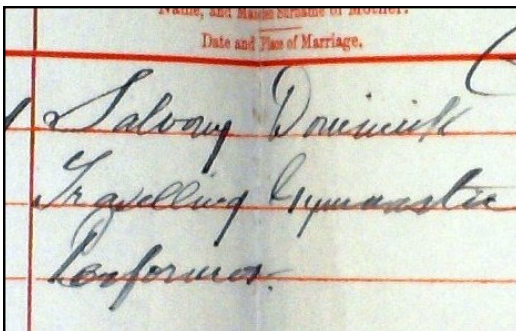


Dominic Ambrose Salvona, also known as Ambrose Salvona, was born around 1828 to Joseph and Barbara Salvona. As well as being a seaman, Joseph was also a Circus Proprietor so it is no surprise to learn that his son followed in his fathers' footsteps.



1893 DEATHS in the		1917 DEATHS in the	
No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.
1210	Mary Ann Salvona  Married to Dominick Salvona Travelling Circus Proprietor	415	Ambrose Salvona  Lion Tamer  Widower of Mary Ann Griffin

Listed as a Lion Tamer, Gymnastic Performer and Circus Proprietor in various records all over the country, his 12 children were born in different cities around the UK, from Yorkshire and Ellon to Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Salvona was first married in 1866 in London to Mary Ann Griffin. The two had eleven children together; George, Phoebe, Elizabeth, Dominick, William, James, Henry, Joseph, John, Mary-Ann and William. In 1893, Mary Ann sadly died from pneumonia in Govan.

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1893 DEATHS in the District of Govan in the County of Leith

No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname & Rank or Profession of Father. Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1210	Mary Ann Salvona  Married to Dominick Salvona Travelling Circus Proprietor	1893, December Sunday third at Govan	F	46	Richard Griffin Govan (deceased)  Mary Ann Griffin at Leith (deceased)	Pneumonia 3 months Widower Govan	Dominick Salvona at Govan Widower Govan Registrar, Witness	1893, December 26 <sup>th</sup> at Govan

Salvona was remarried two years later in 1895 to Caroline Baliol, the daughter of a doctor, in 1895 in Edinburgh. The couple had one daughter together, also called Caroline, in 1896 but who sadly died the same year.

No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname & Rank or Profession of Father. Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
36	Caroline Salvona  Widower	1895, June 26 <sup>th</sup> at Edinburgh	F	33	Joseph Salvona Glasgow Circus Proprietor deceased, and Barbara Salvona at Leith M. Dupres, deceased	Scarlet Fever Widower Edinburgh	John Baliol at Edinburgh Widower Edinburgh Registrar, Witness	1895, June 26 <sup>th</sup> at Edinburgh

In 1915, Salvona fell on hard times and applied for poor relief due to debility. He was aged around 87 at the time, he remained in the relief system for around two years.

Occupation.	Average Value of Earnings per week	Names of Dependants and Children living with Applicant, and Ages and Earnings.		Names of Children not living with Applicant—Ages—Residences—and Earnings.	
		Age.	Earnings.	Age.	Earnings.
Lion Tamer.	Nil.	None.		John 45 b. Yorkshire, mar. Circus man, about Glasgow	
		George 25 b. Glasgow. address unknown.		Joseph 43 b. Ellen, <sup>Winnipeg</sup> mar. address unknown.	
				Harry 41 b. near Durham mar. address unknown.	
				James 39 b. Yorkshire, Circus man, mar.	
				William 34 b. Dundee, Circus- man, married.	
				Thosbe 30 b. Glasgow, mar. Husband's name at Wharfedale unknown	
				George	

When he applied for relief, his previous occupation is listed as Lion Tamer, they also list all of his children who are still living, some of whom they cannot locate.

He was admitted to Inverness Poorhouse two years later at 89 years of age on the 6th October 1917 and died one week later. It is remarked in the last column that he is "buried by friends".

INVERNESS POORHOUSE.						
REGISTER OF DEATHS.						
NAME.	Nature of Illness.	Number of Days Ill.	Date when Illness was first intimated to the Medical Officer.	Date and Hour of Death.	Result of Post-Mortem Examination if made.	REMARKS
Ambrose Salvona <i>Inverness</i>	Heart disease. Cerebral Haemorrhage.	Previous to Admission	On admission	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17	No. P.M.	Buried by friends

1917	(Signed)	22	17
on the Seventh day of July	George Salvona		Citadel Leith.
at The Manse 30 Ferry Road Leith	Electrical Operator (Bachelor)		
	(Signed)	20	17
After Banns according to the Forms of the Church of Scotland.	Elizabeth Scheffler		Citadel Leith.
	Golf ball maker (Spinster)		

Salvona's youngest son, George, born in 1888 was married in 1911 and had a daughter, Dora. Dora married Thomas Owens in 1937. Dora's Grandson, Dean Owens, is a Scottish singer/songwriter who has since written a song titled 'Dora' in which he sings of his interesting roots and the family circus!

