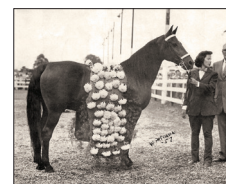
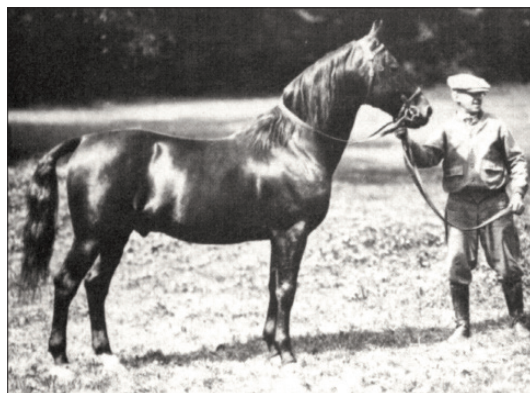


Florence Chandler 03082

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Florence Chandler's sire, Allen King, and dam, Senata (also the dam of Senator Knox); Her daughter Florette; and Florette's important son Flyhawk; Florette's daughter Damsel by Bennington, bred at the U. S. Government Farm; and Florette's granddaughter Naive (Canfield x Fawn) with 1967 foal Ledgemere Bounty.

Florence Chandler 03082 (Knox Morgan 4677 x Senata 02303) • Bay • **Foaled:** 1918, Springfield, Illinois • **Breeder:** Joseph Chase Brunk • **Died:** young from accident • 47 crosses to Sherman; Ten crosses to Woodbury; Three to Bulrush • 19.99 percent of Justin Morgan blood • **Eight Generation Coefficient of Inbreeding:** 3.77817153930664 percent **Registered Progeny:** One colt; two fillies

In the early 1990s, *The Morgan Horse* asked famous breeders which 20th century Morgan mare they would pick for their own broodmare band. Doris Ryan picked Florence Chandler. This beautiful mare left only three foals, all by Allen King. Her colt, Big Indian, left no registered offspring; her younger filly, Flodel, produced a single daughter who didn't breed on. But her older daughter, Florette, founded her own mare family at the Government Farm.

Florence Chandler was bred to be a "blue hen mare." Her dam, Senata, champion Morgan mare at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, was a great Brunk mare carrying 18.75 percent of the blood of Justin Morgan. "A top-ranked mare was old Senata, for her name appears on the bottom line of the pedigrees of more good Morgans across the country and from almost every male line, than any other"—Mabel Owen. Florence Chandler's sire, Knox Morgan, champion stallion at both the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and the 1916 Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, carried more than 21 percent of Justin Morgan's blood.

"Although [the excellent Florence Chandler] was accidentally killed as a very young mare, she left one [daughter] to carry on for her, Florette. Dam of Flyhawk, one of the most successful and prolific Morgan sires in history, Grand Champion at the Illinois State Fair at the age of 14 and after ten years in service on a Wyoming ranch, Florette was then sold to the United States Morgan Horse Farm in Vermont, for whom she continued her producing record. Although Flyhawk remains her only entire son of note, daughters Verda and Jemima produced well, while daughters Annadale and

Damsel produced doubly well. Annadale, whose only daughters were Belldale and Conniedale, needed to do no more to insure her place in Morgan breeding history. Fawn, a rather plain mare with some size and considerable speed at the trot, was the dam of Lana, dam in turn of the noted California sire Rex's Major Monte; Oriole and the nice mare Naive, dam of UVM Felicity, a mare with considerable refinement and quality. Damsel, one of Florette's earlier foals and one of the very last by Bennington, was an excellent, typey mare, with substance, a great deal of breed character and a thoroughgoing ability to move out at the trot. Damsel's National Show wins were over a period of almost twenty years, and were in model, mare and foal, produce, and hack classes, attesting well to both her longevity and her versatility." —Mabel Owen, "Gold Star Mares," *The Morgan Horse*, September 1967, p12–13, 139–141.

"Florette was the dam of Flyhawk (by Go Hawk), Cooper, Damsel, and Baldwin (all by Bennington), McClellan (by Hudson), Annadale (by Monterey), Nabob (by Canfield), and Jemima, Goldette, Verda, Fawn, and Inwood (all by Mansfield)." —Ina Ish, "Out of the Archives: Knox Morgan: A Premier Sire, Part 6, Three from the Last Year—Florence Chandler," *The Morgan Horse*, July 1998, p106.

Although almost forgotten today, Florence Chandler's blood flows in the veins of thousands of living Morgans, worldwide, in Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico and Sweden, as well as the USA. It is a shame she died so young that she never was photographed for one of the Brunk catalogs. ■