

Gertie Potter

Titles: 10 Sources: 0 Stills: 0

Born: UK
Sister of Bertie Potter [\[qv\]](#)

The earliest named girl actress in cinema history, to the archive's knowledge. Working for Hepworth studio, she frequently played scampish or mischievous roles, even – as in "**THE SCHOOLBOYS' REVOLT**" – adopting a boy's part to do so. In "**CHILDREN V EARTHQUAKES – EARTHQUAKES PREFERRED**" she played with Hettie Potter, presumably her mother. In "**A DOLL'S REVENGE**", brother Bertie breaks her doll, the doll repairs itself, grows to giant size, and eats him – not something you see in the nursery every day. Nothing else is known of her.

FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
05		CHILDREN V EARTHQUAKES – EARTHQUAKES PREFERRED	
			in central role – with Hettie Potter
07		A DOLL'S REVENGE	
		with brother Bertie	
08		THE BEAUTY COMPETITION	in central role
08		A FASCINATING GAME	
08		THE NURSEMAID'S DREAM	as a fairy
08		THE PET'S TEA PARTY	in central role
08		THE SCHOOLBOYS' REVOLT	in title role, as a boy
		with brother Bertie	
08		SNATCHED FROM A TERRIBLE DEATH	as Indian colonel's daughter – rescued by elephant
08		AN UNFORTUNATE BATHE	
08		WHEN WOMEN RULE	in title role, as a suffragette