

Kate Shriver

World's Grand Champion Made Her Brothers Famous, Then Produced World's Champion

THE Allies were winning World War II in Europe in September 1944, and Americans felt the worst was over. Betty Goshorn from Jefferson City, Missouri, (today Mrs. William Weldon, one of the nation's largest breeders of American Saddlebreds) had just graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, and was feeling her oats. Like all good Missourians she wanted to own a show horse, and her father, (newspaper publisher Robert Goshorn) had given her the money for a horse as a graduation present. She traveled to Springfield, Kentucky, where the famous Kalarama Farm was holding a sale to dissolve some partnerships, but the horses she wanted sold out of her price range.

A friend then introduced her to George Gwinn who had a training and sales operation near Danville. There she fell in love with a yearling filly by Kalarama Rex. Gwinn priced her at \$3,000, Miss Goshorn got him to knock off \$500, and she had bought her first Saddlebred. It was the beginning of a long association, but she

says that was the last time he ever came down on a price.

The filly had a wartime name - Kalarama Khaki Kapers - which was



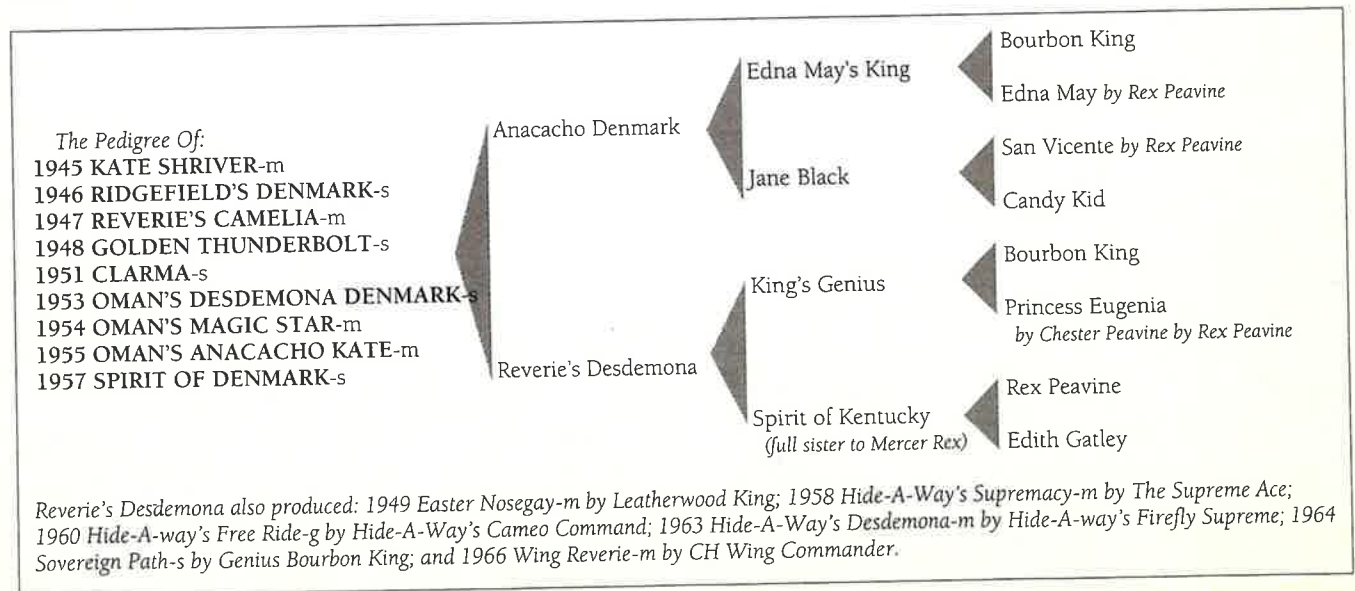
changed to the collective synonym for newspaper reporters - Fourth Estate. She was left in training with Herbert Marks at George Gwinn's. Fourth Estate trained well and was second in

the National Three-year-old Three Gaited Futurity in 1946.

