

Annie Oakley Named One of Twelve Most Interesting Women in History

“Imagine my surprise and pride when I received a letter from the Director of the United States Historical Society along with a beautiful six inch porcelain doll. It was an awesome image of Annie dressed in beige, fine linen in perfect Annie fashion! She stands between Madame Curie and Princess Diana. Others in that worthy group are Mother Teresa, Sojourner Truth, Sacajawea, Amelia Earhart, Madame Chiang Kai Shek and American First Ladies. Now, 152 years after her birth, Phoebe Ann Mosey would be placed in that fine custom wooden cabinet with eleven other noble women.

Defined in Webster’s Dictionary and 21st Century Thesaurus, an “Annie Oakley” is a complimentary ticket, a Chinese ducket, a free pass for seats, a freebie. It also referred to the resemblance of a punched pass to a playing card with a bullet hole through the Queen of Hearts; circa 1910.

As the primary source of Annie facts, I have never doubted the rank of my Great Aunt Ann’s place in Women’s History of Sports and Entertainment. Now, more than half a century after her death, my belief is importantly validated and I feel totally justified in spending so much effort, time, and my life savings to work as I have to tell her **true** story. Who else has had a dozen dramatizations, more biographies, hundreds of features in magazines? We tell it as it WAS and as it IS. Annie is an international icon 87 years after her death.”

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