

PETALBROOK FARM

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In the Poughkeepsie Journal dated April 19, 1970 stories written by Joan Doyle & Robert V. Niles were printed. The following are excerpts from the articles.

Philip Jackson and his wife, Jean, say that once you own a Morgan, there just is no other horse.

The Jacksons, who have 20 of the "world's most versatile horses," at Petalbrook Farm, just off Route 9D in Wappingers Falls, started out with one brood mare in 1957. From that beginning they have developed a 53 acres breeding farm and a tack room full of blue ribbons, silver cups and assorted plaques.

At the Petalbrook Farm, the Jacksons have raised many blue ribbon winners including the grand champion, Petalbrook Sigmalect.

The horses are broken to the English saddle, and the Jacksons' four children are all excellent riders.

The Jacksons employ a part-time trainer, Robert Inkell, and a full-time assistant trainer, 20 year old Carla Weaver.

The whole Jackson family looks forward to the Eastern States shows, and takes justifiable pride in the many awards their Morgans have received.

"There's nothing like this," said Philip Jackson as he rode behind a three-year-old filly in a small cart. "this is the way to live."

As the Jacksons say about the Morgans..."there just are no other horses."

New York State News by Elizabeth B. Rodricks, June 1966—The Morgan Horse Magazine.

Petalbrook Farm—In the Morgan world just as in other equine breeds, only a small percentage of females can be regarded as great transmitters. The late UVM Annandale 08986 was such a mare.

To the Philip W. Jackson's of Petalbrook Farm, Wappingers Falls, NY, owning Annandale was a rare privilege; the heights of showing and broodmare success to which she was taken by the Jacksons is an accomplishment of merit. As indicated by the prefix UVM, Annandale was bred by the University of Vermont, Sired by Tutor out of Norma, Annandale was heiress to a tradition of greatness in Morgan broodmare ranks. Annandale's dam,

Norma, bred by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is a daughter of Canfield and Romance. Bred to Mentor, Norma produced Fleetfield, Silkolene, Trophy and Tivoli. When mated to Tutor, she foaled Annandale. Enchantor, Gates, Heather, and Jason. The stallion, Flash was produced by Norma when bred to Upwey Ben Don. In Morgan annals there are few mares that can report for roll call with a line-up like

that.

In 1957, as a 3 year old, Annandale was purchased from Gordon Voorhis, Red hook, New York, and became an adopted daughter of the Jacksons. The following year she was returned to Voorhis Farm and mated to their popular Sealect of Windcrest, producing in 1959 the stallion Petalbrook Sigmalect. Believing in the old adage of never breaking up a winning combination, Annandale was returned to Sealect and produced Petalbrook Amylect (1960), Petalbrook Astrolect (1962) and Petalbrook Carolelect (1963). As an individual Annandale met with success in the showing at the National. At the 1961 National she placed second in mares 4 and Over, third in Dam and Produce, and was a member of the third prize Get. In 1962 she won the Mare and Produce class, was again second in the mares 4 and Over and placed third in the Mare and foal Class. It is of importance also that her blue ribbon produce were members of the first prize Get of Sire.

1962 was a banner year for Annandale and she breezed through in a blaze of glory—for it was to be the last time that she would make the long trek from the stables, around the end of the track, to the ring that brought her fame. The national was her show, she had never been exhibited at any other.

In June of 1963 tragedy struck and Annandale was lost due to internal complications. Though only 9 years old, she had stamped a pattern and left behind a foundation that will influence the Petalbrook breeding program for many years to come.

Her first foal Sigmalect was second 2 year old stallion at the New York Sunny Hill Show in 1961, and came back the following year to win Grand Champion honors. He has been a consistent ribbon winner in model, saddle and harness classes since.

Amylect was third yearling mare at the national and the following year was first 2 yr old and Res. Jr. Champion in addition to tying high in the 2 year old harness class in 1962. She also did well under saddle with good years in 1964 and 1965 under the capable guidance of Jeanne Herrick. Amylect has now entered the broodmare ranks. On February 20, she presented the Jacksons with a stallion foal sired by National Champion, Green Meads Marauder and has been returned to Marauder for a 1967 edition.

Astolelect won the stallion foal class at Syracuse and placed fifth at the 1962 National. He was later gelded and sold to Mrs. Norris Johnson of White Plains, New York.

Carolelect, though an orphan foal, won the weanling filly class at the N.Y. All Morgan Show. She was second as a yearling at the National Morgan Show. At the 1965 national she was third 2 year old and second in harness and was Reserve Junior Champion at N.Y. and the Mid-Atlantic shows. A distinguished family indeed.

Other members of the Morgan band at Petalbrook are the mares Cliora, full sister to Steve Tompkin's Corene mare (Corisor of Upwey x Upwey Cliene), and Terranna, a 17 year old daughter of Panfield and Janice. Terranna's flashy 4 year old daughter Petalbrook Bellelect, by Sealect, was sold in Dec. to Mr. And Mrs. F. J. Snow, Saddle River, NJ. Cliora has a good moving

yearling filly by Sealect and is now carrying a Sigmalect foal. Due in June. A recent addition to the band is a flashy 2 year old filly by UVM Flash from a mare called Ginger Cookie, a maternal sister to Terranna.

Petalbrook has enjoyed considerable success in the show ring and 1966 should be a banner year. On hand to head the show string and guide the training program is the talented Bob Inkell. Bob has had the distinction of riding many top Morgans, among them are Windcrest Top Hand, the only gelding ever to win the National Saddle Championship Stake, and Ashland Donson, Reserve Saddle Champion at the National.

Bob will spend about three days a week at Petalbrook Farm. Working full time for the Jacksons is assistant trainer, Miss Ginny Mowers.

Enjoy a trip to the Jacksons, see their outstanding Morgans, and visit with the fine, hospitable people that make Petalbrook a top Morgan farm.

Petalbrook and the Jacksons were an important part of our rich New York Morgan History and I wish to thank Phil for sending me the articles regarding his farm.

If you would like to find out more about Petalbrook or visit with Phil & Jean, you can write to them at: 17237 NW 87th Avenue Road, Reddick, FL 32686-2628 or phone (352) 591-0701.