

Those magnificent classic winner producing mares

Vanquish / Gianella / Pearlchild

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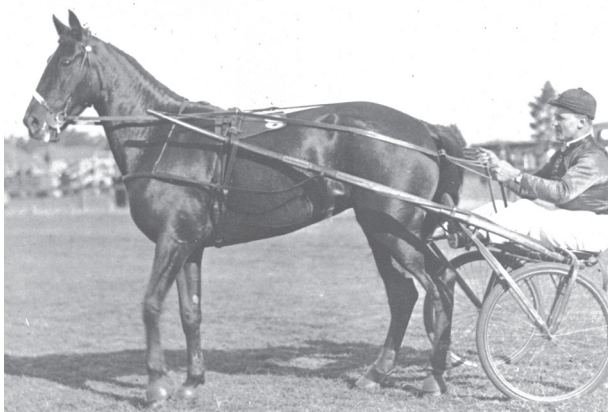
The second in a series of articles reviewing multiple classic producing broodmares with five or more offspring in results information as shown on the Classic Families (CF) database. A number of these mares won classic races became the dams of classic winners/progeny and contributed to the genetic inheritance of numerous outstanding performers.

Vanquish (1900 Vanclave/Victress), USA family of Agnes by John Nelson; 2:25.0; \$364; five wins; 11 foals, seven winners. Breeder : John Buckland, Australia. All of Vanquish's foals were bred by Mrs. M. Duncan, Christchurch.

Vanquish was born in Australia before being exported to NZ. Her sire Vanclave (Harold) was imported to NZ by Robert Wilkin spending three years here then leased to Andrew Town, Hobartville Stud and ultimately purchased by JA (John) Buckland of Wonbobbie Stud in NSW. The first to sire 100 winners (101) in Australia, Vanclave produced his greatest son trotter Fritz (T2:13.0TT) and his full brothers Frederick/Franz, Durbar (NZ Cup), Billy Wilson/Van Dieman (AK Cup), Quincey/Sir Joe (Dominion Hcp) and was damsire of Whiisht (Rowe Cup/Dominion Hcp). Classic Families shows that sixty of his daughters produced classic winning maternal families with the best maternal line being that of Verity (notably through Pearlchild and Pansey).

Vanquish's dam Victress, was exported to Australia from North America. Descendants tracing back to Victress include Aerial Bingen (Rowe Cup) and in more recent times, Victorian breeders Helen and the late Graham Head bred Safari (½m Ballarat Cup), Gemfire (Tatlow Memorial) and her gelded son Garnet River (TAS Derby).

Vanquish won her first four starts in the 1900/01 season and



"The First Lady" - Worthy Queen in 1934 with Jack Shaw.

retired the winner of five races in the one season. Her progeny included: Queen Chimes (Coldstream Bells) a three-year-old winner at Addington including the Champion Stakes. Queen Chimes was Vanquish's most successful filly who left Worthy Chimes, sixth dam of champion pacer Smoken Up (\$3.6m, 1:48.5 first pacer under 1:50 in Australasia, 14 Gp1's including 4 SA Cups and Len Smith Mile's, 2 Miracle Miles) and dam of wonderful trotter Worthy Queen (T2:03.6TT, holder of NZ Trotters' mile record for 28 years — set in April 1934 at Addington).

Extensive families tracing back to Vanquish were established through Worthy Chimes (Schnapper/ Flem N Em 1:49.2US, Tower of Strength etc.) and Worthy Queen. Interestingly, several pacers descend from Worthy Queen including 1980 Ladyship Mile winner Teen Queen and Worthy Chief (Wanganui/Otaki Cups, FJ Smith Memorial). Her trotting descendants include Waikare Gold (Chris Howe Cup), her foals Waikare Aristocrat (SA Trotters Derby) and Waikare Patricia (VIC Platinum Series) together with sire King Scott (63 winners roughly 50/50 pacing/trotting and damsire of Ritch Hill - Rowe Cup, Game Countess, NZ Trotting Stakes - 2).

