

# The History of The Circus



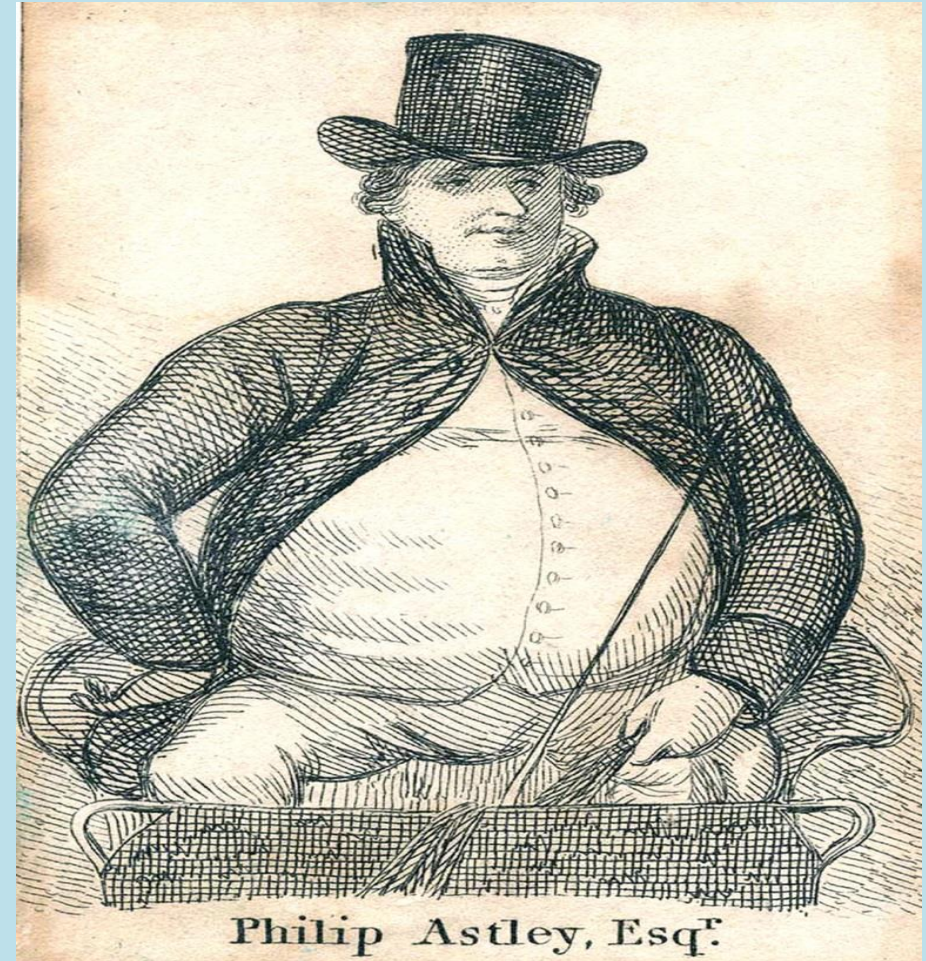


# 1768

## Philip Astley opened the worlds first circus

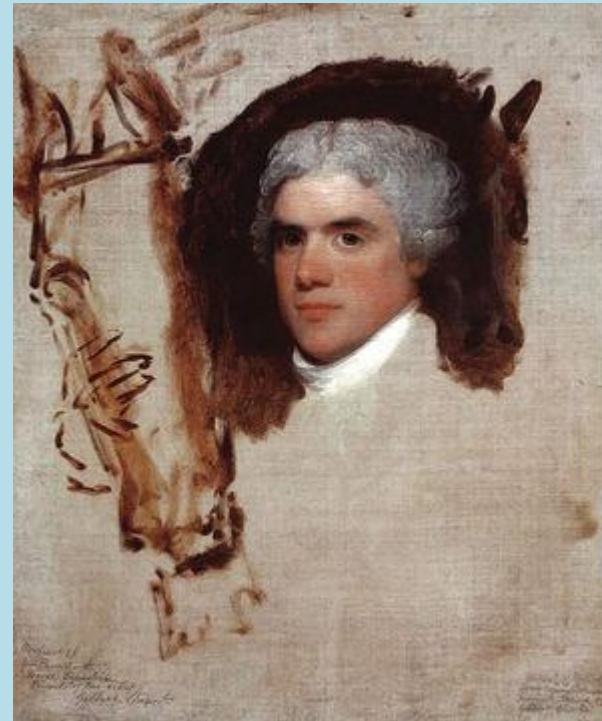
In 1768 Philip Astley was the first person to bring together all the elements of the circus.

