The Unusual Suspects

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Answer: CAB CALLOWAY

The presented names must first be unscrambled; first names that are generally more common and last names that might be familiar can be pulled out, and the new names are in alphabetical order once unscrambled. Lengths (and punctuation) are also maintained after unscrambling.

Dean Skinner	Jenny Aquinas	Louie Stalin
Emmanuel Brown	Jimmy Whalen	Lucy Crockett
Ginger Hammer	Johnny Grover	Marlon Eccles
Grace Maxwell	Joseph Edison	Mickey Queen
Greta Checker	Juan Pollaky	Rita Syngman
Harry Buff'lo	Julius Brando	Suky Hayworth
Jackson Diver	Kelly Tawdry	Thomas Peron
Jeffrey Defoe	Leonard Davis	Victor Lenya
Jennifer Rhee	Lotte Truman	Walter Hardy
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These are much better, but still mixed-up. The component first and last names are still jumbled, with some last names masquerading as first, and vice versa. Thinking in terms of "numbers" and using some more famous name fragments to start, one can identify that all these names appear in various song lyrics, winnowing the group down procedurally.

Each song has a unique number of names taken from it, given here increasing:

The Beatles	Maxwell Edison
"Maxwell's Silver Hammer"	
Allan Sherman	Leonard Skinner; Jeffrey Hardy
"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh"	
The Scaffold	Julius Caesar; Johnny Hammer; Jennifer Eccles
"Lily the Pink"	
Groucho Marx	Andrew Jackson; Buff'lo Bill; Mendel Picasso;
"Lydia the Tattooed Lady"	Grover Whalen
Bobby Darin	Louie Miller; Jenny Diver; Suky Tawdry; Lotte
"Mack the Knife"	Lenya; Lucy Brown
Colonel Calverley (Patience)	Queen Anne; Victor Emmanuel; Thomas Aquinas; Daniel
"The Soldiers of Our Queen"	Defoe; Anthony Trollope; Paddington Pollaky
Madonna	Greta Garbo; Marlon Brando; Jimmy Dean; Grace
"Vogue"	Kelly; Ginger Rogers; Rita Hayworth; Bette Davis
Billy Joel	Harry Truman; Walter Winchell; Joseph Stalin; Juan
"We Didn't Start the Fire"	Peron, Davy Crockett; Mickey Mantle; Syngman Rhee;
VVC Diant Start the File	Chubby Checker

Put the songs' artists into the spaces and read the numbered boxes in order to get "HE SANG OF MINNIE THE MOOCHER" as a result, yielding the answer **CAB CALLOWAY**.

Author's Notes

<u>Nick</u>: Thomas Edison, Dean/Edna, Gabor/Garbo, (Gregor) Mendel and (Pablo) Picasso were intentional red herrings. I'm devious. What more can I say?