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mind of the assassination plot, learned of the Lincoln's theater plans and the special box in which they would be sitting. Booth was furious and filled with rage, and hated Lincoln, whom he held responsible for the imminent defeat of the South and the beginning demise of slavery through the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Booth's original plan of kidnapping Lincoln hadn't worked out to date and now he changed the plan to one of assassination.

While watching the play, "Our American Cousin," Lincoln's bodyguard became so engrossed in it that he drifted away from his position guarding the entryway to the president's box. While Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were sitting, holding hands, Booth slipped into the box with a .44 caliber derringer loaded with one bullet. He fired from six inches into the back of Lincoln's head. Gun smoke filled the box, pandemonium broke loose, Mrs. Lincoln, weeping, cradled her husband's body and Booth leaped from the box to the main floor 10 feet below. He caught a spur in the presidential decorative bunting draped on the box and this caused him to land unevenly and break a leg. He still managed to flee from the theater shouting, "Sic semper tyrannis," which translates to "Thus always with tyrants."

Tragic news

By 11 p.m., all of Washington had

heard and the nation began its mourning. By 3 a.m. Saturday, April 15, Booth's name had been released as the assassin and at 7:22 a.m., Lincoln's heart stopped and Mary Lincoln's heart broke. She never really recovered.

Booth, considered by most to be a black-hearted traitor, managed to escape roadblocks and searches for days. He had to get medical attention for his leg and went to a confederate sympathizer he had known, Dr. Samuel Mudd.

Later, when being prosecuted, Mudd said he didn't recognize Booth, who arrived in disguise, and wasn't aware that the man he treated was Lincoln's assassin. Mudd, who maintained to his dying day that he was innocent of conspiracy, was later sentenced to life in prison for helping Booth. This is where the expression originated that if your name has a potential of being disparaged or maligned, it is said that "Your name will be Mudd." To this day, the Mudd family is trying to clear the family name. Many other actual and supposed co-conspirators were tried, found guilty and sentenced, but that is another story.

By Monday, April 17, the date of your paper, the entire nation had learned of the tragedy and was in mourning. By this day, Lincoln's body lay in state in Washington and hundreds of thousands turned out to pay their respects in that city and all along the route the funeral

train passed as it took the body of Lincoln and his young son, Willie, who died three years earlier, to Springfield, Ill., where they were buried side by side.

Booth was finally captured in a barn in Virginia after 12 days of running and hiding. He had sworn he would never be taken alive, which turned out to be prophetic as he was shot in the head and died two hours later.

Mournful memorabilia

Your paper is memorabilia from one of the most tragic events in the history of the United States, the first assassination of an American president. If it appears to be good old paper made from rags, our feeling is that it is authentic. Newer paper would be yellower because of the acid content.

Also, the obvious condition of staining, discoloration and tears along the crease makes us more confident that it is authentic but also decreases value. Also, you'll notice the heavy black lines between the columns. This was traditionally done for publications dealing with death and mourning.

We feel that your paper would bring about \$100 to \$150 at an auction and perhaps 50 to 100 percent more at a retail store. This is a real dichotomy, as your item is a wonderful piece of memorabilia about one of the most heinous times in U.S. history.

Reference: "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" by Robert Jakoubek.

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