Jim Duffey

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Dear Mr Black

Our conversation with Mr Duffey is given in a brief way by the enclosed —

Mr Duffey talks freely but does not impress one as though all he says can be relied upon as facts — He doesn't look to be over 70 yrs old at most. He talks as though he was guarding some secret but without his story is corroborated by statements of others & do not give them very much credit —

Yours truly

F W Robison

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Jim Duffy says that he was in the army during the Civil War and was Stationed at Washington D.C. He knew John W Booth and "Abe" Lincoln intimately and saw Booth on the stage-

He says he was an officer in El Reno Okla prior to Mr Rogers, the man in question, death and that he was intimate with him and had heard him tell the story of his life. As he relates the matter - Booth was not killed as history says but that he stayed in Washington DC six days after shooting Lincoln and had his leg set by Dr Mudd and was nursed by Mrs Surratt who was hanged in connection with the shooting of Lincoln. Duffy says that Rogers lamented the hanging of Mrs Surratt to him stating that she was innocent. Mr Duffy claims to have received a number of letters from a Miss Margaret Dupont Lee of Washington DC She says Miss Lee is a wealthy spiritualist who was interested in Booth. She sent him a picture of Booth which was the same as one already in his possession which he secured in 1776. He claims to have these letters and pictures at this time but that no one will be able to get possession of them.

He says that he has never told any one that Rogers was Booth but that he would refer to Rogers story intimating that Rogers could not if not have had such a history and such likeness even to the scar on his face without being the man himself. He does not know definitely the cause of Rogers death - He Rogers was a heavy drinker.