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- Sample Search
- Marriage of Robert STARBIRD and Abigail HASKELL

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Paper: *Eastern (ME) Argus*; Date: 1828-08-19; Vol: IV; Iss: 405; Page: [3];

## MARRIAGES.

In this town, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. S. Rand, Mr. John Patterson to Miss Diana Berry, both of Portland.

In Falmouth, by Rev. C. Cummings, Mr. Ebenezer C. Libby, of Gray, to Miss Dorcas Leighton, of the former place.

In Gray, by the same, Mr. Robert Starbird to Miss Abigail Haskell.


In Windham, by Thomas Smith, Esq. Mr. Amos Estes of Poland, to Miss Abigail Elder of the former place.

In Vassalborough, Mr. Eli Hawes, to Mrs. Martha Hutchinson.


In China, Mr. Thomas Jones to Miss Phebe Douglas.

In Sidney, Mr. William Brown to Miss Maria D. Howard.

In Deer Isle, Mr. Admiral G. Sawyer, to Miss Mary Cole. Mr. Wm D. J. Gore, to Miss Hepsibah Staples.

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## MILLIONS OBSERVE FIRST 'MOTHER'S DAY'

Philadelphia Woman Overwhelmed  
by Response to Her Suggestion  
for National Celebration

Phenomenally successful was the splendid movement instituted by Miss Anna Jarvis, of this city, to have one day of the year set aside as Mother's Day, for observance by the entire country.

Between five and six million persons throughout the United States celebrated the festival on May 10, the second Sunday in May, which was selected as the annual date. A white carnation was worn in memory of "mother."

That the observance should have been as widespread is regarded as remarkable by those who worked for its success, since Mother's Day had little preliminary publicity outside of Philadelphia. It is expected that in the future the second Sunday in May will be a universal fête day for filial worship.

"If in two weeks' agitation, we could get the people so stirred up about Mother's Day," say the workers, "what small we accomplish next year?"

News of Mother's Day when it was first talked about in this city went to all parts of the United States. The Mayors of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Toledo, Ohio, issued proclamations to the citizens making Mother's Day a public occasion, and altogether clubs and organizations representing a membership of more than 2,000,000 persons, approved the festival.

Only two days ago 177,000 children and 44,000 teachers in the Philadelphia public schools joined in a celebration of the event. Everywhere in homes and institutions generous individuals provided carnations to be worn by the inmates in memory of the mothers.

## FATHER'S DAY: Mom's Idea, for Sure

SPOKANE, Wash. (WNS) — Everywhere else in the country, it'll be "three cheers for Daddy!" on Sunday. But hereabouts Father's Day will see hats raised to a pretty and energetic female, Sonora Dodd.

Why the twist? Mrs. Dodd, a vibrant and active septuagenarian, is the mother behind Father's Day. She is responsible for creating the national observance.

THAT WAS BACK before World War I; since then the observance has become not only national but international as well. This Father's Day finds Mrs. Dodd in good health, active in many organizations and highly appreciative of the attention the day will bring.

Widowed for many years, she prefers to live in an apartment here where she has many fond memories, although her son, John Bruce Dodd Jr., lives in Washington, D.C. Long interested in the Indians of the Pacific Northwest, Mrs. Dodd has written many stories about them and served as an officer of the

National League of American Pen Women. She also paints scenes of Indian life, works in several civic organizations and is an honorary member of the Spokane Ministerial Association.

IT WAS the Spokane Ministerial Association to which Mrs. Dodd first proposed a national day to honor fathers. That was back in 1910 when Spokane became the first city to establish a Father's Day, with the sponsorship of the ministerial group and the local YMCA.

The idea of such an observance had come to Mrs. Dodd as a way to show her appreciation for her father, William Smart, a widower and Civil War veteran who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself.

William Jennings Bryan was one of the first to endorse the observance, declaring that "not too much emphasis can be placed upon the relation between parent and child." However, while Spokane adopted the idea, Mrs. Dodd met opposition elsewhere.

