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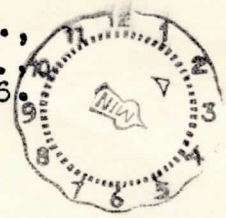

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Mr. F. L. Black,
The Dearborn Independent,
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Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, I beg leave to state that Mr. John Garner of near La Plata, Charles County, Maryland, is now dead. His son, Mr. Charlie Garner, is living in the old farm home near La Plata. Both are highly esteemed as among Charles County's most estimable citizens, and anything either of them may have said as to what they knew or have heard concerning the assassination of President Lincoln may be relied upon as strictly true.

The elder Mr. Garner was living and a grown man at the time of the assassination. Both Mr. John Garner and his son, Charlie, lived the quiet uneventful life of a farmer. Both took delight in all the sports of a country life; they kept always three or four good fox hounds and followed the chase with enthusiasm. I hunted with them many times. Charlie lives near La Plata, which is his post office, and you may communicate with him there, and if he has a picture of his father, which I suppose he has, I am sure he would send you one upon request.

I have a book entitled "J. Wilkes Booth," written by Tom Jones, who put Booth across the Potmoac river when he made his escape from Washington after the assassination, and would show it to you should you come to Washington at any time. There are but few copies of it and I do not trust it out of my house.

I was an old Confederate soldier; was in the battle of Gettysburg and at Appomatox when General Lee surrendered.

Very truly yours,

A D Neale
3423-16th St. N W
Washington D.C.

I regret that I cannot give you information as to where Mr. Franklin Robey (the name is spelled "Robey") is buried, but feel sure that it may be ascertained without much difficulty from his relatives or acquaintances in Charles County, perhaps from Mr. Charlie Garner.

A.D.N.