

**The Escape of John Wilkes Booth  
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# 1 - Abraham Lincoln



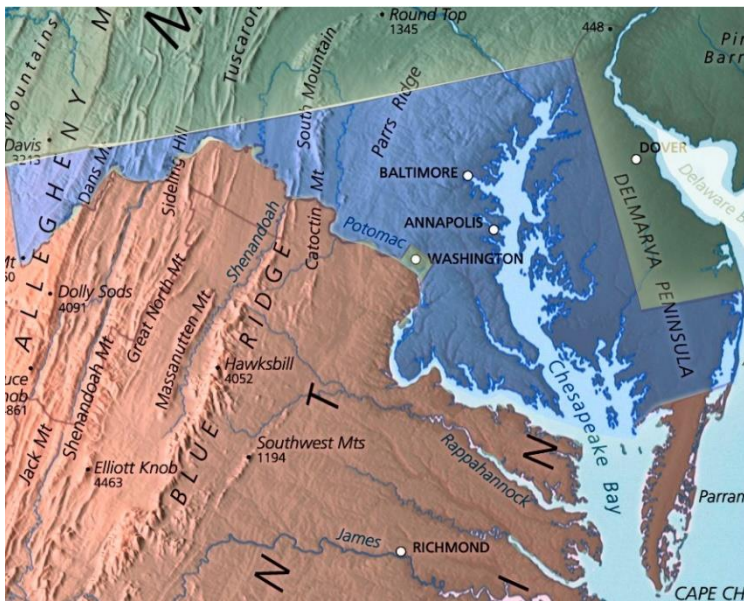
## 2 - Booth and His Family Background



2A – John Wilkes Booth



2C – Booth Brothers



2B- Maryland and the South

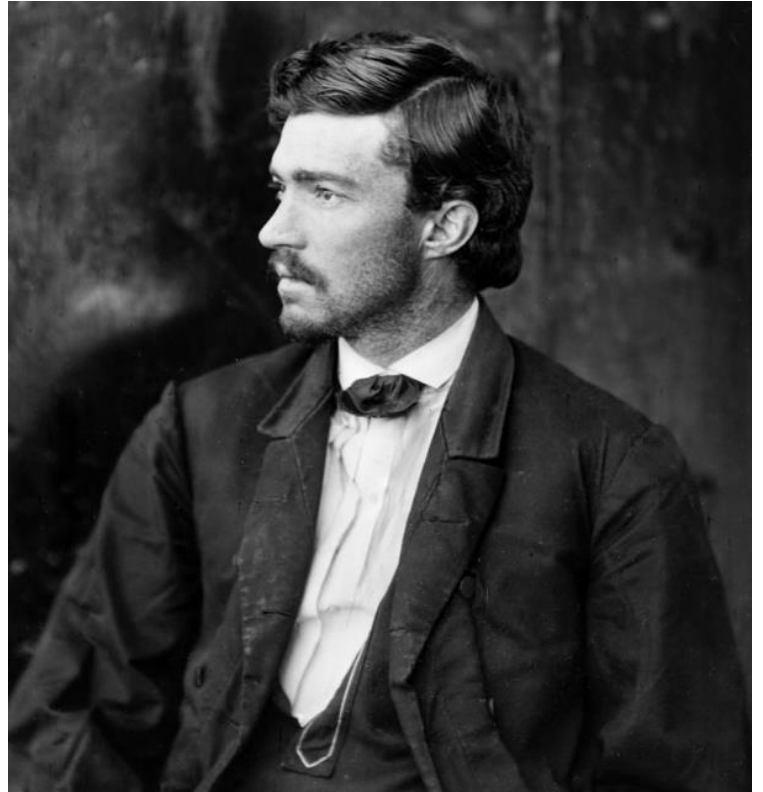


2D – Junius Brutus Booth

### 3 - The Original Conspirators



3A – Successful Actor



3B – Sam Arnold



3C – Michael O'Laughlen

## 4 - The Plot Expands



4A – David Herold



4B - John Surratt



4C – George Atzerodt



4D – Lewis Powell

## 5 - Almost Out of Control (page 1)



5A – Howard's Stable

Mr. Howard W 27.  
Will please let  
the bearer Mr. Agnew have  
my horse whenever he wishes  
to ride also my leggins and  
gloves and oblige  
Yours H  
H Small  
541 St Paul St  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