George Gwinn, an outstanding judge of young horses, continually scouted his area for prospects. In August of 1946 he purchased an elegant daughter of American Ace from C. P. Edwards' Ridgefields' Farm and a week later sold her to Betty Goshorn. This mare was Star Final.

Gwinn then spied a terrific moving chestnut filly in the pastures of nearby Reverie Knoll Farm, owned by the Chicago theatrical producer Freeman Keyes, and he bought her about Thanksgiving time in 1946. Sired by Anacacho Denmark, she was the first foal of an unremarkable looking young daughter of King's Genius named Reverie's Desdemona. On June 1, 1947, Betty Goshorn became the owner of Reverie's Countess Mara. She changed her name to Kate Shriver in honor of her father's mother, who was said to have been a wonderful woman.

Callaway Hills Stable, which the Goshorns had named their farm, had two fine harness two-year-old World's Champions in 1947 - Star Final won



the Kentucky Futurity and Kate Shriver was spectacular in topping the open two-year-old fine harness class at the Kentucky State Fair.

Reverie Knoll Farm held a complete dispersal at the privately-owned Blue Grass Fairgrounds in Harrodsburg on March 20, 1948, and one of the most prominent names used by the famous Missouri auctioneer Roy Johnston in his sales pitch was Kate Shriver. Her dam, Reverie's Desdemona, was sold to Leatherwood Farm, Bluefield, Virginia, for \$6,500. A yearling full sister to Kate Shriver, Reverie's Camelia, commanded \$2,750, and her two-year-old full brother, Reverie's Winner's Circle, was purchased by neighboring Ridgefields' Farm for \$8,600.

Kate Shriver became the best show horse resulting from the cross of Anacacho Denmark and Reverie's Desdemona, and her success had an incalculable effect on the breed. George Gwinn was not set up as a public stable, so when Garland Bradshaw moved from Magnolia Farm, Memphis, Tennessee, to C. P. Edwards' Ridgefields Farm, the Callaway Hills horses were moved there, the beginning of another long association. Kate Shriver was spectacular for Garland Bradshaw. As a three-year-old she topped the junior fine harness stake at Louisville in 1948 and Star Final won the National Three-year-old Futurity.

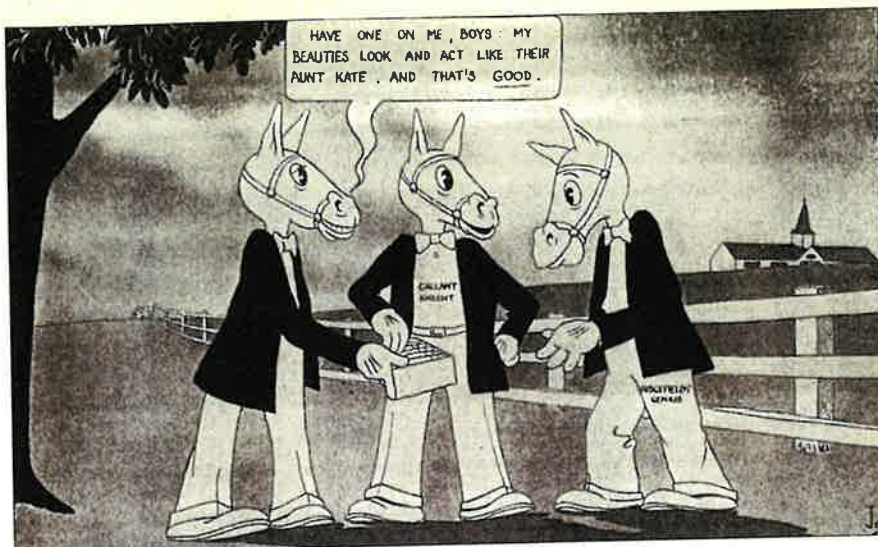
A junior in 1949, Kate Shriver won at Nashville, Lexington, Harrodsburg, Indiana, the American Royal, and was World's Grand Champion at the Kentucky State Fair. She was the second horse to become a Fine Harness World's Grand Champion at the age of four, the first being Bourbon Genius in 1937.

