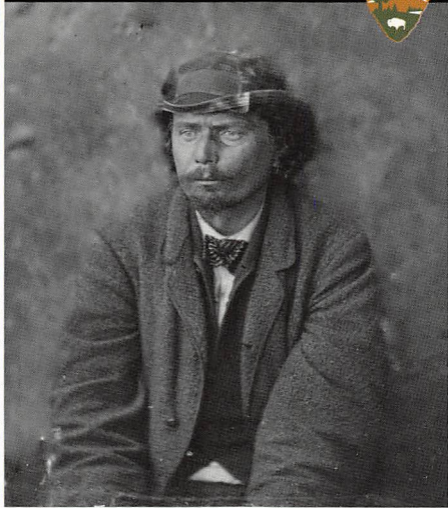


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Born: June 12, 1835 in Thuringia, Germany

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

George Atzerodt was supposed to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson on the night of President Lincoln's assassination. He went to the Kirkwood House, where Johnson was staying, but headed to the bar instead of to the vice president's room. Atzerodt got drunk and stumbled around the capital instead of completing his mission. He was hanged as a conspirator anyway.