5B – Surratt Note

## 5 - Almost Out of Control (page 2)

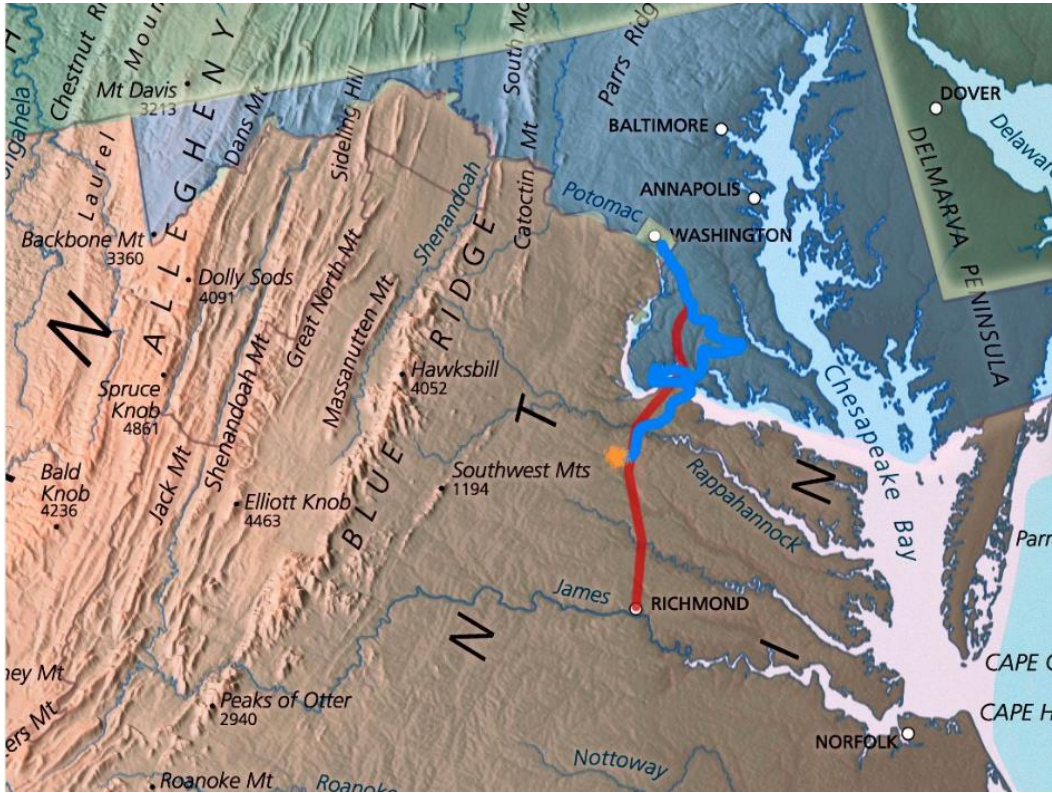


5C – Mary Surratt

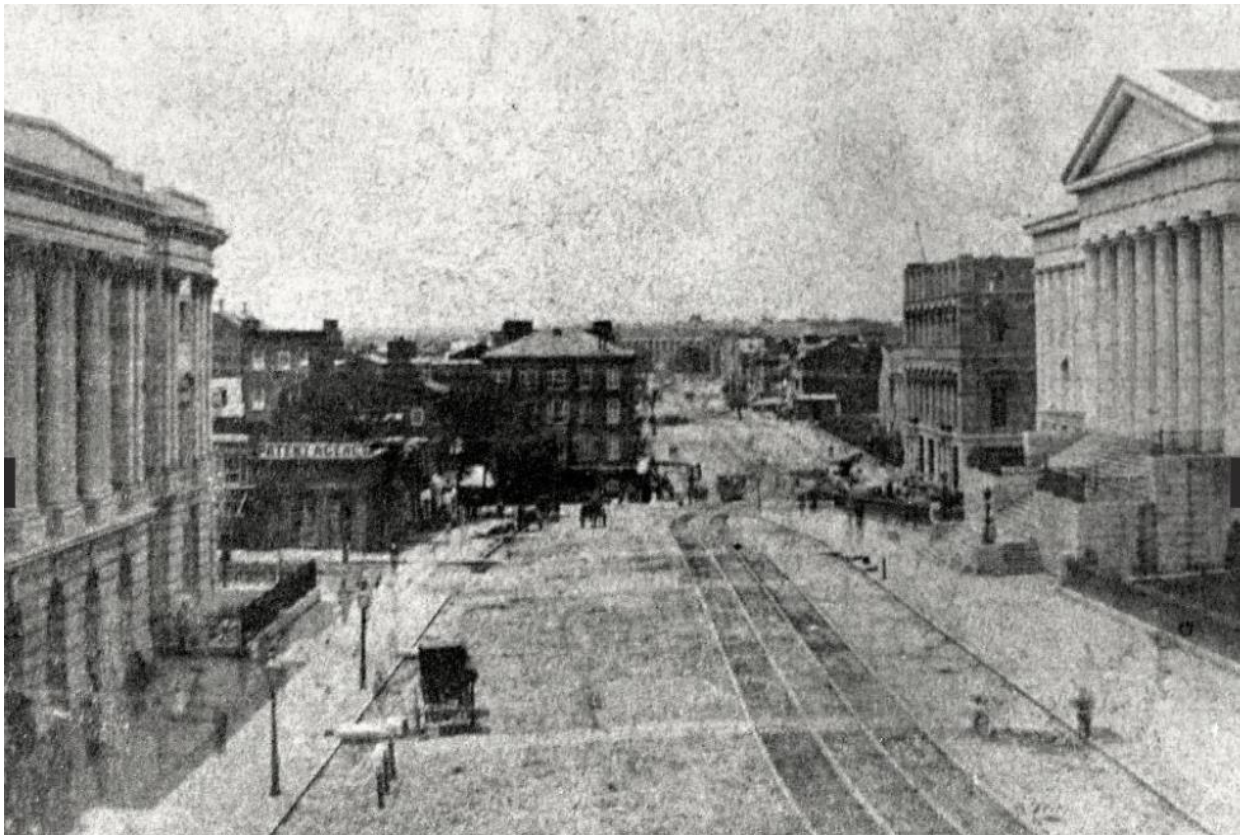


5D – Surratt Boardinghouse

# 6 - The Final Announcement (page 1)



6A – Proposed Escape



6B – Herndon House

## 6 - The Final Announcement (page 2)



6C – William Seward