CH Night Prowler and CH Simply Mahvalous B.R. later accomplished this in 1976 and 1990 respectively.

The Ohio State Fair was on the agenda in 1951, and Callaway Hills added the three-year-old fine harness mare Sedosa (Portuguese for "fine as silk") and the yearling Garrymore to the show string. Sedosa won in her age division at Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Throughout the 1950 season, Kate Shriver remained unbeaten.

As Kate was lighting up the show ring, her brother and stablemate, Reverie's Winner's Circle (renamed Ridgefield's Denmark) basked in her glory. He was injured in training and put to stud as a four-year-old.

The first mare bred to him was Fourth Estate, and the first Callaway Hills foal was named City Editor. His



Ridgefields' Denmark hands out cigars in this cartoon that was published in an early Ridgefields Farm advertisement when Kate Shriver was the focus of publicity in promoting her younger brothers at stud.

name was later changed to Ninety Eight and he was among the best five gaited horses fielded by Louis Green- spon's Odee Farm, St. Louis.

WGC Kate Shriver was retired to the broodmare ranks when she foundered

after the 1950 season. Today, Callaway Hills Stable, New Bloomfield, Missouri, owned by Betty Goshorn Weldon, is one of the nation's great Saddlebred es-

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The Family of Kate Shriver

Edna May's King X Jane Black
(Mar/April 90)

ANACACHO DENMARK X **REVERIE'S DESDEMONA**
(Jan/Feb 89)

WGC KATE SHRIVER

1953	CH Printer's Ink-s 3G	by Society Rex
1954	Hickory Society Rex-s sire CH Daring Society-g 5G	by Society Rex
1955	Kate Shriver Denmark-m Reata's Top Brass-g 3G	by Reverie's Bourbon Gale
1959	Callaway's Choice-s	by Sparkling Waters
1962	Kate's Scoop-s Earl of Windsor-s sire Amber Regent-s sire Freelance Agent-g (jumper - cover Sept/Oct 86)	by Mahogany's Society Genius
1964	CH Rob Shriver-g 5G	by Callaway's Johnny Gillen
1966	CH Will Shriver-s 5G sire 1976 Five Gaited World's Grand Champion, 1985 Number One Sire and many times the top rated sire of five gaited winners, Sire of 18 ASHA Champions including CH Callaway's New Look, Five Gaited World's Grand Champion of 1991 and 1992. A number of sons of CH Will Shriver are now at stud including Callaway's Blue Norther, Caramac, and Show Me Too.	by Callaway's Johnny Gillen

King's Genius X Spirit of Kentucky
(July/Aug 89)

Spirit of Genius
WCS Genius Of Kentucky
WGC Plainview's Julia
Plainview's Commander
Pride of Plainview
Julia's First Lady
CH She's An Illusion
RWC Chief of El-Do-Don
Shelby's Sweetheart
Poor Ruby Reddress
WGC Gimcrack
CH Trink To Me Only

KATE SHRIVER

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tablishments; the breeding program based on her early acquisitions. Mrs. Weldon credits George Gwinn, Garland Bradshaw, Redd Crabtree, and Tom Moore for much of her success but never forgets those first mares.

Fourth Estate was bred to CH Wing Commander, and her foal of 1959 was outstanding. William Weldon commented to his wife about the value of this colt, and in hopes that he would not want her to sell the youngster. Mrs. Weldon named the colt Callaway's Johnny Gillen in honor of one of her husband's closest friends who had recently died. He became a top five gaited stallion for trainer Dale Pugh, and Kate Shriver produced CH Rob Shriver in 1964 and CH Will Shriver in 1966 from the service of Johnny Gillen.



