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Mr F Hunter Creech
Rust Building
Washington D C

Dear Hunter:

The John Wilkes Booth matter is on the program again! The book by Otto Eisenschiml, "Why Was Lincoln Murdered?" has gotten everyone excited and it looks now as though my Dearborn Independent articles would be amplified and published in book form. I am just reviewing the whole story.

I understand that in 1912 there lived at Pisgah, Maryland, Hubert F Robey, son of Franklin Robey, an overseer for Colonel Cox at Cox's Station near LaPlata who helped take care of Booth. He (H.F. Robey) wrote someone the following letter:

"Dear Sir: Yours of the 29th is at hand. In regard to your request for information concerning the death and burial of my father, there is but little to give. He died November 17, 1896, and was buried at Newton Cemetery. He died of Pneumonia. Since the close of the Civil War, he spent his life in farming. He was a land renter, and died on the farm know as Waverly, on Nanjemoy Creek, belonging to the late Mitchell Murchett's heirs. I have given you the information asked for, and now I should like to have some information concerning the nature of the interest which you, a perfect stranger, take in the life and death of my father. Hoping that this may give satisfaction, if other information is needed, hope you will see me personally.

Yours respectfully, Hubert F Robey."

Since I have no way of learning to whom this letter was written, it is rather inadvisable to use it as authoritative. I would, however, like to have the information it contains substantiated. As you probably remember, in Bates' book he claimed Franklin Robey was shot in the Garrett barn instead of Booth. Would it be

possible on one of your Sunday drives with the wife and children to run out to Pisgah? I understand it is 25 miles south of Washington. And if you take a camera along and can find the gravestone of Franklin Robey in Newtown Cemetery, I would like a picture of it.

Sincerely yours,
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