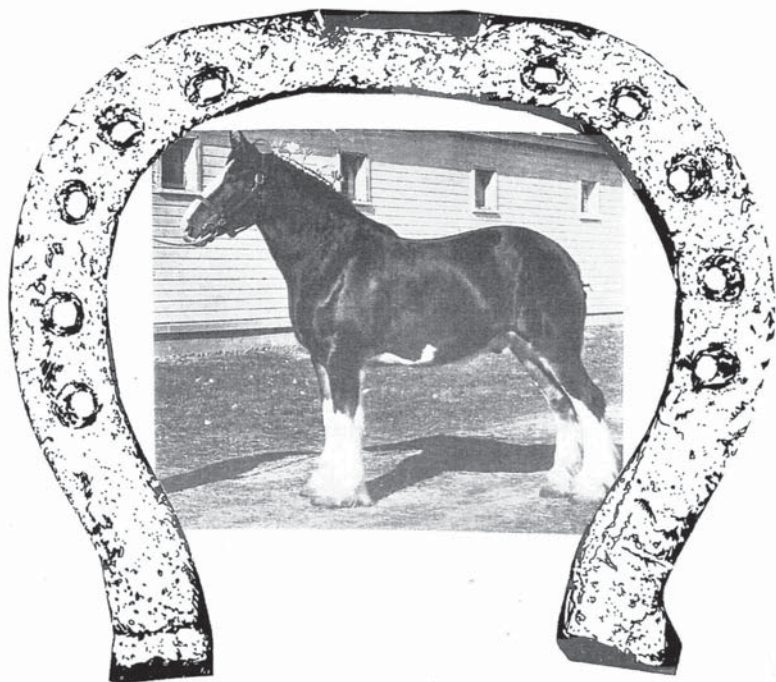


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Meant Just That !

150th
ANNIVERSARY
of this family being in Canada, eh!
Oct. 31, 1852 - Oct. 31, 2002



A SHORT STORY ABOUT THE BRANDON'S AND THEIR
CLYDESDALES

Donald O. Brandon

There were many local livestock breeders who had gained recognition in their specialized branch of husbandry. All of the names mentioned here were known throughout the Dominion of Canada. Most were known in the United States and a few made an impact abroad.

Edwards Bros.
H. Fraleigh
W. Parker & Sons
H. Capes
P. J. McEwan
P. J. McEwan
J. A. Campbell
W. L. Fraser
Brandon Bros.

Warwick Township
Forest
Warwick Township
Plympton Township
Plympton Township
Plympton Township
Bosanquet Township
Forest
Warwick Township

Aberdeen Angus Cattle
Aberdeen Angus Cattle
Shorthorn Cattle
Chester Whites Swine
Berkshire Swine
Lincoln Sheep
Cotswold Sheep
Standardbred Horses
Clydesdale Horses

A man must have natural intuition to be able to select and mate farm animals so as to produce an improvement in the progeny. Architects and others who build bridges and buildings only accomplish their feats with the use of rule and mathematical data. Such, however is not the case with livestock breeders.

(Opening lines of a speech made by William A. Dryden, manager of the Royal Winter Fair, at a banquet at the Vendome Hotel in Sarnia. The banquet was held to honor Edwards Bros. and Brandon Bros. for their outstanding achievements in their respective breeding programs. Jan. 1938)

About the Cover

Mr. B - Grand Champion Gelding
shown by John & Don Brandon for
Bolger Dairy Farms - Chicago, Ill.
1968

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WHEN " HORSEPOWER ", MEANT JUST THAT !
A SHORT STORY ABOUT THE BRANDON'S AND THEIR
CLYDESDALES

BY.....DONALD O. BRANDON

This book is dedicated in the memory
of my dad, John R. Brandon (1915-1988)
and to all Brandon's before or after me.
This is our story and we're stickin' to it.

All newspaper ads and articles have been reproduced as close to the original as possible.

