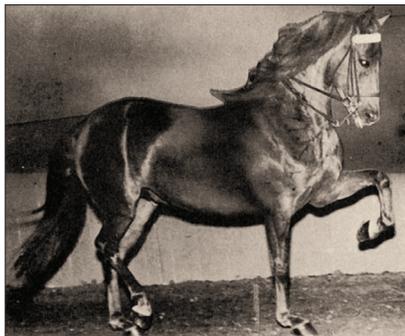
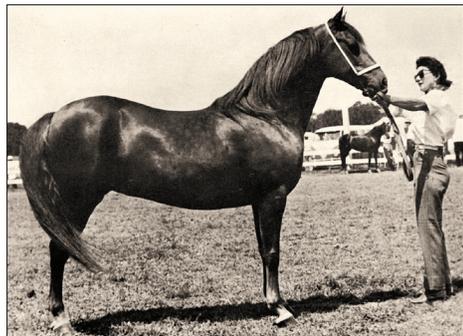




Little Miss Pepper 08886

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Little Miss Pepper 08886 (Brown Pepper 9736 x Golden River Dona 07292) • Solid light chestnut, 14 hands • **Foaled:** May 25, 1953, Moravia, New York • **Died:** December 1980, East Lyme, Connecticut • **Breed by:** C. W. “Wally” Rodee • **Owned by:** Patricia Moreau Brooks • **Linebred to:** Ethan Allen 50 (24x); 20 crosses to Ethan Allen 2nd; 13 crosses to Daniel Lambert; 11 crosses to Ethan Allen 3rd • **Generation Coefficient of Inbreeding:** 2.35176086425781 percent • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 16

When Little Miss Pepper was foaled in western New York State, she was rejected by her dam. “Ayelien Richards, who bought her more out of pity than anything else, has written of [their] first encounter: ‘She had never had a halter on, her own mother disowned her, and [she] was a scrawny unloved little thing.... [I bought her] outright—for \$200!’ Although she matured into a spicy little mare with a tremendous amount of motion, she spent most of her life as a broodmare. In between foals, Little Miss Pepper was allowed time off to win some roadster classes at the National Morgan Show in Northampton, Massachusetts.” —Patti Brooks, “Little Miss Pepper,” *The Morgan Horse*, May 1975, pages 11-13.

Sent to Pecos as a three-year-old, Little Miss Pepper produced Sweet Pepper (originally R.R. Tracy-Mansfield). Breeder Ayelien Richards: “Sweet Pepper was just that, a really ‘sweet’ Pepper. She would lay her heart and life on the line.” After winning 14 blues at top shows as a four-year-old for Waseeka Farm, Sweet Pepper was retired to their broodmare band. Her first foal, by Waseeka Here Tiz, was Grand Champion Waseeka Peter Piper, 11th on Renee Page’s “1984 Sire Rating.” Her daughter Trijas Vigil Pepper (by Orcland Vigildon) was 1974 Grand National Champion Mare.

As her pedigree suggested she might, Little Miss Pepper (nicknamed “Granny”) continued to roll out champion show horses and outstanding producers. Her second daughter, Dainty Dot, when set to Topside Jolly Roger after her show career, produced Pegasus Royal Pride, one of the first modern stallion exports to Great Britain. Equinox Polly Pepper (by Bald Mt. Ebony Knight) earned eight grand championships in park saddle and park harness as well as two in-hand grand championships. The ambitious, big-moving Trijas Mr. Pepperlect (by Applevale Donalect) was a renowned sire after his show career, as was his

half-brother, Trijas Mr. Peppertime (by Serenity March Time).

Little Miss Pepper was a very strong-minded mare. Ayelien Richards wrote Patti Brooks that she was destined to be a broodmare, because every time they tried to harness her, she’d lay down in the shafts. As a broodmare at Hallelujah Hill, Granny was next to impossible to catch until she was ready. In an interview, Patti Brooks told how she, Bob (Brooks), and five other riders once tried to herd Granny back to the barn. Once the saddled horses were blowing, Little Miss Pepper stopped and stood still, apparently giving regal permission to be approached. The only sure way to catch her was to halter the easy-going Serenity March Time. Granny was so in love with him she’d follow meekly him back to the stable.

When *The Morgan Horse* asked a panel of recognized Morgan breeders which noted 20th century broodmare they’d choose to add to their band, Sharon Harper picked Little Miss Pepper, describing her as “the little mare behind ‘Pepper Power’—her motion was all her own—no long hooves or heavy shoes. She is behind Trijas Mr. Pepperlect, Trijas Mr. Peppertime, Rose Down Peppermint, Waseeka’s Peter Piper, [and] Mantic Peter Frost.” Granny would have qualified for AMHA’s new Dam of Merit Award on her offspring’s multiple grand championships.

Patti Brooks concluded her 1975 *TMH* article: “Granny at 24 is alert, sound and healthy, and runs with the broodmares on Hallelujah Hill Morgan Farm.... From a ‘scrawny unloved little thing’ reluctantly purchased for \$200 to being appreciated as the grand old matron she is, Little Miss Pepper is supplying our show rings with eye-catching performance horses, all with the great Morgan characteristic of giving their all and loving every minute of it.” Her 16th and last foal, Trija Miss Pepper (by Ledgemere Bounty) arrived a month after her 27th birthday! ■