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Dearborn, Michigan. Attention Mr. F. L. Black.

The correct name of the party interviewed by you or your correspondent is John Garner. I have known John Garner many years; fox hunted with him many times when he was a young man. ~~The interview as you gave it is mainly correct.~~ Colonel Samuel Cox was a strong and dominant man; but I would not say that he ruled the neighborhood in which he lived. There were many men in his neighborhood as strong and dominant as he. I also knew Tom Jones and Franklin Robey well. Tom Jones had a regular "poker face". You could not tell from his face whether he was betting on a pair of duces or a straight royal flush.

There never was a conspiracy to assasinate President Lincoln. There was a conspiracy to abduct him. The surrender at Appomattox broke that up.

You could probably find a copy of Tom Jones' book in La Plata or its neighborhood.

Old Mary Kelly who held the lamp when Booth came to Colonel Cox's house seeking his hospitality for the night is now living with Mr. P. R. Wills at Bel Alton. She swore at Colonel Cox's trial that Cox refused to admit him and her testimony could not be swerved.

I never heard of a man named Ruddy in this country. Ruddy is probably intended for Robey.

Respectfully

A. W. Neale.