PART ONE
THE
BRANDON BROTHERS

Brandon Bros. of Warwick have purchased another Clyde stallion " Gallant Baron ", from T.D. Elliott, of Bolton.

Brandon Bros. were in Chatham last week and purchase several fine imported mares.

The well known Clyde stallion " Herminius " owned by Brandon Bros., 4th line, died last week from a growth in the head. He was 10 years old and one of the best horses in Canada.

The Detroit Free Press of last Sunday had a good article on the fine lot of Clydesdale stallions imported and bred by Brandon Bros.

The students from Guelph Agricultural Collage made their annual trip to Forest last Thursday when they visited the farm of Brandon Bros., to view the splendid showing of Clydesdale horses.

W.R. Reek, superintendent of the Ontario Experimental Farm was here on Monday on official business. He purchased the famous show team from Brandon Bros., Warwick, to be placed on one of the experimental farms.

John Jary, of Ilderton, bought from Brandon Bros. last week their young Clydesdale stallion " Forest Footprint ". The colt is two-years old and won the grand championship at London last fall.

In the parade of prize-winning stock, the big, well groomed Clydesdale teams of Brandon Bros. of Warwick were outstanding.

Brandon Bros. have bred and imported many good Clydesdale horses. They are known all over the globe and have shipped horses to nearly every part of Canada and the United States. Here's hoping that they may be blessed with many more years of promoting good Clydesdale horses.

(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

" Baron Montgomery ", the fine Clydesdale stallion owned by Brandon Bros., died last Tues. evening, after a days illness.

Brandon Bros. have sold their Clydesdale stallion " Ravenscraig ", to D. McKinnon and Sons, of Guelph, and have purchased "Baron Gartly ", one of Canada's best horses.

Brandon Bros. have shipped their Clyde stallion "Aurlan " to a horse breeding club in Renfew for the season.

Brandon Bros. have sold one of their famous Clydesdale stallions, " Ballarat " to the Prince Edward Island Government.

Brandon Bros. shipped eight Clydesdale horses to the T. Eaton Co. Toronto.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, of Toronto, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, called on Brandon Bros. last week in the interest of the Provincial Government.

Two more fine Clydesdale stallions have been imported from Scotland by Brandon Bros.

Johnnie Brandon and his six-horse hitch have been secured to give an exhibition drive at the Spring Show next Wednesday. They were a big attraction at the Royal Winter Fair Toronto, and alone worth the price of admission.

Capt. Hanson of the Michigan State Prison Farm in Jackson, Mich., was in Forest on Saturday to purchase Clydesdale horses for use at the state farm. In conversation with the Standard, Capt. Hanson said: They had to come to this district to get good horses.

INTRODUCTION

The intention of this story is not to introduce you to any individual member of the Brandon family, but rather to inform the reader of this families passion for their unique business and livelihood.... It tells of this area's place in the history of agriculture and even in advertising history. Even though they had received great notoriety in the show ring it was the farmers that benefited. To have some of their horses in the barn then, would be like owning a Rolls Royce now. And it was affordable to all. Another unique thing about this story is that four generations had worked with the horses, with three of the four, exhibiting at all the big horse shows and parades across North America and beyond .

Enjoy



Don Brandon

The Baron Pride Stallions

Gallant Baron

Sired by Baron's Pride, the greatest Clydesdale in the world today. Standing at a service fee of \$102.89, or twenty guineas, foal or no foal. Fee \$11.00

Earl Fife

Sired by Baronson, one of the best son's of Baron's Pride. His dam by Prince of Albion, by the Prince of Wales. Prince of Albion was sold for \$15,000. Fee \$15.00

Strathroy

By Baron's Pride. This colt is rising two years old and will bred to a few mares at last of season. Fee \$13.00

These horses will be at their own stable, lot 11, con 4, Warwick, everynight with the exception of Friday night for Gallant Baron, When he will be at McLaren Bros., 12th con. Plympton. At Roche's stable, Forest on Saturday.

Brandon Bros.

