

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 [Jean Yarbrough](#), 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 [Rondo Hatton](#); "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 \(1914 - 1991\)](#)

Burial:

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TO ANY JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, JUDGE OF THE PEACE, JUDGE OF ANY POLICE COURT, CITY RECORDER, PRESBYTER OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, OF ANY DENOMINATION:							
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO SOLEMNIZE, WITHIN SAID COUNTY,							
THE MARRIAGE OF							
BEN PIVAR	NATIVE OF ENGLAND	COLOR	WHITE				
AGED 36 YEARS	RESIDING AT HOLLYWOOD	CALIFORNIA AND					
JUDITH SCHONZEIT	NATIVE OF NEW YORK	COLOR	WHITE				
AGED 22 YEARS	RESIDING AT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.	NEVER MARRIED					
THE DULY VOUCHER WRITTEN CONSENT... TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS.							
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETOBY SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON THIS							
APR 29 1937 L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY							
(This License May Be Used at Any Time and Place in This County)							
STATE OF CALIFORNIA		CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE		COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		ORIGINAL	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 29 day of April, 1937,							
at Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,							
UNDER AUTHORITY OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED,							
AS A							
Ben Pivar		Judith Schonzeit		JOINED IN MARRIAGE			
IN THE PRESENCE OF							
H. H. H. H.		Residing at Los Angeles					
CALIFORNIA, AND							
CALIFORNIA, WHO WITNESSED THE FOREGOING.							

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In Remembrance~

- Always~Melissa

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