MRS. DODD'S FATHER lived long enough to see President Woodrow Wilson authorize a Father's Day button in 1916. Mr. Dodd died in 1919, however, five years before President Calvin Coolidge first recommended national observance of the holiday.

Today she expresses opposition to the over-commercialization of the day. "I am not

against gift-giving," she said, "but I would prefer to emphasize the spiritual values of the observance."

## EVANS FAMILY CELEBRATES TWELFTH REUNION MONDAY

Enjoy Fish Fry and Barbecue at Central City Park—Oldest is J. W. Brown, Seventy; Youngest, Little Julia Malone.

The family of W. R. Evans, of 321 Jenkins street, celebrated its twelfth reunion yesterday at Central City Park with a barbecue and fish fry prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Evans. About one hundred relatives and friends of the family, including nine of Mr. Evans' grandchildren, were in attendance. The guests ranged in age from W. J. Brown of Culloden, who was seventy years old, to the year-old grand-daughter of Mr. Evans, little Julia Malone, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Malone of this city.

After the barbecue and fish fry, the members of the older members of the family "just sat around and talked," while the youngsters played on the grass under the big trees. The reunions used to be held at Mr. Evans' home, before the death of Mrs. Evans' mother, eight years ago, so that the grandmother might

be there. Since that time the crowd has outgrown the home.

Among those who enjoyed the hospitality of the Evans family of Macon were: W. J. Brown and family of Culloden; a brother of Mrs. W. R. Evans; W. C. Brown and W. J. Brown, Jr., and their families of Culloden, sons of W. J. Brown; Gordon Persons and family of Macon, who married a daughter of W. J. Brown; Mr. Evans' four sons: W. T. H. J., C. H., and W. C. Evans; E. L. Malone and family, who married a daughter of W. R. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas of Macon, the parents of T. R. Evans' wife; Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Sims of At-

lanta, a niece of W. R. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boone of Macon, also a niece; J. H. Brown of Macon, Mrs. W. R. Evans' brother; America Evans of Macon, sister of W. R. Evans; Mrs. J. H. Evans of Macon, a sister-in-law of W. R. Evans; Lee Holleman of Macon, a nephew; Umond and Robert Newberry of Macon, nephews; and the following friends: Martin Thompson, chief of police; Ed Chambliss and Thompson of the detective force; Jim Simpson, park keeper; Oscar Wilder and daughter, Jack and Bieder Giles, W. D. Broadway, Miss Mollie Hunt, and others.

## ARE MARTIN SAYS



"Th' old fashioned wife that used t' pick her husband's pocket, now has a son that steals his wife's blue water. "Tell him I'm not painted," said Miss Tawney Apple last night when th' door bell rung.

Macon (GA) Daily Telegraph  
6 July 1930

## TOM KEMP IS IN JAIL AGAIN

A Midnight Expedition in  
Marion, With Quite an  
Exciting Climax.

WAS HID IN AN OUTHOUSE.

Kemp was Unintentionally  
Given Away by His Mother.  
Looked Like a Pitched  
Battle at First.

Buena Vista, Ga., Feb. 27.—At the April term 1899 of Marion superior court Messrs. Tom and Frank Kemp were convicted and received a life sentence for the murder of Mr. John Cook, a respectable citizen of this county. Their attorneys, J. J. Dunham, T. B. Rainey and J. C. Butt, immediately applied for a new trial, which was refused by Judge W. B. Butt. They then appealed to the supreme court, but before the case was reached by that body, Messrs. Kemp on the night of May 23

