

SAUNDERS & SAMWELL CIRCUS TIMELINE



1740	1750	1760
Samuel Saunders <i>equilibrist</i> Born c1740.	1759 first recorded performance as equilibrist on slack-wire in London.	Toured England, Ireland & Paris. 1764 married Mary Wilson. Performed for George II.
	Julia Pinto <i>singer</i> Born c1758 to violinist Thomas Pinto & opera singer Sybilla.	
Abraham Saunders <i>circus proprietor</i> Born 1748.		1765 public debut as equilibrist with Samuel.
		Stephen Samwell <i>circus proprietor</i> Born c1767 with surname of Samuel.



1744 *God Save the King/Queen* first published



1756 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born



Potatoes became most popular European food

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1770	1780	1790
<p>Samuel Saunders <i>equilibrist</i></p> <p>Toured England & Ireland. Also with Astley's troupe in England.</p>	<p>1781 married Julia Pinto. Toured UK & performed in Paris before Louis XVI.</p>	<p>Toured Ireland & England. Died c1791.</p>
<p>Julia Pinto <i>singer</i></p> <p>Dublin debut; sang in Dublin theatres.</p>	<p>Toured England; 1781 married Samuel Saunders.</p>	<p>Sang in London theatres, Astley's & Royal Circus.</p>
	<p>George Pinto <i>violinist, pianist</i></p> <p>Born 1785 in Lambeth to Samuel & Julia Saunders but adopted mother's maiden name as surname.</p>	<p>Toured England & Scotland, & played in London orchestral concerts.</p>
<p>Abraham Saunders <i>circus proprietor</i></p> <p>c1770 married Elizabeth. Trained under Astley as equestrian.</p>	<p>1780s took over father's travelling fair.</p>	<p>Toured England & Scotland with travelling circus.</p>
	<p>Abraham Saunders jr <i>tight rope dancer</i></p> <p>Born c1789 to Abraham & Elizabeth.</p>	<p>Performed in father's Portable Riding School from age 7 as equestrian & on tight rope.</p>
		<p>Sarah Saunders <i>slack wire artiste</i></p> <p>Born c1790s to Abraham & Elizabeth.</p>
<p>Stephen Samwell <i>circus proprietor</i></p>	<p>1789 married Rebecca Saunders.</p>	<p>Managed Samwell's Circus touring fair routes in England.</p>
		<p>William Samwell sr <i>circus proprietor</i></p> <p>Born c1790 to Stephen & Rebecca.</p>
		<p>Mary Ann Jones <i>circus proprietor</i></p> <p>Born c1792, later to marry William Samwell.</p>



1775 American Revolution began



1782 James Watt invented rotary steam engine



1793 Louis XVI executed during French Revolution

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1800	1810	1820
Julia Pinto <i>singer</i>		1828 died in London.
George Pinto <i>violinist, pianist</i>	1806 died in Chelsea.	
Abraham Saunders <i>circus proprietor</i>	Toured England & Ireland with own circus. 1809 Prince of Wales patronised circus.	Toured England with his own circus, & Saunders & Drake's circus for short time.
Abraham Saunders jr <i>tight-rope dancer</i>	Toured England. London debut 1800 at Royal Circus. Several performances for George III.	1814 married Sophia Dukes. Toured with father's & other circuses in England.
Sarah Saunders <i>slack wire artiste</i>	With Royal Circus in London. Performed in father's troupe throughout England.	Toured with father's & other circuses in England. 1819 married James Brown.
James Brown <i>vaulter</i>	With Saunders' troop & other circuses.	With Astley's & other circuses; 1819 married Sarah Saunders.
Stephen Samwell <i>circus proprietor</i>	Continued travelling English fair routes. Exhibited at London fairs.	Toured north & east England. 1816 died in Lynn.
William Samwell sr <i>circus proprietor</i>	Performed in father's travelling circus.	1813 married Mary Ann Jones. 1816 took over father's circus on his death.
Mary Ann Jones <i>circus proprietor</i>		1813 married William Samwell.
	Stephen Samwell jr <i>equestrian</i>	Born c1817 in Mildenhall to William & Mary Ann.
	Mary Ann Samwell jr <i>equestrienne</i>	Born c1819 in England to William & Mary Ann.
	Henry Cornwall <i>theatre manager</i>	Born c1811 in Redruth. Later to marry Mary Ann Samwell jr.
		John Samwells <i>equestrian</i>
	Charlotte Partridge <i>equestrienne</i>	Born 1819 in Leigh. Later to marry John Samwells.
		Nancy Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>
	Henry Walker <i>slack rope artiste</i>	Born c1817 in Gloucester to equestrian Henry Walker. Later to marry Nancy Samwell.
		William Samwell jr <i>equestrian</i>



