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President Lincoln's Coat

Fact: *The coat worn by President Lincoln on the night of his assassination was made by Brooks Brothers. The coat Lincoln was wearing when he was assassinated on April 14, 1865 was nearly destroyed by souvenir hunters. The left arm of the jacket was removed as people tried to cut out souvenir pieces of bloodied cloth. The shirt he was wearing was completely torn apart for keepsakes. Mrs. Lincoln gave the coat to the White House doorkeeper, whose descendents returned it to Ford's Theatre in 1968.*

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