

**Primavera Ramona**  
**Juan Bravo x El-Mira Rexanne**  
**1974 Chestnut Mare**  
**Bred By Richard and Phyllis Nelsen, California**

Primavera Ramona, as her prefix indicates, was bred by Richard and Phyllis Nelsen of California. The Primavera horses are highly regarded and sought by today's breeders of Working Western Family ( WWF) Morgans. Primavera Ramona has produced thirteen foals, including among them the well known Reining Horse-Painter's Pine Ridge, bred by Polly Smith and now owned by the Filipecks. Ramona has produced for Little Brook Farm, and for Triple S Morgans primarily. The sire of Primavera Ramona was Juan Bravo, also bred by the Nelsens, and her dam was El-Mira Rexanne bred by Earl R. Buss of Grafton, Ohio. The El-Mira prefix is synonymous with Linsley bred horses, and here again, by those seeking to improve athletic ability in their stock- it is highly sought.

Juan Bravo, sire of Primavera Ramona, was by the legendary stallion Califomio. He also was bred by The Nelsens when they lived in Ohio. The dam of Juan Bravo was the very well known and highly respected mare Re-Wind of Sundown. Juan Bravo was a Reining Horse Champion, just as his grandson Painter's Pine Ridge is. Juan Bravo sired only seven Morgan get according to AMHA records. Primavera Ramona and her half brother Primavera Regalo owned by Roy Foote, Treasure Morgans in Montana, are perhaps the best known , and most productive of Juan Bravo's get.

Califomio , also bred by The Nelsens, was a 1967 Palomino stallion who sired 54 get and has left his mark, though his get, all over the North American continent. He was not a big ,tall horse, but he was a most impressive stallion. He was used for all kinds of riding, English, Jumping, and of course Western. His family is known not only for the lovely Palomino color they often have, but for their athletic ability. He was sired by Tio Lalo , palomino , bred by E.N. Vail of Los Angeles , California. Tio Lalo was shown and won in Western Pleasure. Tio Lalo left nineteen registered

get.

He was sired by the Sonfield son Mahan Field out of Helen Mala. Mahan Field was bred by Roland Hill of California. while Mr. Hill owned Sonfield. This is US Government Farm breeding on both sides. But since Sonfield stood in California , it can also be considered as California breeding. Sonfield was by Mansfield out of Quietude a daughter of Troubadour of Willowmoor. Ruth was the dam of Quietude. She was a 1915 Vermont bred mare by Reynard out of Laura Jay. Ruth goes back to Sherman Morgan through Billy Roberts on both sides of her pedigree. She also has multiple crosses to Sherman through The Streeter Horse and through Billy Root and The Bodette Horse. So Sonfield was a blend of the old Government breeding and that of Daniel Lambert through Jubilee De Jamette going back to Sherman Morgan.

Sissy was the dam of Californio, she by Ro Mac by Gay Mac out of Berta Sonfield by Sonfield. This is old US Government Farm breeding indeed, even though she was foaled in California, bred by Dr. CC Reed of Compton, CA.

Mansfield was by Bennington out of Artemsia- perhaps the most famous breeding of the US Government Farm. Bennington was by General Gates who was sired by Denning Allen and who has many crosses back to Sherman Morgan again through his sire Honest Allen. The historical story goes that Joseph Battell admired Honest Allen greatly and when years later his son Denning Allen came up for public sale Joseph Battell bought him. Honest Allen had a race time of 2:28 to pole . Denning Allen sired the race gelding Lord Clinton, who was extremely admired by Mr. Battell, but as a gelding would not do as a breeding horse, which is why in part he bought Denning Allen when he became available.

Artemsia was of what is known as Ancient Vermont Lineage- she was by Ethan Allen 3rd. out of Lady Laura ( Harrison Orcutt Mare) who was sired by Bob Morgan. Ethan Allen 3<sup>rd</sup> goes back to Sherman Morgan and to Woodbury Morgan as well as to Bulrush Morgan. On her pedigree are found such famous names as Black Morgan, Morgan Tiger, Green Mountain Morgan, Hale's Green Mountain, Cushings Green

Mountain, Ethan Allen 50, and the Dr. Abel Brown Horse.