1805 Paganini toured Europe as violin virtuoso



1815 Napoleon defeated at Battle of Waterloo



1822 Hieroglyphs deciphered using Rosetta Stone

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1830	1840	1850
Abraham Saunders <i>circus proprietor</i>	Took up Penny Gaff Theatres. 1839 died in Lambeth.	
Abraham Saunders jr <i>tight-rope dancer</i>	Sophia took over Drawing Academy & probably estranged from Abraham.	Sophia & daughters tour England with drawing academies. 1856 Abraham died in Lambeth.
Sarah Saunders <i>slack wire artiste</i>	Last sighting in 1838 in London. Fate unknown.	
William Samwell sr <i>circus proprietor</i>	Samwell's Circus travelled through east & southern England. 1834 died in London.	
Mary Ann Jones <i>circus proprietor</i>	1834 took over circus. 1835 Samwell's Circus performed for William IV & 1836 for Princess Victoria.	Died c1840.
Stephen Samwell jr <i>equestrian</i>	Performed in Samwell's Circus then took over after mother's death in 1840.	Performed in circuses touring England. 1843 married equestrienne Roseler Lee. 1859 died in Nottingham.
	Leon Samwells <i>gymnast, acrobat</i>	Born 1844 in Penzance to Stephen & Roseler as Stephen James Samwell. 1857 London debut, toured Europe with acrobatic act.
		Harry Samwells <i>comic vocalist</i>
Mary Ann Samwell jr <i>equestrienne</i>	1838 married Henry Cornwall & performed in his circuses.	Born 1857 in Lambeth to Stephen & Roseler as Henry Cornelius Samwell.
Henry Cornwall <i>theatre manager</i>	1838 married Mary Ann Samwell. Took over Samwell's Circus as his own circus touring south England.	Madame Cornwall in husband's circuses. 1844 moved to Jersey. Continued to manage riding school & theatre in Jersey.
John Samwells <i>equestrian</i>	Performed in Samwell's Circus as infant equestrian.	Managed own circus. 1844 moved to Jersey & managed riding school & theatre. Toured England & Ireland as character equestrian. 1849 married equestrienne Charlotte Partridge. Toured England, Ireland & Scotland as character equestrian or equestrian actor.
Charlotte Partridge <i>equestrienne</i>	Continued touring with Ginnett's Circus.	1849 married equestrian John Samwells.
		Amy Samwells <i>slack wire artiste</i>
		Roland Samwells <i>scene designer, ringmaster</i>
		Born 1851 in Gravesend to John & Charlotte as Emily. Born 1857 in Leigh to John & Charlotte.



1834 slavery abolished in the British Empire



1840 penny postage introduced in England



1854 Florence Nightingale tended wounded at Crimean War

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<p>Nancy Samwell equestrienne Performed in Samwell's Circus as equestrienne & rope dancer.</p>	<p>1841 married Henry Walker.</p>	<p>Minor roles as equestrienne.</p>
<p>Henry Walker slack rope artiste Toured England in various circuses as gymnast, vaulter, & on slack rope.</p>	<p>Toured England, Ireland & Scotland. 1841 married Nancy Samwell.</p>	<p>Toured England, Scotland, Continent, & Australia.</p>
		<p>John Walker equestrian Born 1851 in London to Henry & Nancy.</p>
		<p>William Walker slack wire artiste Born 1853 in Greenock to Henry & Nancy.</p>
<p>William Samwell jr equestrian Performed in Samwell's Circus as infant equestrian.</p>	<p>Toured England with Cornwall's & other circuses.</p>	<p>1851 married pianist Mary Ann Fowler. Toured England & Scotland.</p>
		<p>Mary Jane Samwell equestrienne Born 1853 in St Helier to William & Mary Ann (nee Fowler.)</p>
		<p>Adeline Samwell equestrienne Born 1855 in St Helier to William & Mary Ann (nee Fowler.)</p>
		<p>William Thomas Samwell equestrian Born 1858 in Belfast to William & Mary Ann (nee Fowler.)</p>
<p>Thomas Samwells animal trainer Born 1833 in Maidstone to William & Mary Ann.</p>	<p>Toured as infant equestrian with his brothers.</p>	<p>Toured England as equestrian. 1856 married Mary Ann Whiteley.</p>
	<p>Mary Ann Whiteley equestrienne Born c1840 to John Whiteley, circus proprietor.</p>	<p>Toured England as Mdlle Rosalie. 1856 married Thomas Samwells.</p>