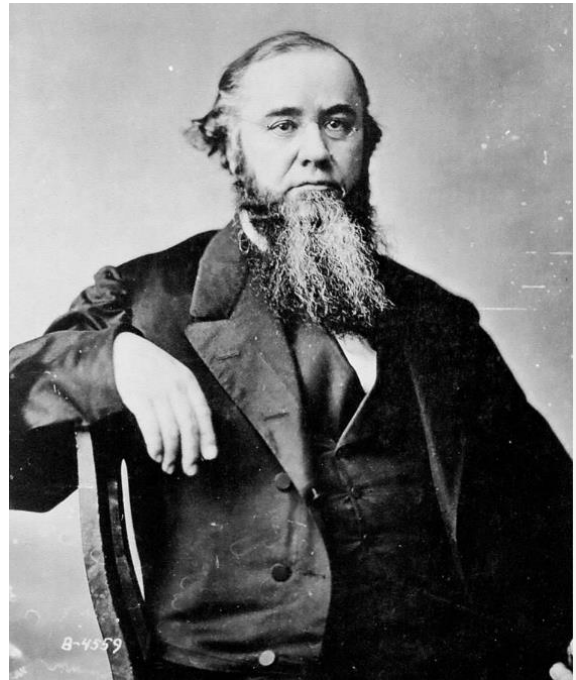


6D - Lincoln

## 7 - List of Victims Cut



7A – Andrew Johnson

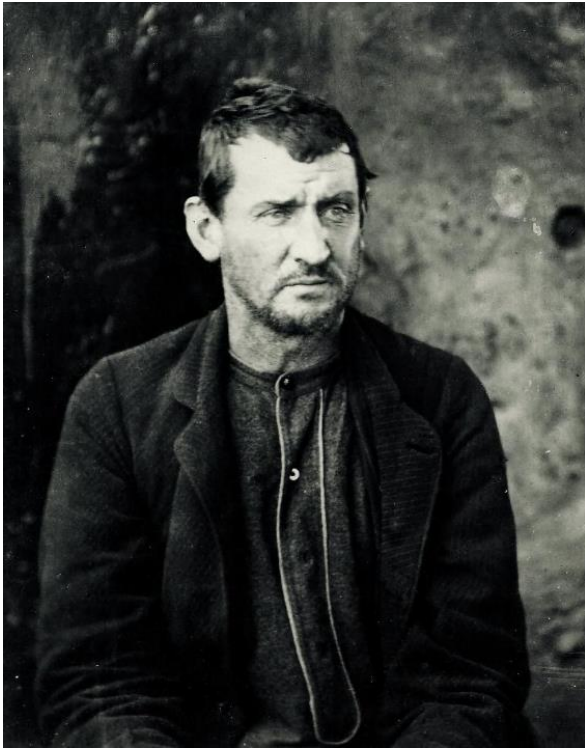


7C – Edwin Stanton

Dont want to disturb you  
Are you at home,  
Wilkes Booth

7B – Booth Card to Johnson

# Ford's Crew and Seward's Household



8A – Edman Spangler