AD FROM 1910

FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

In the aged stallion class, Carbrook Buchlyvie, that massive, big sire of Brandon Bros. was first, and two other horses, from the same stables came second and third without much competition. In the two-year old class Brandon's newly imported colt Forest Favourite, looked just about the best all-round two-year old stallion that has been shown at any Ontario shows in years.

(London Advertiser...1922)

At the Glasgow Stallion Show the gelding known as "Jim Scott" was again the winner. This colt was sired by "Carbrook Buchlyvie", owned by Brandon Bros. of Forest, Ontario. We congratulate Brandon Bros., on the distinction they have won on this noted horse. We understand that since the show, breeders in Scotland have endeavored to purchase Carbrook for an early delivery to Scotland. It is hoped the brothers will see their way clear to retain this horse in service in Canada. We have all too few outstanding horses as it is.

(Montreal paper...1923)

A great deal of credit is due to Brandon Bros. for the improvement in the quality of Clydesdale horses in the province, and we hope the horse breeders will give the encouragement and support their enterprise deserves.

(Guelph Herald...1923)

There were several strong classes of Clydesdale, with local horsemen bringing out some nice things. However, it was pretty well a Brandon Bros. show. They had the horses to take every red ribbon and consequently both championships. (Chatham paper...1924)

The Clydesdale entries were outstanding in the quality they exhibited and the judge James Brandon member of the well known firm of breeders, Brandon Bros. of Forest, Ontario expressed himself several times during the day as impressed with the caliber of the animals shown in the local show ring. Brandon Bros. have a substantial connection in Ontario horse circles, and are formidable competitors at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair each fall, and any word of praise that falls from them has the stamp of authority. (Calgary paper...1931)

Brandon Bros. whose farm is situated near Forest, have taken a leading part in encouraging farmers to breed good types of farm horses. They have also done much to foster improved breeding stock. (Ottawa paper...1938)

Premium Clydesdale Stallions

Horsemen and Horse Breeders'
Associations, Attention!

If you require a good Clydesdale stallion for the coming season, we can supply you.

Drafty, good-quality, clean-boned stallions are needed in Canada to-day more than ever before.

Importations have been light during the past five years, but we have continued to bring over good horses, and now have some of the best breeding imported Clydesdale stallions in Canada.

We have fourteen stallions that we are going to sell to horsemen or hire to horse breeders' associations.

Our horses and our prices are right.

A few of our horses are here described.

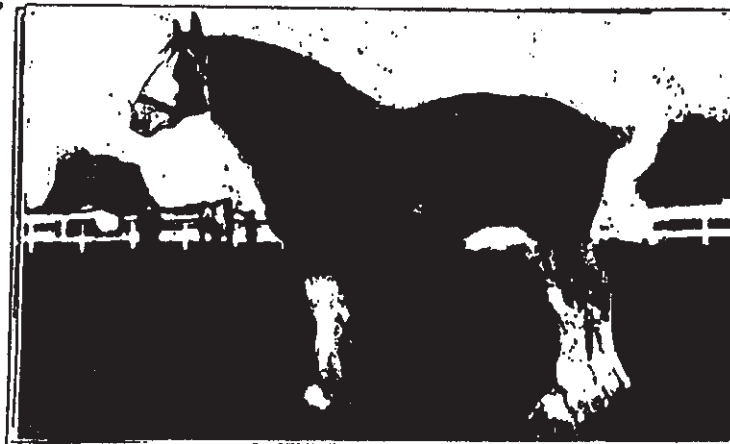
CARBROOK BUCHLYVIE (IMP.) by Bonnie Buchlyvie; dam by Hiawatha; second dam by Baron's Pride. This horse sired the first-prize gelding at the Highland this year; also Baron Steel, grand champion stallion at Brandon 1920, also best-prize brood mare at Stirling, and other first-prize winners, making him one of the best breeding horses in Canada today.