1831 French Foreign Legion established



1845 rubber band invented



1859 Big Ben chimed for the first time

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1860	1870	1880
Leon Samwells <i>gymnast, acrobat</i>	Toured England & Australia. 1866 married Julia Pickert. 1868 moved to USA.	Toured USA & Sth America as acrobat & clown.
Rose Julian <i>acrobat, contortionist</i>	Born 1866 in Melbourne as Rosalie Samwells to Leon & Julia Samwells.	Adopted surname of Julian. Acrobat with brother Martin in USA tours, sometimes billed as solo artist.
Martin Julian <i>boxing manager</i>	Born 1869 in San Francisco as Stephen Martin Samwells to Leon & Julia Samwells.	Adopted name of Martin Julian. Acrobat with sister Rose in USA tours.
	Theo Julian <i>musician, singer</i>	Born 1871 in San Francisco as Florence Samwells to Leon & Julia Samwells.
Harry Samwells <i>comic vocalist</i>		Worked as an upholsterer in London. 1879 first appeared as a comic in Bath.
Mary Ann Samwell jr <i>equestrienne</i>	1862 died in Jersey.	
Henry Cornwall <i>theatre manager</i>	1865 opened Theatre Royal in St Helier & married Lucy Lindsey. 1869 died in Jersey.	
John Samwells <i>equestrian</i>	Toured England, Ireland & Scotland. 1867 accident curtailed his career.	No longer billed as a performer, working in minor equestrian roles.
Charlotte Partridge <i>equestrienne</i>	Toured England Ireland & Scotland. 1861 retired from performance.	
Amy Samwells <i>slack wire artiste</i>	Billed as Queen of the Wire. Toured England & Scotland with various circuses.	Toured England, Scotland, Channel Islands & Europe. 1879 married cousin John Walker.
Roland Samwells <i>scene designer, ringmaster</i>	Performed as equestrian in England & Scotland.	Toured England & Scotland. Became ringmaster, property master & set designer.
Mary Ann Frances Bowen <i>tight rope artiste</i>	Born 1869 in Chirton to clown Charley Bowen & his wife, equestrienne Alice (nee) Davies.	1883 died in Lambeth.
		Toured USA & Paris. 1885 divorced then toured New Zealand & Australia.
		With Martin, 1886 toured USA with Barnum's Circus & 1887 New York debut.
		With Rose, 1886 toured USA with Barnum's Circus & 1887 New York debut.
		Performed at private functions as a musician with name of Theoline or Theo Julian.
		1881 appeared as comic vocalist in English venues.
		Toured England, Ireland & Scotland, often with brother Roland.
		1886 performed for Queen Victoria. 1889 married Mary Ann Bowen.
		Performed with father; toured France as Mdlle Elvira; 1889 married Roland Samwells.



1865 Abraham Lincoln assassinated



1877 Thomas Edison invented phonograph



1883 Krakatoa volcano eruption killed 36,000

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	1860	1870	1880
Nancy Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>	No records or billing of performances.		
Henry Walker <i>slack rope artiste</i>	Toured the Continent & England. 1865 died in Hamburg.		
John Walker <i>equestrian</i>	Equestrian juggler with brother William. Toured England.	Toured UK & Europe. 1875-6 performed for royalty in Berlin. 1879 married Amy Samwells.	Toured England & Europe. 1883 died in Lambeth.
William Walker <i>slack-wire artiste</i>	As Willie Walker, backward rider & juggler with brother John. Toured England.	Took name Herr Reklaw then Pasha Reklaw. Toured England & Europe.	Toured England, Scotland & Europe. 1885 married Elizabeth Scarlett.
William Samwell jr <i>equestrian</i>	Toured England, Scotland & Europe with his children.		
Mary Jane Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>	Performed with father & siblings; London debut with sister.	1870 retired to live in Jersey. 1876 married Robert Kirby & moved to London.	
Adeline Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>	Performed with father & siblings; London debut with sister.	Performed with father in England, Europe, & solo in London.	Toured Sth America & Spain.
William Thomas Samwell <i>equestrian</i>	Performed with father & sisters in UK & Europe.	After father's death, gave up performance & became a sailor.	Fate after 1881 unknown.
Thomas Samwells <i>animal trainer</i>	Toured Europe & England as equestrian, & with own circus. 1868 with performing dogs.	1871 moved to USA. Toured with own & other circuses with performing dogs.	Toured USA, Sth America, Mexico, West Indies & Sth Africa with performing dogs & goats.
Mary Ann Whiteley <i>equestrienne</i>	Toured with husband. Billed as Mdlle Rosalie.	1871 moved to USA with family, occasionally billed as Mrs Samwells.	c1888 probably died in USA.
Grace <i>performer, animal trainer</i>	Born c1865 in Ireland or Scotland. Later to marry Thomas Samwells sr.		Moved to USA, toured as acrobat & tattooed lady.
Thomas Samwells jr <i>juggler, performer</i>	Born 1869 in London to Thomas & Mary Ann.	1871 moved to USA with family.	No references as a performer but perhaps assisted his father with performing animals.



