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Racine Wis. July 27" 1915

Mr Finis L Bates
Memphis Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Your letter of 18th recd and duly considered. My relatives in Missouri informed me some years ago that John Wilkes was rumored to have escaped capture and was living under assumed name, but no word has ever come to me of his suicide.

I never knew the man and could not identify his photograph. Should not want to have my photo. appear in the book you propose to publish, as his act was both foolish and diabolical. It damaged the Confederate Cause beyond all estimate. Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in his splendid editorial upon the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's assassination expresses my feelings - Lincoln was a Kentuckian, a true friend of the South. Had he lived, the mistakes of the reconstruction period would never have occurred, and the Confederate States welcomed back with the same kindly regard which they enjoy to day under President Wilson, whom we all honor.

Respectfully

(Sgd) B. Booth Northrop

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After 10 days return to
B. B. Northrop
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This is to certify that I have compared this document with the original dated July 27th 1915 and find the same a true copy of said original.

J. Emmet Hall.
Notary Public Wayne County Michigan
My commission expires Sept. 29th 1924

Dated Dearborn Mich.
October 29th 1920.