Columbus (GA) Enquirer  
28 Feb 1900

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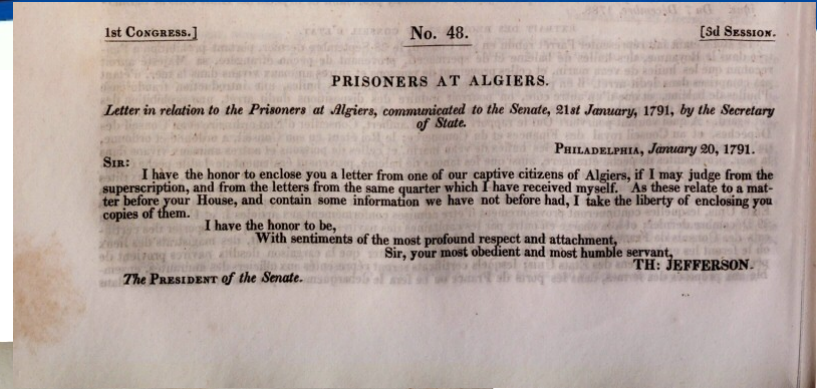
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*Prisoners at Algiers. Letter in relation to the prisoners at Algiers, communicated to the Senate, 21st January, 1791, by the Secretary of 1st Congress, 3rd Session. Publication No. 48*



FOREIGN RELATIONS.		[1791.]
James Cathcart, a young lad understanding navigation,		1,500
George Smith, a young lad, and page to the Dey,		900
Philip Sloan, at		700
John Robertson, at		700
Peleg Loring, at		700
James Harnet, at		700
James Hull, at		700
John Gregory Billings, at		700
	First cost,	17,100
	Extra fees,	125
	Sequins,	17,225

*N. B. A sequin is equal to 8s. sterling.*

A duty of 12 1/2 per cent is added, being fees on the redemption of slaves.

Indeed sir, there is no alternative. We are at the lowest price that any public slaves will be redeemed whilst the present government stands; and I am sure our country will see, by our ransom, the fatal and bad consequence of being at war with the Barbary States, particularly so commercial a nation as the Americanis. All other commercial nations have experienced the bad policy of a war with the Barbary States.

Who could have thought that the haughty Spanish nation would have given such vast sums for making and keeping peace with the Barbary States, and changed their national flag? But the Spaniards saw they were made a sort of political tool by all the other commercial nations.

The regency, some time past, wanted three of the young Americans to embrace the Mahometan religion, but they would not. This I suppose may account for the motives of their price being something extra.

Two months past one of my crew, Charles Colvill, was redeemed by charitable contributions raised by his friends. His ransom cost 1,700 dollars. I believe he returns to America. He is capable of giving much information on Barbary affairs.

Three Algerine galleys have taken a polacre with sixteen Greeks, with a pass from the deceased Grand Seigneur. They are enslaved by the Algerines by their having been under Jerusalem colors. They also took a Neapolitan brig, the crew of which escaped, and a Genoese vessel, but an armed Tartan of Genoa retook this vessel with 20 Moors and Turks on board. The Algerine galley took another Neapolitan vessel near Toulon. The Neapolitan seamen in that port manned their boats, and went out of Toulon and retook the vessel. This is likely to be a serious affair. Depend upon it, sir, that the Chamber of Commerce of Marseilles must pay all damages.

I have now the pleasure of informing you, that the court of Portugal has dropped their idea of making a peace with this regency. I believe all their propositions were rejected by the Algerines. Indeed, sir, this is very fortunate for the Americans; for, if the Algerines were at peace with Portugal, the cruisers of this regency would meet with no obstruction in their cruising in the Atlantic, which of course would be very prejudicial to the commerce of America.

The minister for foreign affairs being further sounded relative to a peace with America, asked if we had wrote to our country the purport of what he said on the subject. He was answered, that I had wrote on the subject to the American ambassadors in Europe.

He answered and said that he would do all he had promised, and not deviate or withdraw his word. This answer was about the 4th of June. Indeed, as the present minister for foreign affairs has expressed himself so friendly in behalf of America, I hope there will be a lasting friendship between them and him, who, you may depend, sir, is well inclined to serve the Americans.

