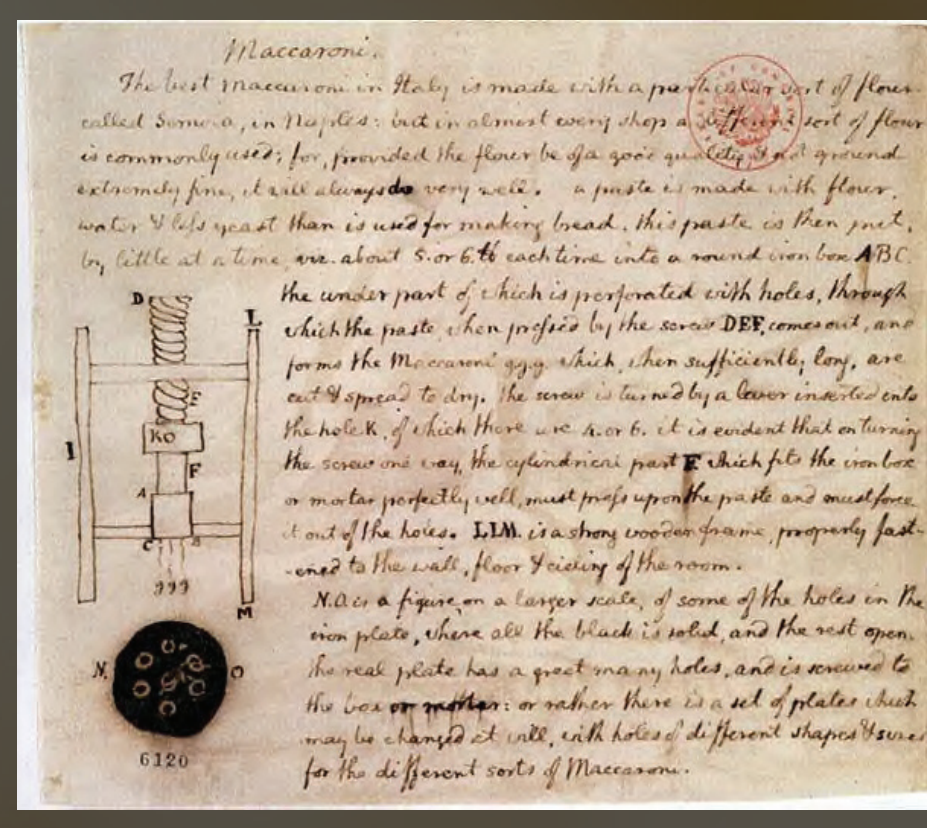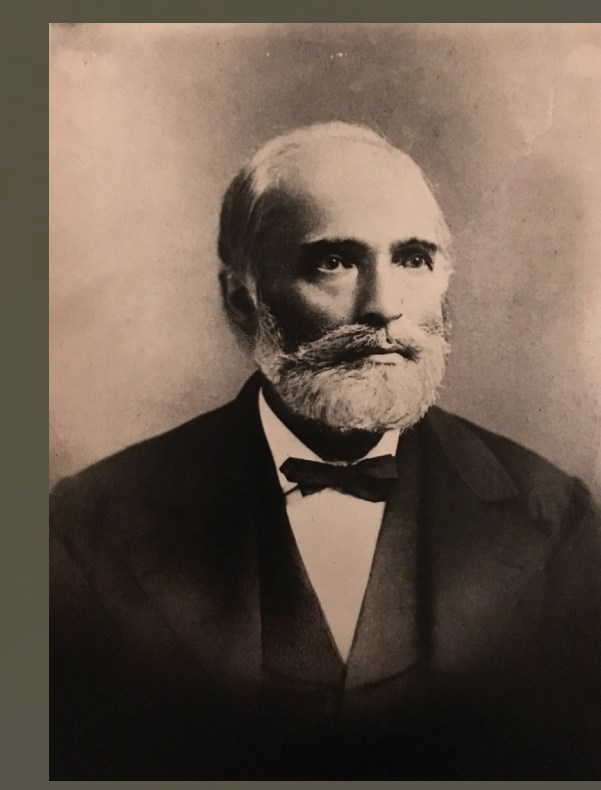**1787**

