

John Wilkes Booth

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Dear Lilla Davis:

Your letter of a week ago has found me in Arizona where I am absorbing sun and enjoying friends. It is wonderful the way nice people accumulate in this part of the world.

It was thoughtful of you to send me the Booth material. That newspaper interview which seems to have gone around the country pretty generally made me out a better woman than I am and told interesting things about me which are not true. However, you never can catch up with that sort of thing.

I don't know that I can be said to have discovered new facts about John Wilkes Booth, only facts that have been long known to a few which I think are important in his story and which never have been used by any biographer. I don't know how these so-called discoveries of mine will come out, but if I can find time I do mean to write a little book.

I have never been at Tudor Hall, but your letter and the enclosures make me feel that if I carry out my plan of a little Booth book I had better go down and see Mrs. Mahoney. She has already put out a booklet which I have, but I must say it didn't add very much to material already published. The most interesting thing of recent date is from Booth's sister Asia. The two lived together at Tudor Hall after the father's death and attempted to run the farm. It is a touching story that she tells and if you are interested do get it.

It is good to hear from you. I hope you and your sister are well. I have been hearing from the Pen and Brush since I have been out here. They seem to be having a successful season, many interesting things doing, as I am sure you know from the bulletin.

With all good wishes,

Affectionately yours,