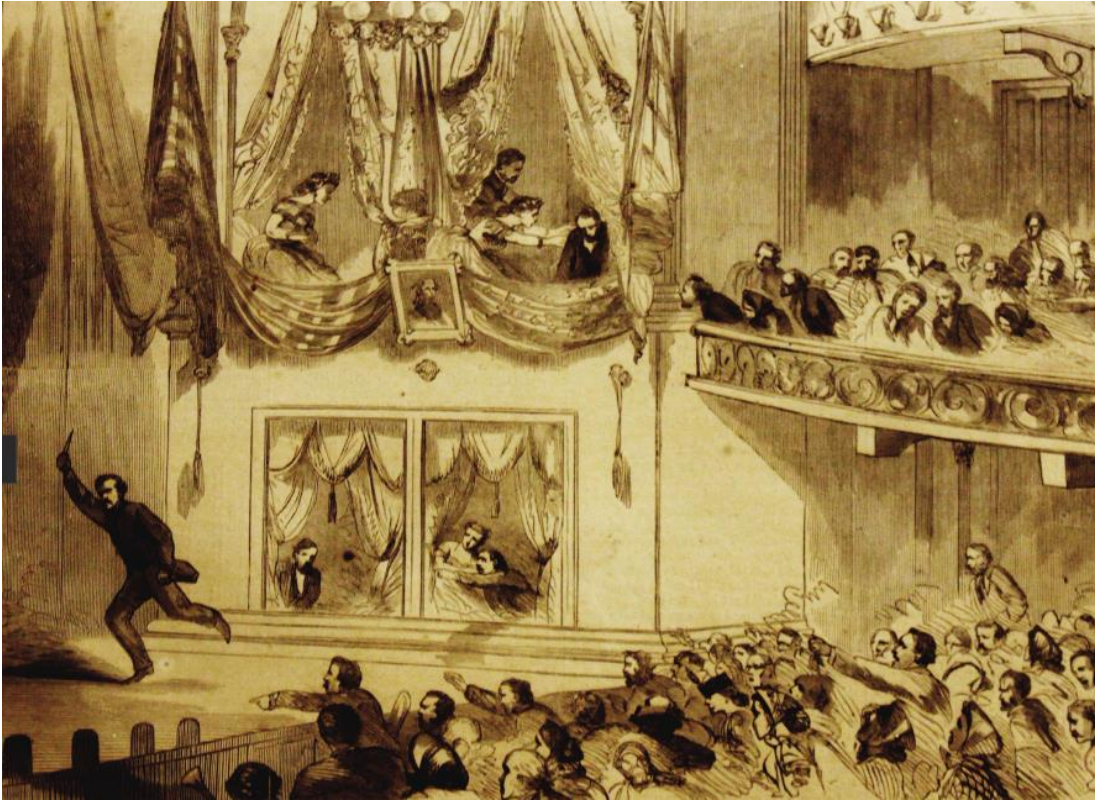


8C – Seward House



8B – Ford's Theatre

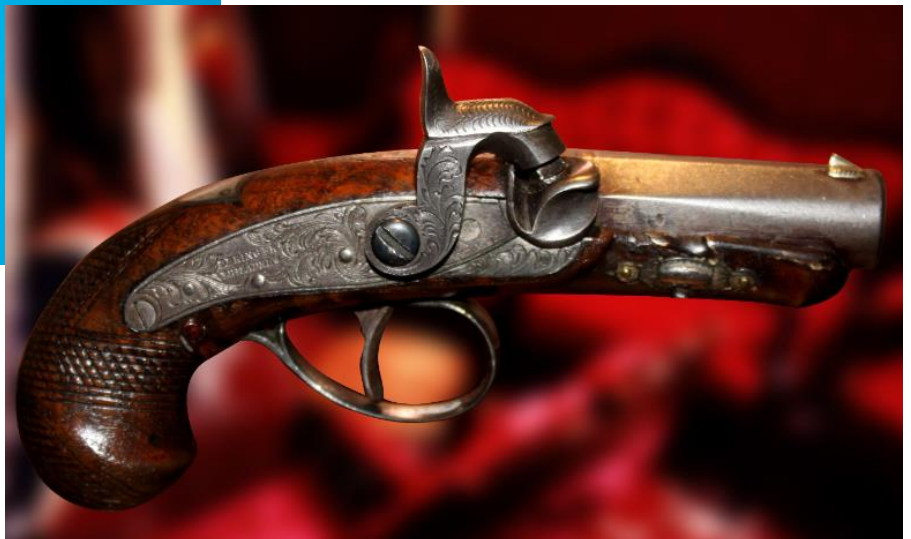
## 9 - Symbolism in the Attack



9A – Sic Semper Tyrannis

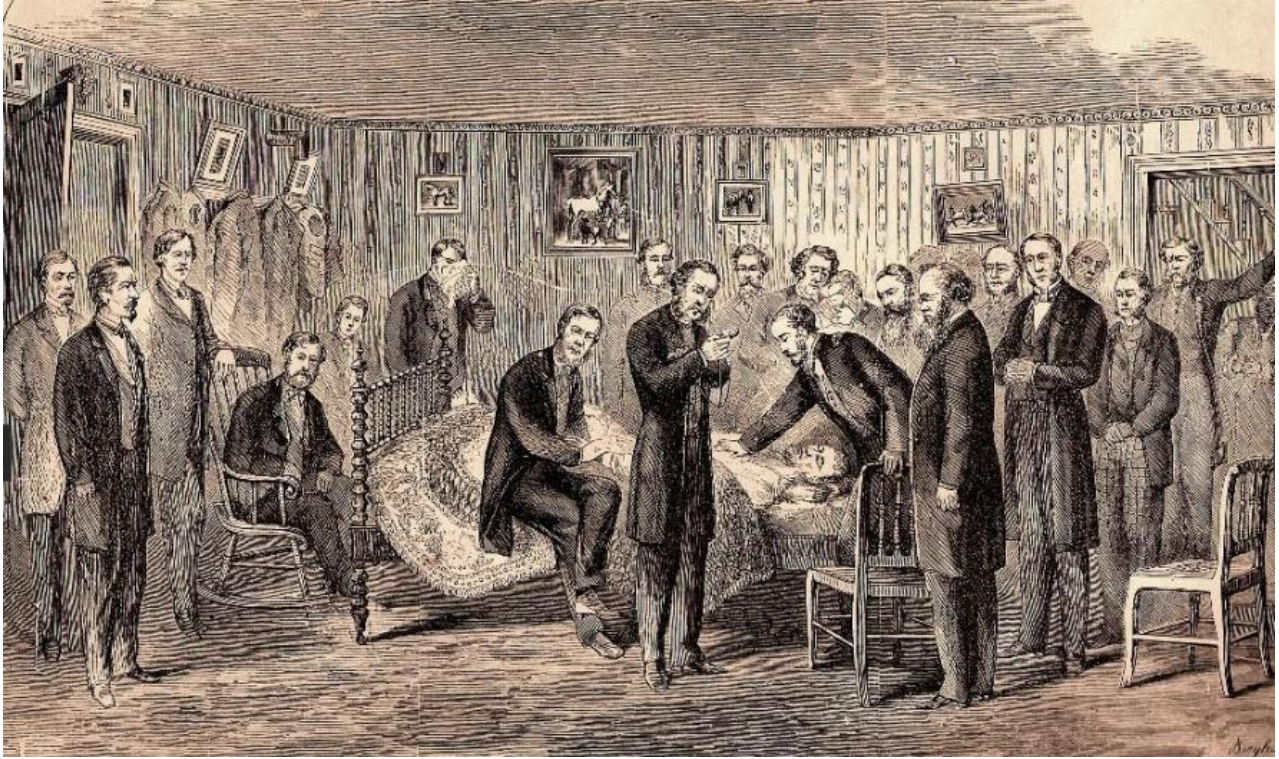


9B – Dagger



9C - Derringer

# 10 - Night of Horrors

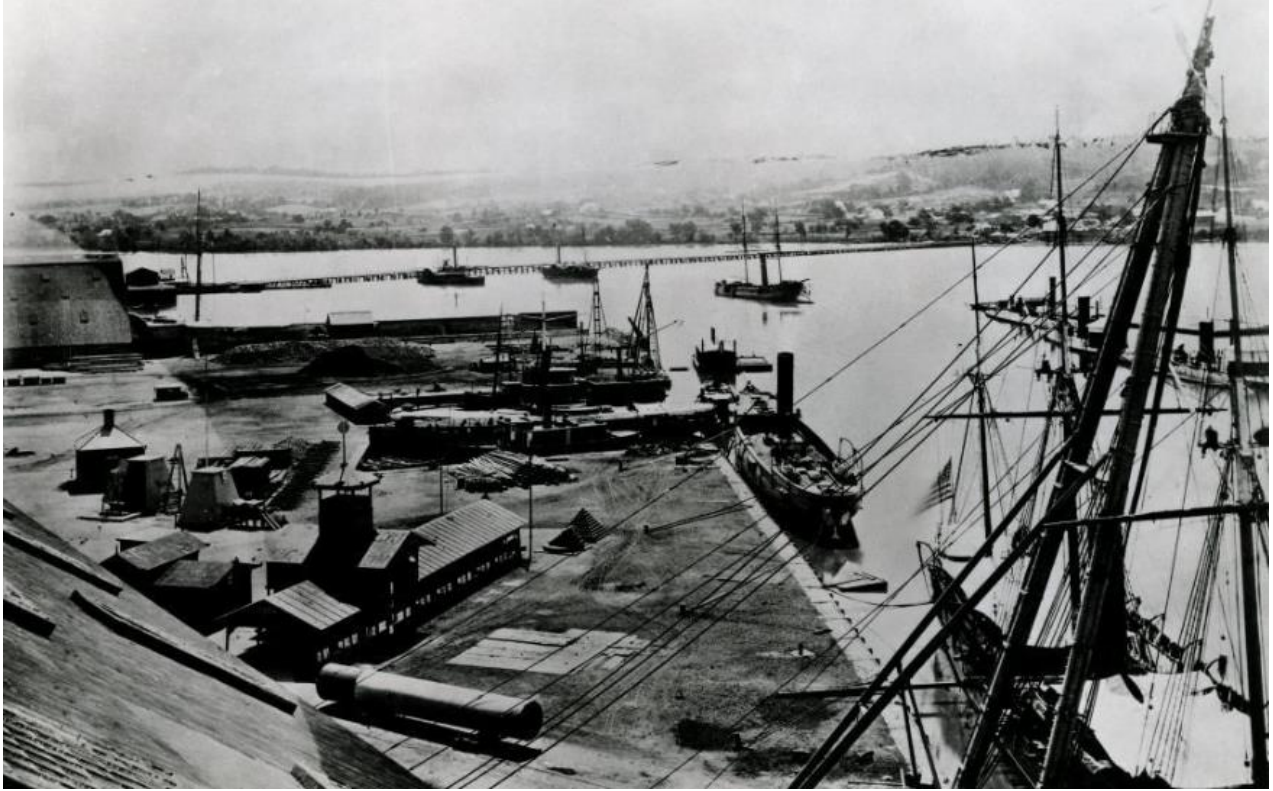


10A - Deathbed



