

character of "Jocko, the Brazilian Ape," originated by Henry Leech (professional name "Otto Motti"), lived out his life with paralysis of the lower extremities from a fall off the trapeze in 1861.⁷ The old war soldier, Colonel Sam B. Chambers, known as "Old Silvertop," the clown and owner of Chambers' **Circus**, died in 1887; Will Nichols ("Nicholls"), who owned Lent's New York **Circus** died in 1887 at age 66 of apoplexy. Two years previous, he lost his fortune via a shipwreck off Florida and was compelled to return to riding to earn a living.⁸ Spencer Stokes, who at age 17 managed Sam Stickney, the father of Robert Stickney and the man who introduced "Ella Zoyara" to the world, died at age 69 in 1888.

The seemingly unending list of notable deaths included John Robinson on August 4, 1888, who did manage to leave a large fortune. William B. "Uncle Barney" Carroll reached age 74 before dying in Westchester Village, New York. Apprenticed under **George Sweet**, he earned fame as a **rider**, leaper and acrobat before going into instructing **circus** performers. His wife, Mme. Carroll, was the first woman **rider** to jump over an object held in the air, and their daughter worked with **circus** leopards, marrying Ben Maginley, the actor.⁹

John Sanger, the **circus** manager, died in 1889; John O'Brien, another proprietor, died at Frankford, Pennsylvania, the same year, in a "somewhat embarrassed" financial condition.¹⁰ William Hanlon, one of the famous Hanlon Brothers, fell 30 feet when a trapeze bar broke and was killed instantly on July 13, 1891. William Worrell, one of the oldest **circus** clowns, and father of Sophie, Irene and Jennie, the "Worrell Sisters," died at Orange, New Jersey, of a stroke. Charles J. Melville, champion **circus rider**, died in Pittsburg