FYVIE BONUS (IMP.) by Revelanta. This horse won first and reserve championship at Aberdeen and has been a prominent premium horse and a great sire in Scotland.

BALLARAT (IMP.) This is a six-year old horse, sired by Apukwa, dam by Royal Favourite. This is a wonderful horse and has done good work in Scotland.

WE WELCOME INSPECTION

BRANDON BROS.



Carbrook Buchlyvie (Imp.)

Carbrook Buchlyvie is the sire of "Jim Scott," the two-year-old gelding which was first at the Highland, 1920; also Supreme Champion Clydesdale at Angus Show, Arbroath. He is also the sire of Baron Steel, Champion Clydesdale at Brandon, 1920; the first-prize brood mare at Stirling, and other first-prize winners in Canada and Scotland.

We have a grand importation just arrived, which we should like to have everyone see. These are sired by Dunure Footprint, Apukwa and other leading horses.

We also have some grand young horses sired by Herminius, and these have been winners in leading Ontario horse shows.

Our horses have no superiors and few equals in Canada.

WE INVITE CORRESPONDENCE

:: **Forest, Ontario**

When "Horsepower", Meant Just That !

Before the likes of Ford, Massey Ferguson and John Deere, as we all know, associated with the agricultural sector, there was a Lambton County family that had supplied the horsepower for the farm. Their name was as well known in their day as those before mentioned names are now.

Growing up in the late 1800's the Brandon Bros., James, William and Robert, felt there was a need for the farmers to upgrade their Clydesdale horses. Being stallion owners prior to 1909, it was at this time the decision was made to establish their own breeding program. Buying as many good pure-bred imported mares that they could and securing the stallion "Gallant Baron", at the time one of Canada's best sires, their breeding program not only helped the farmers but put the brothers at the top of their game. Supplying horses for logging camps, large mercantile firms, prison farms and of course for the show ring. In 1900 large American companies had started to use six-horse hitches for advertising as well as in competition. We are all familiar with the Anheuser-Busch (Budweiser) hitch due to the many fairs and parades that they appear at. They

too are part of this story.

For the next few years the word spread about the brothers and their horses were the ones that horse breeding clubs wanted to purchase or hire. Provincial governments had their own breeding programs, for example; The Ontario Agricultural Collage in Guelph, and this firm supplied those horses as well. Because of the demand, they were importing from Scotland only the best stallions and mares that they could get their hands on.

By this time many farmers had bought mares from this firm and with them having some of the best stallions in North America, the farmers would return their mares for breeding. So the Brandon's idea for better stock had paid off. Many farmers themselves would show at local and national shows like Ottawa, Guelph and the Royal. Also thru the Brandon's they could sell their colts or any other horses that they might have had. So everybody was happy. The farm tractor had made it's stand but like everything that's new, people were hesitant to accept and the majority of farmers still used horsepower.

In February of 1920 the imported horse "Carbrook Buchlyvie" arrived at Brandon's which was

WINNERS AT PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR, GUELPH
Grand Championship Comes to Brandon Bros.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS AT ROYAL WINTER FAIR

WINKERS AT LONDON FAIR A Famous Horse

HERMINUS DEAD
Famous Clydesdale Stallion Dies From Growth in Head

FOREST BREEDERS WIN MANY PRIZES

WIN AT WESTERN FAIR
BRANDON WIN AGAIN
More Prizes for Brandon Bros.

WILL JUDGE HORSES AT OTTAWA

BRANDON HORSES WIN

JAMES BRANDON SR. ELECTED DIRECTOR WINS MANY PRIZES

FOREST HORSES DO WELL AT WESTERN FAIR

FOREST BREEDERS WIN AT GUELPH WINTER FAIR

BRANDON BROS. ARE PROMINENT IN CLYDESDALES
Forest Breeders Gain a Number of Awards at Toronto Exhibition

FOREST FAVORITE IS ORAMPION AT CHICAGO.

