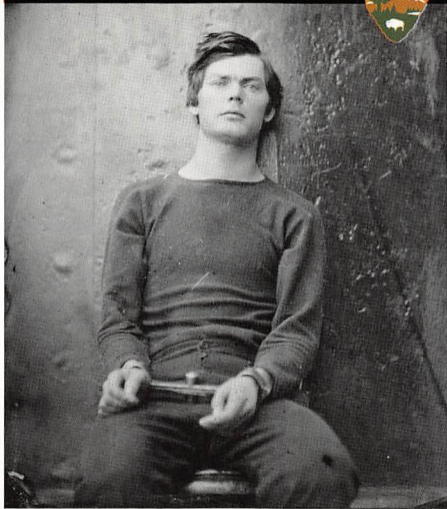


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Lewis Powell



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Born: April 22, 1844 in Randolph County, Alabama

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

On the night of Lincoln's assassination, Lewis Powell tried to kill Secretary of State William Seward, but he only succeeded in seriously injuring him. Following the attack on Seward, Powell's guide left him and he wandered the streets of Washington, ending up at Mary Surratt's boarding house three days later. He was arrested there and was eventually hanged as a conspirator in the assassination plot.