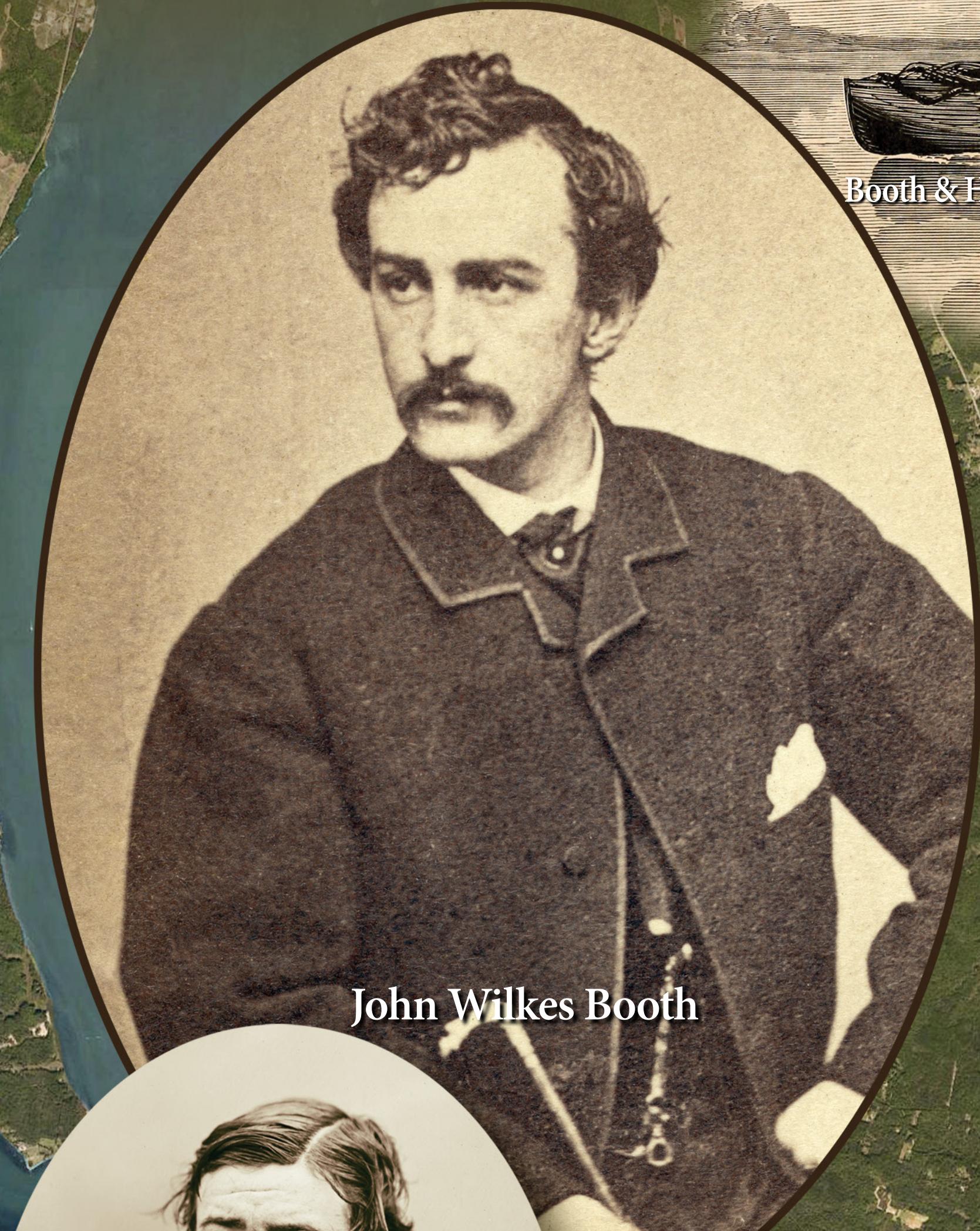
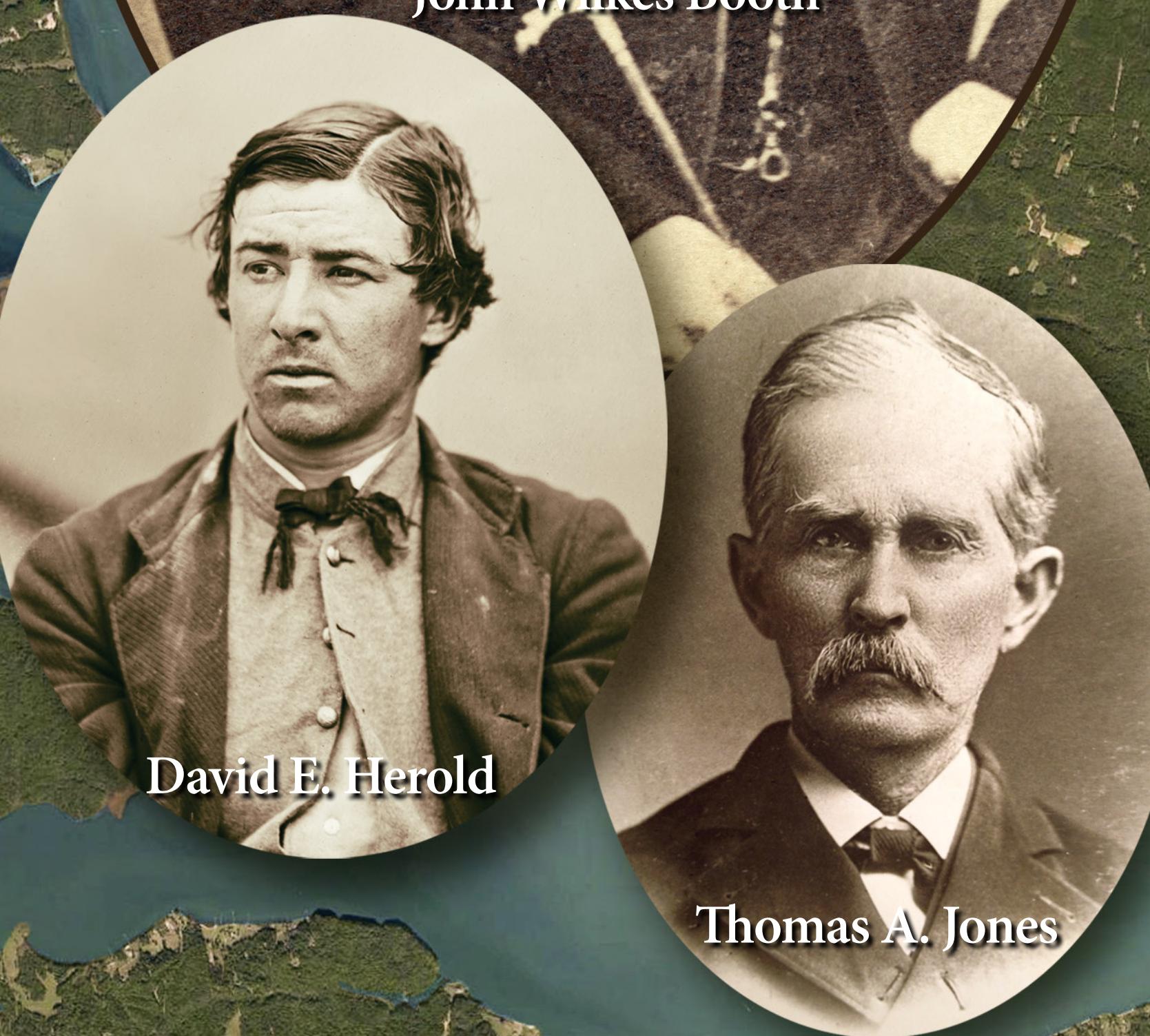


JOHN WILKES BOOTH ESCAPES TO VIRGINIA FROM POPES CREEK AFTER ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT LINCOLN



John Wilkes Booth



David E. Herold

Thomas A. Jones



Booth & Herold escaping across the Potomac from Popes Creek (c. 1867)

1 After assassinating Pres. Abraham Lincoln on Friday, April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth and his accomplice, David Herold, fled southward from Washington, DC into Charles County. Booth's leg, which had been broken during the assassination, was set by Dr. Samuel Mudd of Waldorf, MD before the pair continued on to "Rich Hill," the estate of rebel sympathizer, Col. Samuel Cox. To evade a search by Union troops, Col. Cox hid Booth and Herold while summoning Thomas A. Jones, the Confederacy's Chief Signal Agent north of the Potomac, from his Popes Creek home known as "Huckleberry." Thomas A. Jones then guided Booth and Herold to the mouth of a stream in Dent's Meadow ±1-mile north of Popes Creek where a rowboat had been hidden to carry the conspirators across the Potomac into Virginia.

