

Ford's Theatre
National Historic Site



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Born: June 16, 1842 in Maryland

Died: July 7, 1865 in Washington, D.C.

David Herold was Lewis Powell's guide the night Powell attempted to assassinate Secretary of State William Seward. After fleeing Seward's house and leaving Powell behind, Herold met up with John Wilkes Booth to guide him on his escape through Southern Maryland. He surrendered near Port Royal, Virginia, 12 days after Lincoln's assassination and was hanged for his role in the assassination plots.