10B - Seward Attack

## 11 – The Escape Begins

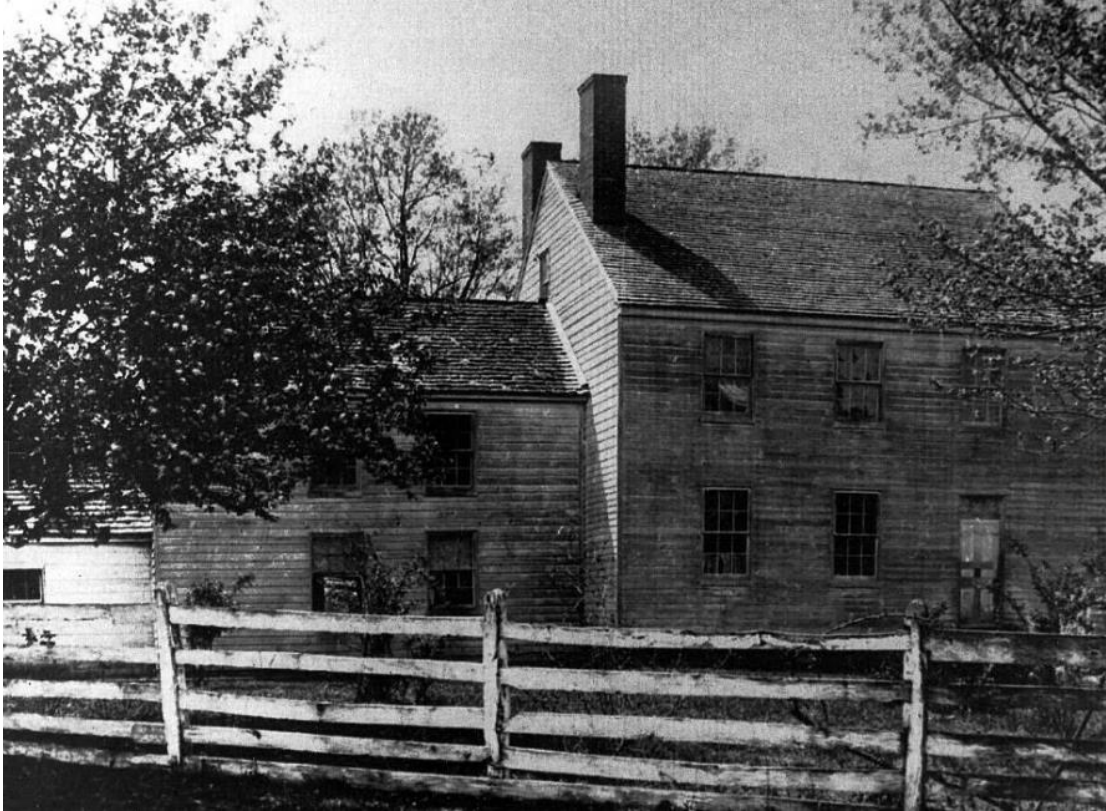


11A – Navy Yard

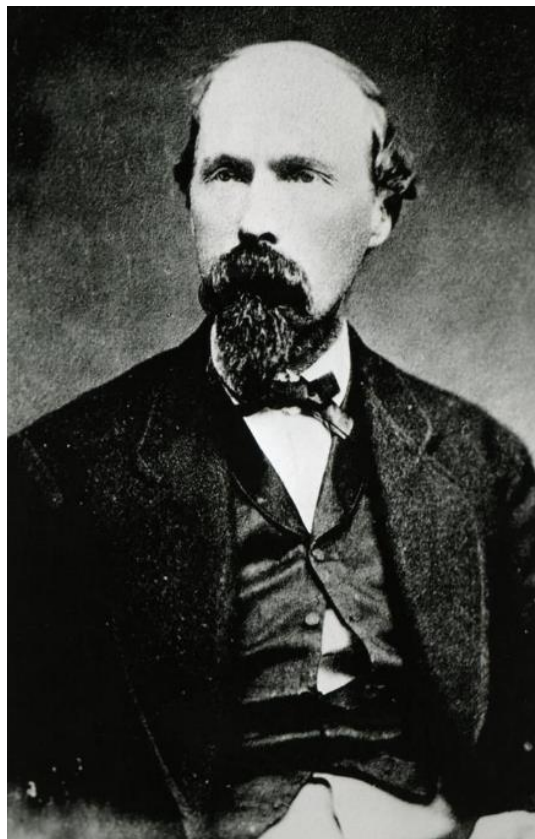


11B – The Surratt Tavern

## 12 - Doctor Mudd (page 1)



12A – The Mudd House



12B – Samuel Mudd

## 12 – Doctor Mudd (page 2)

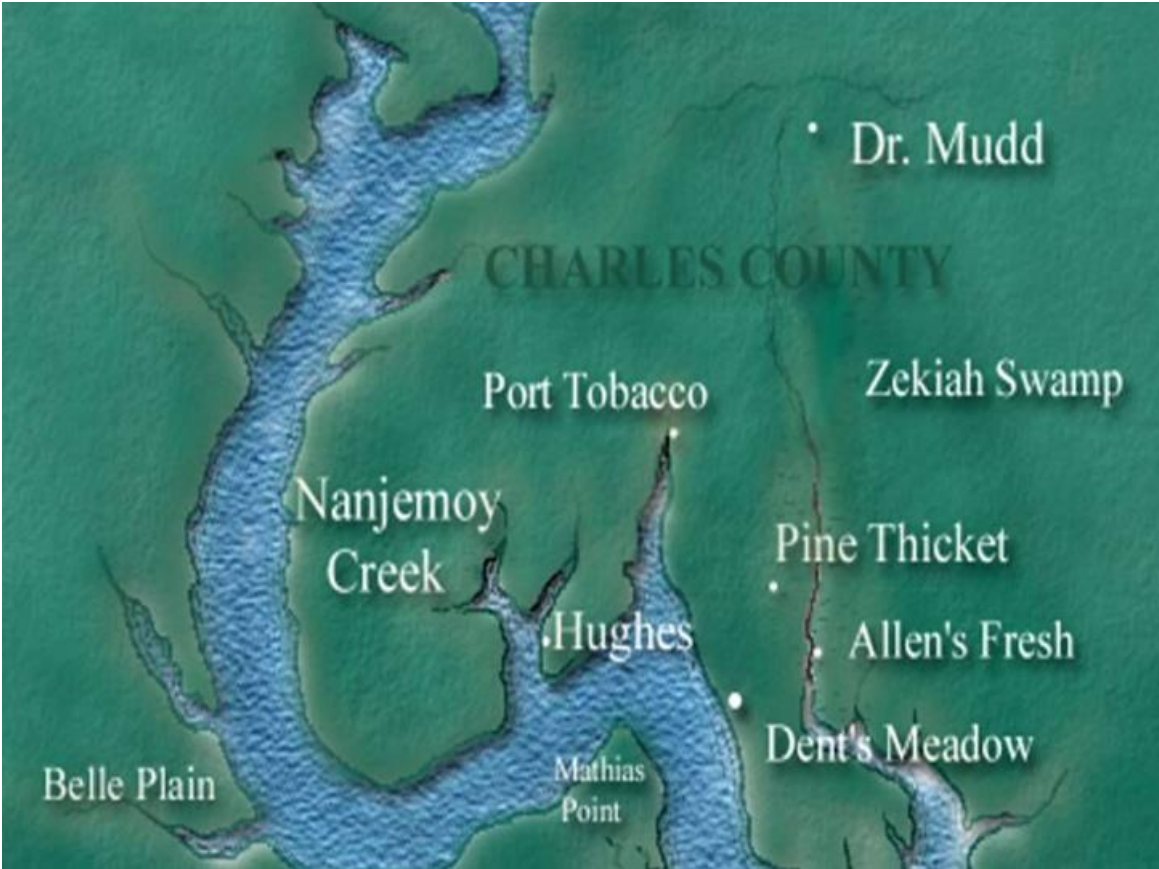


