

Red Vermont 7893

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Red Vermont; his son Easter Vermont (photo @ Fallow); his daughter Ginger Vermont with Montey Vermont as a foal.

Red Vermont 7893 (Jubilee King 7570 x Daisy Knox 02919) • Dark chestnut, strip, left hind sock white, 15hh, 965-1,050 lbs
Bred by: Joseph Chase Brunk • Foaled: New Year's Day, 1934, Springfield, Illinois • Died: circa 1958, Lodi, California 52 crosses to Sherman Morgan 7; 24 crosses to Black Hawk 20; 13 crosses to Billy Root; Seven crosses to Daniel Lambert 62;
Six crosses to Hale's Green Mountain 42; Six crosses to the Shedd Horse 789; Five crosses to Billy Bodette 814; Two crosses to Knox Morgan 4677; Two crosses to Daisy De Jarnette 0494; 100 percent Brunk breeding
Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding: 13.8259887695312 percent • Registered Morgan progeny: 67

In her 1996 *TMH* article, Joanne Curtis described Red Vermont as "the most special, the most elegant, the most Spanish of the Jubilee Kings, with an incredible natural style and beauty."...He was "a dark chocolate chestnut with silver mane and tail; chiseled head with large, prominent eyes; neck set on high with a massively laid-back shoulder blending into a short back; and a strong, nearly level croup with a tail carried very high."

"Mabel Owen describes him: 'This liver chestnut stallion was to be the winningest of [Jubilee King's] get. A wonderful mover, with the best possible withers and back. Red Vermont filled the eye as few horses of any breed ever have. He was a true Daniel Lambert, and exhibited the family characteristics to an amazing degree.' While owned by Grace Brunk Woods, he won at shows in New England including the gold medal at Brattleboro, Vermont, whose show commemorated 150 years since Justin Morgan's birth. He was sold to Jack Davis of California and continued his winning ways at shows all over the state. He is said to have sired more than 1,200 foals in his life, most of them to non-Morgan mares. His progeny include the good sire Easter Vermont; Sireson, sire in Idaho; Homestake, in Wyoming; Ginger Vermont, dam of Montey Vermont; Bricktop; Shron Vermont; Georgette Vermont; Verdonna Vermont." ("Jubilee King—part 3, the Descendants,"

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Classic Morgan Admirers, Autumn 1989, Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 17).

Although Red Vermont was foaled in Illinois and campaigned in New England in 1938 and '39, winning championships at 10 different Vermont shows, it was in the West that he made his name. Purchased in 1939 for a five figure price, in 1940 he was champion at the Santa Barbara, San Gabriel, and Los Angeles county fairs. In September 1940 he was chosen Western Livestock Journal's "Horse of the Month." In 1945 he received the Equestrian Award as the most outstanding Morgan stallion in Southern California. He "was the center of [Jack and Gene Davis's] extensive breeding program in the 1940s and 1950s.... He sired more than 1,500 foals, the majority from registered Palominos, Saddlebred, Arabian, and grade mares ... for the parade horse, open show horse, and reining horse markets. Horses from the breeding program were shipped all over the world, as far as Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and South America. ... Red Vermont was shown extensively in [halter], open parade, three-gaited, and driving classes throughout California. ... He was exhibited in reining demonstrations, using only threads for reins, so perfect was his balance." (Joanne Curtis, "Red Vermont," The Morgan Horse, February 1996, pp. 102–109).

Today Red Vermont's descendents excel in the sport disciplines—eventing, dressage, and driving—throughout the world. ■