

## Olympians of the Sawdust Circle Biography

### **CARROLL, MARIE “MARIE ELISE.”**

(November 12, 1844-August 18, 1874)

Equestrienne. Adopted daughter of **W. B.** and **Mary Ann Carroll**. Eloped with John J. Brand, August 1859; her father offered \$50 reward for her return and the arrest of Brand. Married clown and circus manager **Ben Maginley**. Had classical dance training and was said to be the only female “trick rider” in the country in 1871. Featured for leaping over 16’ banners and jumping through 22” balloons. Olympic Theatre, New Orleans, summer 1848; Spalding & Rogers, 1850 (at that time was advertised as a lion tamer who, with her “faithful dog, Fidele,” entered the den “of an infuriated leopard.”). Spalding, Rogers & Van Orden’s People’s, 1851; H. Buckley & Co., 1857-58; Davis & Crosby, 1859; Maginley & VanVleck,, 1863; James M. Nixon’s Alhambra, NYC, fall 1863; Old Cary’s, 1864; principal rider, Ben Maginley’s, 1864; Haight & Chambers, 1866; Maginley, Carroll & Co., 1867-68; Bailey & Co., 1870; Joel E. Warner’s, 1872. Died of consumption at her residence in Westchester, NY, age 29.