

PARADING LADY – HERITAGE HORSE



Bred by: Walter "Johnny" Johnson
Foaled: spring of 1946
Chestnut Mare. Connected star, stripe and snip wider between nostrils, left front ankle higher in back, both hind stockings, white.
Sire: Denmark Beaverkettle 15414.
Dam: Cherry Blossom Time (unreg.), by Peavine's Roan King (unreg. son of Peavine's Highland Chief 10227 x Tryon Chief 3975 mare) 2nd dam: Johnnie Harris 23561, by Brilliant Star 3151.

Parading Lady was one of the most notable Fine Harness horses to show in the 1950's. She was, for that matter, one of the grandest of all time. She was sold as a youngster to J.S. McIntyre, Bridlewood Farm, Keswick, Virginia, received her early training from Frank Bradshaw and was sold through Tattersalls in the spring of 1950. She began her show career that same year, with Owen Haley showing for George Huss's Valley Farm of Ringtown, Pennsylvania. Before Louisville, she was sold yet again to the well known exhibitor/owner, C. Leake Fain, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia. He drove her to victory and to her first World's Championship in the 1950 Junior Fine Harness Stake. In total, she showed ten times that season, suffering only one defeat which came in the Fine Harness World's Grand Championship. Her wins were at such prestigious shows as Devon, the Kentucky State Fair and the American Royal.

After her grand appearance at the Kentucky State Fair, she was purchased by Josephine Abercrombie, Houston, Texas, and became one of the stars of her Pin Oak Stables string. Harry Lathrop picked up the lines and set sail. In 1951, she was shown twelve times, with wins at Tulsa, Shreveport, Lexington, the Kentucky State Fair, the Tennessee State Fair and the Los Angeles International. Her one and only defeat was at Tulsa, where she bowed to the greatness of an up and coming WGC CH Regal Aire (reg. as Denmark's Mokanna).

In 1952, she was shown fourteen times (with thirteen wins), mostly by master trainer Frank Bradshaw. Her wins were at Devon, Lexington, the Indiana and Kentucky State Fairs, the American Royal (with Herbert McClain driving), the Pennsylvania National and the New York National. 1953 saw this brilliant mare show twelve times (with eleven victories). She was shown exclusively by her owner, Josephine Abercrombie. As usual, her performances were in all the best places---Devon, Lexington, the Indiana State Fair, the Pennsylvania and New York Nationals and the Royal Winter Fair in Canada. She did not show at Louisville. 1954 saw her show in six classes at three shows. They were at the Indiana State Fair, the Kentucky State Fair and the American Royal. Again, she was shown by Ms. Abercrombie. She won five and had the usual single defeat.

To summarize, Parading Lady was a three-time World's Grand Champion Fine Harness Horse. Her titles were earned in 1951, 1952 and 1954, each with a different driver. She won an additional four World's Championships. In her career, she was exhibited fifty four times with forty nine wins and a mere five losses. She was an amazing but difficult individual and, most likely, handed herself some of those defeats. As for verification of her breeding, it has been very well publicized in trade magazines and the Kentucky State Fair results and programs.