

Ford's Theatre National Historic Site



The Presidential Box

Fact: *After the shooting, John Wilkes Booth leapt from the box to the stage, breaking his leg in the process.*

The presidential box at Ford's Theatre had the partition between two boxes removed to make one large box, and the usual cane furniture was replaced by a chair, a couch, and a rocking chair. President Lincoln preferred rockers because they allowed him to stretch his long legs.

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