WINS WITH SIX-HORSE TEAM

BRANDON BROS. WIN CLYDE MARE AWARD

BRANDON BROS. HORSES PRIZE WINNERS

FOREST HORSE IS GRAND CHAMPION AT CHATHAM FAIR.

Forest Favorite Owned by Brandon Brothers Takes The Banner Ribbon

JAMES BRANDON HONORED

WINS GOLD MEDAL

APPOINTED ROYAL SHOW JUDGE

BRANDON BROS. CLEAN UP AT WESTERN FAIR

FOREST CLYDESDALE WINS TROPHY AT GUELPH
Brandon Brothers' Mare, Daisy Carbrook, Is Adjudged Grand Champion

BRANDON BROS. OF FOREST WIN BEST STALLION PRIZE

LAMBTON WINNERS AT TORONTO EXHIBITION

"Favorite" Awarded Walker House Trophy at Guelph Winter Fair

BRANDON STABLES DO WELL

BRANDON'S CLYDES, WIN RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

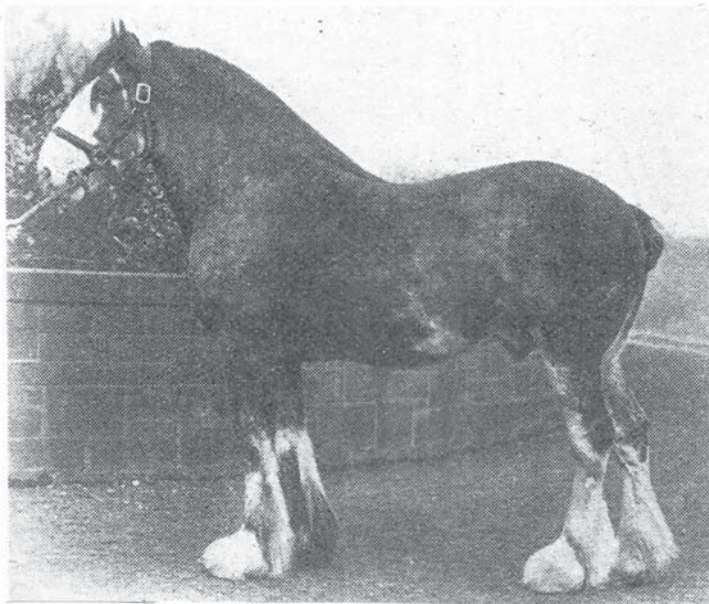
BRANDON BROS. HEAVY WINNERS

Brandon Brothers Heavy Winners At Provincial Fair

located on the homestead at Lot 11 Con. 5, 4th Line N.E.R. in Warwick Township. To-day it's known as 7102 Birnam Line and is still in the Brandon family. This horse would sire many outstanding colts in Scotland, Canada and United States. This horse alone would make Brandon Bros. one of the top breeders in the world. Any owner would have felt blessed to have such a spectacular animal. Many

would spend their life time in the business and never owned a horse of this quality. How great was he? Ranked # 1 for - sire of winners at the Royal Winter Fair for the years 1922 to 1938. And he didn't even live to 1938. Unfortunately Carbrook died in a stable fire in 1929.

He had been titled,
**"The Greatest Breeding Horse
 In
 North America"**



CARBROOK BUCHLYVIE (imp) 22039

Popular Stallions

Herminius

Enrolment 1305

Imp. 14416 - 4th in open class at Glasgow Stallion Show 1912. Kinglassie Premium horse in 1911. Arran Premium horse 1912, first-prize horse at Forest Spring Show in 1913-14-15 Terms \$13

Dunure Gulfstream

Enrolment 4005

Imp. 10859, 1st prize horse by Dunferline Stallion Show in 1913. 2nd at Paisley and Fife the same year. 2nd at Forest Spring Show one week after his arrival in Canada 1915. Kinglassie Premium horse 1914. Terms \$13.