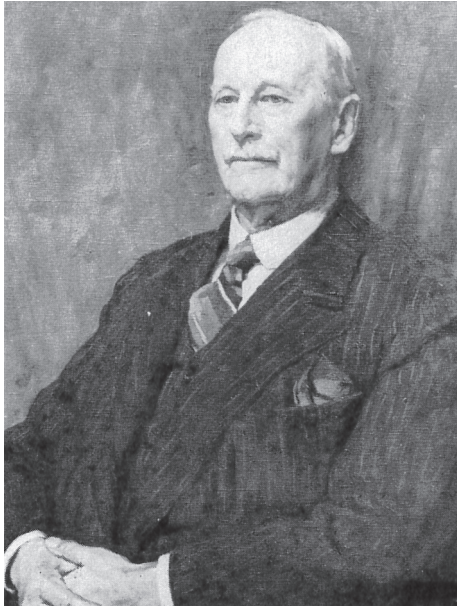
Runaway Girl produced Rex Wilkes, sire of 43 winners. Van Tromp won Greymouth Futurity - 2T before his export to Australia where his 23 winners included Maori Speed (WA Pacing Cup), a successful minor sire who to Footprint left a filly Princess Speed, the third dam of Reichmann (Miracle Mile). Marie Narelle, won several races at Addington, New Brighton and Forbury Park foaling Marie Tempest (Greymouth Cup) and Paul Dufault (New Brighton Hcp). Additionally, Victor Wilkes was a minor sire (14 winners) with Florence La Badie (bred on),

Galvanita and Kawhaki being minor winners.

Gianella(1907 Quincey/Queen V), NZ family of Harolds Rest; 2:13.0; \$2,342, 6 wins; 13 foals, 8 winners. Breeder of Gianella and her foals was H.F. (Harry) Nicoll, Ashburton, President Ashburton TC 1906–1955 (succeeded by his son Arthur (A.J.) 1955–1964) and President of NZ Trotting Conference 1922–1947 (Arthur Nicoll 1965–1969).

Gianella's sire, Quincey, was by Vanclave (refer Vanquish). As a fourteen-year-old, Quincey, deadheaded with Clive in the 1911 Dominion Hcp, establishing a two-mile stallions' record of 4:37.4. He finished third in 1913 to Michael Galindo. Quincey was the sire of Kingcraft (3rd dam, Norice), NZ Cup heat winner and second to Harold Logan in 1931 final. Quincey proved a fair sire with 25 winners

Dam Queen V won a NZ Hcp at Addington's Easter Meeting. The daughter of Berlin horse Kentucky, she was from a leading NZ



Harry F Nicoll,
president
1905-1955.

foundation mare in Harolds Rest. Harolds Rest was by King Harold from imported Childe Harold, a son of Harold from a Mambrino Chief mare.

Gianella won her first two starts as a three-year-old in the 1910/11 season which in total produced four wins including 2 at Forbury Park (FPTC Presidents Hcp). She recorded 1 win at Addington as a four-year-old, placed as a five-year-old with her final win coming at Addington (Metropolitan Hcp) as a six-year-old in the 1913/14 season.

Gianella's progeny included winners : Latona (Sapling Stakes), St Anthony (NZ Sires Produce - 3T at Forbury) and Wakanui (Thames Pacing Cup at Parawai Racecourse). Fillies, Lingfield (Winton and Gore Cups) was not bred, while Lorelei, the unraced dam of Gallant Ruth (winner), who bred on leaving Red Jenny, a winner of several Harold Park trotting FFA's in early 1960's and, lastly, Loris. Loris was unraced leaving Excellenza, a trotter who won Christchurch/Winter Hcps plus NSW Summer Trotters Cup and was fourth dam of Early Striker (2002 Bernie McClure Memorial Trot, Strathalbyn); Loris was also dam of Highland Sport (Wayamba Bunbury Cup) and grand dam of Sir Lektor (Fremantle/ Northam Cups, WA Marathon Hcp).