My brother sufferers and I, sir, return you our sincere thanks for befriending us so much in the cause of liberty, being convinced that you have done all in your power with the Congress, to redeem this unfortunate and faithful remnant of Americans; and we make not the least doubt, that our country will immediately see the necessity of agreeing to pay the sum for our release, as has been ascertained. Our dependence is on a generous and humane country, whom, that God may prosper, is the sincere wish of,

Esteemed sir,  
Your most obedient most humble servant,  
RICHARD O'BRIEN,  
In behalf of myself and brother captives.

To THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esq.

P. S. We are much indebted to the Spanish consul and other gentlemen, for many favors rendered in times of impending danger.

## Claim requests rejected and accepted ...

29th CONGRESS,  
1st Session.

Rep. No. 606.

Ho. of Reps.

### MARY BLAKENEY AND OTHERS.

MAY 4, 1846.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. SEAMAN, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

### REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of Mary Blakeney, widow of Abel Blakeney, Ruth Pope, widow of Samuel Pope, John W. Ward, heirs of Ann Blackwell, and widows of revolutionary soldiers, in the State of Maine, report:*

The committee, after an examination of the petitions of these several petitioners, do not find that they present any claim to a pension, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.*

Ritchie & Heiss, printers.

43D CONGRESS, }  
2d Session. }

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

{ REPORT  
{ No. 133.

MRS. M. V. DAHLGREN.

FEBRUARY 9, 1875.—Committed to a Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GOOCH, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3742.]

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of the late Rear-Admiral Dahlgren, having had the same under consideration, report:*

That the late Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren, United States Navy, had accumulated in his life-time but a limited fortune, not now sufficient for the support of his widow and orphan children.

That among other items of personal property belonging to his estate were three letters-patent for the form, casting, and finish of naval ordnance, granted to him by the United States on the 6th August, 1861.

Your committee find abundant evidence from all sources of the merit and value of these patented improvements in ordnance, and the history of the armament of our Navy and sea-coast defenses during the past fifteen years shows the almost exclusive manufacture and use, by the United States, of ordnance under these patents. The value of the improvements, and the service they have been to the Government, are conclusively shown by the part the Dahlgren gun has taken in some of the decisive naval engagements of the late war. The Chief of Ordnance, Captain Wise, says, in 1864: "The contest between the Kearsarge and Alabama was decided by the superiority of the 11-inch Dahlgren over the Blakely rifle and smooth-bore, in connection with the greater coolness and accuracy in aim of the enfilades of the Kearsarge." And an English

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### Social Security Death Index

**Name:** Santa Claus  
**Date of Birth:** Saturday January 15, 1944  
**Date of Death:** Tuesday August 26, 2003  
**Est. Age at death:** 59 years, 7 months, 11 days

### Last known residence:

**State:** Unknown  
**Confirmation:** Verified

### Social Security details:

**State of:** Illinois  
**Issue:**  
**Number:** 326-34-2714





## **Deerfield Review (IL) - September 4, 2003**

Deceased Name: Man who changed name to Santa Claus dead at 59  
Santa Claus is not dead; even though obituaries say a "Chief Elf," Santa Claus of Mundelein, died Aug. 26 at his home on Route 83, near the village.

Santa Claus, (a.k.a.) Robert Rion, 59, went to court to change his name to match that of his look-alike folklore hero -- a jolly old man dressed in a red suit whose reindeer pulls his sleigh throughout the world so he can deliver gifts to children everywhere Christmas Eve.

His passing was noted on broadcast and cable news across world as the media declared his untimely death. While some children dream of flying through the world wearing a Superman's cape, Rion always wanted to be a "real-life" Santa Claus partly because he closely resembled his red-suited hero from his girth to ruddy complexion and flowing white beard.

So Rion appeared before Lake County Judge George Bridges in 1997 with a petition to legally change his name to Santa Claus. He told the judge he wanted to change his name and have Santa Claus on all his official documents.

The judge granted the request.

Rion opened his Santa Claus cottage north of Mundelein where he talked to and dispensed good advice to children. He talked about his reindeer and handed out candy canes and coloring books.

(the obituary went on from here)

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