



CENTURY PARTNERS PROJECT



MARJORIE LACY & UPHILL SAND'N SABLE

When it was casually mentioned to me that the buckskin mare, Uphill Sand'N Sable 1993-1226, (aka Betty Buckskin) owned by Marjorie Lacy, had reached her 25th birthday in April, I quickly decided that was all the information I needed regarding age! Now, having completed sufficient math, I hereby nominate Marjorie, Editor/Publisher of the excellent magazine *Walking Horse News*, to a chair in the exclusive CRTWH group known as "Century Partners". To qualify for this coveted membership, the combined age of the Walking Horse and its owner must equal 100 years or more.

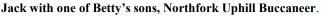
After going through a cardboard box from our storage room containing about 'one hundred' past copies of *Walking Horse News*, I found the May/July 1985 edition. It was seven yellow sheets, 8 ½ by 11, typewritten by Marjorie and reproduced on a Gestetner. (No photocopying or desktop publishing back then!) In it was a reference to the very first issue, dated May 1977, and mailed in June of that year.

In my humble opinion this magazine - Walking Horse News - has been a major contributor to the acceptance and enjoyment of Walking Horses in Canada.

So now, Marjorie, take a few minutes, tie Sand'N Sable to the hitching rail, and come in and sit down with the rest of us Century Partners. Oh, and just let me put a cushion on that chair for you...

Remember, Ride with Comfort and Pride on a Tennessee Walking Horse.

Nomination by Jack Gurnett







Betty Buckskin & I by Marjorie Lacy

Thank you for nominating us, Jack. It's interesting that Betty is the Walker to reach the coveted title of CRTWH Century Partners with me. She was born (about ten days earlier than I'd expected) while I was away at the 1993 Canadian Registry's Annual General Meeting! But this story and partnership started long before Betty was born.

My fascination with Walkers began before I ever saw one in the flesh. I spent hours in the Edmonton library in the sixties reading everything they had on horses, and the descriptions of this easy gaited, easy going, Tennessee breed sounded so appealing. But try to find one in Alberta – or in Canada – at that time!

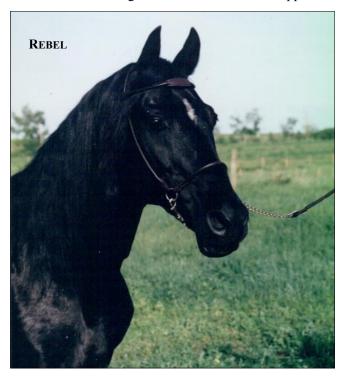
I pored over the classifieds and found Calvin Miller's Double Diamond Ranch ads in Western Horseman magazine. Hmm... Rhame, North Dakota - Not *that* far away... I sent for his catalog of horses for sale, and read the write-ups wistfully. There was a trained mare bred to Sun's Merry Man for sale in the 1968 - 69 catalogue that caught my interest. But life was busy, time slipped by and we didn't make it down to the Double Diamond Ranch. In the meantime, someone else bought the mare.

We moved from Edmonton to Hinton in 1971. I continued searching all the local classified ads for Walkers and in 1974 I came across an ad in The Western Producer for two palomino TWH mares for sale near Rimbey, Alberta. It must have been fate...

The 14 year old was the same mare I'd liked in Miller's catalogue and the three year old was her Merry Man daughter!

Those two were our first purebred registered Tennessee Walking Horses – Major's Gold Lady and Lady's Merry Mist, and they were the start of our "Blondie family". They are Betty's second and third dams (Maternal Grandma and Great Grandma in human terms.) The first filly we raised in 1977 was Uphill Arnica (aka Sawdust) also palomino, from Misty by Prince Radar, a TWH stallion we discovered at Bob & Edna Lamport's farm near Vermillion, AB.

And Betty (Uphill Sand'N Sable) is *her* daughter by Honey Boy's Rebel, the little black stallion we bought from dog trainer John Gardner who brought him up to Canada from the Matagorda Plantation in Mississippi.



So Betty is now 25 years old and the fourth generation of this family of Walkers that we've owned. She followed the family tradition of a golden coat, (going back to Trigger Jr.) but with black points instead of flaxen. Her buckskin coat was a shock to me - I'd never expected to get buckskin from a black and a palomino. (This was in 1993 before we had all become much more sophisticated in our knowledge of colour.) I thought she was just a bay with a very light foal coat as a baby! But no, she turned out to be a true buckskin and has passed on her colour to four of her seven foals, despite their sires being chestnut, black and palomino.

Betty was started but her training was never completed. She had a foal the following year, the chestnut filly Uphill Ace's Meg, and we just never got around to it

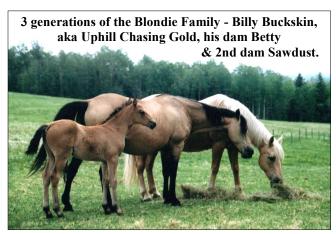


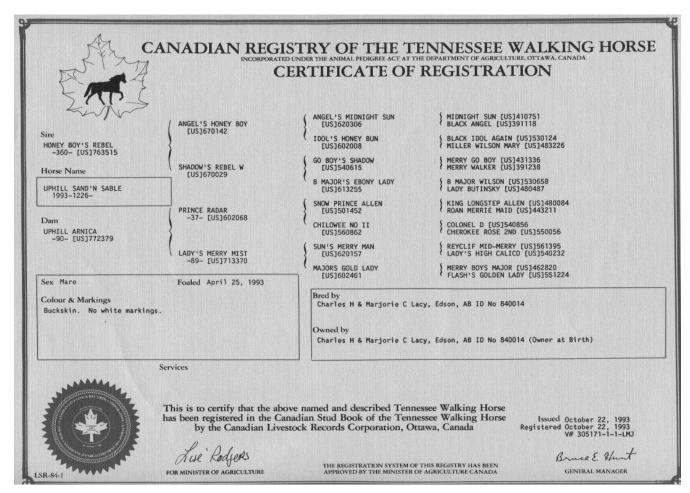
after that. Instead she has produced some very nice offspring, and I now have two of her daughters in the herd: Uphill Star who took after her sire, Walkien Jesse Skywalker, and Uphill Heiress who is the image of her mother.

Betty has an old time pedigree with old Western U.S. lines from her dam and old Southern U.S. lines from her sire, with nine pre 1950's numbers on her papers. So with the help of Dianne Little and Bill Roy she was video'd in hand and accepted by the Heritage Society. She also achieved Bronze in the Program For Excellence - and the reason she never went further has more to do with my shortcomings than hers!

Betty has always been gentle and easy to handle. Even when she ran a stick into her thigh she put up with the painful probing and daily cold water rinses patiently, and never offered to kick. Nowadays she has a bad hip and is limping noticeably, but takes her daily "arthritis pill" willingly.

I've been very fortunate to have this lovely mare and her family for so many years. I hope Betty has more good years ahead. She has a home here for as long as she lives, she and her daughters, and maybe even some granddaughters in the future... M. Lacy





UPHILL Sand'N Sable (aka BETTY) with her dam,

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Uphill Arnica (aka Sawdust) at a day or so old.



UPHILL Sand'N Sable (aka BETTY Buckskin) at several weeks old.

with her dam
on the lawn
in front of the house

Betty Buckskin's Offspring



Uphill Ace's Meg by Kihn's Ace

Lady by Chance (above) by Darkie's Last Chance



Ms Starbuck

(above)

by Nugget's Summer Sun

Uphill Star (left)
Walkien Jesse Starwalker

