

*John Wilkes Booth*

Giddens in his Chapter on Pithole says that in April 1865 a Boston Company deeded a well known as the Homestead on the Hyner Farm - some fifty barrels - that the owner had been John Wilkes Booth who paid \$13,000 in the Fall of 1864, but he did not retain it more than a few months. Then sold to one of his partners. On the night that Booth assassinated Lincoln according to the story a visitor held a lighted cigar too close to the mouth of the oil pipes setting fire to the well. After the blaze had been extinguished the well increased its flow to 250 barrels.

Ask Giddens for authority for this paragraph.