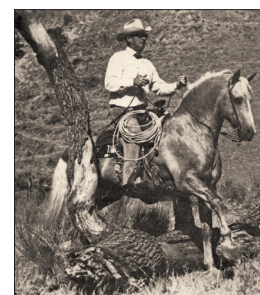
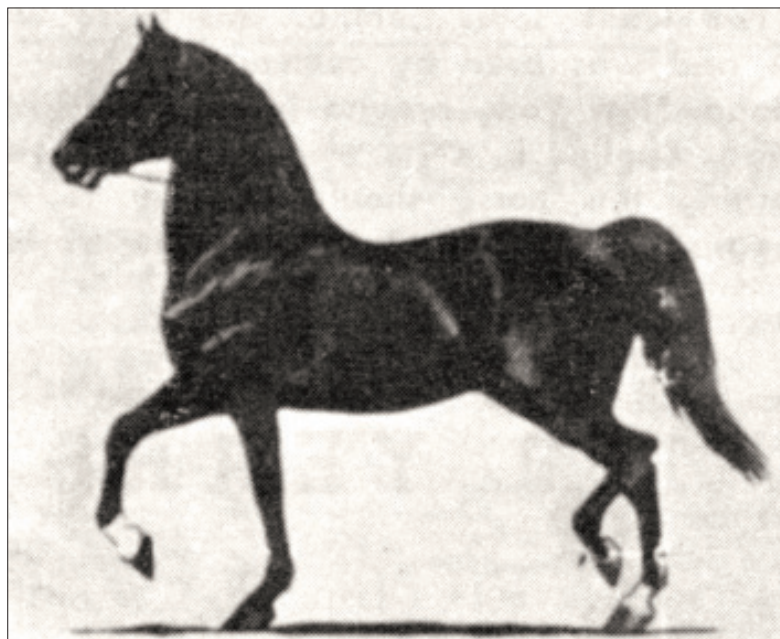


Will Rogers 7943

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Will Rogers; his son Red Correll; Red Correll's grandson Painters Pine Ridge (photo © Howard Schatzberg); and other descendants Tio Lalo (through the Will Rogers daughter Baby O), and Robbi Sue's Ragtime (through the Will Rogers daughter Sally Rogers) (photo © Joanie Grunde).

Will Rogers 7943 (Herod Panic 7820 x Cardinal 04952, by Winterset 7403) • Chestnut, star, snip, left front and right hind ankles white • **Foaled:** July 27, 1935, Truro, Iowa • **Bred by:** E. A. Eads • **Owned by:** C. G. Stevenson, Des Moines, Iowa; C. W. Hartman, Bakersfield, California • After 1946, Will Rogers disappeared from AMHA's records • 37 crosses to Black Hawk 20; three to Winterset 7403 in four generations • 100 percent old midwest breeding • **Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 14.9810791015625 percent • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 21 (ten foals sired in Iowa; 11 in California)

AMHA Hall of Fame trainer and Man of the Year Bob Riley commented on Will Rogers: "Will Rogers 7943, chestnut, was bred by E. A. Eads, Truro, Iowa, and owned by C. G. Stevenson, Des Moines, Iowa. Possibly his best-known son was Red Correll 8299, chestnut (x Kate Smith [05013]). At the Stevenson dispersal sale in 1940, Will Rogers was sold to California and Kate Smith and Red Correll were sold to the Oglala Community High School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where Red Correll sired many good Morgans."

In addition to Red Correll 8299, Will Rogers's most significant contribution to the Morgan breed may have been through two daughters: Baby O 06413 (x Hilda 04369 by Pat Allen 7344), who was the grandam of Tio Lalo 12429 (sire of Tia Margarita 016634 and Californio 18071); and Sally Rogers 05901 (x Bird L 04893

by Linsley 7233), who was the great-grandam of Edelweiss Magic Man 29233 and the great-great-grandam of Robbi Sue's Ragtime 145521. Interestingly, their dams were from several families—Kate Smith from old midwest, Hilda was Brunk/Sellman, and Bird L came from Elmer Brown's old government-based program. The prepotent Will Rogers crossed well with them all. "Descendants of Red Correll and Baby O are considered two of the most prominent sources of old ranching breeding presently available today." (Breed historian Joanne Curtis, private email, 2021).

Will Rogers, a typey, athletic stallion who embodied the best of the Old Midwest bloodlines, leaves descendants who are show horses, sport horses, and family horses in Australia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, and the United States. ■