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Breathe a prayer that these records will endure until the wind and rain alone shall wear them away.

> Gutzon Borglum 1939

<u>The President</u> and <u>First Lady</u> were late for the April 14, 1865 evening <u>performance</u> of <u>Our American Cousin</u> starring the popular actress, <u>Laura Keene</u>. It had been a <u>busy</u> day for Mr. Lincoln (who had aged <u>dramatically</u> in twenty years).

Meeting with his cabinet in the morning, the President urged compassion toward the defeated South. Secretary of the Navy, <u>Gideon Welles</u>, recorded Lincoln's sentiments:

I hope there will be no persecution, no bloody work after the war is over. No one need expect me to take part in hanging or killing those men, even the worse of them. Frighten them out of the country, open the gates, let down the bars, scare them off, enough lives have been sacrificed. We must extinguish our resentment if we expect harmony and union. (Quoted by W. Emerson Reck, Abraham Lincoln, His Last 24 Hours, at page 37.)

<u>General and Mrs. Grant</u> had planned to attend the play. When they were unable to make it, Mary Lincoln invited another couple. Twenty-eight-year-old <u>Major Henry R. Rathbone</u> and his fiancé, <u>Clara Harris</u>, would share the presidential box that night.

They would soon witness much more than a play.

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THE DAY LINCOLN WAS SHOT

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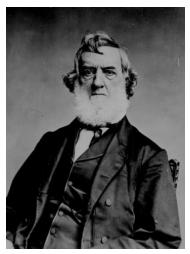
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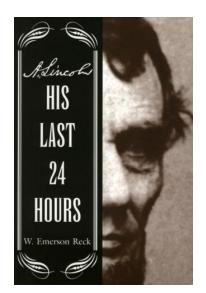
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The Last Day of Abraham Lincoln



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