

GROVER CLEVELAND PETERMAN - kidnapped by his mother

Source: Weekly Argus News June 1, 1895

The other night, C. Peterman came lopping in from the country declaring that his wife Sophronia with whom he has not been living for sometime had called at his home in his absence and carried off little Grover Cleveland his son. He wanted the polic to assist him in capturing the kid. It seems from the Frankfort Times that she landed up there. The Times says:

The Clover Leaf passenger train from the west at 2:30 yesterday morning, brought to this city a good looking little woman with a handsome boy of about 4 years of age. They went into Derrick's restaurant, where she bought some sandwiches. Her almost hysterical caressing the child atracted attention and she seemed afraid to let him get out of her reach. They were taken to the Mansion house by Policeman Burns and remained their until after breakfast, when they disappeared and have not been seen since.

The cause of the woman's strange actions developed yesterday. She is a Mrs. Peterman of Mace, Montgomery County. Several months ago she was divorced from her husband but failed to get tthe \$10,000 alimony sued for. They had a little son Grover Cleaveland Peterman whose custody was given to the husband. After the divorce, she disappeared and was not seen in the neighborhood again until Wednesday evneing after dark, when she suddenly appeared at the home of her divorced husband's mother where the child stays. She terrified the old lady with a revolver, and throwing some wraps about the chiild, grabbed him up and disappeared in the darkness.

The entire town turned out in search while Mr. Peterman drove to Crawfordsville to put the case in the hands of the police. In the meantime, the woman by some means reached Linden with the child in time for the Clover Leaf train and came here as stated. It is thought the woman got out of here yesterday morning on one of the numerous morning trains. Peterman is a wealthy citizen, and will no doubt pay a big reward for the return of his son. - kbz

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Source: Crawfordsville Weekly Jouranl Jan 31, 1896

Clarence Peterman, of Mace has had a large number of postal cards printed offering a substantial reward to anyone meeting his divorced wife "Siphonia." Siphonia it will be re membered, kidnapped Clarence's son, little Gover Cleveland Peterman some months ago and departed. Clarence has endeavored ever since to discover her whereabouts but in vain.

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Source: New Ross Mail, Friday Oct 28 1898

Perhaps the people of this vicinity remember the little son of Clarence Peterman, a wealthy farmer near Mace, being kidnapped 7 years ago. Mr. Peterman spent much money in trying to find the child, but failed to do so until a short time ago when he found that the boy's mother from whom Mr. Peterman had been divorced 8 years had him in Indianapolis. She had stolen him and has been there keeping him in obscure