

STANTON STUD JAN - FM

ASH Reg: 1650

STANTON STUD JAN - FM is one of three Chan mares that have reached Foundation Mare status in the Australian Stock Horse Stud Book.

The most successful Chan mare is Terry Blake's influential mare ROSEBROOK CEDAR - FM, with STANTON STUD JAN - FM following closely behind and GLENGARRY ANN - FM the third mare in the trilogy. All the mares were bred on Glengarry Station and it is an amazing feat to consider that one sire from one stud was able to produce three of only 35 Foundation Mares.

STANTON STUD JAN - FM was born in 1965, which was a significant point in Glengarry Station history. Mr FW Croaker purchased Glengarry Station in 1919 and invited Mr JG (Jim) Callinan to manage it. A large Upper Hunter property covering 20,000 acres in hilly to mountainous country in the Wingen district of NSW, Glengarry ran 2,200 head of cattle and 13,000 sheep. The country and mustering opportunities were ideal for producing superior horses and JG (Jim) Callinan took pride in the fact that the men working on Glengarry always had good horses to ride. JG (Jim) Callinan was to remain as manager for 45 years up until his death in 1964. His son, Leo, came home to help his father when he became ill and continued on as manager until 1984 when he retired.

"When I came home to help Dad I was asked to take over as manager," recalls Leo. "We were shearing at the time and I said wait until the shearing is over and I will let you know my decision. I don't think I ever did say yes but I continued on for the next 20 years."

In this changeover period, Leo decided to sell some Chan fillies. "I remember I bought several Chan fillies from Leo," said Darryl Smith, "As a matter of fact, one was a full sister to the great Chan mare, GLENGARRY DINA. Jan was one of these fillies. I remember selling or trading Jan with John Stanton for a very good mare I got from him called STANTON STUD SELINA. It was this mare that kick started my polocrosse career so, at the time, it was the right thing to do."

John Stanton bred five foals from Jan and had her classified into the Stud Book under his prefix Stanton Stud. Four foals were by STANTON STUD CHANCE; they were STANTON STUD LIGHTFOOT and STANTON STUD JANE - FM, plus two foals that were foal recorded but never named and the fifth was a mare by STANTON STUD ALLMAN called STANTON STUD ALLBRIGHT. None of these foals appear to have progeny that continued on in the Australian Stock Horse Stud Book.

"STANTON STUD JAN - FM was a very athletic mare," said John Stanton, "I remember when they pulled the Macksville saleyards down and left the timber in large stacks, some 15 feet wide. My son, Tom, would head her at these stacks of wood and she would never balk or hesitate but would jump over them from any angle, she was a very, very athletic mare. Doug Knapton was looking for Chan mares," continued John, "and offered me very good money for the two I had at the time, one was Jan and the other was STANTON STUD CHARM so I kept the foals out of them and sold them empty, to Doug, who I understand was sourcing them for the Quidong Stud."

Looking at the breeding records of the Quidong Stud it is very interesting to see how many top line stallions they bred out of Chan mares. There was QUIDONG ABBA CHAN (61 foals), QUIDONG ABLE (70), QUIDONG CHANCELLOR (87), QUIDONG JAP (84), QUIDONG MY MY (16) and the stallion from STANTON STUD JAN - FM, QUIDONG BRIGADIER - IS (75).

QUIDONG BRIGADIER - IS was an outstanding performer winning numerous awards including Barastoc High Point Horse of the Year on three occasions. Unfortunately, this great performer's career was cut short when he died prematurely and still in his prime. However this horse was to launch STANTON STUD JAN - FM towards Foundation Mare status as, even in his brief stud career, he was able to produce some very good sire sons. These included INTREPID COMMANDER (24 foals), KIRKBYS MAJOR (87), KIRKBYS STUD WALLAROO (70), KIRKBYS STUD WARRIGAL (21) and MARKITA DOWNS APOLLO (34). He also sired the great mare KIRKBYS TONIC who was the dam of the super sire KIRKBYS STUD REMEDY (298 foals).