1867 Alfred Nobel invented dynamite



1876 Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone



1888 Jack the Ripper murders in London

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	1890	1900	1910
Leon Samwells <i>gymnast, acrobat</i>	1893 died in Auckland.		
Rose Julian <i>acrobat, contortionist</i>	1894 married Robert Fitzsimmons & gave up acrobatic career.	1903 died in New York .	
Martin Julian <i>boxing manager</i>	Boxing manager, toured USA with own athletic show. 1894 married Louisa Fitzsimmons.	Managed boxers, wrestlers, & theatres.	Theatrical booking agent. 1919 died in Brooklyn.
Theo Julian <i>musician, singer</i>	1891 New York debut as vaudeville act. Toured USA.	1901 married Clark Ball. Performed in USA tours as comic musical act.	1912 divorced. No records of performances.
Harry Samwells <i>comic vocalist</i>	Returned to upholstery work. 1897 married Mary Ann Harding.	Continued working as an upholsterer.	
Charlotte Partridge <i>equestrienne</i>		1907 died in Edinburgh.	
Amy Samwells <i>slack wire artiste</i>	1893 accident ended slack wire career, became a costume designer.	Continued as a costumier. Whereabouts after 1908 unknown.	
Roland Samwells <i>ringmaster</i>	Toured England & Ireland as ringmaster & set designer.	1908 died in Stockport.	
Mary Ann Frances Bowen <i>tight rope artiste</i>	Toured England & Ireland with husband, performed as Mdlle Elvira.		
Nancy Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>	1898 died in Clapham.		
William Walker <i>slack-wire artiste</i>	Toured England & Scotland with wife as Queenesta.	Dock labourer in London.	
Mary Jane Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>			
Adeline Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>			
Thomas Samwells <i>animal trainer</i>	Married Grace. Toured USA with performing animals.	1906 died in Shreveport.	
Grace <i>performer, animal trainer</i>	Married Thomas Samwells sr, toured USA with husband.	1907 married Jack Wallace. As Millie Gracie, toured USA with bird show.	1910 died in Sante Fe. Jack continued touring bird show, his fate after 1915 unknown.
Thomas Samwells jr <i>juggler, performer</i>		1907 toured USA as a circus performer. Married Francisca Arambula.	
Antonio Samwells <i>artist</i>		1906 born in Mexico to Thomas jr & Francisca Samwells.	



Books written: Sherlock Holmes, War of the Worlds, Dracula.



1903 Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk



1914 - 1918 World War 1

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	1920	1930	1940
Theo Julian <i>musician, singer</i>	From 1920 worked in administration for railroad company.		1942 died in Brooklyn.
Harry Samwells <i>comic vocalist</i>		1930 died in London.	
Mary Ann Frances Bowen <i>tight rope artiste</i>	1920 died in Stockport.		
William Walker <i>slack wire artiste</i>		1932 died.	
Mary Jane Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>			1947 died in Tenterden.
Adeline Samwell <i>equestrienne</i>			1944 died in Barcelona.
Thomas Samwells jr <i>juggler, performer</i>	Juggler in US & Mexican circuses.		1944 died in Los Angeles.
Antonio Samwells <i>artist</i>	Artist in Los Angeles; fate beyond 1926 unknown.		



1928 Bubble gum invented



1938 First feature animated film



1949 7-inch 45 RPM vinyl records introduced