12C - Bryantown



12D – Saint Mary's Church

# 13 – Heading Toward the South (page 1)



13A – Mudd to River

## 13 – Heading Toward the South (page 2)



13B – Rich Hill



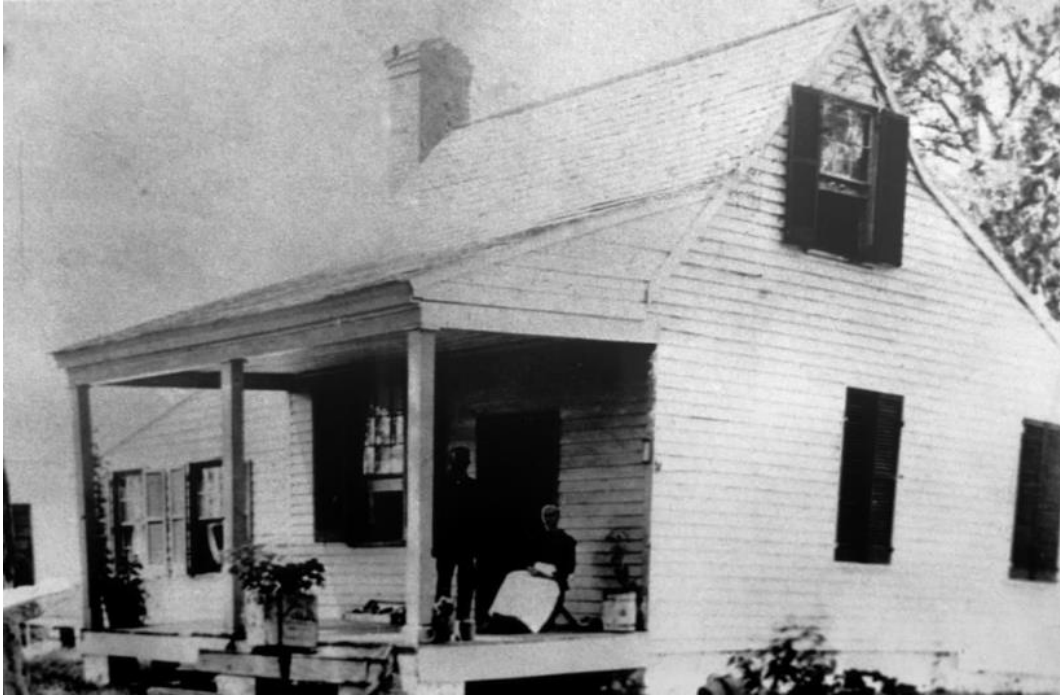
13C – Dent's Meadow

# 14 – Crossing to the Old South (page 1)



14A – River Crossing Map