CH Will Shriver was the 1976 Five Gaited World's Grand Champion shown by Redd Crabtree and *Saddle & Bridle's* number one sire of 1985.

Reverie's Desdemona, the dam of Kate Shriver, had several other foals, but Kate and four brothers were the best known. In addition to Ridgefield's Denmark, they were Golden Thunderbolt, Clarma, and Oman's Desdemona Denmark.

Ridgefield's Denmark was purchased by Jake Bunn; Springfield, Illinois, for \$22,000 at the Ridgefields' Farm dispersal in 1953. He was handled by Walter Burke, Druce Lake Farm, Grayslake, Illinois for the next three years. Burke was the owner of the stallion Veiled Prophet. Ridgefields' Denmark was moved to Bunn's Fairview Farm in Springfield in 1956. He made the 1963 season at Art Simmons, Mexico, Missouri, but barely escaped a fire in

the stallion barn which killed Stonewall's Golden Dream. Jim Aikman purchased the horse in 1967, and he spent the rest of his life at Hide-A-Way Farm, Acton, Indiana, where he died in 1971. Ridgefields' Denmark led the futurity sire ratings in 1954 and was 5th on the performance rating in 1959.

Golden Thunderbolt was foaled at Leatherwood Farm in 1948 and sold at the Leatherwood dispersal in October 1951. He had been trained, but had quarter cracks in both front feet. Frank Kupfer of New York bought him for \$5,500, and he stood at Kupfer's Grandview Farm for 12 years.

Edward Marshall Boehm, the artist-sculptor famous for his porcelain birds, purchased Golden Thunderbolt in 1963. Alvin Ruxer acquired several Golden Thunderbolt daughters at the same time. Golden Thunderbolt stood at Boehm's Lady Bird Farm, Trenton, New Jersey, until Boehm's death in 1965 when he was sold to Dorothea Denton, Newton, Connecticut and stood under the direction of Whitey Fenton. He died in 1970 still under her ownership.

Clarma was foaled at Leatherwood Farm in 1951 and named for Clark and Matthew Tierney. He was never trained and first used at stud as a two-year-old. His get had great natural motion but were difficult to work because they were not exceptionally high headed, often straight-necked, and had delicate mouths. Clarma was leased to Dr. E. L. Robinson, Starlet Acres, Lee's Summit, Missouri, where he had a successful career. In 1969 he went to J. W. and Donna Underwood, Kent Bridge, Ontario, Canada, where he died in June 1975.

Oman's Desdemona Denmark was foaled at Oman Stables, Franklin, Tennessee, in 1953. John Oman III bought Reverie's Desdemona, not in foal, for \$4,200 at the Leatherwood sale. He had purchased Anacacho Denmark at the Carolanne Farm dispersal in 1950. Doss Stanton was manager of Oman Stables and his assistant was Marvin Conatser. Stanton showed Oman's Desdemona Denmark to win the three-year-old fine harness at the Kentucky State Fair in 1956.

John Oman died in an airplane crash in 1960, and Max Biederman, High Point Farm, Springfield, Kentucky, acquired Oman's Desdemona Denmark. The horse had little chance at High Point, the home of Starheart Stonewall, then the nation's top sire. In October, 1962, he was sold to George Gwinn who in turn sold him to A. J. Andreoli, Reata Horse Farm, Wadsworth, Ohio,

KEY TO THE DESCENDING CHARTS - the direct sons and daughters are capitalized and connected by the bold black line to the sire.

The grandsons and granddaughters are indented and so on. Horses are identified by sex: s-stallion, m-mare, and g-gelding. The division in which the horse showed is indicated 5G (five gaited), 3G (three gaited), FH (fine harness), and PLS (pleasure). There are no indications on broodmares which were producers, but stallions are indicated by the word sire.

