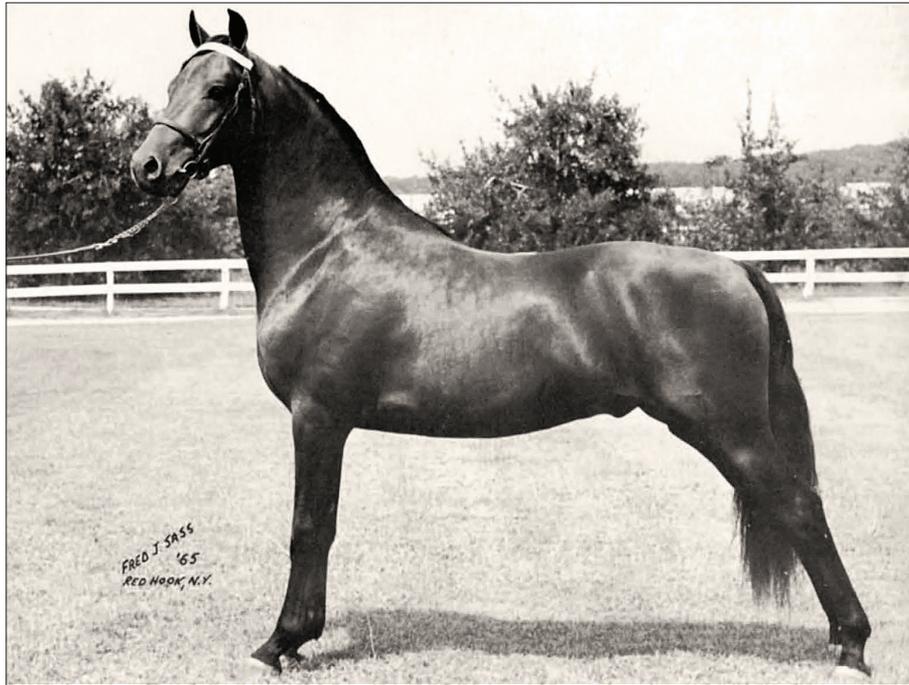


# Applevale Storm King 14534

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**Applevale Storm King 14534** (Kingston x Arabesque) • Bay, 14.3 hands, right front sock white • **Foaled:** 8/4/1963, Red Hook, New York  
**Bred by:** Gordon Voorhis • **Purchased by:** Doris Norton of Big Bend Farm in 1968 • **Died:** 6/2/1994, Monticello, Wisconsin  
 One hundred percent Old Government breeding • Linebred to Mansfield (four crosses in six generations) and Troubadour Of Willowmoor (four crosses in five generations) • 23 crosses to Ethan Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>; 19 crosses to Hale's Green Mountain Morgan  
**Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 9.18502807617188% • **Progeny:** 78 colts, 82 fillies

**A**pplevale Storm King was linebred to be an outstanding breeding stallion: his four crosses to Mansfield are through Goldfield, Topaz, Peter Mansfield, and Arissa; his four crosses to Troubadour Of Willowmoor are through Quietude (two times), Narcissa, and Quenelda. He carried some of the most significant early mare lines in the government program. When Doris Norton first saw him showing in-hand as a 5-year-old, she scrambled to purchase him for Big Bend Farm.

Doris Norton broke Stormy to saddle as a seven-year-old. He became an excellent park saddle horse, winning trophies at Circle J, Jubilee, Michigan All-Morgan, Indiana All-Morgan, North Star, and the New York Morgan Show, including Grand Champion Stallion at the 1972 Jubilee Regional Morgan Show. "He was never defeated in his lifetime in the Get Of Sire & Sire and Get division." (Doris Norton, "The Way It Was," *The Morgan Horse*, March 2001, p. 36). But it was as a sire of 160 offspring that he made his mark on the Morgan breed.

"When I first bought him, it was with using him for breeding

in mind. . . . Physically, he was absolutely perfect. That's why I was drawn to him. Every line flowed into the next, and there was a fluid line from his poll that went all the way back. When he died, at 31, he still had no problems with his legs, and his back was strong and straight until about the last six months of his life, when he began to show his age a little. He had a charismatic beauty," explained Doris Ryan, who went on to say that Stormy's "greatest contribution as a sire was steadily passing on Morgan type and disposition." (Dawn Laliberte, "A Tribute to Applevale Storm King," *The Morgan Horse*, October 1994, pp. 75–78).

Of Stormy's offspring, some—like The Headliner and Big Bend H-Bomb—were park saddle champions; many were valued broodmares; and many more were beloved family horses. All were superb athletes. Today Stormy's blood may be found in show horses, sport horses (including a dynasty of world champion reiners through his grand-daughter, world champion reiner More Apples Please), and family horses across Canada and the United States. ■