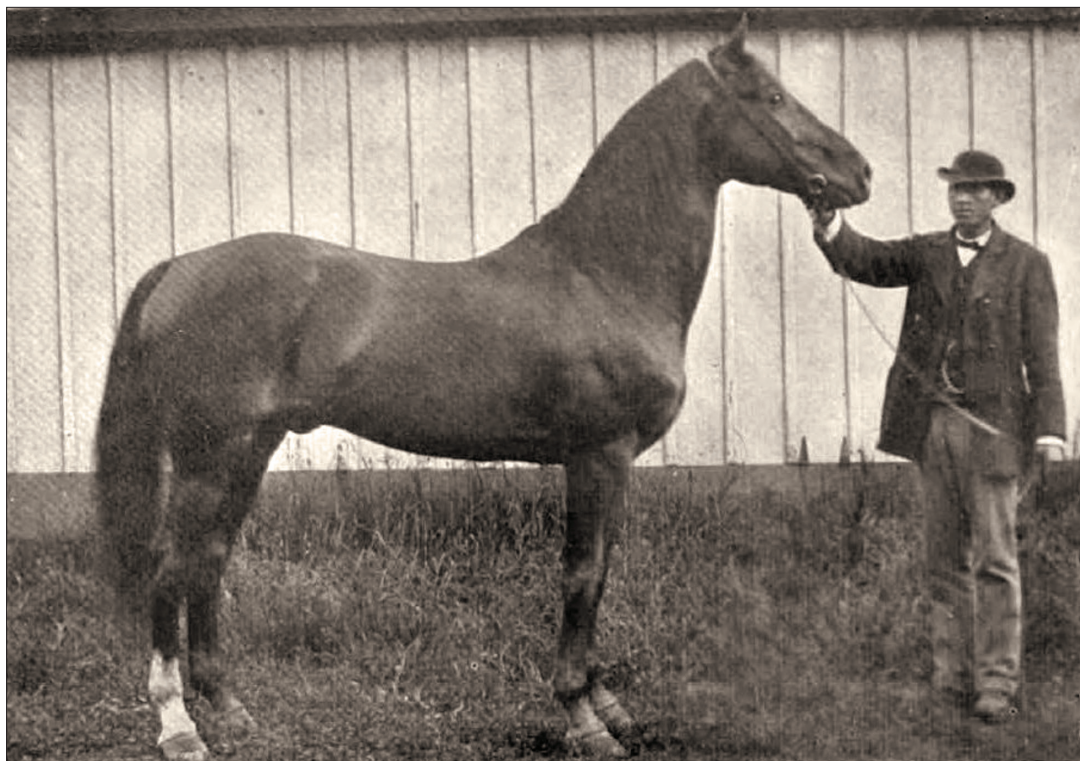


Robert McGregor 2985

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Robert McGregor 2985 (Major Edsall x Nancy Whitman, by Seely's American Star) • Chestnut, right hind sock white, flaxen mane & tail • **Time:** 2:17½ • **Foaled:** 1871, Chester, New York • **Bred by:** Samuel J. Whitman, Chester, New York • **Owned by:** H. H. Gilman, Topeka, Kansas • **Died:** circa 1895 • 35 crosses to the Godolphin Arabian; 23 crosses to the Byerley Turk; 22 crosses to the Darley Arabian; Eight crosses to Imported Messenger; Six crosses to Justin Morgan; Three crosses to Sir Archy; Two crosses to Seely's American Star • **Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 0.650405883789062 percent • **American Trotting Register:** # 647 • Sire of: 75 racers; 98 trotters [2:08 1/4]; 13 pacers [2:08 1/2]; Alkoran 2:16 1/4; Cresceus 2:11 1/4; Count Robert 2:13 1/2; Bonnie McGregor 2:13 1/2; Kentucky Star 2:08 ½ [pacer]; Nyanza 2:12 3/4; Marl 2:13 1/4 [pacer]; Silver Bow 2:16 • **Registered Morgan Progeny:** Two

Robert McGregor was bred to be a superb athlete. His sire, Major Edsall (ATR # 221) T 2:29, was sired by Alexander's Abdallah (ATR # 491) T 2:42; out of a grey Morgan mare by Seely's American Star (MHC # 75) T 2:40. (Volume I of *The American Morgan Horse Register* & Volume I of *Wallace's American Trotting Register* list alternate sires for the grey: either Black Hawk [MHC # 20/ATR # 5] T 2:51 ½, or Harris's Hambletonian.) Robert McGregor's dam, Nancy Whitman (ASB # 907803M) T 2:19 ¾, when bred to Hambletonian (ATR # 10), produced Madeline T 2:23 ¼, the dam of Pennsylvania (MHC # 3127) T 2:47 ¼, by General Washington (MHC # 76/ATR # 1161) (Calvin Hanson, "Trotting Cousins," *The Morgan Horse*, September/October 2010, p. 70).

A maternal grandson of Seely's American Star 75 (whom

he greatly resembled), Robert McGregor made a profound impact upon American harness racing in the last quarter of the 19th century. Not only was he a record-breaking trotter; he was a noteworthy sire and grandsire of champions. In addition to 111 record-setting sons and daughters, Robert McGregor sired 32 successful sires of 77 trotters and 23 pacers of record, as well as 26 fruitful dams of 30 trotters and 7 pacers of record. Several sons (including Cresceus) were exported to Russia.

Robert McGregor's blood may be found in show horses, sport horses, and trotters—in American Saddlebreds, Morgans, Orlov Trotters, and Standardbreds—in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Russia, Sweden, and the USA. ■