Helen Mala, the dam of Mahan Field was bred by Roland G. Hill of California. She was a 1938 brown mare of pure Sellman breeding being by Headlight Morgan out of Baby Lu. Headlight Morgan was by Ethan Allen 2nd, out of Lady Stratton who goes back to Woodbury Morgan where Ethan Allen 2nd, goes back to Justin Morgan through his son Red Robin. So here within Headlight Morgan are lines to Woodbury Morgan, Red Robin, and Black Hawk to Sherman Morgan. Black Hawk comes in through Ethan Allen 50 grandsire of Ethan Allen 2nd. Baby Lu, dam of Helen Mala, brings in the blood of The Admiral and Major Antoine her maternal grandfather. The Admiral by Jubilee De Jamette brings in Sherman Morgan through Daniel Lambert via Jubilee Lambert and in addition brings in Bulrush Morgan through his dam Morrill Queen through Winnebago Chief. She also brings in Revenge by Justin Morgan, and Black Hawk by Sherman Morgan through her dam Olive.

Emma Antoine was the dam of Baby Lu. She was by Major Antoine out of Topsy. This cross that of The Admiral and Major Antoine is classic Sellman breeding. Major Antoine was by Meteor Jr. who traces back to Sherman Morgan via Black Hawk, and Black Hawk's son Chieftain. Through the dam of Meteor Jr- Nell Bird comes a line to Woodbury Morgan. Through Emma Antoine's dam comes another line to Bulrush Morgan and two more to Woodbury Morgan. This is a very carefully done blend of not only the major sons of Justin Morgan, but includes two of the lesser known sons, Red Robin, and Revenge as well as The Hawkins Horse by Justin Morgan who comes into this pedigree through Emma Antoine's great grandfather Octoroon. This then is the contribution of MahanField to Primavera Ramona through Califomio's sire Tio Lalo.

Palomesa was the dam of Tio Lalo, she by Midnight Sun out of Baby O. It is Palomesa who contributed the palomino coloring that came down to Califomio. She was a palomino mare, foaled in 1947, and bred by SM Salisbury of Los Angeles, California. Tio Lalo was her only registered Morgan offspring. Tio Lalo looked amazingly like his grandsire Midnight Sun – testimony to breeding strength indeed.

Midnight Sun was double registered with both the Morgan and Palomino Associations. He sired 19 foals, and was foaled in 1943. His sire Sun Down Morgan was owned by Merle Little of CA from the age of twelve on. Mr. Little used him as a parade horse, a trail horse and a stock horse. SunDown Morgan was a very handsome , upstanding horse with a great deal of presence . He sired 29 foals . His breeding goes back to Bulrush Morgan on the top line through Raven Chief, Morgan Chief, Chief Morgan, to Julian Morgan by Winnebago Chief. This is all Bulrush breeding. Raven Chief was bred by Richard Sellman, who had purchased his sire Morgan Chief earlier. Morgan Chief was Midwest bred and only had 4 progeny registered. Richard Sellman took this Bulrush bred horse and bred him to Baby Girl, a 1910 chestnut mare doing what became a classic Sellman pattern. She was by The Admiral out of a mare who was a daughter of both Major Gordon and Major Antoine. Really setting the pattern with the breeding of Raven Chief in combining the Old Midwestern bloodlines.

The dam of SunDown Morgan was the Sellman bred mare Texsky, she by Texas Allen out of Frisky by Gold Medal. This line of Sellman breeding combines Sherman, Bulrush and Woodbury Morgan. Texsky went back to Headlight Morgan- the Woodbury and Sherman lines; Gold Medal, going back to Woodbury, Bulrush and the lessor known Hawkins Horse by Justin Morgan, as well as Sherman Morgan. Her pedigree contains the bloodlines of the sire of Texas Allen, Easter Allen Morgan by Headlight Morgan, Flying Morrill, The Hanchett Horse, Bessie Morgan, Nell Bird with her contribution of Black Hawk- in short a very good representation of all the best of the original breed bloodlines.

DawnGlo, dam of Midnight Sun is of different breeding. She was a 1939 Palomino mare, registered as Creme, bred by the LU Sheep Company , Dickie Wyoming and owned by Helen Greenwalt. Her sire was Night Tide by Tiffany by Mansfield. Night Tide's dam was Glenalla- the daughter of Allen King and Ruby Reade. Ruby Reade had the blood of Jubilee De Jarnette, Bess Franklin by the Daniel Lambert grandson Chetco by Ben Franklin, Ethan Allen 50 by Black Hawk by Sherman- so the Glenalla

line was just about pure Sherman Morgan, heavily through Daniel Lambert. While Night Tide, DawnGlo's sire was on his sire line, pure old Government breeding. An interesting combination indeed.

