

Reagan Library Topic Guide – Dr. Samuel A. Mudd

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MUDD, DR. SAMUEL A.

NOTE

Dr. Samuel Mudd, a physician and slave-owning tobacco farmer in Maryland, was known to associate with President Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth. After Booth shot the President, he rode to Mudd's farm. Mudd set the broken leg of the fugitive. For this action, Mudd was convicted as a co-conspirator trying to assassinate Lincoln and imprisoned. In 1868 President Johnson pardoned Dr. Mudd and he was released from prison. His descendants have petitioned numerous Presidents to have his conviction set aside. To date, his conviction has not been overturned.

WHORM ALPHABETICAL FILE

Jonathon, John L. [Merrill, MI]

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[JL001](#) case files 520222, 520868, 546228

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