

# Redman 8056

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Two photos of Redman with his sons Blackman & Red Gates.

**Redman 8056** (Mountcrest Sellman 7289 x Red Dot 04577) • Brilliant copper chestnut, blaze, hind socks white, 15.2h, 1,100 lbs • Beautiful easy gaits, wonderful disposition, outstanding stallion, true Justin Morgan type. Ideal stock horse, style, stamina and speed. Undeclared at fairs and shows • **Foaled:** June 26, 1936, San Simeon, California • **Bred by:** William Randolph Hearst • **Owned by:** Clarence J. Ferrari, San Francisco, California; R. L. Welborn, Campo, California; Warren Halliday, Bishop, California; Ann Ericksen, Cutten, California; Dr. Ina M. Richter, Solvang, California; Gene Mathews, Santa Ynez, California • **Died:** 1963, Santa Ynez, California • Three-Quarter Western Working Family; One Quarter Brunk • 35 crosses to Black Hawk 20; 12 crosses to Hale's Green Mountain 42; 11 crosses to Ethan Allen 50; Eight crosses to Morrill 55 • **Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 4.47521209716797% • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 62

Redman... was purchased by R. L. Wellborn in 1938. Redman was a dark red chestnut of 15.2 hands and excellent type who won frequently at shows. In 1942, Redman was sold to Warren Halliday, who had a ranch near Bishop. Halliday selected mares of the Brunk, Sellman, and Roland Hill breeding programs to complement Redman. In 1945, they all moved to Blue Heaven Ranch in Scott Valley in Northern California. For Halliday, Redman had 29 foals. Later, sold to Dr. Ina Richter, of Kedron Farm in Solvang, he had 11 foals. Never used extensively at stud, his total get are 31 colts and 31 fillies." (LaVonne Houlton, "History of the Morgan Horse in California," *Golden West, Region 7 Directory*, First Edition 1975, p. 7).

In 1941, *The Western Livestock Journal* featured the then five-year-old Redman. "Redman No. 8056 [is] our 'Horse of the Month' for our Spring Breeders Edition. This outstanding individual is a registered Morgan stallion by Mountcrest Sellman and out of Red Dot. He traces back to the essential lines of Morgans representing outstanding lines that have made the foundation of the Morgan breed so substantial. He is a beautiful copper chestnut, five years old and weighs 1,075 lbs. His deep barrel, wide spring of ribs and well-developed hind quarters make him a valuable stallion in the west for breeding utility horses. He has a clean cut brilliant head, with clear, bright eyes. He is well muscled throughout, and has substantial flat bone, which is an added quality for him as a breeding stallion." ("Horse of the Month," *The Western Livestock Journal*, March 15, 1941, p. 65). Redman was featured on the cover

of *The Western Livestock Journal's* March 1944 Stallion Issue as well.

A 1941 *Western Livestock Journal* ad covering R. L. Welborn's relocation from Campo to Calabasas, California, profiled Redman, noting, "His colts have all been stamped with good bone... short backed... heavily quartered... fine carriage. Several golden Palomino colts are to his credit this past season." An article about the move in the same issue commented, "Nearly all Morgan breeders are acquainted with Redman, for he has been shown in many parts of California successfully, but it is worthwhile to mention his stock horse conformation, and rich chestnut color, along with his long flowing mane and tail, for he represents one of the truly valuable breeding horses in this state. By tedious work Mrs. Welborn has traced Redman's breeding back to Justin Morgan in every bracket of his ancestry, which undoubtedly is one reason for his physical characteristics and stamina which are part of the breed founded by that potent sire."

Redman's most prominent sons were Blackman and Red Gates, both of whom had daughters influential in West Coast breeding programs. Blackman was the most prolific, siring more than 120 registered foals and many half Morgans. Blackman daughters were also bred to Arab stallions to produce Morabs.

Redman's last registered Morgan foal, Ida Red (out of Princess Elizabeth), arrived August 1, 1959. Redman's blood can be found in Morgans and Morabs, in family horses, show horses, sport horses, and working cow horses throughout Australia, Canada, China, Great Britain, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA. ■