Gianella's top producer was Nell Pointer, a winner of the Lightning Hcp at Addington. Her leading performer was Tempest whose feature wins included GN Derby, Methven Cup, Forbury Hcp, Henry Mace Memorial, Ollivier FFA, 2 WA Easter Hcps. She was one of the first 100 NZ horses in 2:10 (2:09.0)). Nell Pointer was dam of Nella Dillon (Te Aroha Cup); Grand Canyon (Taranaki/Waikato Cups, Forbury Hcp); Golden Pointer, unraced dam of Barravey who won several feature trots at Addington.

Santa Fe, another winner from Nell Pointer, left Fitness whose wins included FJ Smith Memorial, was dam of Fitment (CF Mark Memorial, Louissou Hcps) and Lady Morris. Fitness's major success came from her Scottish Star filly, Star Petite, which leads to the Birdie family. Descendants from this family over the past forty years have included Dillon Dean (NZSS -3, NZ Derby, NZFFA, Messenger), Dillon Dale (NZ C/S - 2, NZFFA), Elmer Gantry (2 x NZ

Mile, Addington, Taylor Mile), Two Under, Hero, Hei Shangri La (VIC SS -2c), Total Defiance (WA Easter Cup) and Elusive Chick (Jewels Diamond 4m). Birdie's sister's families bred and her brothers were also successful, Royal Forbes (intermediate trotter), Wayward Willie (Cambridge Cup), Hello Birdie (Hawera/Manawatu Cups).

Pearlchild (1908 Rothschild/Verity), Australian family of Verity; 2:19.7; \$2,102, six wins; 12 foals, 10 winners. Breeder of Pearlchild and all her foals except a Wrack colt (Durbar Lodge Limited) was Harry (H.F) Nicoll, Ashburton.

The sire of Pearlchild, Rothschild, who was colonially bred came from well-bred imported American parents (Childe Harold/Belle Briggs). With his full brother Osterley, they left an indelible mark on the breed in Australasia. Lord Byron (Rothschild) was born in NSW, coming to NZ as a four-year-old, he was renamed Rothschild to avoid confusion with a Clydesdale stallion named Lord Byron. The great Rothschild had an undistinguished racetrack career but in the breeding barn he was leading stallion of his era. His pedigree appears deep in many of today's champions. Among his 318 winners were Albert H/Belmont M/Ravenschild (NZ Cup), Master Raymond (Dominion Hcp), Nora Creina (AK Cup), Pyramid (Rowe Cup), Rockfeller (WA Cup). As a broodmare sire his list of distinguished progeny include Aerial Bingen/Bluewood (Rowe Cup), Childe Pointer/Ciro/Doraldhina (NZ Derby), Kohara (NZ Cup/Derby), Nantwich/President Wilson (GN Derby), Talaro (Ak Cup), Taurekareka (GN/NZ Derby, WA Cup), Kola Girl/Tommy Dillon (WA Cup). Rothschild was the sire of the second dam of Parisienne, one of our greatest ever broodmares.

Pearlchild's dam, Verity, is the foundation dam of this Australian maternal family bred by J.L.B. Brown of Caigon, NSW. She was from a thoroughbred mare by imported American sire, Vanclve (refer Vanquish). She had produced a foal in 1900 in Australia before racing. She subsequently won races in NZ before continuing her breeding career. Apart from Pearlchild's family members, descendants from Verity include: Mighty Hanover (National Trot, Trotting FFA), Final Decision, Cee Ar (Rowe Cup), Basil Dean/Tronso/Logan Count (Dominion Hcp), Jack Brandon (Aust Pacing C/S), Fergiemack (NZSS - 2c), Decorated Jasper, Linda Lovegrace (Caduceus Fillies- 2). The Verity family is the leading Australian-bred maternal family of classic race winners although it contains no absolute champion.