He was known as the 'Father of the Circus'



1793

**John Bill Ricketts presented the first circus in America.**





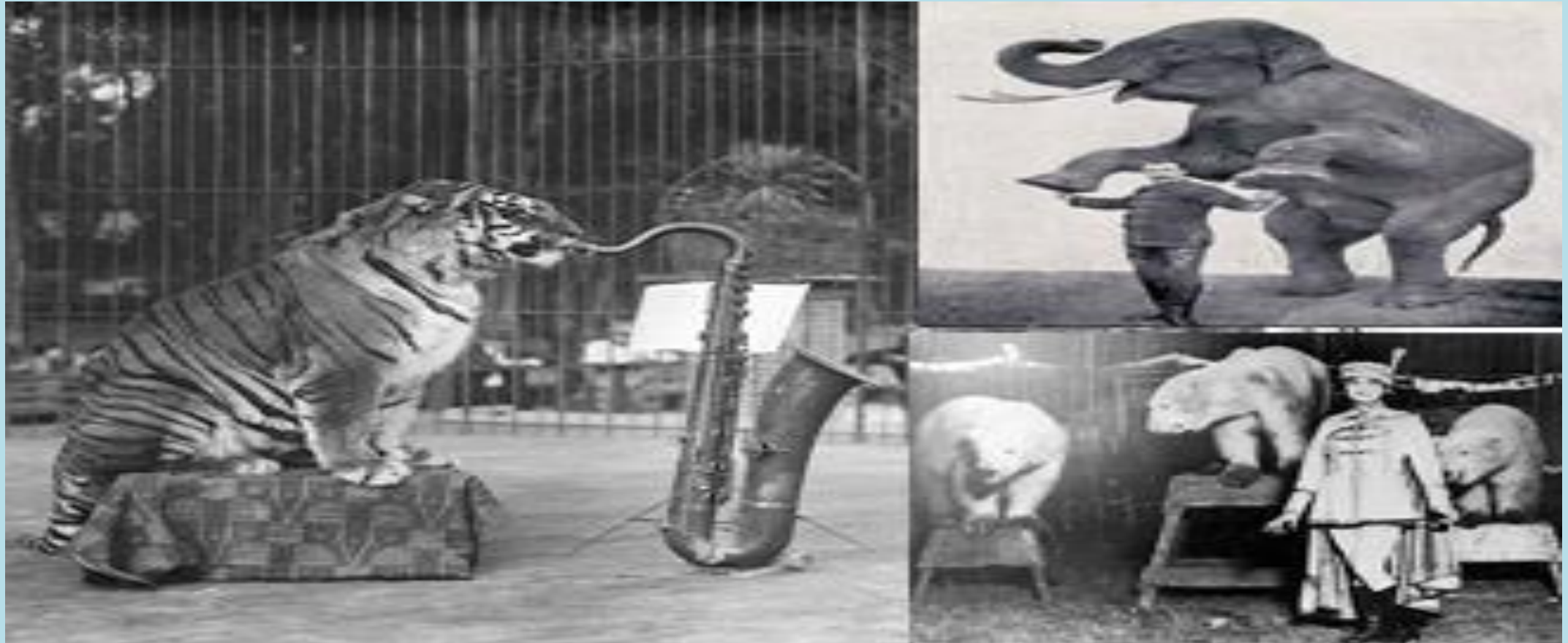
**1825**

**J. Purdy Brown was the first to use a canvas tent for his circus.**



1829

**The circus began using animals they trained.**



1835

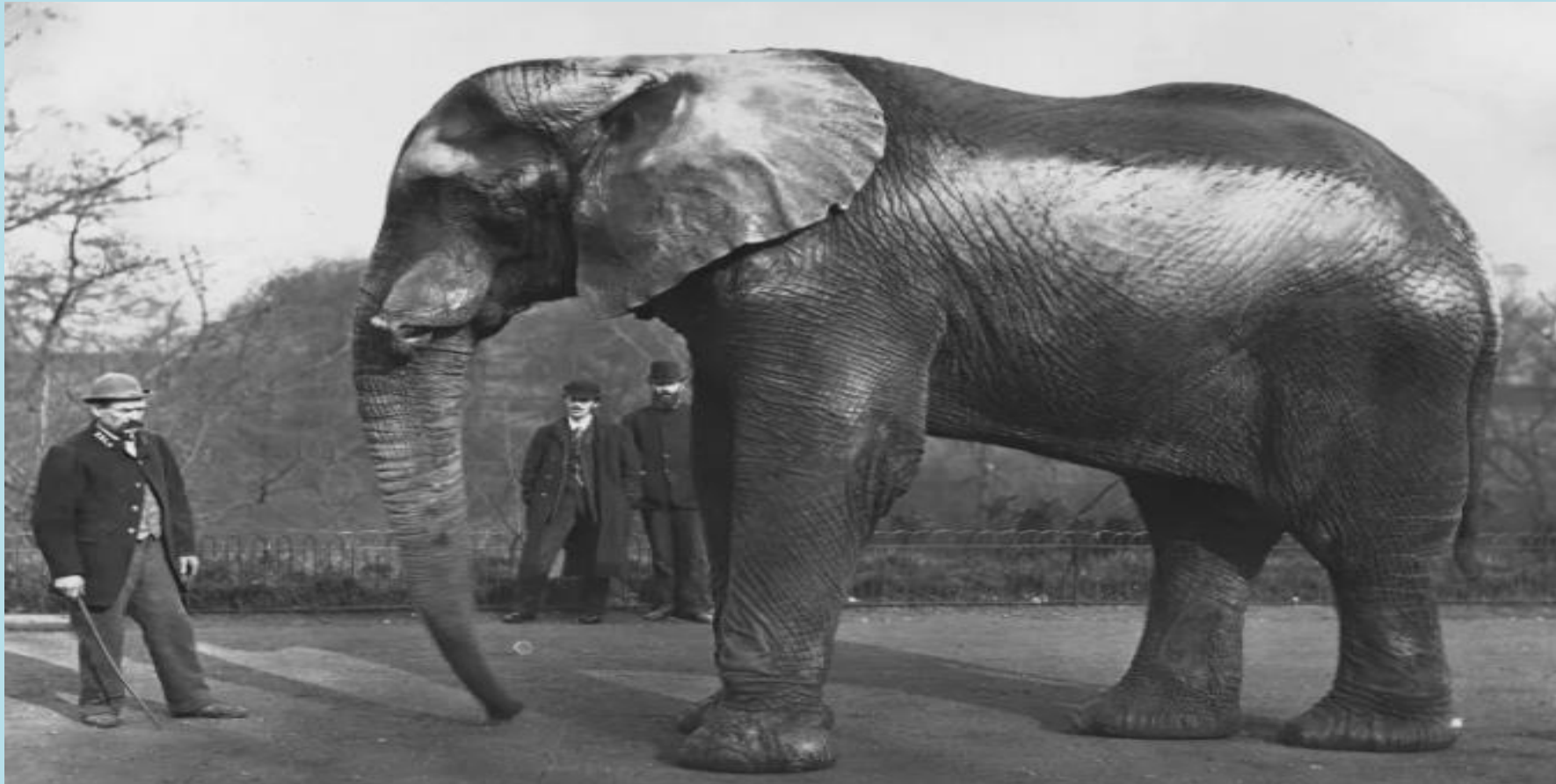
Circus wagons were used in circus parades.





**1882**

**Jumbo, the elephant, was taken to the United States by the Barnum and London Show.**



1919

The Ringling Bros. Circus and Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth are combined into one giant circus.  
This new circus was called “The Big Show”.