Ravenscraig

Enrolment 4004

Imp. 16860. First prize horse at Fife County and West Fife Show as a two-year-old. First at Forest Stallion Show as a three-year-old 1915. Sired by Apukwa whose service fee is \$100. Terms \$13.

These horse travel through Warwick, Plympton and Bosanquet. At the old Pickering farm, S.E. Forest, on Saturday.

All horses inspected and approved

Brandon Bros.

Proprietors

Lot 11, Con. 4, N.E.R.
 Warwick

AD FROM 1915

Those Brandon Bros. know a good horse, there was no doubt. In 1922 they brought over a two-year old named "Forest Favourite" who started to win all his classes right from the start. Now they not only had Carbrook Buchlyvie but also owned another superb stallion. Forest Favourite won many first

place and championship ribbons at all the big shows. He would go on to win the granddaddy of all shows "The International Stock Show" held in Chicago and he also won the Dominion of Canada championship. He was ranked #2 sire of winners at the Royal for the years 1922 to 1938.



FOREST FAVOURITE (imp) 23627

Herminius a Great Horse

Not many Clydesdale stallions in Ontario have been so successful in being the sire of prize winning stock than the stallion Herminius, owned by Brandon Bros. At the recent show in Aberdeen, Scotland in a class of twenty-six two-year-olds the get of Herminius won first and second. At the recent fall fair in Forest the first, second and third prize heavy draught yearlings, also first prize agricultural yearling were got by him. In heavy draught sucker his get won first and third, also first and third in agricultural. At Wyoming the first prize heavy sucking colt was got by Herminius. At Watford the first prize sucking colt, also first prize and second prize yearling were sired by this horse. The first prize yearling at Watford took the sweep stakes for the best horse on the ground. Herminius himself won fourth in the open class in Glasgow in 1912, and first prize at the Forest show 1913-14-15.

(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

Article From 1915

VALUABLE HORSES DESTROYED IN FIRE

Five of Brandon Bros. Show Stallions
Lost Saturday
Incendiarism Blamed

Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed two large barns on the farm of Brandon Bros., the noted Clydesdale breeders in Warwick Township, five miles from Forest, early Saturday morning. Five of Brandon Bros. noted Clydesdale stallions were destroyed, among them being the noted stallion, "Carbrook Buchlyvie" rated as the best Clydesdale in America, and who has never been beaten in the show ring. Only last week Brandon Bros. refused \$5,000 for this animal.

The four other stallions destroyed were: Carbrook Sensation, Carbrook Refiner, Carbrook Masterpiece and Dunure Flowerprint. Mr. James Brandon managed to get six other noted horses out and in an endeavor to save Carbrook Buchlyvie nearly lost his own life when the roof fell in.

The fire was noticed by Mr. Brandon about 1 o'clock in the morning, when the light from the blaze awoke him from his sleep. Both barns were evidently set on fire at the same time as both buildings were well ablaze when Mr. Brandon reached them. 80 loads of hay were also destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 with \$8,000 insurance. The provincial authorities were notified and are conducting an investigation.

Only last year Brandon Bros. had another barn destroyed which at the time was also thought to have been set on fire.

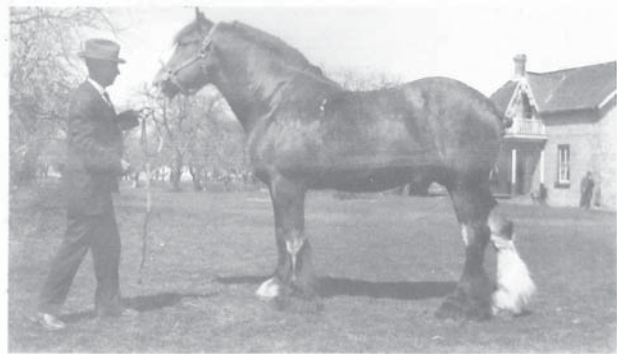
(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

July 17, 1929

Up to now only three stallions have been mentioned. Brandon's did have many more horses, both stallions and mares who were known for their outstanding offspring. Some of these names were: **Stallions** - Eldersile, Baron Garty, Herminius (this horse had a movie short made about him in 1918), Carbrook Sensation and King's Favourite. **Mares** - Yarrow Queen, Jessie King, Jean Park, Queen of the May and Torrs Choice. How many horses would this firm have on hand? It was said that on the different farms they had, the number could be as high as 250 head. I guess it could have been

said, If you didn't see something you liked, IT DIDN'T EXIST.

