

Royalton Ashline 23744

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Royalton Ashline 23744 (Royalton Ashbrook Darling x Royalton Elnora) • Solid brown stallion, 14.1 ½ hands • **Foaled:** May 14, 1972, Royalton, Vermont • **Bred by:** Dana Wingate Kelley • **Sold:** September 1972 to Clara Hendin who owned him until his death on September 6, 1991, when he escaped from a show porta-stall in Maine and was killed by a motor vehicle • 29 crosses to Hale's Green Mountain Morgan; 55 crosses to Woodbury Morgan 7; 11 crosses to Sherman Morgan 5; ten crosses to Bulrush Morgan 6; 18 crosses to unnamed Justin Morgan daughters • **Full Lippitt** • **First AMHA Sport Horse Award winner** • **Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 12.1403694152832 percent • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 46 (21 colts, 25 fillies)



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Royalton Ashline; pole bending with Barbara Ackley (photo © Phaneuf Gurdziel); hooked as a pair with Rohan Ithilien; under saddle; and receiving an award presented by his breeder, Dana Wingate Kelley.

After purchasing him as a weanling in 1972, Clara Hendin undertook most of Royalton Ashline's training herself. When she wasn't exhibiting him he usually was shown by amateurs. Despite this, he took home an AHSA National Parade Reserve Championship; a sixth place citation from AHSA for Morgan Park Saddle; the AMHA Sport Horse Award in 1987, having earned Bronze Medallions in Open Show (1981), Competitive Trail Rides (1983), Combined Training (1986), Carriage Driving (1986), and Dressage (1986); Hi-Point Stallion and Hi-Point Morgan from the Vermont Competitive Trail Ride Association; Champion, 1st Level, Central Vermont Dressage Association; and the 1981 Lippitt of the Year Award from the Lippitt Club, as well as the Lippitt Club's Allen's Major Award for Most Versatile Show Horse. He represented the Morgan horse in the St. Louis Battle of the Breeds (earning third place); took part in carriage pairs classes

and parades with daughter Rohan Ithilien (including transporting two different governors of Vermont); and demonstrating the Morgan horse at the dedication of AMHA's Shelburne, Vermont, headquarters.

Royalton Ashline was a true Morgan breed ambassador. His descendants can be found in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. ■

FOR FURTHER READING:

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