After producing this foal in 1979 no foals were registered again until she was purchased from a deceased estate by Mr HR Newell where two foals by QUIDONG CHINK were bred, NATIONAL CHARM who went on to be a successful show gelding and WEERONA WATCHIT who produced eight foals bred by the O'Kane and Newell Families.

STANTON STUD JAN - FM was by Chan, a brown horse just under 15 hands high. The white on his hind legs went nearly to his hocks, he had half moons of white on the outside of both fore coronets and a star on his forehead. He was a very showy horse like most of his progeny.

"I can remember Tom Scanlon and I leading Witzy to Quipolly with Chan on her as a very young foal," said John Scanlon, "there was a drought on and we were chasing some feed there."

Chan had three starts in campdrafts for a win in a maiden and a second in a novice, he competed in three hack classes for two wins and a second before being barred because he was a stallion, however, what looked like being a promising performance career was cut short by a piece of wood that staked his coronet on the

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			Black Bess	
	Witzy		Medlow	
			Part Arab Mare	
	Neita	Midnight		Unknown
				Unknown
		Shandee		Unknown
				Annette

near side hind. This injury kept recurring and stayed with him all his life.

Chan was bred by legendary horseman, Frank Scanlon, out of his great cattle mare, Witzzy. Frank and Jim Callinan were friends and Frank realised that Jim had always wanted a Radium horse so he gave his friend, Jim, the colt. Jim named him Chan after a detective serial that was on the radio at the time.

Leo Callinan said, "FB Haydon was riding with Dad one day and Dad said to FB, "I've been listening to a serial about a very smart chap, a Chinese detective called Charlie Chan. I think that colt of mine is going to be just as smart so I'm going to call him Chan".

Chan was born in 1945 and was by Radium. He was one of the last foals Radium sired as Radium was 26 years old when Chan was born, Radium having been born in 1918. It is interesting that both these sires were born at the end of the two great wars. Radium was by Cecil who was born in 1889 which made him 28 when he sired Radium. Many people consider Radium is the best son of Cecil and many consider Chan the best son of Radium which refutes the old adage, for all time, that old horses can't get good progeny.

Witzzy, the dam of Chan, was by Medlow. This horse was highly regarded and there were many good horses by him. A point of interest is that four of Radium's most successful sire sons were out of Medlow mares. They were Chan, Rayon, Radiums Call and Radiums Echo. It is also interesting to note that Mountaineer, the sire of Medlow, is by Rocklight who is by Glenrock who also appears in Cecil's pedigree on Chan's sire side as the sire of Meretha II. Witzzy was out of a Part Arab Mare, breeding unknown. It is probably this dash of Arab on the dam's side linked with the Arab in Cecil's pedigree that gives the Chan horses their most distinctive characteristics; the swan neck, the beautiful headset and the incredible fronts.

Chan was truly a sire as he stamped his progeny very consistently with these traits.

STANTON STUD JAN - FM was out of a mare called Neita. "I remember this mare Neita," said Leo Callinan, "as a very good station mare. However, I can't ever recall us taking her out to any sports days. She was by a Haydon sire called Midnight. There was only one property between Glengarry and Bloomfield, the home of the famous Haydon horses, and many of the Glengarry mares were by Haydon sires as Dad and FB Haydon were good friends. Around the late 1920s we used not only Midnight but the Haydon sires Starlight and Moonlight. During a storm on Glengarry, Midnight and a mare we called the Kennilworth mare were struck by lightning - we found them in the paddock head to head."

"Neita was out of Shandee," continues Leo, "who was out of Annette. From memory Dad bought Annette when she was quite old from a well known polo player of that time called Mawson Tindall."

STANTON STUD JAN - FM carried the breeding of some very successful families that were highly regarded over a long period of time. The families she represented were cattle horses, work horses, show horses, polo ponies and polocrosse ponies. Today her descendants excel in the same incredible diversity of activities. They are the breeds that coined the phrase, "The Australian Stock Horse - The breed for every need." 🐾



Cecil



Radium



KIRKBYS MAJOR



QUIDONG BRIGADIER