# 14 – Crossing to the Old South (page 2)



14B – Quesenberry House



14C – Elizabeth Quesenberry

## 15 – Virginia Travels (page 1)



15A – Northern Neck Map

## 15 – Virginia Travels (page 2)



15B – Port Conway



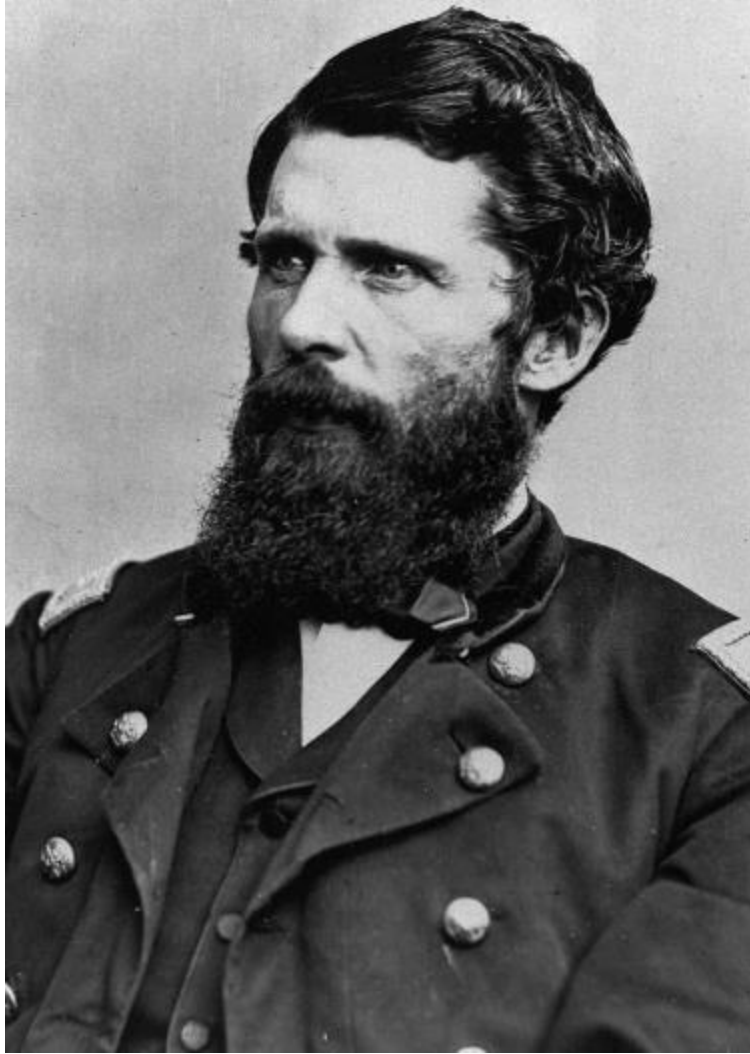
15C – Port Conway Ferry

## 16 – The Showdown



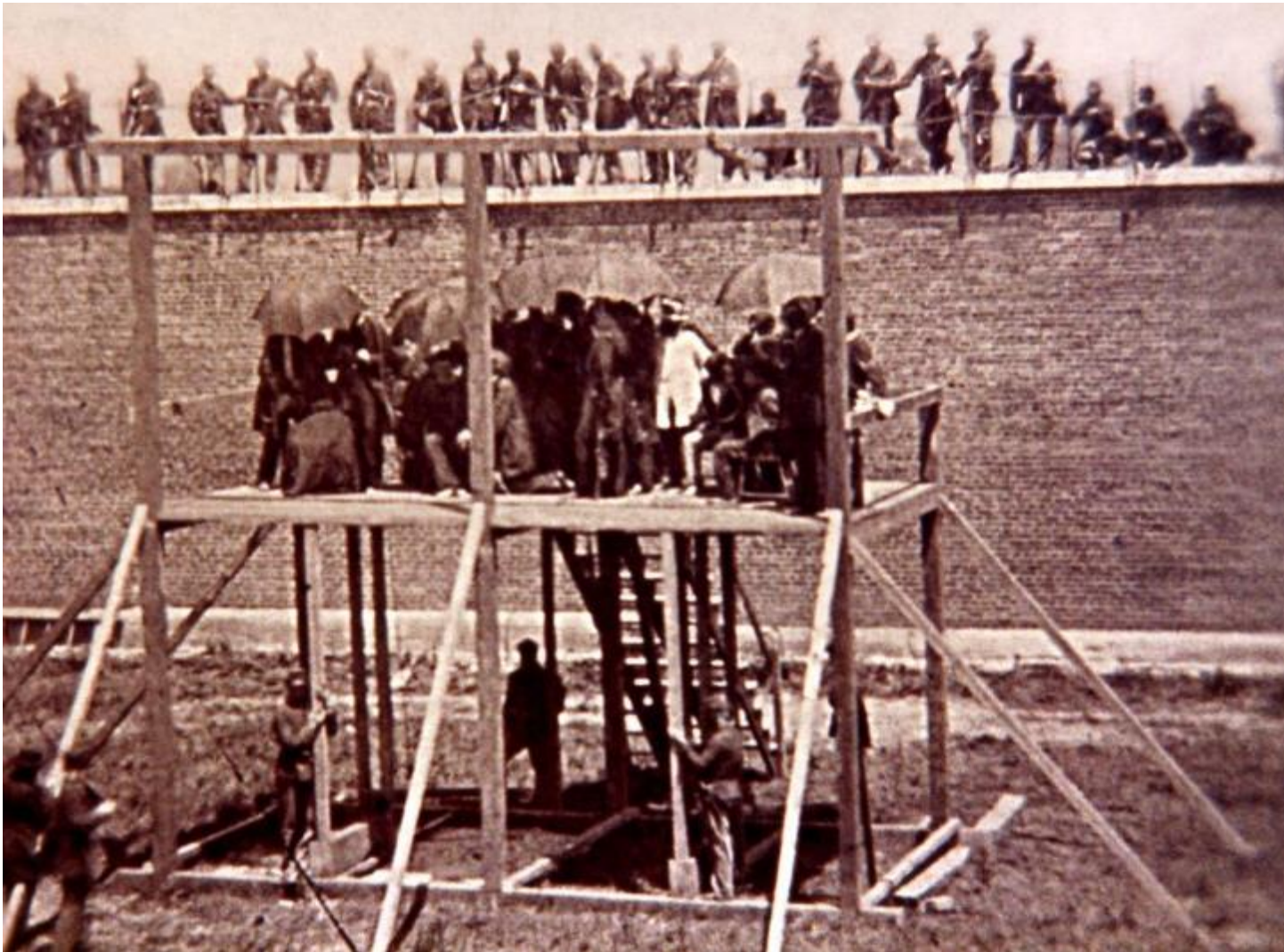
16 – Garrett House