OMAN'S DESDEMONA DENMARK

ALL HAIL COLUMBIA-s sire
 WC Sir Talmage-s 5G
 VALLEY'S DESDEMONA DENMARK-s sire
 | Sea Angel's Desdemona-m FH
 | CH Black Mountain Buck-g 3G
 | Special Love Song-m 5G
 | Pinklace-m
 | Swept Away-m 5G
 BLACKBERRY WINTER-s 5G sire
 | CH Rage of the Stage-m 5G
 | Mayme Phelps-m 3G
 CH GREAT BIG COUNTRY-g 5G
 FASHION'S DESDEMONA DENMARK-s 5G
 LORD O'SHEA-s sire
 | CH The Phoenix-m 5G
 | CH Range Rover-g 5G
 NATIVE PROMISE-s sire
 | CH Jewelite-m
 | Only The Best-g FH
 PRIDE OF DESDEMONA-m
 | Wing's Destiny-s sire
 | Prime Rate-m
 | CH Dark Hour-g 5G
 | Wing's Desdemona-m
 | WC Wing Solo-m FH
 OMAN'S AGLOW-m
 | CH Nomad-g FH
 | CH Bright & Breezy-g 5G

MONA DENMARK-m
 | The Mean Machine-s 5G sire
 | CH Lady Samantha-m 3G
 | CH Madam Machine-m 3G
 | CH Playing With Fire FVF-m 3G
 Attache's Liquid Asset-s 5G sire
 | Aces And Eights-g 5G
 | Talented Asset-m 5G
 | CH Attache's Spun Gold-m 5G
 CH DENMARK'S MUSIC MAN-g 3G
 CH DENMARK'S SPLENDOR-m PLS
 CH DENMARK'S SPITFIRE-m 3G
 CH BELLE ELEGANT-m 5G
 CH SUMMER MELODY-m 5G
 CH DENMARK'S GRAND DUCHESS-m 5G
 CH COMMEDIENNE-m 5G
 CH THE ROSE-m 5G
 CH GLENVIEW RADIANCE-m FH
 | Radiant Sultan-s sire
 | WGC CH Foxfire's Prophet-s FH
 | WC Banter-s 5G
 | CH Radiating-g 3G
 | Sultan's Radiance-m
 | CH Mr. Snuffleupagus-g 3G
 MARTHA! MARTHA!-m 5G
 MIRROR MIRROR-m 5G

Colts	Fillies	Total
141	172	313

where Tom Butler, and Ray Pittman were trainers. There, a "golden cross" of Oman's Desdemona Denmark with daughters of Stonewall Supreme was discovered. Reata dispersed in March, 1967, and Oman's Desdemona Denmark, along with his spectacular daughter CH Glenview Radiance, was purchased by Crabtree Stables. Radiance was sold to Mrs. F. D. Sinclair, and Joan

Farris, Peppermint Valley Stables, bought the stallion. He stood at Crabtree Stables, and then Oman's Desdemona Denmark was put under the direction of Fritz Jordan, Franklin, Tennessee, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was America's top rated sire in 1974, 1975, and 1976. Oman's Desdemona Denmark died in 1978.

The brothers of Kate Shriver made

very important contributions to the breed. But it is unlikely that had it not been for their sister, one of the sons would have had to have been a top show horse early on or several probably would have been castrated, and the popularity of these stallions would not have approached the level it did. They wouldn't have had it so easy if were it not for their older sister Kate.



