was amiss with the "injured man" what did he do about it?



Mrs. Sarah F. Mudd

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

WHEN DID DR. MUDD RECOGNIZE THE “INJURED MAN” AS JOHN WILKES BOOTH?



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