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Dear Sirs

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I was interested in your article of what became of Wilkes Booth. I expect there are few lineing that knew much more about it at the time then I did. though living in Mo. Mr Garrott livings near Martinsburg in who barn Booth was killed, had a brother in low living in Lexington Mo Dr Boulware who was a brother of Mrs Garrott. after Mrs Garrotts death her daughter Miss Cecilia a little girl came out and made her home with the Dr and was raised with my older sisters was at our house every day. When Booth was killed I remember perfectly her bringing her fathers letter to my father to read giving full discription of the whole thing telling of how they set the barn on fire and how they shot the poor fellow when he came out. The fact is Mr Garrott was a Southern man and likely had fed & Dr'd Mr Booth's broken leg on the quiet. Knowing what the consequences would be had it been known at the time. as he stated to his daughter afterwards when things had cooled down that his plan was to get to Richmond then get South

but he was Compelled to stop on act
of the Suffering of his leg but the
Large amount offered for him he
was betrayed not all together by his
Enemies on numerous occasions
I heard letters read from Mr Garrott
to his daughter My Father was in
Command at Lexington Though from Va
near Where Booth was Killed. yet he
took the union Side as did Dr Boulevard
Mr Lincoln had lots of Enemies
among the union offices I heard
a Gen in the U.S. army Say Boothe
would be more Thought of in 50 years then
Lincoln, he was Mistaken. but I
was Mr Booth that was Killed on that
farm beond any question of doubt.
as Mr Garrott Knew who the Stranger
was that he was feeding and doctoring
but I was not wise to let it be Known at
that Time Respt

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