RIDGEFIELD'S DENMARK

WC CHARLENE DENMARK-m
Miss Breezy Snowflake-m
CH Forever Remembered-g 5G
WC DAINTY BREEZE-m FH
Commander Breeze-m sire
CH Stormy Breeze-g 5G
NINETY EIGHT-g 5G
WC TAKE TO THE HILLS (reg. Mr. Emerald)-g 5G
DELAINE EMPEROR-g 5G
MOUNTJOY'S DENMARK JEWEL-s sire
CH Special Entertainer-g FH
DENMARK'S CHARM-m 3G
WC FAIRVIEW'S HONEY BEE-m 3G
NANJO'S BOURBON DENMARK-s sire
HIDE-A-WAY'S COLLECTOR'S CHOICE-s sire
STONEWALL'S CHAPEL BELLE-m 5G
Stonewall's Airborne Command-s sire
MISS DIXIE HOLIDAY-m
Sultan's Americana-s sire
CH Belle Mar's True Blue-g
CH Seamair's Executive Sweet-m 5G
DENMARK PIPPIN-m 3G
WC ANNACLAIR (reg. My Annaclair)-m 3G
FREDMAR'S SWEET SUE-m
Wing's Denmark Commander-s sire
Last Sensation-s FH sire
Odds Maker-g 5G
Wing's Sweet Sue-m
Flight's Sweet Sue-m
Sensational Sue-m
CH Foxfire's Kashmir-g 3G
Sharon Hope-m
State of the Art-s sire
Santana Sue-m FH

Colts	Fillies	Total
147	123	270



GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT

PAL JOIE-g 3G
HIGH VOLTAGE(Grand View's Thunder Bird)-g 5G
EMILYN DENMARK-m
CH Secret Santana
CH ABRACADABRA-g 3G
FINALLY MINE-g 5G
LANCASTER COUNTY(Denmark's Golden Model)-g 5G
JEWEL'S REWARD-s FH
CH MY FLOWING GOLD-s 3G sire
The Windhover-s sire
GRANDVIEW'S MAJORETTE-m
WGC Sultan's Santana-s FH sire
First Saddlebred to sell for \$1 million, #1 sire 1983, 1987-88, sire of 28 ASHA Champions.
Steppin' Stuff-s sire
Sultan's Instant Replay-s sire
DUCHESS OF GRANDVIEW-m
CH The Supreme Duchess-m 3G
CH Sultan's Wild Cherry-m 3G
WC Bishop Brown-g 5G
GRAND VIEW'S SMILING THRU-m FH/3G
Ruffles 'N Lace-m
Dam of five World's Champions at the Kentucky Futurity.
WC Hide-A-Way's Ruff Country-g 3G
Hide-A-Way's Ruff Times-g
WC Night Odyssey-g FH
GRAND VIEW'S COUNTRY GAL-m 3G
Amazing Grace DSF
WC The Monterey Bay-g PLS
THUNDERING SENSATION-m 3G
GRAND VIEW'S MAID OF HONOR

Colts	Fillies	Total
40	46	86



CLARMA

ENOUGH SAID-g 5G
CHARTER MEMBER-g 5G
COLORFUL EDITION-g 5G
STARLET'S NEW FRONTIERS-g 5G
ANOTHER WORLD-s sire
Bright World-s sire
CH The Rain Man-g 5G
RARE ADVENTURE-g FH
MARCH OF DIMES-m 3G
SCARLET RIBBONS-m 3G
A PERFECT MATE TO A PERFECT JEWEL-m
CH Set The Style-m 3G
CH Stonewall's Sound of Music-m 5G
DASH OF SPICE-m 3G
MARRY POPPINS-m 5G
BEAUTIFUL DUCHESS-m FH
KISSIN KALU-m 3G
CH Denmark's Devotion-m 3G
CLARMA'S HARMONY-m
Grape Tree's Fox-s 5G sire
WC Family Jewels-s 5G sire
WGC Onion-g 5G
WC Fox Creek-s sire
WC Cookie's Delight-s
The Manipulator-s FH
Red Splendor-g
DREAMSHIP
CH The Spoiler-g 5G
Admiral's Command-s 5G sire
HARMONY'S PRINCESS-m
CH Sixpence Harmony-g 5G
Prime Contender-s sire
DEE DEE ANN-m
The Irish Commander-s sire
GENUINE DELIGHT-m 3G
CH Natural Rights-g 5G
EXACT LADY-m
Homewood's Little Beaver-s sire
CH Commander's Night Shadow-g 5G

Colts	Fillies	Total
71	100	171