



# Fearnaught

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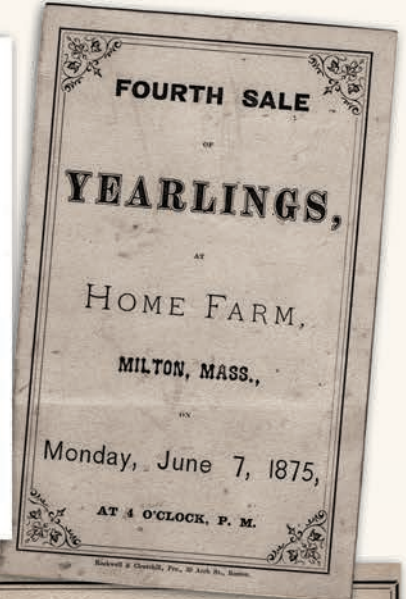


**FEARNAUGHT'S RECORD.**  
 The death of the stallion Fearnaught, the most noted horse in New-England, has been already noted. The Boston Traveller gives his history as follows: "He was sired by Young Morrill; dam, Jennie. His turf record is below:

Date.	Place.	Time.
May 16, 1865.	Riverside Park.	2:40 1/2
June, 1865.	Saugus.	2:53 3/4
Aug. 22, 1866.	Mystic Park.	2:29
Aug., 1868.	Buffalo.	2:23 1/4

Fearnaught was raised by Mr. Brown, of Stratham, N. H., and sold to Mr. A. P. Morrison, of this city, and subsequently to Mr. S. B. Wright, of whom he was purchased for \$25,000 by Col. H. S. Russell. He was a remarkable stock horse, stamping nearly all his colts with his own color and marks, no matter what the color of the dam, and so popular had he become that his list of engagements—limited to twenty at \$200 each—was filled early in the season. His colts are scattered all over New-England, and are held at very high prices. Prominent among them may be mentioned Fearnaught Junior, Bay Fearnaught, and Fearnaught Boy, owned by Mr. D. Nevins, Jr., of South Framingham; Fearnaught Prince, owned by Hon. Frank Jones, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Carraught and Manchester, owned by Wright & Norcross. In addition to his triumphs on the turf, Fearnaught took the first premium and the extra gold medal for stallions for general use, at the New-England Fair last Fall."

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The last year has seen a variety of new materials being given to the museum archives. One particularly interesting group of documents, photos and memorabilia included the yearling sale brochure featured here. It is a sale listing of yearlings from Home Farm in Milton, Massachusetts, sired by the great stallion Fearnaught (Young Morrill x Jenny) born in 1859. This would have been his last group of foals as he died in 1873.

Mr. H. S. Russell, owner of Home Farm, purchased Fearnaught for \$25,000, a high price at that time. On the track, in 1868, he was Champion Trotting Stallion of the World and in the show ring, was Best Stock Horse at the New England Fair in 1872.

Notice the selling prices written next to the lot numbers and also pay attention to the bloodlines of the dams of these yearlings.

Refer to *The Morgan Horse* magazine, "History of the Morgan Trotting Horse," October 2013, page 127 for more information. ■

**No. 1. February.**  
 \$550  
 Ch. colt. Foaled February 23, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Black Pearl, by imported Balrownie, out of the celebrated trotter, Lady Sutton.

**No. 2. Faith.**  
 \$310  
 Bay filly. Foaled April 2, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Emmie, by Volunteer.

**No. 3. Fawn.**  
 \$350  
 Ch. filly. Foaled April 2, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Ruth, by Franklin, he by old Black Hawk.

**No. 4. Felix.**  
 \$450  
 Bay colt. Foaled April 13, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Bessie, by Ethan Allen.

**No. 5. Freak.**  
 Ch. filly. Foaled April 19, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Darkness, by Ericsson.

**No. 6. Free-Foot.**  
 \$425  
 Ch. filly. Foaled April 25, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, imported Camella, an Irish Fox-hunter.

**No. 7. Forager.**  
 \$650  
 Ch. colt. Foaled April 27, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Mimi, by Ringgold.

**No. 8. Freshman.**  
 \$1500  
 Ch. colt. Foaled April 28, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Favorite, sold by Mr. Ogden, of Kentucky, as a daughter of old Mambrino Chief.

**No. 9. Fancy.**  
 \$350  
 Ch. filly. Foaled May 2, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Fancy Green.

**No. 10. Fortune.**  
 \$650  
 Ch. filly. Foaled May 3, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, imported Maud, by King of Hanover's horse Bruckwillow, and out of a mare belonging to the famous family of Orloff trotters of Moscow. Maud has trotted in 2.28.

**No. 11. Friar.**  
 \$1500  
 Blk. colt. Foaled May 7, 1874. By Fearnaught; dam, Lady Balch, by Rising Sun.

Clockwise from top left: Fearnaught; The New York Times obituary of Fearnaught, August 9, 1873; The cover of the yearling sale brochure from Home Farm, Milton MA, 1875; This sale list of yearlings born in 1874 would represent the last foal crop of Fearnaught, as he had died in 1873. You can barely see the selling prices written in pencil next to each lot. This document was recently given to the Museum Archives.