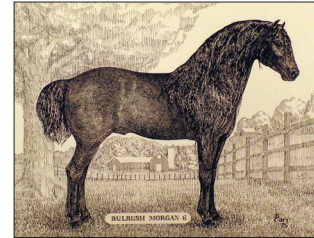


Red Flash 8416

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Red Flash, the last stallion in direct male descent from Bulrush, and Red Flash's son Rhed's Fable (x Falene by Fleetfield)
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Red Flash 8416 (Colorado 8173 x Louisa 04075) • Chestnut, long hip, deep barrel, good legs, and quiet disposition, 15h • **Foaled:** March 29, 1940, Pacoima, California • **Bred by:** the Berman Stock Farm • **Died:** 1971, on Seena A. & Jerald H. Rhine's Rhed Morgan Ranch, Oakdale, California • The last significant sire from the Bulrush sire line, he left 14 colts and 19 fillies; eight of his sons were gelded. The sire line to Bulrush is now extinct in the Morgan breed. Descendents through his daughters played a significant role in the Sky Ridge and Mortana breeding programs • **Eight Generation Coefficient of Inbreeding:** 8.47587585449219 percent

Red Flash was selected by the *Western Livestock Journal* as their Horse of the Month in their 10th Annual Morgan Issue, September 15, 1949. Here is their article:

"Red Flash MHR 8416, our Horse of the Month for the 10th Annual Morgan Issue, owned by Adohr Farms, Camarillo, California, has made an interesting record in the show ring these past two years, shown by M. R. Valdez. In 1948, he was champion Morgan stallion at the Los Angeles County Spring Fair, Bellflower and the San Fernando Valley Fair, Devonshire Downs. He also won his class at Monrovia and Santa Barbara Fair. This year he was second at Bellflower and again won at Santa Barbara.

"Foaled in 1940, he is sired by Colorado MHR 8173 by Raven Chief MHR 7116 by Morgan Chief and out of Louisa MHR 04075 by Woodrow Wilson MHR 6290 by Headlight Morgan. Flash's second dam is by a son of Jubilee De Jarnette. He was bred by Berman Stock Farm, Pacoima, and sold to Lloyd Corporation at Ventura in 1942. He stands 15 hands, is a chestnut, and embodies much that is highly desired in Morgan horses with a long hip, deep, full barrel, good legs and particularly quiet disposition. He is

stabled at M. R. Valdez' in North Hollywood."

The Morgan Horse March 1970 issue reported on his 30th birthday party: "Red Flash is three decades old. His dam, Louisa, was foaled in 1919. His great-great grandam, Lady Stratton, was foaled in 1874. That's only tracing five generations. Red has quite a unique past. But the present is also of interest. Although Red leads a leisurely life, he still provides companionship for his favorite mare, Falene (Fleetfield x Felicity), by letting her share his manger. He is in charge of manning and pacifying foals during weaning time. He also provides all rides for preschool visitors at the Rhed Morgan Ranch. He still enjoys a good roll and a fast trot across his pasture and is still vigilant to all goings on of the ranch."

His obituary was printed in the April 1971 *TMH*. It was Red Flash's bad luck to be active just as the California Morgan market was looking to eastern breeders for show stock after World War II. Many Western working lines were lost, either to the new Quarter Horse or Palomino registries, or to family pleasure use. At least his daughters carried on, supplying his athletic abilities to show horses, sport horses, and working ranch horses across Canada and the USA. ■