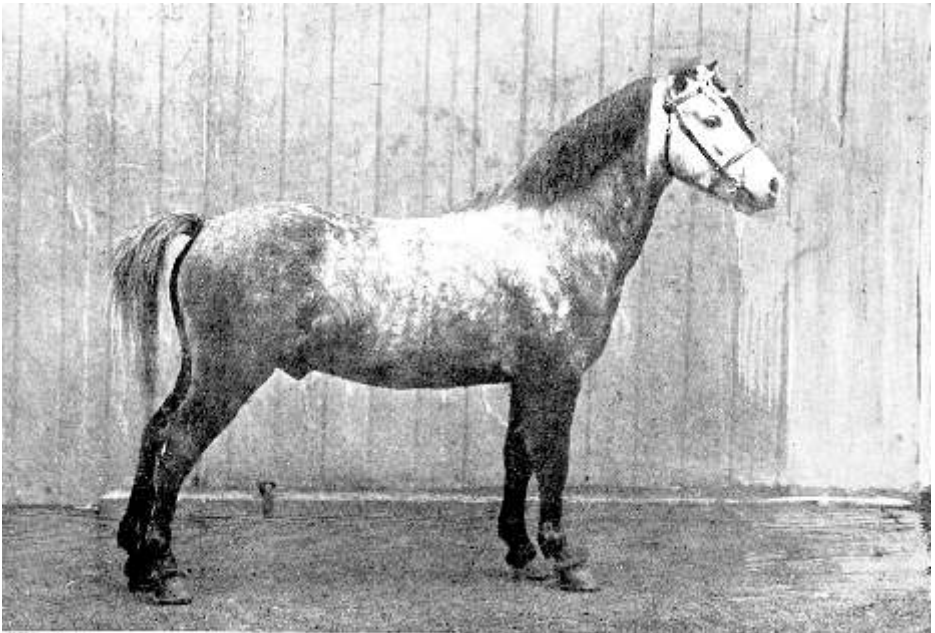


FOREST PONIES 1915

The Late Dr Wynne Davies had been kind enough to comment as follows on what he was able to tell me about the Forest Stud: “William Stevenson Miller died on 17th July, 1928, and his three daughters did not keep ponies nor were records ever kept. I took a photo of his gravestone which is in One Hundred Glorious Years (OHGY) p12. His last ponies were sold at Brecon Market in 1925. Forest Fireboy f1914 was bred at Tanyrallt where my sister and brother-in-law lived for 40 years and now my nephew and his family live there. It was my father who usually showed Tanyrallt Fireboy (sire) for D R Thomas and they won at the London Hackney championships twice and once reserve champion. His dam, Berry Hill, was 4 times London champion, 1910 to 1913. Forest Lady Star was sired by Bledfa Shooting Star at the time (1913 and 1914) when he was lent to Llwyncadfor by Sir Walter Gilbey. Sir Walter died in 1915 and Bledfa Shooting Star was sold to Mrs Harriett Greene of the Grove Stud where he stayed until he died.”



Bledfa Shooting Star (see also p30)

Mr W S Miller was judge at the Welsh National Show in 1906 and served two terms as Vice President of the Society, in 1905/6 and again in 1909/10. He represented Breconshire as Member of Council for many years and was a member of the Editing Committee of the Stud Book. He was also an

Inspection Judge. It was obvious in reading the minutes of the Annual General meetings of the Society, that he was a very active member of Council. In the early years of the Society, to be accepted for entry in the Stud Book, all Mare and Stallion applications had to be signed by an Inspection Judge and in addition, Stallions had to be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon. The purpose of this was to ensure that, in terms of Rule 10, no animal suffered from any hereditary unsoundness.

The Forest Stud was certainly a Stud to be reckoned with. In the first two Indexes to the Welsh Stud Books, of the 918 Stallions registered, 95 had the Forest prefix whilst there were 621 Forest Mares registered. During the 27 years spanning 1889 to 1925, a total of 716 Forest Welsh Ponies and Cobs were registered. The first mare mentioned was Forest Nancy (Grand Express x Welsh Mountain Pony) foaled in 1889 whilst in 1922 the last 5 Mares were foaled which included Forest Black Style (Forest Black Lad x Forest Bright Style), but more of her later. During this period the first stallion mentioned is Forest Klondyke (Young Messenger x Lady Eiddwen) with the last stallion being Forest Dun Dandy (Forest Swell Sam x Forest Dun Day) the breeder as being recorded in 1925 as Estate Late W S Miller.

