

## **Fun and Interesting Facts (Clowns)**

### **1. Do you know about Penny Wise Clown?**

Although clowns in circuses, festivals and other occasions appearing as comic characters, there are some clown characters as scary characters in novels and movies. [Stephan King](#)'s novel called ["IT"](#) was a horror novel in which a penny-wise character is scary. [Penny-wise](#) was the clown in that novel.

### **2. Do you know who was the first clown to perform in a circus in the U.S.?**

Mathew Sully was the first clown to act in a circus in the United States. He performed in [Ricketts Circus](#). He was a [harlequin](#), a tumbler, and a singer.

### **3. Who was the first clown born in America.**

The first American-born clown was [John Durang](#). He has also performed in Ricketts's circus.

### **4. Who performed the first circus in America?**

On April 3, 1793, [John Bill Ricketts](#) performed the first circus in [Philadelphia](#), America, where the president of America at that time, [George Washington](#), was present for the show.

### **5. Do you know about the only circus school in Australia?**

[The Flying Fruit Fly Circus School](#) is Australia's only primary and secondary-level circus school. It is the academic division of [the flying fruit fly circus](#).

### **6. Do you know the name of the person who has started a modern-day circus?**

[Philip Astley](#) was the person who started the modern-day circus in 1770. It had horse acts, clowns, and strong performers.

### **7. Do you know the name of the actor who started his career as an acrobat and juggler?**

[Burt Lancaster](#), a famous actor, began his career as an [acrobat](#) and [juggler](#).

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