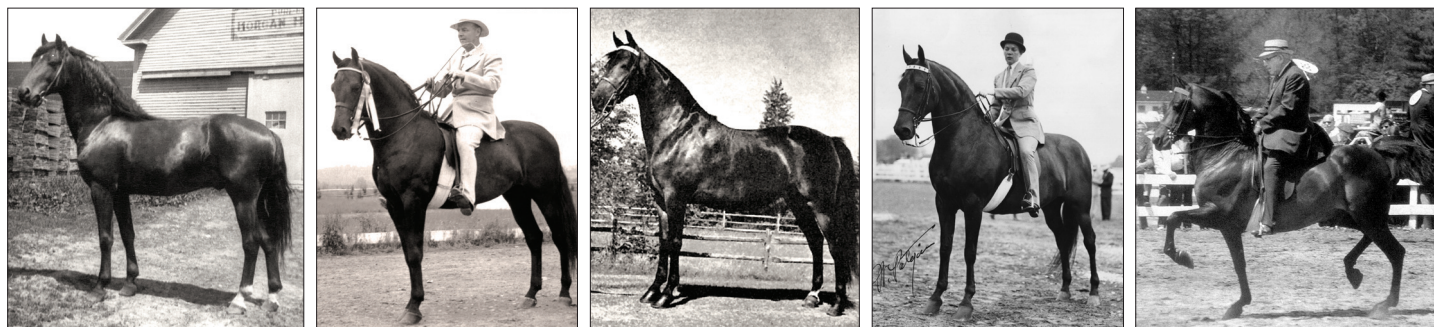


# Gertie G 05485

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**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Gertie G's Government-bred sire Tipperary (Mansfield x Folly by Bennington); her offspring, Miller's Admiral, Bob Baker up; Waseeka's Flirt; and Miller's Adel, Susan Power Annis up (photo © Warren Patriquin), dam of Waseeka's In Command (by Waseeka's Nocturne), John Lydon up.

**Gertie G 05485** (Tipperary x Fryar) • Solid Bay • **Foaled:** July 28, 1938, Lyndonville, Vermont • **Bred by:** Thirlstane Ranch Inc., Bar Harbor, Maine • **Owned by:** Earle Brown, Lyndonville, Vermont; George Thayer, Waterbury, Vermont; Erwin Dwight Miller, Hotel Randall, Morrisville, Vermont; Waseeka Farm, Ashland, Massachusetts • **Died:** circa 1961, Ashland, Massachusetts  
50 percent Old Government; 50 percent Old Vermont • 28 crosses to Sherman Morgan; 11 crosses to Woodbury Morgan  
**Eight Generation Coefficient of Inbreeding:** 2.78778076171875 percent • **Registered Morgan Progeny:** Eight

Naming her a Top 20 Broodmare, "With only four foals recorded, Gertie G...appears very much a maiden compared to the other broodmares, but she should be mentioned as three of the four are well-known. Miller's Pride, by Woodland Chief, is a personable stallion and has produced some good colts. Miller's Admiral, by Upwey Ben Don, has really been a big winner for her, especially in harness; and again, his full sister, Miller's Adel, is carrying on successfully at the shows." – Marilyn Childs, "The All-Important Feminine Side," *The Morgan Horse*, January/February 1956, p34.

John Lydon remembered Gertie G, saying, "I looked out and there was an old brown mare standing there, thin as all get out, and I said to Mr. Miller, 'What mare is that?' He told me it was Gertie G, Adel's dam. I said, 'How much will you take for her?' He said, 'Well, seeing you bought the mare [Miller's Adel], you can have her.' Well, we took them both, and as soon as we got home,

we started to put some good feed into the old Gertie G mare, and she came around pretty good. Then, that winter, she picked up a bug and started to cough something awful. We thought we were going to lose her, so we had a man around the clock for seven or eight days steaming her head out and we saved her. We bred her to Wind-Crest Donfield four times, but the cross didn't produce the kind of horse I wanted. I was trying to convince Mrs. Power to breed her to Nocturne, but [Gertie G] died before we were able to get the job done." – "A Conversation with John Lydon" by Art Perry, *The Morgan Horse*, September 1984, page 99.

Gertie G's impact on the Morgan breed can be demonstrated by her grandson, Waseeka's In Command (Waseeka's Nocturne x Miller's Adel), one of the most influential Morgan sires of the second half of the twentieth century and behind almost all world champion Morgan show horses today. Descendants can be found in Canada, France, Great Britain, and the USA. ■

## GERTIE G PROGENY REPORT

NAME	FOALED	GENDER	COLOR	SIRE	PROGENY
Bomber 9314	1944	Stallion	Brown	General Pershing 7868	None
Miller's Pride 10028	1948	Stallion	Bay	Woodland Chief 7902	13
Miller's Admiral 10319	1949	Stallion	Bay	Upwey Ben Don 8843	Six
Miller's Adel 09177	1950	Mare	Bay	Upwey Ben Don 8843	Six
Miller's Sweetheart 09766	1953	Mare	Bay	Vigil Day 9037	None
Broadwall Folly 09767	1955	Mare	Bay	Vigil Day 9037	Eight
Waseeka's Flirt 010030	1957	Mare	Brown	Wind-Crest Donfield 10618	Five
Waseeka's Minute Man 12393	1959	Gelding	Bay	Wind-Crest Donfield 10618	None