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ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: THE WILDEST RACE EVERY BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY

Album Description

Primary Sources to accompany The Wildest Race, a picture book account of the 1904 Olympic marathon in St. Louis, part of the first Olympics held in the United States.

ARIZONA REPUBLICAN., AUGUST 31, 1904

THE OLYMPIC MARATHON

**For the First Time the Race Was Won
by an American.**

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30.—The Olympic Marathon race, the third foot race contest of the kind ever held and the first ever held on American soil, participated in by thirty-one men, classed among the best runners of the world, was won today by Thomas J. Hicks of Cambridge, Mass., who is the first American to win this event celebrated in the revival of Olympic games

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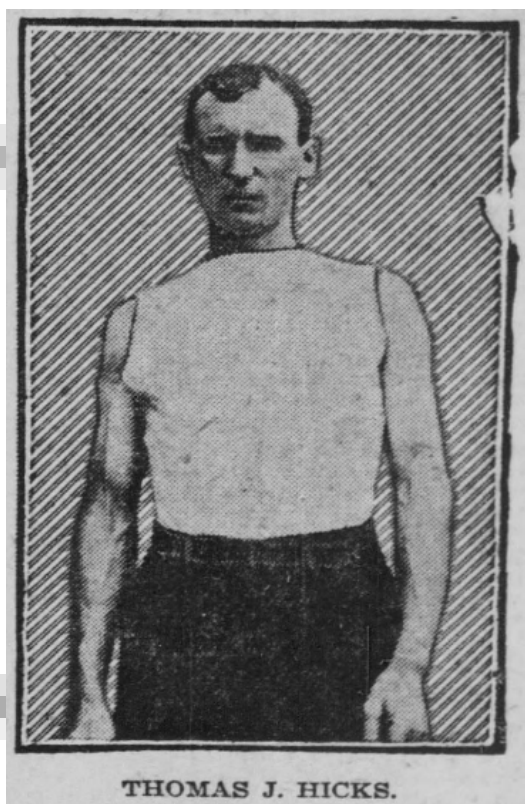
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THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC., SEPTEMBER 04, 1904

HICKS, WINNER OF MARATHON RACE, WILL PROBABLY RETIRE FROM ATHLETICS

Thomas J. Hicks, who won the twenty-five-mile Olympic Marathon race last Tuesday, was born in Birmingham, England, about twenty-eight years ago. He came to the United States at the age of 14 years and has lived in Cambridge, Mass., for the last several years.

He has been in athletics only three years and has done nothing but distance runs. The Olympic Marathon was the fifth of the classic events in which he has started.

Hicks is 5 feet 11 inches high and weighs on an average 122 pounds. After the race Tuesday he weighed only 121 pounds, having lost ten pounds from the last run.

In 1903, in Boston, he tried in his first Marathon race and finished sixth. The



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Many details about the race

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NEW-YORK TRIBUNE., FEBRUARY 20, 1905, PAGE 9

"AUTO" AIDED RUNNER REINSTATED.

Morse, Who Rode in Marathon Race at St.
Louis, May Now Compete.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—After a suspension of more than six months, Fred Morse, the long distance runner who rode part of the way in an automobile and then finished first in the Olympic Marathon at the St. Louis Fair, has been reinstated by the Western Association of the Amateur Athletic Union.

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THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC., APRIL 02, 1905

MARATHON RACE LAST SUMMER RUN UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS

**Preparations for Forthcoming Event Are More Elaborate and Will
Be Better Test of Distance Races — History of the Various
Events Which Have Preceded the Present Match.**

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Now this is great fun. Thank you for your curatorship in addition to providing these resources. It is an excellent template for adaptation in other events. I can see this being used in other local sporting events (the NYC Marathon -- annual), and perhaps events over time held by various institutions receiving media coverage (in NY there is no shortage of those). Thank you for this excellent picture book that has wonderful ramifications for use across content areas. Terrific idea!

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RUNNERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 1904 OLYMPIC MARATHON ON DIRT ROADS OUTSIDE OF ST. LOUIS, MO



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THOMAS HICKS ASSISTED BY HIS TRAINERS



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THE START OF THE MARATHON RACE AT THE 1904 OLYMPICS, HELD IN ST. LOUIS.



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CUBAN MARATHONER (AND FORMER MAILMAN) FÉLIX CARBAJAL



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