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**FAVOURITE 106.**

*Bred by R. Laker, Scarborough. The property of J. Langdale, Leconfield.*  
**WINNER OF THE FIRST PRIZE AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT YORK IN 1848.**

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## PREFACE.

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*To the Members of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society of  
Great Britain and Ireland.*

GENTLEMEN,

The Retrospective Volume of the Cleveland Bay Stud Book contains, first, a short history of the breed; and second, the record of 567 Stallions, foaled previous to 1st January, 1880.

The history of the breed presented considerable difficulties. Amongst these may be mentioned the scarcity of printed information respecting the older horses, and the entire absence of the pedigrees of some of them, it being considered sufficient by their owners to print the name of the horse and his service fee on the bill, his pedigree being apparently too well known in his generation to require even passing mention.\*

\* The following copy of an old bill is an example:—

The well known Coaching  
STALLION  
SUMMERCOCK  
Belonging to John Jordison, Marton,  
Will serve Mares this season, at £1. 6s. a Mare.  
He will be at Thirsk on Mondays, Knayton on Monday  
nights; return by way of Kirkleavington and Leven Bridge on  
Tuesdays; Stockton on Wednesdays; Home on Thursdays and  
Fridays; Stokesley on Saturdays, then to Ingleby Cross and  
Knayton, where he will remain over Sunday.  
The money to be paid at the end of the season.  
March, 1824.



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Another source of trouble has been the many ingenious theories propounded respecting the origin of the breed. Writers on the subject seem to have taken little or no trouble to collect information respecting it, but have complacently set themselves the task of showing how the Cleveland Bay was the result of an elaborate system of crossing. Strange to say, the very obvious theory that the breed was originally what we term a pure one, has, with one or two exceptions, been lost sight of.

Yet the least inquiry in the districts where the horses were so largely bred would have satisfied these gentlemen that the breed was considered a pure one by those best qualified to form an opinion, and that for generations the tradition had passed from father to son that they were "clear of blood and black."

It is much to be regretted that the time spent in theorising was not better employed in collecting historical facts from some of the celebrated breeders who flourished in the earlier part of the present century.

I must here express my thanks to Mr. Lumley Hodgson, of Highthorn, for the interesting information with which he has supplied me so liberally, as well as to Mr. Thomas Parrington, of Ravenswyke, who has furnished me with many valuable statistics on the subject. The library of the Royal Agricultural Society was also placed at my service; and my thanks are due to the Secretary, Mr. H. M. Jenkins, for his

kindness in searching for the information required, thus saving me an immense amount of time and trouble.

The pedigrees are, without exception, compiled from old bills and cards of stallions, many curious and valuable collections of which have been placed at my disposal.

It has been thought advisable to divide these pedigrees into three parts.

The First Part, which forms the main portion of the volume, contains the pedigrees of horses of known purity of breed, and in many cases as far as five or six crosses have been given. Some of the older horses, however, have been admitted into this part of the volume when only the name of the sire was known, and some even when that was wanting. In these cases the horses had achieved the reputation of being the best sires of their day. Indeed, no one at all acquainted with Cleveland Bays requires to be reminded of the estimation in which such horses as Dart, Ralph Jackson's Forester, Skyrocket, Summercock, and The Hob Hill Horse, were held by breeders, and a glance at the genealogical tables will show what numbers of celebrated sires have descended from, or been allied to, these equine heroes.

The Second Part consists of horses of a comparatively recent date, the pedigrees of which, as obtainable now, have not been deemed sufficiently detailed to admit them into the First Part of the Volume. A few horses have been admitted here, possessing a distant cross of the Thoroughbred horse,

but the remainder of their pedigrees were so exceptionally good that the Editing Committee did not think it advisable to reject them entirely.

The Third Part is principally composed of those horses which occur in the older pedigrees. Many of them are nameless, and in a number of cases it has been impossible to find the name of the sire, and sometimes the name of the owner is likewise wanting; but the internal evidence is greatly in favour of their being pure bred horses, and they are certainly deserving of a record. There has been some difficulty in identifying them, and it is quite possible that in this part of the volume duplicates may occur.

The pedigrees of some of the older horses have caused a considerable amount of trouble, the cards and bills whence they are obtained being in many instances very vague and involved in their language; but care has been taken to obtain collateral evidence wherever practicable, and there is every reason to believe that they will be found substantially correct.

Another source of difficulty has been the frequent repetition of names, and the reckless manner in which the names of horses have been changed when they changed owners, a practice which sometimes obtains in the present day, and one which causes no small amount of confusion.

Perhaps the most conspicuous case of this difficulty is that of Agar's Rainbow 246. After he had obtained the reputation of being one of the best horses in his day, his