



(Catherine Phoebe) Katie Seymour 1870-1903

Burlesque dancer

Katie was born in Nottingham to showfolk, her father was a music hall comedian and singer, and her mother was from a noted family of actors. She was taught to dance by her mother.

She first appeared on stage in 1875 as a member of Mr. Chatterton's Children's Pantomime Company and the following year, billed as, 'the Little Wonder', six-year-old Seymour sang and danced at The Town Hall, London; and later she was one of eighteen children to perform in a pantomime. She went on to perform at various London theatres and in America.

In May 1901 she became the **first** woman in New York City to be arrested for speeding. Seymour died of a renal affliction at a nursing home in London.. She was survived by her husband, Harry Athol, a music hall comedian who had been a member of Professor Hermann's Transatlantiques Vaudevilles during her first American trip. Seymour's well attended funeral service was held in Brixton and she was buried in Lambeth cemetery.