

**Review: Thomas M. Harris (ed. Edward Hendrie)-*Rome's Responsibility for the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*, Great Mountain Publishing, Garrisonville, VA, 1897 (May, 2015)**

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**The Whore of the Ages**

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Brigadier General, doctor, and member of the investigating U.S. Military Commission Thomas M. Harris wrote this in 1897, thirty-two years after Lincoln's Good Friday assassination. His desire was to expose what had been covered over, based on the 371 witnesses and seven-week trial.

We see how co-conspirator John Surratt was shepherded by two priests; into Canada, then Britain, and finally inside the Vatican where he found employment in the 9<sup>th</sup> company of the Papal Zouaves, under the name "Watson". When the inevitable happened a year later and he was discovered by U.S. investigators, the diligent Pope Pius IX immediately arrested him. Strangely enough Surratt managed to escape, eventually apprehended in Alexandria, Egypt.

Other evidences are overwhelming: 100% catholicity of plotter Mary Stuart's household, Catholic medal worn under murderer John Wilkes Booth's vest and over his heart at death, and announcement by priests in the Catholic village of St. Joseph of the assassination three hours before it happened.

The "Crime of the Ages" was fittingly carried out by the criminal of the ages, that great whore of Revelation 17.5, the Roman Catholic Church. The most disturbing thought is, if she could exert such influence 150 years ago, what has it grown into today?

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## Foreword

On November 24, 1865, President Andrew Johnson, through secretary of war Edwin Stanton, revoked John Surratt's reward; they knew he was planning an escape to Rome.

On October 13, 1865, the U.S. telegraphed Liverpool to take "no action" to arrest Surratt whom they had located; he was hiding in the Oratory of the Catholic Church of the Holy Cross there.

A year later he was discovered in the Papal Zouaves forcing the Pope to remove his protection.

Four were executed for the assassination: Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Harold, and Michael O'Laughlin. Samuel Arnold and Samuel Mud were sentenced to life, but were pardoned in 1869 by President Andrew Johnson.

Pope Pius IX ruled 1846-1878, during the Civil War, and in 1854 pronounced the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

Thomas Harris was a medical doctor and member of the Military Commission that tried and convicted the conspirators.

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He listened to the 371 witnesses over the seven-week trial.

John Surratt was protected by clerics from Washington D.C. to Canada, then Europe and to Rome. He joined the 9<sup>th</sup> company of the Papal Zouaves, under the name "Watson". After his discovery he escaped from Valletti Prison by jumping twenty-three feet to a narrow precipice, while under guard of six men [!].

In Surratt's U.S. trial, the jury was hung as several were Catholic, whose consciences were reassured by Pope Gregory VII's declaration that "the killing of an heretic was no murder."

Surratt was released and died 21/4/1916. A High Requiem Mass was offered at St. Pius' Church.

The Church never sent any condolences to the U.S. Government over Lincoln's death, and the pope was the only foreign nation to recognise the Confederate States of America during the Civil War.

The pope would never have made an attempt on Lincoln unless he knew he could control events afterwards.

### **Introduction (pp. 2-5)**

Wherever her powers are strong Rome uses power to suppress freedom of speech. By machinations she has secured control of the public press, and with economic power can threaten "boycotts".

### **Body (pp. 7-64)**

Rome has always been after temporal power and civil domination. She owned three quarters of the press then, and muzzled Protestants in pulpits was a telling sign of her boycott power over tithing church members.

Charles Chiniquy exposed the plans of Rome to attain control of the U.S. About 1850, a council of bishops and priests was assembled at Buffalo, N.Y. They thought to increase emigration from Canada, France, and Belgium; Chiniquy himself being an emigration agent. This plan was being advocated by DePrey Magee of the Freemason's Journal.

Migrants were to fill the cities and larger towns rapidly.

Church and cathedral basements, and school buildings were found to be storing arms and munitions.

Two-thirds of enlisted men at West Point were Roman Catholics.

Civil War Union Army stats:

-2,128,200 troops.

-144,221 Irish (6.7%).

Desertion stats:

-Irish Catholics 72%.

-Germans 10%.

-British 7%.

Most desertion's occurred after Papal Recognition of the Confederacy. Further, of the draft rioters, nearly all were Irish Catholics.

The headquarters of the conspiracy in Washington City was the house of Mary E. Surratt. Booth and John H. Surratt were the most active members of the plot, Booth being the ringleader. He was born and reared Protestant but grew into a drunkard and libertine, then perverting to Catholicism. After death he was found with a Catholic medal under his vest and over his heart.

Dr Mudd and Michael O'Laughlin were Catholics.

Bishop Bourget of Montreal knew of the assassination plot, also Father LaPierre. After Lincoln's death they kept watch in Canada for any escapees. John Surratt was kept five months by them.

Priests are intellectual slaves to bishops, then bishops to archbishops, then archbishops to popes (black and white).

On 16<sup>th</sup> September 1865, Surratt was sent across the Atlantic from Quebec on the British Steamer the *Peruvian*. He took the name "McCarthy" and had his hair coloured, face painted, and

wore spectacles. A surgeon Dr McMillen agreed to chaperone him during the voyage.

Surrat requested McMillen bring back some money on the ship's next journey from Quebec, but none was forthcoming so Rome had to pay. He was sent to Italy and remained in the Papal Guards for a year before discovery. After an "escape", he fled to Alexandria, Egypt where he was captured.

The first jury at his trial was dismissed as sixteen of the twenty-four were Catholics. In the end a significant number were still accepted.

When the Civil War broke out, Surrat had been a student at St. Mary's College for one year.

Six hours after the assassination, detectives visited Mary's house where they found Booth's business had always been with John Surrat. One of the house's inmates, Wiechmann was a key witness for the prosecution. He was badgered by the defence for two days, but gave a faithful witness.

The other important witness was Dr McMillen.

Early in the war, the Jesuits set a false paragraph going that Lincoln had been born into the Catholic Church by baptism, but that he had apostatized.

Jesuit Hermann Busenbaum was an infamous casuist.

Charles Chiniquy first made the charge Rome killed Abraham Lincoln: "My fear is that you will fall under the hand of a Jesuit assassin."

A letter to the editor of the St. Paul Pioneer by a Reverend Francis Ashbury Conwell who said, "At 6:30 p.m., Friday last, April 14<sup>th</sup>, I was told as an item of news, eight miles west of this place [St. Joseph], that Lincoln and Seward had been assassinated. This was three hours after I had heard the news."

St. Cloud, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1865.

Word had been passed to this Jesuit college in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and no doubt all Jesuit institutions across the U.S., Canada, and the Confederacy, that on Good Friday Lincoln was to be slain.

There were no railroad or telegraph communications at least forty miles from St, Joseph.

There are no secrets among priests.

The right to vote must be based upon a qualification of intelligence.

Thomas Jefferson: “[E]rror is harmless whilst truth is left to combat it.”

The pope is the Prince of all Despots

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