

Unknown photographer. Edwin Booth as King Henry VIII from Shakespeare's "King Henry VIII." United States: [second half of the 19th century]. Folger ART File B725.4 no.112 PHOTO (size XS).

Edwin Booth (1833 - 1893) was the most successful of the three Booth brothers as an actor. He toured the United States and Europe, and founded Booth's Theater in New York in 1969. While he was arguably one of the greatest American actors of the nineteenth century, his career was overshadowed by his brother, John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.