

Thanksgiving Proclamations of the Presidents.

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Abraham Lincoln was the first to establish our national Thanksgiving day by presidential proclamation. He was the first president to designate the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving to be observed in succession. The first proclamation, which made the event explicitly a day of thanksgiving and prayer, was issued Oct. 3, 1863, in the midst of the civil war. It is a literary masterpiece. Instead of beginning with a review of victories at arms, it appropriately opens thus: "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies." Then the great president passes on to speak of the war, giving thanks that foreign nations have remained at peace with us and commending to God's "tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged." For fifty-eight years, since 1815, no president had proclaimed a day of national thanksgiving. President James Madison in the year mentioned proclaimed the second Thursday in April as a day of thanksgiving "for the blessings of peace," reference being made to the close of the war of 1812 by the treaty of Ghent on the preceding Dec. 24. Lincoln's proclamation of 1863 was the first designation of a na-



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tional thanksgiving day not suggested by some special event. Just two weeks after this proclamation the president issued another calling for 300,000 troops to volunteer service for three years or for the war.

What might be termed an independent day of thanksgiving was recommended by President Lincoln in the spring of 1864 in a report of recent victories of the federal armies. This proclamation, issued May 9, is the briefest and one of the most interesting on record. It follows:

"The friends of Union and Liberty: Though it is known of the army of the north within the last five days to claim our special gratitude to God, while what remains of the year, the most sincere prayers to and reliance upon him, without whom all his efforts are in vain. I recommend, at their homes in their places of public worship and wherever they are, unite in common thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God.

It has been asserted erroneously that President Lincoln proclaimed a national thanksgiving day in 1861 and



WASHINGTON WRITING HIS FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

1862. The state papers at Washington do not show any such proclamation. They do show, however, that the greatest proclamation of the last Thursday of September, 1861, as a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer," in accordance with a joint resolution of congress "resolving that to do so. That was in no sense a thanksgiving proclamation. It was specifically a day of supplication "that our arms may be blessed and made effectual for the establishment of law, order and peace throughout the wide extent of our country and that the inalienable boon of civil and religious liberty, earned under his guidance and blessings by the labors and sufferings of our fathers, may be restored in all its original excellence."

In 1862, the president set April 30 as a day of "national humiliation, fasting and prayer," following a resolution of the senate to "do so." The first Thursday of April was the day designated by Lincoln as our national thanksgiving day, in accordance with the proclamation of congress.

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and the date to the first Thursday in December, but the next year the successor of Abraham Lincoln returned to the great occasion's chosen last Thursday in November, and the corresponding day every year since 1893 with one exception has been proclaimed for thanksgiving. The exception was by President Grant, who in his first proclamation for 1869 placed the date one week earlier, Nov. 18.

President Johnson did not mention the death of Lincoln as a national loss in his first Thanksgiving proclamation, though in a proclamation shortly after the assassination he fittingly deplored the tragedy of a John Arthur and Roosevelt, successors of Garfield and McKinley, made fitting mention of the removal of their predecessors in their first Thanksgiving proclamations.

To President Grant belongs the distinction of having issued the greatest number of proclamations for giving thanks. In addition to his eight annual proclamations of the annual thanksgiving, he issued a proclamation requesting the people to recognize the centennial of our nation July 4, 1876, "by some public religious and devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings which have been bestowed upon us at a body Arthur and Roosevelt, successors of Garfield and McKinley, made fitting mention of the removal of their predecessors in their first Thanksgiving proclamations.

Washington as president issued two Thanksgiving proclamations, the first one being in 1789, the first year of his presidency. This was at the request of both houses of congress. Washington, Nov. 26, as a day for giving thanks for the new constitution and for civil and religious liberty. His document was quite long. Washington made but one other Thanksgiving proclamation. This was issued on New Year's day, 1793, the president setting apart Thursday, Feb. 19, as a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" for manifold blessings, but "particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which unite and by their union establish liberty with order."

Though we say that it was Washington who first named the last Thursday in November for Thanksgiving day, it was Abraham Lincoln who first returned to that day and named it twice in succession, thus establishing the custom.

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Frank Tomisky, Sr. Frank Tomisky, Sr., one of Cary's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home Sunday morning, at 4 o'clock, of paralysis. The funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a. m., from the house, and the body taken to Algonquin for burial.

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Social Well Patronized
The Mission Band of the Salem church, an organization of about fifty young boys and girls, held a well patronized social in Sodi's hall Thursday evening where they had a good time and secured a nice sum of money. Graphophone music, popcorn, candy and "Old Goose" booths were amusements and Dutch lunch was served.

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