



Revised History

More About Our Forgotten History

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Suffice it to say that much of our history has been stuffed down the “memory hole” and “cunningly devised fables” substituted for it. There are events we are not supposed to ever be able to question and if the history we are taught is erroneous then we will never be able to ask the right questions, will we? To say that this is by design is to state the obvious.

An internet site called <https://reasonlincoln.com> has made some interesting observations. It says: “Mainstream history teaches that John Wilkes Booth made elaborate preparations before murdering the President but does not explain why Booth made no plans for life after his crime.”...History cannot claim to know why Booth attacked Lincoln or who his assailants were because the reason for their proceedings, which he was about to fully set forth, stopped in midsentence, and the bottom half of the page is now a calendar drawn. The following sheet is entirely blank front and back. Two additional sheets or four pages became missing when the book was in the private possession of Edwin Stanton’s War Department.”

Some accounts I’ve seen said there were 18 pages missing from Booth’s diary, so I am not sure which account is accurate. Either way, parts of the diary were missing. The internet site continues: “Yet, many historians, past and present, have chosen to omit anything that may challenge their Confederate conspiracy theory...It is a fact that George Atzerodt was an active, willing accomplice in a kidnapping plot, but Atzerodt never killed anyone. He never attempted murder, nor was there any evidence or motive to prove he intended to kill Andrew Johnson. Why then was it so crucial to Secretary Edwin Stanton that Atzerodt be executed? The fact is: Stanton’s conspiracy investigators uncovered many who held a much more essential service to John Wilkes Booth than Atzerodt, as well as having a connection to Richmond. Some even helped Booth during his escape, yet they were unaccountably protected from prosecution...Atzerodt talked about many secret accomplices hoping his cooperation with the military police would prove that his association with Booth was solely to kidnap. According to Atzerodt, the assassination plot was a separate conspiracy by the ‘New York Crowd’ and ‘friends of the President.’ All accomplices identified by Atzerodt, apart from (Thomas) Harbin, were from New York. While New Yorker James Donaldson was a State Department employee for Secretary William Seward, making him a ‘friend of the President.’ None of Booth’s accomplices had an escape plan.” Interesting. Makes you wonder what they were thinking—if they were thinking.

The internet article continued: “Atzerodt made a big mistake during his statement to Stanton’s military investigators.... Atzerodt revealed that the day John Surratt brought him to Washington, he was introduced to Booth for the first time and added that Booth’s introduction took place in the Commissary General of Prisoners Office. Weichmann, John Surratt’s best friend, served under General Hoffman, head of the Commissary of Confederate prisoners. Booth’s original plan was to capture Lincoln then exchange him for the release of Confederate prisoners, and Weichmann had access to prisoner records. Atzerodt’s statement directly tied the Lincoln kidnapping to a War Department plot rather than a Richmond conspiracy. Placing a kidnapping meeting at the War Department became one contributing factor for Atzerodt’s ultimate demise as well as a motive for why the military prosecution went to such great extremes to censor all of Booth’s accused conspirators. Soon after the arrest of each kidnapping suspect, a canvas bag placed over their head further restricted the prisoners from speaking to anyone outside of Stanton’s War Department. However, Stanton made sure that Louis Weichmann not be included among the other accomplices charged with helping Booth. Stanton methodically removed the President from office by stripping Lincoln of his security (Thomas Eckert,

John Parker, etc. and allowing conspirators from New York and Philadelphia to persuade John Wilkes Booth and Lewis Powell the role of assassins.”

The website <http://www.civilwarbummer.com> had some interesting comments. It noted: “When Lincoln died, Stanton took over the government, declaring martial law...Lafayette Baker arrived (from New York) on April 16th and his first act was to send agents into Maryland to pick up what information they could about the people involved in the assassination. Within two days, all the conspirators were in custody. Somehow, Baker knew exactly where he could find the alcoholic George Atzerodt whose nerve had failed him when it came time to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson. He also knew that Seward’s would-be assassin, Lewis Paine, could be found in the Washington, D.C. boarding house of Mary Surratt. Colonel Baker knew to arrest Edward Spangler, the carpenter at Ford’s Theater...Lafayette Baker had all the answers within forty-eight hours, including the escape route taken by John Wilkes Booth and David Herold...” You get the distinct impression that Baker had been handed a diagram of the whole assassination plot and it just took him a couple days to round up all the “usual suspects.”

Two years later, Baker wrote a book. History of the Secret Service. In that book he talked about Booth’s diary. The Bummer article said: “This information about Booth’s diary resulted in Baker being called before a congressional committee looking into the assassination of Lincoln. Stanton and the War Department were forced to turn over Booth’s diary. When shown the diary by the committee, Baker claimed that someone had ‘cut out eighteen leaves,’ When Stanton was called before the committee, he said he didn’t remove any pages from the diary. Speculation grew that the missing pages included the names of people who had financed the conspiracy against Lincoln. It was later revealed that Booth had received a large amount of money from a New York based firm to which Stanton had connections.”

There is so much history we haven’t been told, that has been covered up, that we are not supposed to ever know about. When Kennedy was killed, we had the Warren Commission Report—which was a gigantic whitewash of the whole situation. We will, no doubt, see a report from this committee that is supposed to be studying what happened in Washington on January 6, 2021, during the Trump rally. From the makeup of the committee, I can only imagine what windies will be spun about Trump’s rally that day and anyone reading their report will have to labor at separating the truth from all the hogwash that will be presented. Nothing seems to change in Washington—except to get worse—and the level of falsehood never seems to go down. Should we expect anything else???