In Volume XVI (1917) of the Welsh Stud Book under 'Export Transfers 1915 – 16', the Importer is shown as Edward Neville Griffin of Dargle, Natal who imported **Forest Fireboy 857** Male f1914 Bay 11-1½hh Breeder shown as D R Thomas, Tanyrallt Pony Stud, Talybont, Cards, but owned by W S Miller at the time of export. Fireboy's Sire was Tanyrallt Fireboy 377, Bay 13-2hh and Dam: 3554 Berry Hill Smart, Bay 12-3½hh. In the same volume he is shown as having imported **5542 Forest Lady Star**, Female f1914 Brown, thin Blaze over nose, white near hind fetlock and little brown on heel 11-2hh, with Sire being Bledfa Shooting Star 73, Grey 11-2½hh and Dam as 4891 Forest Merit, Chestnut 11-2hh by Forest Mountain Model 300, dark chestnut 12-0hh with the Breeder being W S Miller, Forest Lodge, South Wales. These imports into South Africa must have been quite an achievement if one considers that this was in the middle of the First World War 1914 – 18.

It is doubted whether any of our present Welsh Mountain ponies do not have at least a sprinkling of the blood of Forest ponies in their veins. The following imported ponies have Forest ancestors in their pedigrees: Those who have a Forest pony as Great-Great-Grand-Parent are Twyford Splendour, Vanog Lookout, Revel Society, Clan Belle, Criban Dun Bee, Forge Garnet, Mountain Silver, Revel Nun, Revel Siesta, Roddaston Honey IIU and Tydi Misty. Those who have a Great-Grand-Parent are Clan Berry and Revel Silver Spray.



Revel Black Style

And in fact, Revel Black Style (f1936), imported by Mrs Rose Lasbrey of the Badgemore Stud in 1948 was by Revel Chief out of Forest Black Style (f1922 Stud Book Vol XXV) (mentioned earlier) who in turn was by Forest Black Lad out of Forest Bright Style. In South Africa Revel Black Style had 4 foals, all by Coed Coch Seryddwr: Badgemore Belle 1951, Badgemore Boxer 1952, Badgemore Bambi 1957 and Badgemore Bonnet 1958. Revel Black Style had 5 foals whilst in the UK: Revel Day Dream by Revel Chief in 1939, Revel Cream by Revel Atom Swell in 1943, Revel Darkie by Criban Grey Grit in 1945, Revel Bomber by Revel Blue Bird in 1947 and Revel Brilliant Style by Revel Chief in 1948. This last colt was imported to SA at foot with his dam; however, he was gelded and sold to Lady Albu in Johannesburg for £65.

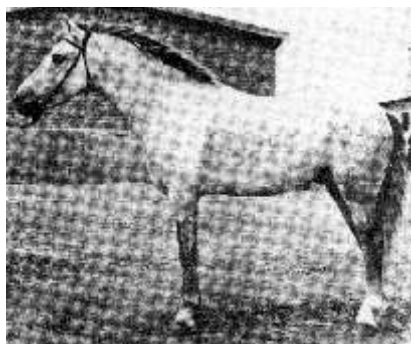
There are most probably more South African ponies with Forest blood in earlier generations because many of our ponies have in their pedigrees Criban Chief or Cwm Cream of Epynt who are both out of Forest ponies.

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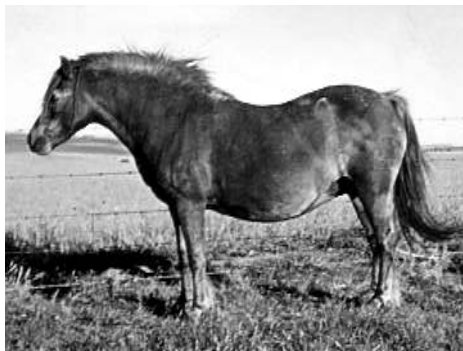
In one of Dr Wynne's communications on the Forest ponies, he mentions that after his father died, he found an envelope with the tail hairs of Tanyrallt Fireboy, who as mentioned above, his father showed In-hand, indicating that he must have thought a lot of this stallion.



Badgemore Bambi



Badgemore Boxer



Badgemore Belle



Badgemore Bonnet with Revel Black Style

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Life without horses is like taking a breath without air

*Be as gentle as possible, but as firm as necessary, When you're firm,
don't get mean or mad; when you're gentle, don't act like a sissy*

*You see a horse with your Eyes
But... you feel a horse with your Soul*

*All bonds are built on trust
Without it, you have nothing*