



Foundation Mare Garthowen Miss Rivoli

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Rivoli
Rivoli Gift
Gullation
Repatee
Lady Babbie
Sedation
Unknown Dam

GARTHOWEN MISS RIVOLI - 4263

Thoroughbred Mare

One of the most influential broodmares in The Australian Stock Horse Society is a mare of thoroughbred breeding, GARTHOWEN MISS RIVOLI. Purchased from the W A Trot Estate in Queensland, the Wiseman Family of Attunga bought her, sight unseen, on the recommendations of a friend, John Cameron.

Bob Grace had been campdrafting the mare successfully in Queensland when it was decided to sell her to wind up the Trot Estate. The Trot brand was clearly distinguishable on her near side thigh and she was numbered which meant her origin and date of birth could be verified. Just prior to coming to Tamworth, she was reported to have won an Easter Campdraft at Warwick.

The mare came to the Tamworth District where the Wiseman Family competed her as an Open Campdraft mare. She won Lightweight Stock Horse classes and ribbons in campdrafting but a shoulder injury turned their minds from competing to breeding which was a lucky break for Australian Stock Horse breeders as now approximately 2000 horses in The Australian Stock Horse Society are descended from her.

Lex Wiseman tells me that GARTHOWEN MISS RIVOLI had six foals all by the same horse, Charlie Quelch's PETER. PETER was by Dimray from Why Not, both top rodeo and show horses of their day.

Three of these progeny were registered by The Australian Stock Horse Society - in 1967 RIVOLI RAY, 1969 GARTHOWEN WHYNOT and in 1973 REGAL RIVOLI.

It is interesting to note that REGAL RIVOLI is still alive aged 26 years and in 1997 won the Hunter View Stud Most Successful Sire Trophy at the Eastern Branch Show and The Alex Wiseman Trophy at the New South Wales Championships for The Sires Progeny Point Score at Dubbo.

Her son the great RIVOLI RAY needs no introduction and other than the immortal ABBEY, has been our greatest influence in the 1980's. The other two foals out of GARTHOWEN MISS RIVOLI were also not registered. RIVOLI RAY as a yearling colt was seen by a family friend of the Wiseman Family, Jack Cutmore. Jack mentioned the colt to Barry Law and they purchased him for \$400. It is true to say that in the early days of the Society,

RIVOLI RAY was the most prolific winner of Led and Working classes in the showing.

The mare GARTHOWEN WHYNOT only had one start in her life at Bunnan and with a score of 94, won the Maiden and Novice Campdraft. Jack Palmer had taken the mare to the campdraft, but on this occasion was ridden by Bob Palmer. Unfortunately after this promising start she was crippled.

Another foal mentioned in Australian Stock Horse files is

Sunshine, a gelding who managed to sire two foals on an escape adventure from his paddock.

It is pleasing to see that the Garthowen prefix is still alive and well with Lex Wiseman breeding approximately six foals a year on his 2000 acre crop, sheep and cattle property at Attunga where the horses still do the work.



Annette Law on RIVOLI RAY - an outstanding show horse and sire.



GARTHOWEN REGAL RIVOLI still alive and well - another successful sire son.