

0. Guiteau and the Assassination of President Garfield - Story Preface

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Photo image of Charles J. Guiteau by C. M. Bell maintained by the Smithsonian Institution

I have just shot the President. I shot him several times, as I wished him to go as easily as possible...I am going to the jail. Please order out your troops and take possession of the jail at once.

Charles Guiteau
to General William Tecumseh Sherman
July 2, 1881

Was Charles Guiteau, the man who shot President James Garfield, insane? At the time of the shooting - the morning of July 2, 1881 - the assassin's mental state mattered little to most Americans.

The real issue was: Will the president live?

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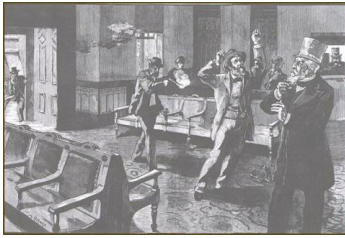


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