

# IT WAS MAGIC! THAT BROUGHT THE SHECKLER's AND SNYDER's TOGETHER!

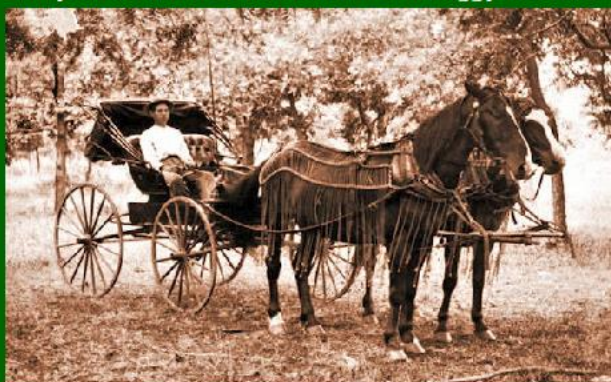
Perhaps in 1903 Harold and Linn came to Colon to observe magic shows put on by the local druggist or traveling medicine man. They were accustomed to their families [Traveling Tent Show](#), and could play their music instrument's. The Snyder girls, Ollie 18 and Ada 15 were most likely watching them.

**This is the view these young people would have see.  
Colon was platted in 1844. It was incorporated as a village in 1904.**



**South side of State Street; Colon, Michigan**

**They would have all had a horse and buggy like this.**



**The old Tent Show**



**Harry Blackstone Sr.**



(1938)

**Born** Harry Boughton  
September 27, 1885 Chicago, Illinois  
**Died** November 16, 1965 (age 80)  
Hollywood, California  
**Layed** Lakeside Cemetery, Colon, Michigan

**Blackstone  
made Colon  
Michigan  
The  
Magic Capital  
Of The World**



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The boys would some how meet these girls.  
Showing off the music skills.



**Ada Snyder and Linn Sheckler**

Linn married Ada on August 4, 1904  
Linn took Ada up north to Petoskey where the  
whole Sheckler family was then located.

Their first two children were born there, Merrill and Lester.



**Harry (Harold) Sheckler and Ollie Snyder**

The first fact that came to me was,  
Ollie was born the same year as **Harry Blackstone**.  
But Blackstone came to Colon later.

When Harold married Ollie, has not made know, yet.  
Ollie gave birth in 1906 to son Elwin,  
but **PASSED AWAY** 3 days later.  
Harold with his son, remarried to **Hallie G. Mellen**.

## Ada Grace SNYDER Sheckler

born March 18, 1888  
died July 31, 1919  
age 30yr 4m 13d  
d/o Anna L Snyder  
& Levi SNYDER

She married 31 Aug. 1904  
**LINN E. SHECKLER**  
Son of  
George SHECKLER  
& Hannah C. MILLER

Linn is buried  
in ROWE Cemetery

## BABY Sheckler

born July 31, 1919  
died July 31, 1919

Mother Ada died  
giving birth



## Ollie D. SNYDER Sheckler

born May 16, 1885  
died Oct. 4, 1906  
aged 21 years  
1st Wife of Harold Sheckler  
daughter of  
Levi & Anna L Snyder  
resided at Colon

She died 3 days after  
giving birth to son  
Elwin Sheckler  
born Oct. 1, 1906  
died Jan. 4, 1979  
Niles, Berrien Co.

See **Ollie** with sister Alva  
or  
All Sisters with **Ada**





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Around 1912, Trucks became Linn's passion to drive. They moved closer to Ada's family, Burr Oak. It was close to the main highway between Detroit and Chicago. Soooo, Linn was driving something like this.

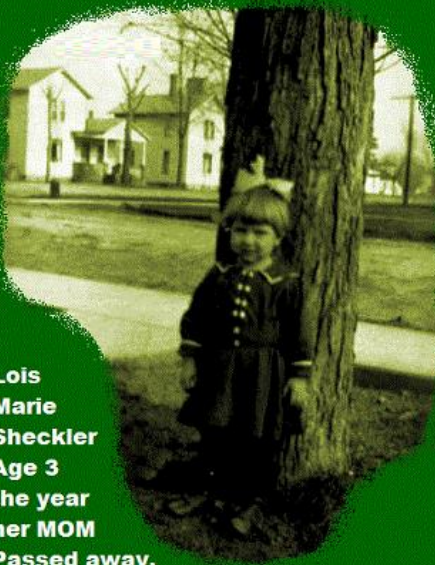


Harold would have driven a car like that below.



In Burr Oak, Linn and Ada had 3 three more children; Teressa and my mom Lois. In 1919, the third child died on birth and so did **ADA**.

Linn remarried to Ethel (Barnett) two years later. They had a son, Linn Jr.



Lois Marie Sheckler Age 3 the year her MOM Passed away.

Mom was born in Burr Oak, Michigan

City of BURR OAK

Posted by SON:

LAVERNE



Lois loved to go over to GRANDMA SNYDER's and play the Victor Victrola The song she most loved WAS

**"THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING"**  
Click The Clock!

## Memories of Lois Sheckler

LaVerne, in 1998, asked his mother Lois if she would write down what she remembers about her childhood. Below is her response which starts in about the year 1918.

