



She started life as Dazzling Queen, changed for a short time to Wait For Me before another name change to Ottawa's Empress. In 2022, eighty years after her birth, she had her final name change to CH Ottawa's Empress. She was a chestnut mare, foaled in 1942, and was marked with a white crescent, snip and right hind ankle. Her sire, Dazzling McDonald, was the pride of Charles Doll of North Branch Stock Farm in Mt Clemens, Michigan and he was the first owner of Dazzling Queen.

After changing hands several times, she was purchased by Dr. Robert Elrod Sr. in 1947. Three members of the Elrod family including Dr Elrod, his wife Martha Elrod, and Bob Jr all showed her with success in amateur, ladies, and open classes in both the fine harness and five gaited divisions. Ottawa's Empress took on all comers, including the World's Grand Champions Kate Shriver, Parading Lady and Regal Aire. She showed in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania under the Ottawa Creek Farm banner making appearances at Grosse Pointe, the Ohio State Fair, Dayton, Lexington Jr League, Devon and the Pennsylvania National. In 1950, she was the tenth highest point scoring horse behind such greats as Wing Commander, Meadow Princess, Emerald Future and The Replica. This mare was a campaigner! After her sale to J. Loring Brooks of Brookmont Farm in 1950, she continued to show on the East Coast for 3 more years. When her show career ended, she was bred and also produced a Reserve World's Champion, CH Double Indemnity.

Ottawa's Empress was most successful in Fine Harness classes and some of her best efforts during her career in the show ring included wins in the Ladies class at Dayton in 1948, Champion Fine Harness Stake at the Ohio State Fair in 1948, the Ladies class and Championship Stake at Dayton in 1949 and a win in the Ladies class at the Penn National in 1949. Her best year may have come in 1950 when she was the Champion at Penn National and Dayton. She placed Reserve in the Championship classes at Lexington Jr League and The Ohio State Fair to the reigning World's Grand Champion, Kate Shriver. 1951 saw wins in the Ladies and Mare classes at Penn National and in 1952 she was reserve champion at Devon to another World's Grand Champion, Parading Lady. This consistent performer was a family favorite with good reason.



**Sire**  
DAZZLING MCDONALD  
12831

RED MCDONALD  
2554

MAY TUCKER  
21388

**CH OTTAWA'S EMPRESS**  
44587

**Dam**  
MADDOX'S CHOICE  
26297

WORTHY PEAVINE  
13407

MILDRED KING  
986979

MCDONALD CHIEF  
1451

BELLE MCDONALD  
1499

BOURBON TUCKER  
4159

SILVER HEIRESS  
7968

SELWORTHY  
7145

XALAPA QUEEN  
14173

N/A

N/A

REX MCDONALD  
833

LADY MCCLELLAND  
907500

REX MCDONALD  
833

BELLE  
906287

BOURBON CHIEF  
976

MISS TUCKER  
3409

HEIR APPARENT  
2628

SILVER MAID  
2138

REX PEAVINE  
1796

AMORELLE  
3090

BOURBON KING  
1788

HELEN DARE  
4278

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A