## 17 – Spinning the Story



17 – Lafayette Baker

# 18 – Fate of the Conspirators (page 1)



18A – Execution Detail

# 18 – Fate of the Conspirators (page 2)

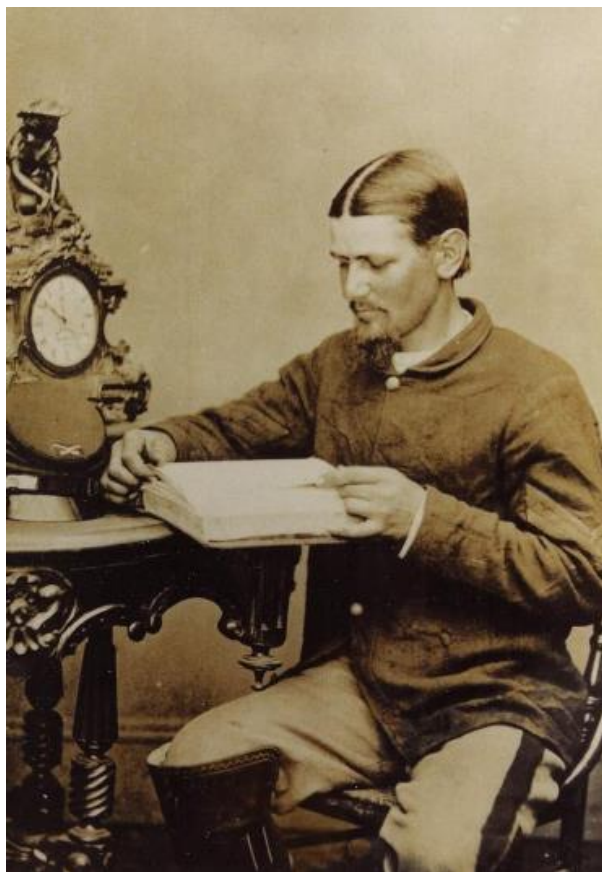


18B – Conspirator Cell



18C – John Surratt

## 19 – Lingering Mysteries



19A – Boston Corbett



19B – George corpse