

# Anna Teresa Berger Lynch

## Jackson, Michigan

- 1853 Anna Teresa Berger is born on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, MD
- 1862 Anna tours with the Carter Zouave Troupe
- 1863 The Berger family of musicians is living in York, PA when they join the McFarland Dramatic Company.
- 1865 The Berger family joins the Peak Family of Swiss Bell Ringers.
- 1869 The Berger Family starts their own touring company.



- 1870 The Berger family is living in Jackson, Michigan
- 1875 Anna is to take lessons from Matthew Arbuckle
- 1876 The Berger Family played in Boston's Beethoven Hall on February 1<sup>st</sup>. (*Boston Journal*)
- 1878 Anna is now the leader of the family troupe.
- 1879 Anna performs in March under the name "Beulah Merton" at G. B. Burnell's Dime Museum in Brooklyn. (photo 2)

Anna marries Leander (Leigh) Lynch in Manhattan on July 28<sup>th</sup>. He was the business manager for Shook & Palmer at the Union Square Theater in New York.

Anna performs at Shelby's Adelpia in Buffalo in October then joins the Helen Potter Pleiades travelling show in December.

- 1882 In January Anna performs at the Metropolitan Casino and the Leland in Albany, NY with Leigh Lynch as her manager.



1889 Anna begins a tour of Europe starting with performances at Covent Garden in London.

“Miss Berger’s double-tonguing verges on the unattainable and in keenness of blare she rivals Mr. Howard Reynolds at his best.” *Corno DiBassetto*, June

“She has electrified English audiences at Covent Garden by her cornet playing. She played fifty nights in succession and has accepted offers from France, Germany, and Russia.” *Musical Herald*

1891 Anna tours with the Blumenberg Concert Club.

1892 Anna forms her own concert company.

“Miss Berger played a cornet solo exquisitely. There is no doubt that this lady is by far the best female cornet player that ever blew sweet music out of sounding brass. Her execution is equal to that of the great masters of the instrument.” *New York Mirror* (no date tied with this)

1901 Anna Berger is on a summer tour.

1903 Husband Leigh Lynch dies

1910 Fred Pelham is the musical agent for Anna

1925 Anna dies on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, Michigan.

