



The Morgan Horse Foundation A Computerized Analysis by Calvin D. Hanson

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The National Museum Of the Morgan Horse has an extensive library of volumes and manuscripts that date from the 1800s to the present day. We continue to accept donations of written material into our archives. In 2001 book number 200 of *The Morgan Horse Foundation A Computerized Analysis* was donated to the museum by the author, Calvin D. Hanson.

Mr. Hanson, a highly respected judge and Morgan owner for more than four decades, wrote a personal inscription in this volume, which reads:

To The National Museum of the Morgan Horse with great love and dedication for the Morgan horse breed, I have spent many years computerizing and analyzing the foundation of the Morgan horse, from its roots to the present day, spanning over four centuries. Celebrating this historic moment in time, and the book's release during the 2001 Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®, it is my sincerest pleasure to donate Book # 200 to...

The National Museum of the Morgan Horse. I take pride in knowing this contribution will, from this point forward, allow the Morgan Horse breed to...

- take advantage of the correct registration records
- acknowledge the lost individuals which have now been found,
- recognize the full pedigrees which now document the "unknowns" going back to their origins
- and be richer for all the discoveries made.

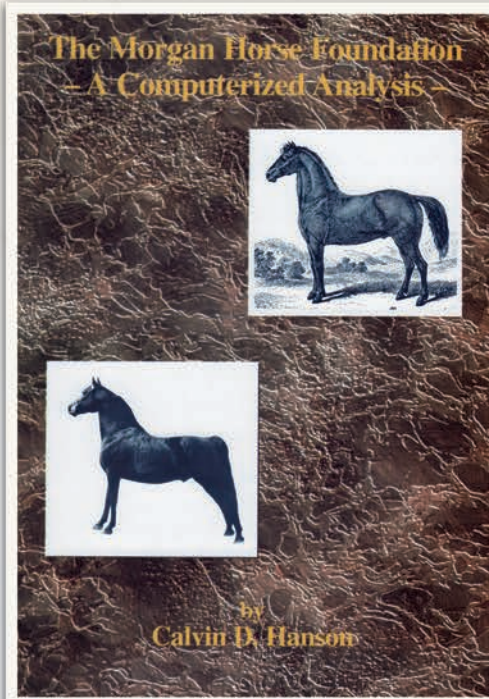
The preface to the book was composed by Arthur L. Perry, Jr., a fellow Morgan historian. He wrote: "A computerized analysis of the first seven volumes of the Morgan Horse Registry in which some 30,000 unregistered horses were intermixed with thousands of registered Morgans.

Seven years of personal dedication were spent computerizing this analysis of the Morgan foundation. Some 6,000 Morgan matches and eligibility for registrations were discovered. Mr. Hanson's work will allow breeders and owners to fully appreciate the historic significance of Colonel Battell's documented records. It is as though Colonel Battell were speaking to us again."

The presented information holds fascinating facts and information about our breed and its origin. One of the most interesting sections notes the historical facts having to do with heights, colors, life span, birth years and how the bloodlines of our national champions have evolved. For example, page 40 is a chart documenting the heights of Registretred Morgans in Registry Volumes 1 through 4. Surprisingly, there were 62 documented at 14 hands tall and 726 were documented at 16 hands tall. The totals were 4,176 Morgans 15 hands and over and 555 under 15 hands. Page 41 presents the breakdown by color of Morgans from the 1800s. There were 2,130 bays, 1,578 chestnuts, 1,167 were black, 236 gray, 81 roans, and 7 buckskins.

This book is dedicated to "Morgan owners everywhere who enjoy promoting their beloved breed. Two things have shone through this powerful history—the fact that everyone has a purpose in the breed, and that man has held the Morgan gently in his hands, caring for and protecting his existence."

This book may be purchased from The National Museum of the Morgan Horse. ■



Top: Waseeka's Serenade and Calvin Hanson, up. (Photo © Warren Patriquin); Bottom: Cover of The Morgan Horse Foundation, A Computerized Analysis.