Pearlchild had two starts as a three-year-old in the 1911/12 season, both of which she won. As a four-year-old, her two starts produced 1 win, at Addington. As a five-year-old, she added a further Addington win (Islington Hcp) and as a six-year-old in 1914/15 she won two Addington features, the August and National Cup Hcps. She had two unplaced starts as a seven-year-old before retiring to the breeding barn. A number of Pearlchild's progeny were by Wrack who was imported by Harry Nicoll. These included :

Casanova, sire of 62 winners (26 NZ, 36 AUS) including top class trotters Casablanca (Dominion Hcp/Rowe Cup) and Precaution (VIC Trotters Derby, Dominion Hcp, damsire of Rannach Lad, Junior Royal, sire of Cinimod Junior, damsire of Basil Dean); Giro, one of Maurice Holmes twelve NZ Derby winning drives; Childe Pointer (Logan Pointer) won Sapling Stakes, NZ

Derby, two Ashburton Cups and other important handicap races.

Pearlchild's fillies bred on as is shown by :

Cornelian (Author Dillon), a winner, was dam of Auto Spinner, family of Katys Command (Flying Mile), Admirals Avenue (WA Cup) and Cornice, family of Glenfield Girl (Dullard Cup, Aust Trotting C/S). First Wrack (Wrack), a champion two-year-old trotting filly, made the top flight of trotters winning 11 races and was dam of good trotter Calumella whose family descendants include Ansett, Meagunn, Brighton Rock, and Philomena, family of Karalta Bay, Distant Thunder (Kilmore Cup). Flying Cloud (Wrack), was dam of Windermere, and family of Even Speed (Rosso Antico/NZ Trotting Stakes - 3T, Rowe Cup, 22 wins, Trotter of Year as a three-year-old and four-year-old before being exported to NA; T2:00.2US).

Nantwich, won a Sapling Stakes and GN Derby before breeding on particularly well leaving Gerfalcon (14 wins, including original NZ Trotting C/S, Australasian \$1¼m record holder); Daventry's family has left good trotters including Paul Nairn's pair, Special Branch (NZSS -2T, Trotting Stakes - 2T) and Lotalov (NZSS - 3T), plus dual-gaited Hocquard, Idle Raider (Hunter Cup), Havana Gold (VIC SS - 4h) and Big Bucks (NSW Oaks). Like Nantwich by

Nelson Bingen, Sea Pearl the winner of Manawatu/Otahuhu Cups, Adams Memorial, was dam of Lucky Gem (Wyndham Juvenile).

Pearl Pointer (Logan Pointer) bred on to leave an extensive family, dam of one of the best trotters of his year in Kempton (Rowe Cup/ NZMTC Stewards Trot), Nicoya (2 Avon Hcp Trots), Plain Pearl (Westport/Hawera Cups), White Satin (Sires Produce 3T), who reached the top flight of trotters, retiring as a five-year-old after winning her final race in NZ before going to Australia where she was very successful in the breeding barn. Also descended from Pearl Pointer were Courting Appeal (Dullard Cup, Aust Trotting C/S), Lord Manhattan (NZ C/S - 2) and Arizona Blue (NSW/VIC Trotters Derby, T1:56.9).

Vanity Fair (Wrack) was dam of Awadale (Methven Cup), Cembala (Timaru Cup), Scottish Fair (Oamaru Presidents Hcp) and her fillies led to another extensive family with descendants such as Co Pilot (Louissou Hcp), Noble Lord (Golden Slipper, Masterton/Timaru Cups), Ardri (sire of 222 winners, leading sire/broodmare sire of Australian trotters on number of occasions), Sapling (GN Derby, Messenger, AK/Easter Cups), Mighty Dragon (T1:52.0US fastest ever NZ bred trotter) and Try A Fluke (Hunter Cup).



Kempton leads out of the front straight in the 1928 Stewards Trotting Handicap at Addington on his way to winning the event. The Nelson Bingen - Pearl Pointer gelding was one of several good winners trained and driven by Cecil Donald for Mrs E. Berryman, of Wellington.