

Almost Famous U.S. Customs Officers Images

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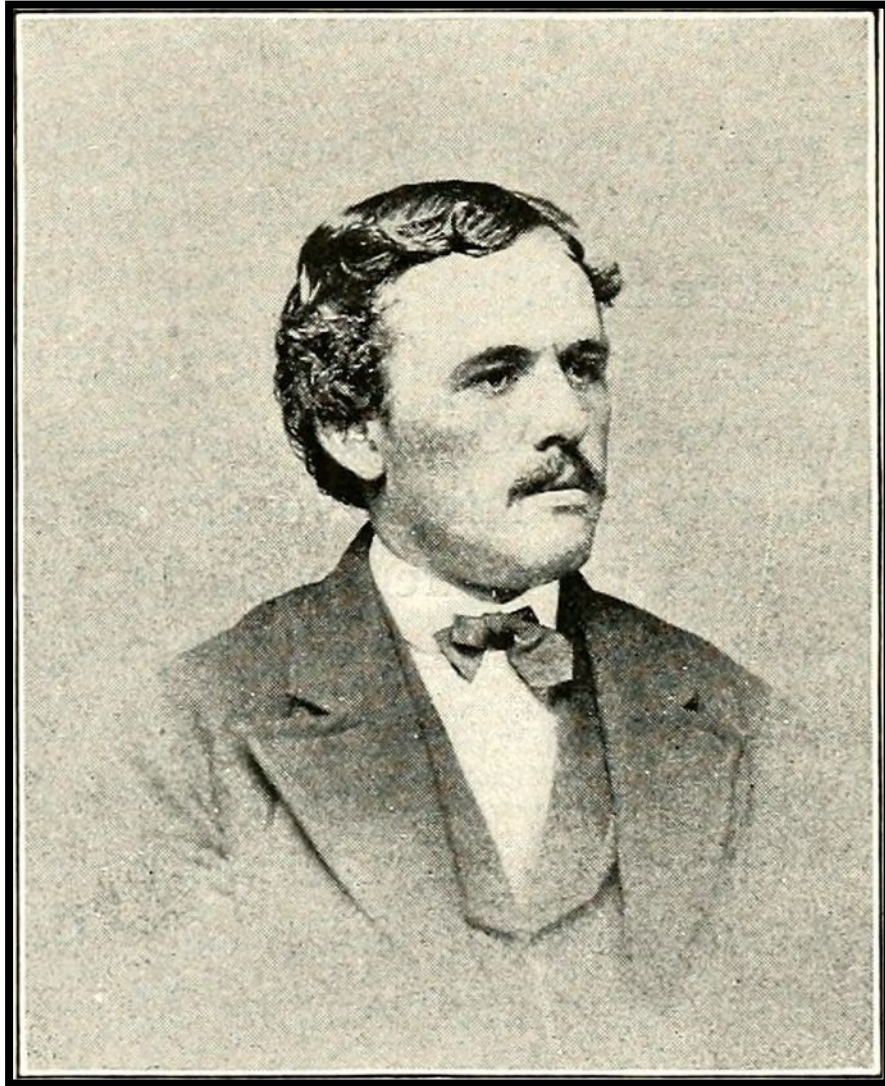


Figure 1: Louis J. Weichmann was the chief government witness at the trial of the eight conspirators charged with the assassination of Present Abraham Lincoln. After the trial, the government prosecutor found a clerk position for Weichmann at the U.S. Customhouse in Philadelphia.

Source: Wikimedia Commons website,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?search=louis+Weichmann&title=Special:MediaSearch&go=Go&type=image>.



Figure 2: Scene from the military trial of the eight people (seated behind the rail) charged with conspiring to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. All were convicted based largely on the testimony of Louis J. Weichmann who would soon be appointed to a clerk position with U.S. Customs in Philadelphia.

Source: Famous Trials website, <https://famous-trials.com/lincoln/2163-home>.