Well Vernie, I think this will likely read as a story because I think it's the best way I can recount things. I'll start with my earliest recollections, which is in Colon, I'll cover the very little I recall of that time.

I first remember riding in a buggy, Merrill was driving the horse, Lester and I'm sure Tret was there too. It was dark and I don't know where we were going or coming from but the fireflies were flying around the horse and I was scared of them and started crying. I had to have been around 3 or 4 at the time. Merrill stopped the horse and Lester caught one of the flies and cupped it in his hand to show me it was nothing to be afraid of.

I'll tell here what I remember of the Snyder's, which is not much. Mother's name was Ada, she had a sister Alta and another I never knew (Olie) who married Dad's brother, Uncle Harry and they lived in Indiana.

There was an Uncle Clem Snyder, also Rosco and Nelson. Uncle Clem worked on the railroad where he lost one eye. He married Aunt Rose, the most memorial thing about her was she had a black mustache!! They had no children.

Uncle Rosco never married, he stayed home with Grandma

Uncle Nelson's wife's name was Clive, funny name for a woman I think or maybe it was short for some thing else. They had three children as I recall, Dorothy, Margaret and a son. I can't recall his name right now. He was deformed with a hunch-back but the few times I can recall being with him, he was very much a tease and I liked him.

Aunt Alta's married name was Johnson or Johnston, can't remember, they had children but can't recall how many. This is the Aunt, I think I told you, she made bread and washed her feet in the same dishpan and when dad found that out he wouldn't eat at her house anymore.

My most remembered things of Grandma Snyder was, she had a Victrola and we girls, Tret and I, used to play her records a lot. My favorite was "Three O'clock In The Morning", I would play it over and over until she made me stop. She always had a bed of Moss Roses in the summer and I would almost drown the poor things. I thought I was helping her. She made the best big fat sugar cookies and kept them in a covered crock in the cellar way where they stayed cool. Tret and I did away with a lot of them, she would make us stop but we managed at times to sneak in the outside cellar way and get a cookie or two.

In those days the stores had Round Soda Crackers, kept in barrels and sold by the pound. Grandma always had some on hand, she would let us girls have a cup of coffee that was more milk & sugar than coffee and we would soak crackers in it and eat them by the spoons full.

The last I knew of any of the family, Margaret was still living (from Uncle Nelson family), she was near Tret's age. Merrill ran into her in Florida. They spent their winter the same place Merrill & Mable did.

Tret and I would spend a week or two with Grandma Snyder every summer after Dad married the second time, until Grandma passed away I only went back once after that, it was to one of Uncle Nelson & Aunt Clive's anniversaries, you were a baby at that time. If we were to go there today, I could point out Grandma's and Uncle Clem's homes. I pointed them out to Red one time were down there.

Merrill always put flowers on Mothers grave. After he passed away I took over that job. Didn't get down there this past year.

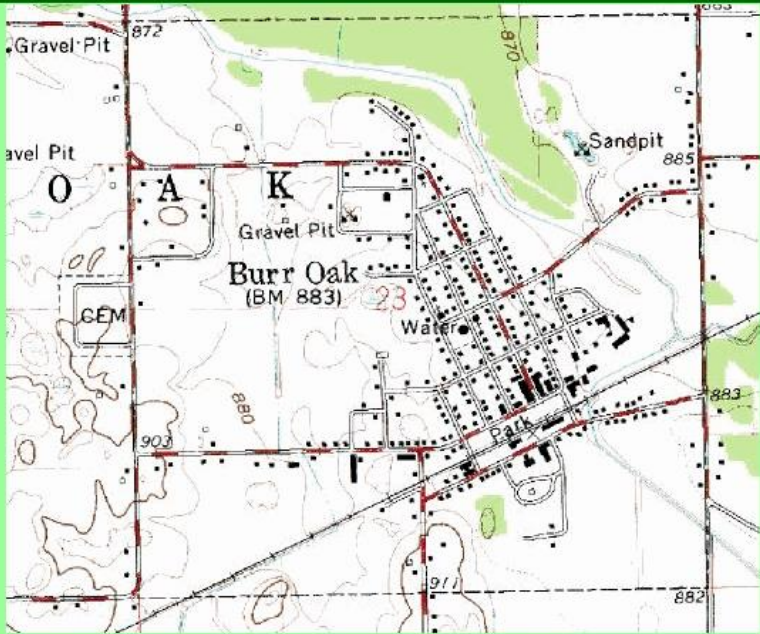


# IT WAS MAGIC!

Burr Oak, Michigan  
A  
SHECKLER  
Birth Place

**LOIS MARIE  
SHECKLER**

Was Born here  
on  
March 21, 1916  
to  
Linn and Ada Sheckler  
they moved to Colon, MI  
How Ada met Linn.



# Epitaph

**Lois Sheckler was allowed to visit Grandma Snyder  
For a while but not for long.**

**It is possible the Snyder Family  
Didn't look too happily at the Sheckler Family**

**Two Sheckler Boys**

**LED TO  
THE DEATHS**

**Of Two Snyder Girls.**

