

Beauty for Ashes

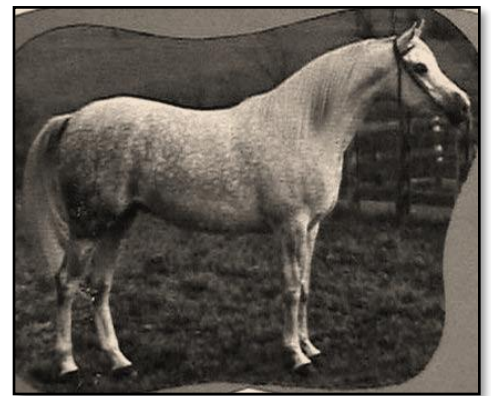
The Story of an Arabian Mare



Sometimes it is from the ashes of our lives that some of the most beautiful things happen. Such was the case with the mare, **Bint Helwa** (Aziz x Helwa). Her dam, Helwa, was the granddaughter of the fabled Zobeyni and Ghazieh. Ghazieh was one of Abbas Pasha's beloved Saqlawi Jidran of Ibn Sudan mares and had been selected from among the Bedouin tribes for Abbas Pasha. She was bred to the Saqlawi stallion, Zobeyni, to produce the mare, Horra who was acquired by Ali Pasha Sherif for his stud. Horra, in turn, was bred to Ali Pasha's stallion, Shueyman, resulting in the mare,

Helwa. And Helwa was later bred to Ali Pasha Sherif's stallion, Aziz, to produce Bint Helwa. Lady Anne Blunt had established her Sheykh Obeyd Stud in Egypt, and at the time of the dispersal of Ali Pasha Sherif's herd she was able to acquire Bint Helwa with her filly, Ghazala, at side. Sometime later Bint Helwa was sent to Crabbet Stud in England. Not long after her arrival she was running with a group of mares and as they rushed through a fenced area Bint Helwa was severely injured breaking both front legs. Somehow she managed to survive the accident. A special sling was made and in time she recovered, but remained crippled the rest of her life and was referred to thereafter as the "broken legged mare."

When she was taken to England, her filly, Ghazala, remained in Egypt. In England Bint Helwa produced two daughters and a son who would breed forward into modern times, all of them Straight Egyptian: her daughters, Hamasa (x Mesaoud) and Hilmyeh (x Ahmar) and her son, Harb (x Mesaoud). Harb bred forward primarily through his son Rodan (x Rose of Sharon). The daughters bred forward as well. For purposes of this case study, it was through her daughter, Hamasa, that the 1959 U.S. National Champion Stallion, Synbad, descended. In that same year, another descendant through the same mare family was named U.S. National Champion Mare (Lallegra). Synbad was bred to Lallegra to produce the stallion, Cedardell Heritage, who was later bred to yet another female descendant (Silk N Satin) to produce the lovely **Cedardell Cameo** who produced her own dynasty when bred back into Egyptian lines.





Meanwhile, back in Egypt, her first filly, **Ghazala**, would also establish her own dynasty, bringing into existence many of the forebearers of the very best in Straight Egyptian bloodlines today: Mahdia (maternal granddam of Hanan), Alaa El Din, Anter, Zaaфарana and her daughters Ansata Bint Zaaфарana and El Ameera (tail female ancestress of The Vision HG), Mahfouza (granddam of Magidaa and dam of Hafiza), Maisa (dam of Bint Maisa El Saghira), the Queen of the Nile herself – Moniet El Nefous, the lovely Bukra, Om El

Saad (granddam of U.S. National Champion, Serenity Sonbolah), Futna (granddam of Deenaa), and many, many more. Ghazala was later sold and exported to the U.S. by Spencer Borden. Here in the U.S. her only Straight Egyptian offspring was the mare, Gulnare (x Rodan), who was bred to Astraled to produce the Straight Egyptian, Gulastra who, in turn, was bred to the Egyptian import Aziza, to produce Julep, a stallion who was very underutilized in his younger years, but who, in his later years, produced several outstanding offspring, including Synbad++ and his full sister, High Fashion++, U.S. National Champion mare in 1964 and U.S. Top Ten Park Horse in 1965.

So, things came full circle, for the broken-legged mare, Bint Helwa. Through her descendants she was given the promised “beauty for ashes, the oil of joy and the garment of praise.”

Ghazieh (desert bred)

Horra (x Zobeyni)

Helwa (x Shueyman)

Bint Helwa (x Aziz)

Ghazala (x Ibn Sherara)

Radia (x Feysul)

Bint Radia (x Mabrouk Manial)

Hamdan (x Ibn Rabdan)

Sire of Anter (x Obeya), Mahfouza (x El Mahroussa), Hafiza (x Mahfouza)

Samira (x Ibn Rabdan)

Dam of Zaaфарana, dam of Ansata Bint Zaaфарana, Talal, Amrulla, El Ameera

Shahloul (x Ibn Rabdan)

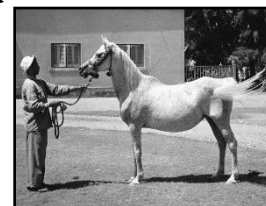
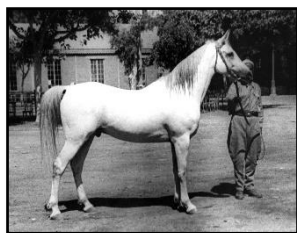
Sire of Maisa, Moniet El Nefous, Om El Saad (granddam of Serenity Sonbolah), Futna, Bukra, El Sareei, Mashhour, Kateefa (dam of Alaa El Din)

Hamasa (x Mesaoud)

Hazna (x Razaz)

Ghazayat (x Rehal)

Yatana (x Farana)



Fa-Rahna (x Fadl)

Sahra Su (x Indraff)

Synbad (x Julep)

Bint Abu (x Abou)

Lallegra (x Imaraff)

Cedardell Heritage (x **Synbad**)

Mahroussa (x Imaraff)

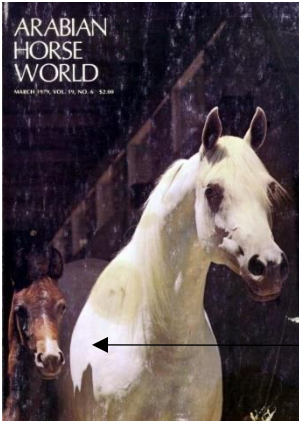
Silk N Satin (x Handeyraff)

← **Cedardell Cameo** (x Cedardell Heritage)

Cameos Joy (x Amaal)

← Cameos Jewel (x Ansata Ibn Halima)

Rose of Cameo (x Ansata Ibn Halima)



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