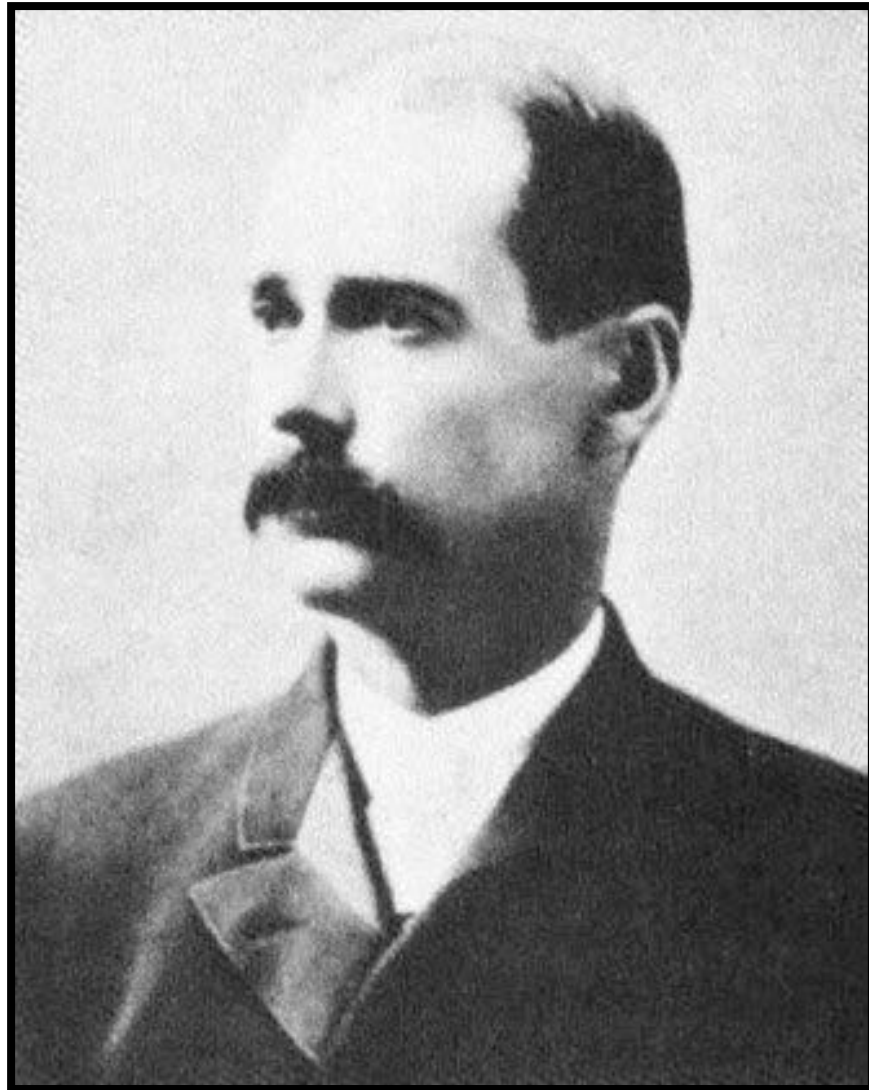


Figure 3: Sheriff Johnny Behan was elected to the position of Sheriff of Yavapai, Arizona in 1871 at the age of twenty-three. When Cochise County was created in 1881, Behan was appointed the county's first sheriff and was a witness to the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. In 1894, he was appointed to the position of Inspector with U.S. Customs at El Paso. He later became a Chinese Inspector who worked throughout the southwest border area.

Source: Wikipedia website, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Behan.



Figure 4: Thomas Lemuel James began his career with U.S. Customs at the Port of New York as an Inspector in 1816. He was eventually promoted to the position of Deputy Collector serving under Collector Chester A. Arthur. James was made the Postmaster for the City of New York in 1873 and he was later appointed to the cabinet level position of Postmaster General in 1881.

Source: Wikidata.org website, <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2425815>.

