

PENYGOROF STUD VANOG LOOKOUT

William Douglas Morris of 1 Garden Road, Orchards, Johannesburg, whose other history is unknown, on the apparent desire of wanting to import a Welsh pony stallion, joined the South African Society in 1964.

He bought the Welsh Mountain pony stallion Vanog Lookout from James Morgan of Penygorof farm, Swansea, Wales, with the export certificate being dated 27th June, 1964. Vanog Lookout 2604, a light grey 11.3hh stallion, was foaled in 1956 by Dyrin Twrog out of Eppynt Kate. He sired three ponies in the UK: Rhydwillim Duchess, a dark grey filly was foaled in 1962 although her dam is not identified; Cobwebs Bronwen, a dun filly was foaled in 1964, out of the Foundation Stock mare Blaenfirnant Brownie FS; and Seren O'r Gors, a dark grey colt was foaled in 1966 out of Nans O'r Gors.



Vanog Lookout at a show in the UK in 1963

William Morris did not use Lookout in any breeding programme and there are no progeny bearing the Penygorof prefix, this stud name obviously coming from the farm name where Lookout was foaled.

At the 1965 Rand Easter Show in the Open Stallion class, Lookout was champion Welsh Pony stallion. Shortly thereafter he was advertised for stud purposes at a fee of 25 guineas (R52,50) but there does not appear to have been any takers because no foals were registered/recorded being by him during this period.

At the 1966 Rand Easter Show judged by Nell Pennell, again in the open pony stallion class, he was placed third; the first placing was Valiant, a Section B, second was Jamani Blue Kerrid, a part-bred with Vanog Lookout, a Section A, third.

Towards the end of 1965 a notice read 'Mr W D Morris wishes to sell his Imported Section A Chestnut (*ed ??*) Stallion, Vanog Lookout 2604, 11.2 hands and standing at Major G Ivanowski's Kyalami Stud in Sandton. Price R800.00'

Early in 1966 a further announcement signifies that Vanog Lookout had been sold by Mr W D Morris to Miss P Newton of Wrekin Stud, Kendal, Westminister, Orange Free State.

I cannot find out anything further about William Morris. He arrived on the Welsh pony scene in 1964 and two years later disappeared as mysteriously as he appeared. This article has a sequel – see Wrekin Stud on page 90.

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Patience is the first lesson you should teach your horse. So many people skip this step ~ Gaven Chaplin

You can never rely on a horse that is educated by fear! There will always be something that he fears more than you. But, when he trusts you, he will ask you what to do when he is afraid ~ Antoine du Pluvinel (1555 – 1620)

Never in history has a troubled horse been fixed by pulling on two reins ~ Buck Brannaman