Based on his travels to Northern Italy, Thomas Jefferson drew a "maccaroni" machine with instructions for making pasta
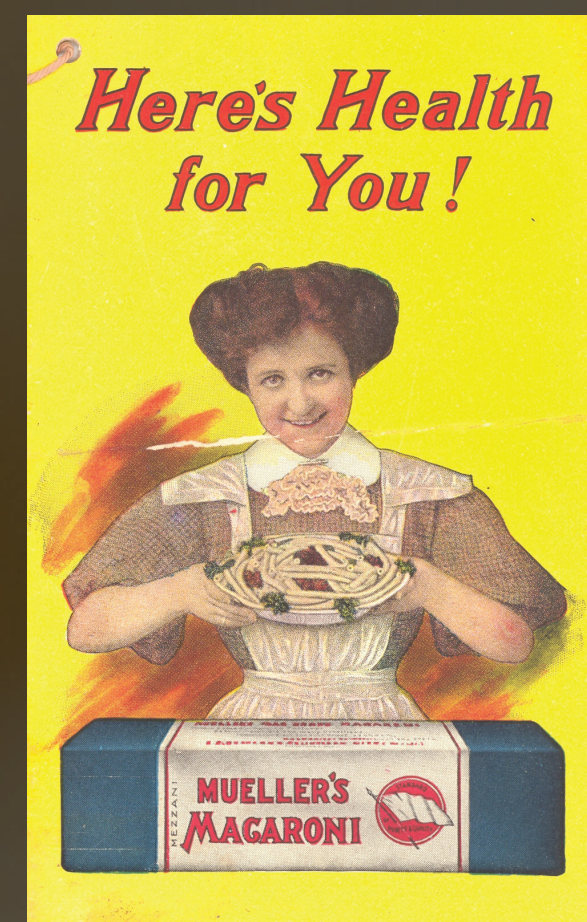
1848

French immigrant Antoine Zerega opened first pasta factory in USA on the Brooklyn waterfront

1867

German immigrant Christian Mueller first sold pasta door-to-door in New Jersey

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1892

Atlantic Macaroni Company formed in Queens, New York

1899

Bicocchi & Laneri created the Fort Worth Macaroni Company

1901

Felice Maldari started F.Maldari Manufacturers of Pasta Dies

1904

The National Association of Macaroni & Noodle Manufacturers of America, forerunner of today's NPA, is formed. Dues are $5.

1910

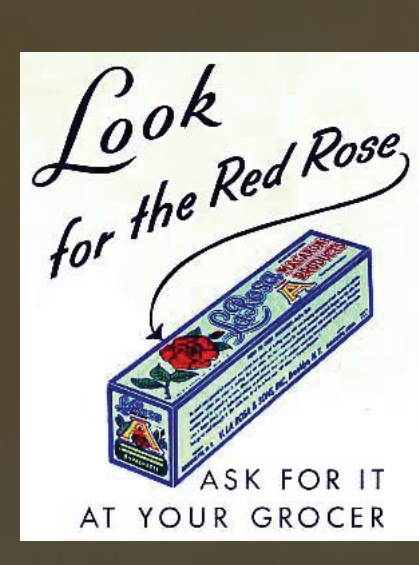Anthony Gioia founded Gioia Macaroni Company in Buffalo, New York

1912

DeDomenico family delivers pasta around San Francisco, starting Golden Grain Macaroni Company

1914

I. DeFrancisci & Son of Brooklyn, New York (forerunner of DEMACO), built their first pasta machine in the USA

Vincenzo La Rosa founded V. La Rosa & Sons Macaroni Company in Brooklyn, New York

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Antonio Marano founded Philadelphia Macaroni Company

1915

Emanuele Ronzoni started Ronzoni Macaroni Company in Queens, New York

Imports of Italian pasta ended abruptly during World War I creating an enormous demand for domestic production

1916

Pennsylvania Dutch-Megs Company opened in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

1927

The National Macaroni Manufacturers Association gets the government to agree that all products termed as "alimentary paste," "Macaroni," "Spaghetti," "Vermicelli," "Noodles," or "Short Cuts," to be called under the general term of "Macaroni Products"

1928

Ettore Boiardi launches Chef Boyardee brand of canned pasta

1929

Italian immigrant John Robilio and his Memphis-born wife Jennie founded Ronco Pasta

1935

Macaroni manufacturing industry comprised of approximately 400 factories producing one-half billion pounds of product annually

1937

Kraft introduced Macaroni & Cheese Dinner in the USA

1942-1945

Numerous GIs are introduced to pasta as the War Department feeds over 12 million servicemen and women in World War II

1950

Donato Maldari renames D. Maldari & Sons, Inc., to include Ralph & Dan Maldari

1955

Rising starlet Sophia Loren named "Macaroni Week Queen"

1978

The Durum Growers Association of the United States is incorporated on January 31

1984

Period of industry consolidation with General Foods acquiring Ronzoni, Borden acquiring Ronco & Hershey acquiring the American Beauty Macaroni Company

1985

The approximate date "pasta" becomes the general term for the category

1988

Richard Thompson founded the American Italian Pasta Company in Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Dale Schulz & Ray Turcotte founded S.T. Specialty Foods

1992

1,042 farmers formed co-op to create Dakota Growers Pasta, a durum mill & pasta processing facility in North Dakota

1996

Ignatius DeFrancisci, Joseph L. DeFrancisci, & Robert Ronzoni formed Pasta Montana in Great Falls, Montana

New World Pasta acquired Creamette, Prince, American Beauty, P&R, Ronzoni & San Giorgio

1998-2001

Philadelphia Macaroni Company built a mill in Minot, North Dakota, named Minot Milling Company

Post Holdings acquired Dakota Growers Pasta Company

2014

2016

TreeHouse Private Brands purchased ConAgra Foods private label division, including pasta

2017

New World Pasta operates under the name Riviana Foods as part of merger

Mexico-based La Moderna will open its first pasta factory on US soil in Cleburne, TX under the name of Interamerican Foods in May

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