## Benjamin "Ben" Pivar

Birth: Mar. 23, 1901

Salford

Metropolitan Borough of Salford

Greater Manchester, England

Death: Mar. 28, 1963

Los Angeles Los Angeles County California, USA

Benjamin Pivar was a son of Adolph and Anne Mark Pivar.

Brother of Maurice Pivar.

Benjamin Pivar married Judith Schonzeit, the daughter of Wolf and Jennie Weiner Schonzeit, on 29 April 1937 in Los Angeles, California.

Ben Pivar was a Hollywood producer who started his career in the late 1920s as a film cutter.

One of his earliest films was at Columbia Pictures as film editor on "The Tigress" in 1927.

He continued at Columbia, and other smaller studios in various capacities until 1938, when he ascended to associate producer at Universal Pictures. With an efficient nuts & bolts work ethic, his ability to keep one eye on the clock, and the other on his tight budget, he fast became producer and helmed Universal's B unit.

Working with a team of capable directors, including Christy Cabanne, Reginald LeBorg, and <u>Jean Yarbrough</u>, over the next several years Pivar produced a string of profitable, and memorable horror, suspense, and crime films.

Notable among his production credits are the four Kharis-Mummy films, the *Inner Sanctum* series starring Lon Chaney, Jr., and three films featuring <u>Rondo Hatton</u>; "The Jungle Captive", "House of Horrors", and "The Brute Man".

The following selected filmography illustrates as producer, what Ben Pivar will be remembered for:

The Mummy's Hand (1940) Horror Island (1941) The Mummy's Tomb (1942) Captive Wild Woman (1943) The Mad Ghoul (1943) Calling Dr. Death (1943) Weird Woman (1944) Jungle Woman (1944) The Mummy's Ghost (1944) Dead Man's Eyes (1944) The Mummy's Curse (1944) The Jungle Captive (1945) The Frozen Ghost (1945) Strange Confession (1945) Pillow of Death (1945) House of Horrors (1945) She-Wolf of London (1946) The Brute Man (1946)

Family links:

Spouse:

Judith Schonzeit White (1914 - 1991)

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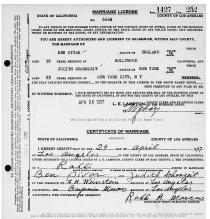
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