

THEIR FINAL ACT – COLON LAKESIDE CEMETERY

1. Coppin, Ted (1886-1942 and Della (1909-1977). Their stage names were “Ted and Sally Banks. Ted, Stan Laurel & Charlie Chaplin had a vaudeville act together. Ted was later the stage manager for Harry Blackstone Sr. Della was also part of the show.
2. Lamore, Skippy (1893-1942 and Jean (1888-1962), He worked with vaudeville tent shows.
3. Thornton, Jesse, (1901-1943) Velma Wagner (1917-1987) was a magician and inventor of some of today’s magic classics. He was employed at Abbott’s for many years.
4. Bouton, Harry (September 7, 1885-November 16-1965), who changed his name to Harry Blackstone. He became a well-known magician and brought Magic to Colon in 1926. For a time he was teamed up with Percy Abbott in the manufacturing and selling of magic tricks.
5. Bouton, Peter (March 2, 1887-May 1, 1968) and Mildred (1902-1979). Peter was the look-alike brother of Harry (very useful in magic).
6. Gwynne, Jack (1895-1969) and Anne (1896-1979), whom he married October 13, 1913. “The Royal Family of Magic.” Jack invented the “Temple of Benares.” He was famous for the appearing stack of bowls!
7. Stern, Duke (1913-1973. He was famous for comedy magic. He worked for many years with Karrell Fox on the Magic Get-Together in Colon. Originally was married Barbara Maurer, a Colon girl.
8. Merrill, Fred R. (1888-1976) and Caroline E. (1900-1991). He was juggler and magician.
9. Baird, Bill (March 4, 1914-August 5, 1978). His stage name was “The Magnificent Fraud.” Known for multiplying balls dexterity.
10. Bordner, Recil (1910-1981) and Donna (1912-1974). Owned and managed Abbott Magic Company. Originally teamed with Percy Abbott.
11. Watson, Donald (Monk), (1894-1981) and Mary. Humorist, magician, and band-leader who once was teamed with a man named Benjamin Kubelsky (later called himself Jack Benny) in vaudeville. Monk was very active with the USO in World War II and was a World War I veteran.
12. Kitchen, Inez Blackstone (1889-1983). She, with Harry Blackstone Sr. brought magic to the village of Colon.
13. Babbs, Arthur G. (1921-1987) and Patricia (1934-). Arthur’s stage name was “Arturo.” He had a shop in Ohio where he designed tricks and received patents on many. In later years he worked at Abbott Magic, building and designing tricks.
14. Conklin, Jerry (1928-2010) and Shirley (1934-1987). They were the “Amazing Conklins” of magic.
15. Fabek, Vince (1947-1991) was involved with magic, balloons and puppets. His stage name was “Holiday.”
16. Jones, “Little Johnny” (1898-1995) and Catherine (1899-1997) who became his wife in 1920 (married 75 years). He was the “Conjuring Humorist.” His epitaph reads: “Now I have to go and fool St. Peter.” He worked with the USO in World War II and was a World War I veteran.
17. Lund, Robert (1925-1995) and Elaine (1926-2006) who owned/operated the American Museum of Magic; Marshall, Michigan.
18. Blackstone, Harry Jr. (1934-1997). Harry followed in his father’s footsteps in becoming a magician of considerable renown. 4a. Also buried here is Harry Blackstone III. For Harry Blackstone Sr., see Bouton, Harry.
19. Fox, Karrell (1928-1998). His epitaph reads “It Was Fun.” Was an integral part of the Magic Get-Together of Abbott’s Magic.
20. Alan, Don (McWethy) (1926-1999), and Lois Jean (Proffer) (1932-1989). Don was a Magician and Entertainer. Named one of the 100 most influential magicians of the 20th century by Magic Magazine. Lois was a professional ice skater.
21. Dunn, Ricki (1929-1999) was a comedian and thief as “America’s Greatest Pickpocket.”
22. Rench, Jack (1924-2002) Magician, Musician and Circus Drummer.
23. Straw, Marx Edward (1935-2005). Slight of hand expert. Marx was a prodigy of Percy Abbott of Abbott Magic.
24. Booth, John Nicholls (1912-2009) and Edith Kriger (1907-1982), John was a Minister, Author, Magician, Lecturer and Cinematographer.
25. Barrows, Ralph “Jack” (1935 – 2007). Magician, Author, Mentor, and Friend. “Always Magic.”
26. Huston, Kenneth Roy (1940-2009) and Yuka Darlene (1941-) Roy was a magician for 50 years and a professional drummer and dancer. He performed at the Magic Get Together in 1964
27. Henry Louis Moorehouse (Hank) (1934-2011) & Jaculan Joan (1937-) Past S.A.M. President. Performer, magic dealer, author and employer of Abbott Magic Co.

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