DR HERBERT KEETING ROBERTS M.R.C.V.S

Herbert Keeling Roberts qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in London on 16 December, 1903. After a short stint in the UK, he joined the Veterinary Department of the Orange River Colony Government in Bloemfontein as a Veterinary Bacteriologist on 15 November, 1907.

Although John Kenyon Hill (p118) had left Bloemfontein by then, Dr Herbert Roberts must surely have known the other owners of Welsh cobs in the Bloemfontein area; Basil John Holmes (p148), Archibald Wright (p133) and H Soggers (p132), and possibly also Andrew Kiddie in Kimberley (p157).

The following year, in 1908 he joined the Welsh Pony and Cob Society in the UK, the reason for which is not clear because no registered Welsh ponies or cobs were entered in his name. He was a member from 1908 until 1938 with only one year, 1919, having been skipped. It must be for this reason that his joining date in the records was adjusted from 1908 to 1910.

On his return to the UK in 1912 he was first resident in Langherne, Bexley Heath, Kent. In 1917, the one and only registered Welsh Pony of Cob Type, a Bay 13.3hh 6 y-o mare, 5667 Longmynd Doris was entered in his name as recorded in Volume XVI (p97).

*5667 LONGMYND DORIS

H. KEETING ROBERTS,

Langherne, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Bay, black points. Foaled 1911. Height 13-3.

Breeder, Unknown.

Sire, Unknown.

Dam, Unknown.

*No Breeder's signature.

In 1922 he moved to Vet, Establishment, Sandford Peverel, Tiverton. He died in 1962.

Once a horse allows you inside his heart, he'll show you what's inside yours ~ Mark Allen Keyser