

**Assassin Booth's  
photograph found  
gallery sale**

United Press International  
CHICAGO — An original photograph showing Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, full with an upturned mustache, was found by a Chicago collector.

By Roth, freelance cartoonist, said he purchased the 14-inch photograph of the assassin for \$25 nearly two years ago at a local auction.

Cliff Kraeinek, owner of Graphic Quality in suburban Arlington Heights, authenticated the picture a week ago. He said he believed the photo was taken in 1863 or 1864 and worth about \$2,000.

The photograph shows Booth in a military dress, apparently for a play. His hair is slightly long, covering his ears and would be fashionable in the 1860s. His mustache is twisted up at the ends, unlike the more familiar, wavy shots of Booth with a turned-up mustache and face to one side.

It may be the only known front view of Booth, probably made "as a publicity shot." The image is a black and white photograph of a man in a military-style uniform with a high collar and a mustache. He is looking directly at the camera.

Booth, 39, a collector of old pictures, said he spotted the photograph at the Chicago gallery among other items coming up for sale. The name of John Wilkes Booth is written on the back of the picture but Roth said it was not Booth's signature.

A bunch of other so-called Lincoln experts said it was their estimate that it wasn't Booth. I just took it, he said he checked many books on Lincoln. A copy of the picture of Booth was finally found opposite page 300 of Carl Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln, The War Years, Volume IV.

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**cards, billiards  
caused Mozart  
to die a pauper**

United Press International  
BONN, West Germany — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of the most gifted musical composers of all time, died a pauper because he gambled on cards and billiards so badly. Or so says a music historian who researched the composer's financial records.

Mozart's love of gambling — and his indifference to his genius — was responsible for the poverty that plagued the last years of his life, according to historian Uwe Kraemer. Kraemer explored the records of Mozart's household from 1783, the year after his marriage to Constanze Weber, to 1791, the year he died of typhoid fever at the age of 35.

In an article published Monday in the magazine Musica, Kraemer disputes the composer of "The Marriage of Figaro," "Don Giovanni," symphonies, sonatas, and chamber music died in need and was buried in an unmarked grave.

But he says the reason is that Mozart frittered away his considerable fortune at gambling.

The West German historian said his research disclosed that Mozart played billiards and cards for large sums and played so badly he almost always lost.

He says from 1783 to 1786 Mozart earned about 10,000 gulden a year, the equivalent of \$108,000, for his concerts. In addition, he got large sums for his compositions and music lessons.

"What did he do with this money?" Kraemer asked. "The musical ace was a gambler who lost at billiards and cards."

He quotes Franz von Destouches, pupil of Haydn, as saying, "Mozart was a passionate billiard player and played badly. He played for high stakes, all night long. He was very voluble. His wife tolerated it."

Kraemer grants that the medical bills of Mozart's sick wife were high and that Mozart spent large sums on extravagant clothes and luxurious dwellings but he says these expenses cannot account for his financial ruin.

He said Mozart made veiled references in letters in his last years to his gambling vice, referring to it as "opportunities" and "certain matters."

Kraemer says the gambling losses caused the drop in Mozart's popularity at the end of his life. He believes the rich and famous who supported him began to consider him unworthy of their company.

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