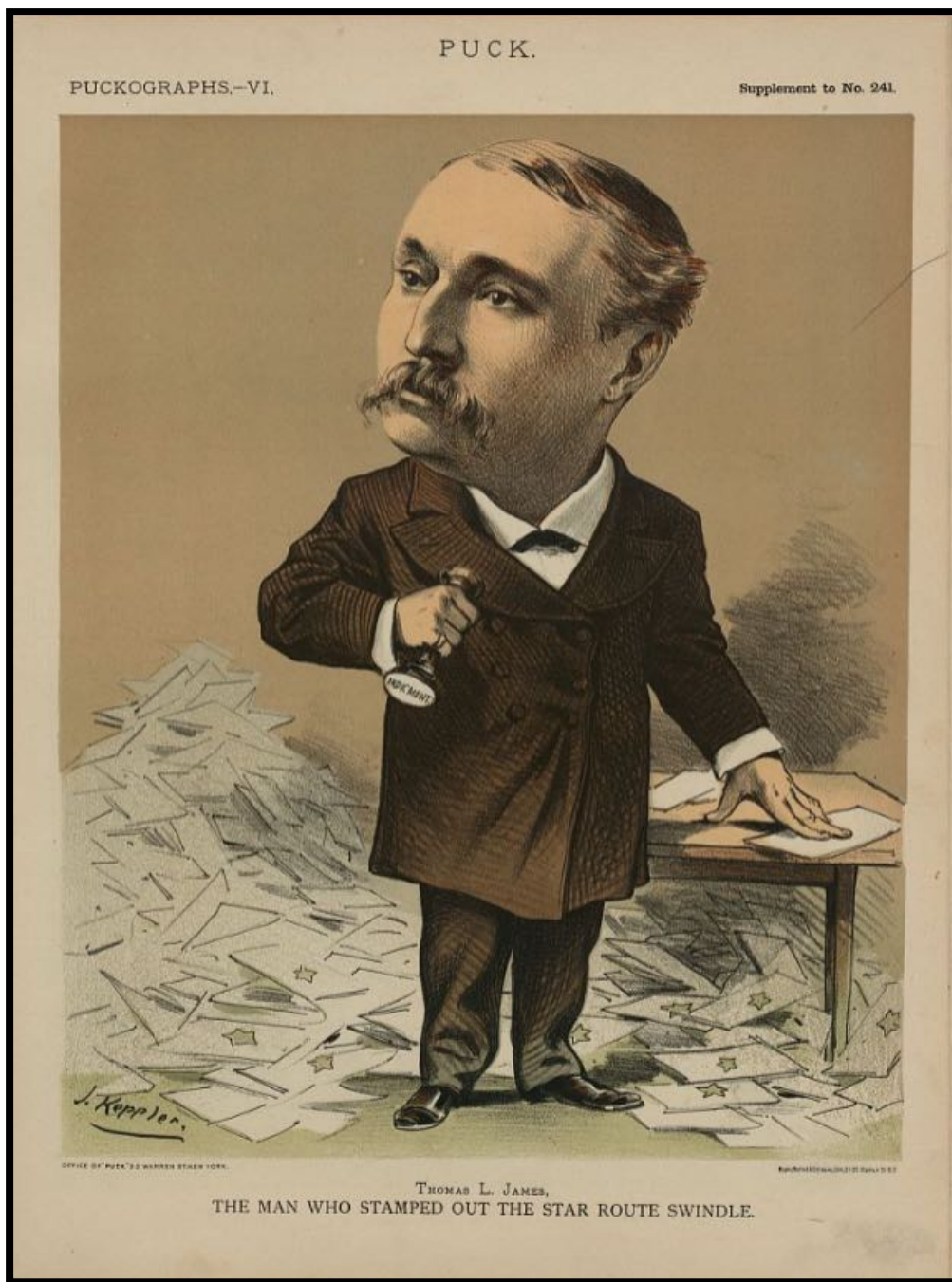


Figure 5: Thomas Lemuel James is featured in an 1881 edition of the popular magazine *Puck*. James was well-known for eliminating waste and fraud at U.S. Customs and the Post Office. He was also a supporter of civil service reform.

Source: Library of Congress website, <https://www.loc.gov/resource/ppmsca.28523/>.



Figure 6: Dudley Field Malone was the Collector of Customs at the Port of New York from 1913 to 1917. He was co-defense counsel with Clarence Darrow at the famous trial of John T. Scopes. He would later become a prominent divorce lawyer, movie actor and beer spokesperson.

Source: Wikipedia website, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dudley_Field_Malone.

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Figure 7: A Pabst Blue Ribbon Genuine Ale ad in 1934 featuring Dudley Field Malone. The ad describes the former Collector of Customs as “A Brilliant Personality” who “Applauds a Real Ale.”

Source: eCRATER website, <https://www.ecrater.com/p/4695678/1934-pabst-blue-ribbon-ale-ad>.



Figure 8: Dudley Field Malone portrayed Winston Churchill (seated on the right) in the controversial 1943 Warner Bros. movie *Mission to Moscow*. The movie was based on a book by the same name written by former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Joseph E. Davies.

Source: IMDb website,

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0036166/mediaviewer/rm55327232/?ref=tt_md_4.