

A bay colt, named Figure, became the foundation sire of the Morgan horse. Figure was better known as Justin Morgan, named after his owner, the teacher, song writer from Randolph, Vermont, who acquired him as an unpaid debt. This horse was such a prepotent and remarkable sire, that he still stamps his descendants today with his distinct type, beauty and versatile characteristics. The Morgan horse is the first American breed to be founded solely by one horse.

What is a Lippitt Morgan? Why is it so Special?

In 1910, Fullerton Phillips, a wealthy Pennsylvania gentleman, traveled to Vermont with a dream of raising Morgan horses. He discovered that the horses he was finding were leaner and rangier than his Morgan ideal. They were bred for speed in harness and had been crossed with other breeds. Therefore, these Morgans lacked the versatility, stamina, and overall beauty that he had come to admire and associate with the type and characteristics of the Morgan breed.

Phillips began his search for the older bloodlines and found his ideal. He admitted to spending \$200,000 on horses he bought and on his breeding program. He would jingle the coins in his pocket to hasten his purchases.

In 1922, part of Phillips' herd was grazing on a high pasture when a violent storm struck. Twelve of the thirteen horses were killed by lightning. The one survivor was so terrorized that she had to be destroyed. Eight horses remained and Phillips continued breeding his old-type Morgans but he

never fully recovered from this tragedy. He died only five years later in 1927. The precious herd was dispersed, after 17 years of careful breeding. A local grain man carried this news to a gentleman named Robert Lippitt Knight. Here was a man who had a special love for old and rare breeds. He chose two stallions and four mares from the Phillips estate, and brought them to his Green Mountain Stock Farm in Randolph, Vermont. Later he added a few more mares to his herd. Most of the other Morgan owners were breeding their stock to horses of other breeds, trying to stay competitive with the changing wants and needs of the show ring as well as sale ability, fashion and trends. Knight had no worries about such things. He had his own mission and had no concerns for what others wanted or needed. His mind was on conservation of the original bloodlines. Twenty-five years later, Knight dispersed his entire herd of horses, including his favorite stallion Lippitt Ethan Ash, but he soon realized his mistake. He missed what the horses had brought to his life, and found himself buying back most all of the horses that he had sold.

When Knight died in 1962, the culmination of a lifetime of breeding was dispersed at auction. The crowd of old-time Morgan lovers was large in Randolph, Vermont, that day.

In 1971, a small group of people dedicated to the special and rare horses, got together to try to preserve this unique family of Morgans. They gave the name Lippitt Morgan to these horses in thanks to Robert Lippitt Knight's contribution.

The Lippitt is a distinct horse that has no recent out-crosses to other breeds, resulting in the highest percentage of the original blood available today. Therefore, Lippitts also possess more of the original type and qualities of their founder, Figure, otherwise known as Justin Morgan. They are celebrated for their versatility, willingness to please, disposition, type, and overall beauty that attracted Phillips, Knight and many of us as owners and breeders.

All Lippitts trace back, on every line of their pedigree to the following foundation horses:

STALLIONS

Croydon Prince
Rob Roy
Donald
Bob B.
Welcome
Sir Ethan Allen
Select
Bilirubin

5325 1890
4483 1893
5224 1904
5282 1905
5702 1907
6537 1909
7266 1921
7462 1925

MARES

Bonnie Jean
Polly Rogers
Lucille
Rose of Sutton
Bridget
Emily
Evelyn
Hippolyta
Nancy
Trilby
Susie
Lippitt Trixie
Croydon Mary
Jenny Woodbury
Lippitt Sally
Lucinne
Hannah

0340 1895
02109 1896
01547 1902
02232 1904
02852 1904
03026 1909
06841 1909
03222 1910
03553 1911
02532 1911
03786 1915
X04695 1916
02900 1916
03258 1917
04565 1918
04542 1918
03196 1919

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Membership entitles you to:

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* It offers **Registration Certificates** for your Lippitt Morgan. (Horses **MUST** be registered by the AMHA first).

* A **Membership Directory**, listing not only the members, but their Lippitts (including name, sire, dam, height, and color).

*National **Morgan Network Advertising**
an ad run each month throughout the year
offering horses for sale and stallions standing at
stud.

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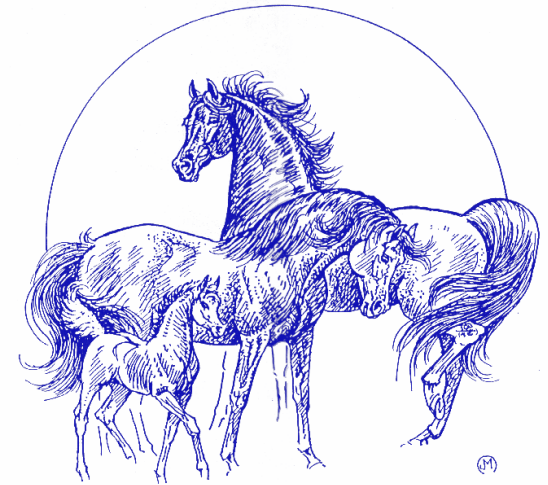
Figure

Early oil painting by Marsden

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