

Transmen of the Past

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Classical Times



Marinos / Marina the Monk



- Born in north Lebanon
- Father & “son” entered monastery after mother’s death
- Accused of impregnating girl
- Expelled from monastery
- Raised the child
- Found to be female at death

Medieval Times



Pope John VIII / Pope Joan



- Born in England and studied in Mainz
- Fell in love with monk Ulfilas & studied with him in Athens until he died
- Reigned as John VIII, Angelicus in the 850s
- Fell in love again and became pregnant
- Gave birth in papal processional
- Deposed & died in disgrace

16th and 17th Centuries



Alonso Diaz Ramirez de Guzman

Catalina de Erauso



- Born 1592 Spain
- Fled convent dressed as a man
- Military ensign in Peru, Mexico, Panama, Chile
- Killed many men
- Disclosed femaleness to avoid death penalty
- Returned to Spain famous as “the nun ensign”
- Died as soldier 1645 in south America

Queen Christina / Count Dohna



- Born 1626
- Educated as a man
- Crowned Queen of Sweden at age 18
- Lived as a man
- Refused to marry
- Abdicated in 1654
- Lived in Denmark & Rome as Count Dohna
- Pope gave permission to dress as a man
- Died 1689

David Jans / Martiegn Jens



- Orphaned young
- Fled betrothal at 15
- Lived as man to hide and make money
- Joined army
- Exposed when ill in Africa
- Forced to marry as female

18th Century

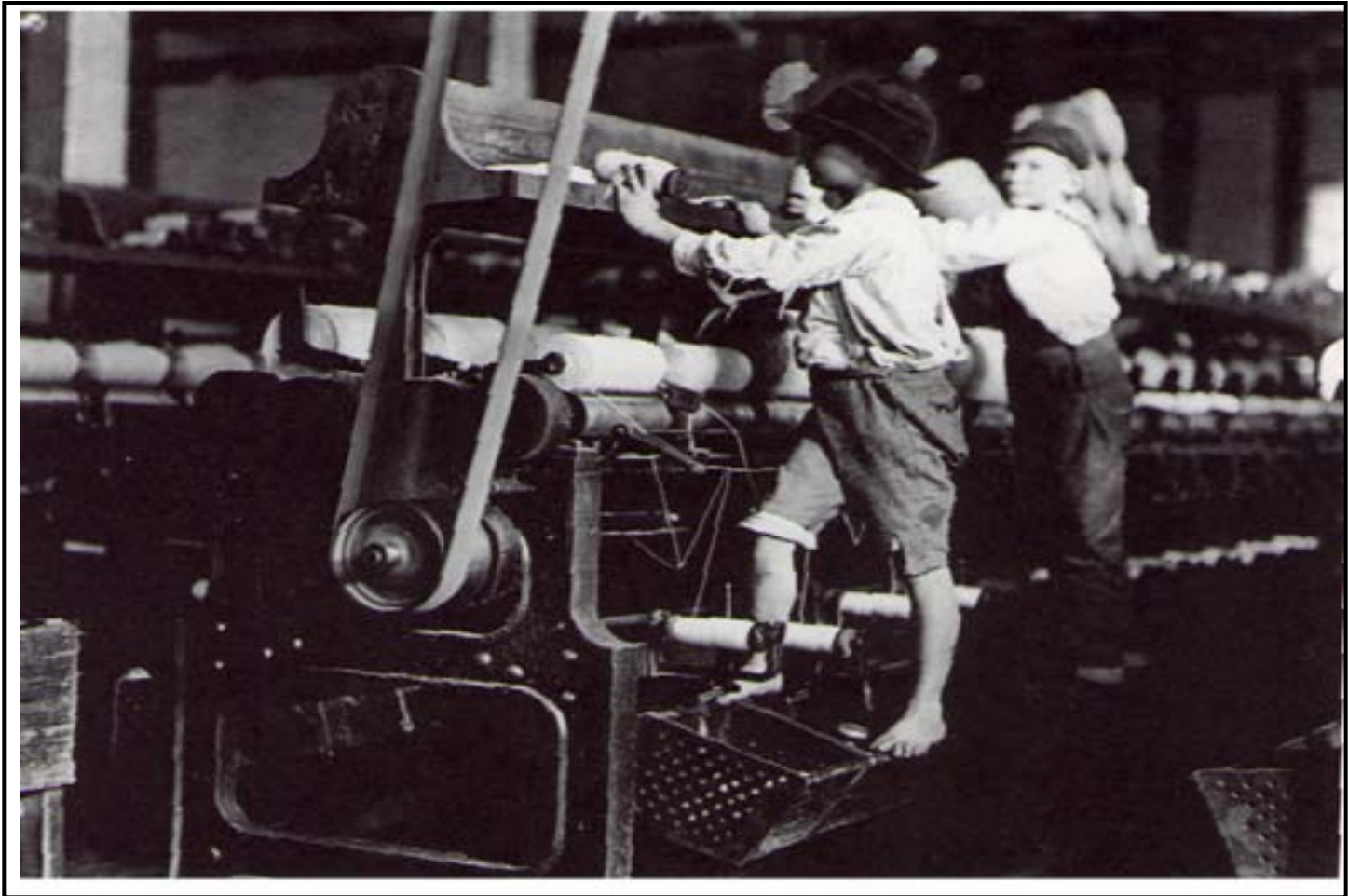


James Gray / Hannah Snell



- Poor English birth
- Abandoned by husband
- Joined military age 23
- Served in India
- Exposed by comrade
- Acted “breeches” roles in plays
- Opened pub as “Female Warrior”
- Dressed as man

Modernity



Count Sandor V. Countess Sarolta Vay



Count Sandor V. spoke of "an indescribable aversion for female attire, indeed for everything feminine, but only in as far as it concerned me; for, on the other hand, I was all enthusiasm for the beautiful sex."

Doctor James Barry



- Entered medical school as male at age ten
- Became military Dr. in 1813
- Did 1st successful caesarian
- Served in So. Africa, Caribbean, Canada, et al.
- Argumentative & innovative
- Well dressed & flirtatious
- Discovered only after death

Early & Mid-20th Century



Figure 9. Radclyffe Hall and Una Troubridge. 1927.

Stephen Gordon: "I can't feel that I am a woman. All my life I've never felt like a woman....I don't know what I am; no one's ever told me that I am different and yet I know that I am different."

Well of Loneliness (1928)

Michael Laurence Dillon



- Aristocratic birth
- Always very masculine
- Cross dressed & requested sex change
- Received testosterone then chest surgery (1942)
- Changed name & sex (1944)
- Phalloplasty (1944-48)
- Exposed in 1958
- Became Buddhist monk in India until death in 1962

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