Ishawoowa was the dam of DawnGlo. She was by Linspar by Linsley whose sire line was Old Government breeding, but whose dam Sunflower Maid was by Headlight Morgan. Ishawoowa was another LU Mare, whose sire was Flyhawk and her dam was Coalie out of an unregistered mare who was the granddaughter of Dan Patch an American Trotting Registered stallion who traced to Star of the West, and Black Hawk 20 among others. This is characteristic of early LU breeding which was daughters of Flyhawk, out of un-registered mares who traced back to Morgan bloodlines then bred to Linspar.

Re-Wind of Sundown was the dam of Juan Bravo, she was by Siskiyou Thor ( Ryder X Shasta Girl). Siskiyou Thor 's sire Ryder was a Sonfield son, out of a Querido daughter -Angel A- who traces back to Texas Allen who Sellman used. She also carried the other well known Sellman stock such as Angelina and through Moleskin she goes back to the classic Sellman pattern of Headlight Morgan on daughters of The Admiral and Major Gordon. Re-Wind Of Sundown was herself a very well known mare , of , I think Cutting Horse renown.

Shasta Girl, Thor's dam was by North Fork out of Georgette. North Fork was a Querido grandson, who's paternal granddam was the pure Sellman mare Addy. North Fork's dam was Roverta who on her sire line goes to Allen King, full brother to Penrod- sire of Jubilee King . Roverta was out of Roboss who was Red Oak by General Gates out of Sellman mare Bossie A. Again here is a blend of Old Government, Daniel Lambert , and Bulrush Morgan. Shasta Girl's dam Georgette was by the exquisite Mountcrest Sellman, out of Frisky A- another of Sellman's superb mares. Mountcrest Sellman is a name which when it appears on a pedigree almost always guarantee's a splendid offspring one which continue to pass on Mountcrest Sellman's fine conformation and high quality.

El Blazie was the dam of Re-Wind of Sundown. She was by El Cortez, a good son of the powerful and highly regarded Romanesque by Red Oak out of Mariah K. an extremely well known Sellman mare.. Romanesque was her only progeny but what a contribution to the breed he was. El Cortez was out of the Linsley daughter Viola Linsley , she being out of old Donbelle of classic Old Vermont, Ancient Morgan breeding.

El-Mira Rexanne was the dam of Primavera Ramona. She was by Rex Linsley who on his sire line is pure old Government breeding, going to Linsley of course, and with two crosses to Headlight Morgan. Rex Linsley's paternal granddam was Racher who was by Silver Ranger ( Querido X Angelina ) Angelina was a Sellman bred mare. The dam of Racher was Dan's Bess by Dan by Headlight Morgan . Dan's Bess was out of Lady Skinner . Lady Skinner was a Headlight Morgan daughter who went back to both Bulrush Morgan and Woodbury Morgan. This is old Midwestern breeding. Rex Linsley also carried the blood of Jubilee King through his dam Nelda L.J. by Jekyll out of Neliza , a very famous Jubilee King daughter. Racher was bred by WP Thornhill of Texas, and marks the beginning of the spread of Sellman mares to other owners.

El-Mira Rexanne's dam was Apache Maid who was by Highland Glen who was also the sire of Iyoksica who was the dam of Silverton Morgan. Apache Maid's dam was Brick by the Bennington son Swanton X Carolyn of old Vermont /Sherman breeding. Brick's dam was Mountain Dawn by Rosin a Red Oak son . Rosin's dam was Sunset Morgan , a Headlight Morgan granddaughter as well as a Julian Morgan granddaughter- the very same pattern as the earliest Sellman breeding. Mountain Dawn's dam was Montana Sunshine by De Jamette Jr. X Alice Dean who went back to King Herod.

Primavera Ramona can be considered as a foundation mare for Little Brook Farm, having produced for them two of their best broodmares- by Gay Vaquero- LBF Gay Enchantress and her full sister LBF Gay Isabella. In addition she is the dam of their

senior stallion Triple S Wings of Wind. Her impact was and is strong in the breeding program of Little Brook Farm. That she produced foals of superior athletic ability is without question, and that her blood will continue to impact the Little Brook Farm herd in the future is also without question.

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