The 1920's roared along and so did the Brandon's. During this decade they imported more horses than ever before. They had too! The demand for their Gentle Giants was unbelievable. As mentioned, tragedy struck on July 17, 1929. The barns on the homestead had been set on fire. At the time there were 12 stallions in the barn. 7 were rescued but 5 fell victim to the flames. Carbrook was one, the newly imported "Dunure Flowerprint" and three offspring of Carbrook. What a terrible and senseless loss!



DUNURE FLOWERPRINT (imp) 25699



KING ERNEST 27098



LANCELOT (imp) 25027

The Watson Challenge Shield

In 1912 an award was started by Capt. Geoffery L. Watson of Vancouver, B.C.. It was to be presented to a breeder of the championship Clydesdale stallion bred, born and raised in Canada. It was to become the property of an exhibitor if won at three successive Dominion Exhibitions. It had never been won by any breeder more than once, that is until Brandon

Bros. They had won it in 1925, 1926, 1927, 1930, 1932 and 1937. They were also involved with the 1923 and 1934 winners. This firm had sold the winner of 23 and they had sold the sire of the 34 winner. After the 1928 competition for this award, they then bought that winning horse. The Watson Challenge Shield was the top award that a breeder could win.

- 1925 - King's Favourite 24360; Sired by Forest Favourite, won @ Royal Winter Fair
 1926 - Favourite Again 24337; Sired by Forest Favourite, won @ Guelph Winter Fair
 1927 - Carbrook Ringmaster 25008; Sired by Carbrook Buchlyvie, won @ C.N.E.
 1930 - Carbrook Masterpiece 26058; Sired By Carbrook Buchlyvie, won @ Western Fair
 1932 - Footman 26181; Sired by Bridgebank Footman, won @ C.N.E.
 1937 - Majestic Footman 27747; Sired by Bridgebank Footman, won @ Western Fair

- 1923 - Blacon's Son 20869; Owned by Robert Murdock of Brucefield, Ont. won @ Western Fair
 1934 - Carodoc Footprint 25960; Owned by H. Black of Belle Plain, Sask, won @ Regina Winter Fair

1929 had another little trick up it's sleeve, the Depression, and we know what had happened to a lot of businesses during this time. No money to buy gas for their tractors, by this time the farm tractor had made it's way onto many farms, farmers had to return to horsepower to the good fortune of the Brandon's.

The eight year old "Bridgebank Footman" was added to the list in 1930. He too would play a vital

role in the breeding operation. He would sire many horses that would be gelded and sold to companies, Canadian and American, that exhibited six-horse hitches. He was ranked #22 for - sire of winners at the Royal Winter Fair. He was also the sire of the horse that this firm used in the late 30's and early 40's. This stallions name was "Majestic Footman" and was used extensively by the Ontario Agricultural Collage in Guelph.

These were known as Breeders Cards or Route Bills. They were placed where farmers would meet (lively stables, feed mills, etc.) to let the mare owners know when and where Brandon Bros. stallions would be for breeding. In to-day's world I guess they would be simply called a business card. This card is from the 1933 breeding season.

(FRONT)

(BACK)

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BRIDGEBANK FOOTMAN (26181) Imported by Brandon Bros. in May, 1924. Sired by Forest Favourite, bred in 1922, bred by James Dickie (London, Scotland). Sire, James Campbell (1875), dam, Madeline Street by Royal Favourite. 2nd dam by James of Hamilton. **BRIDGEBANK FOOTMAN** won in Scotland, 2nd in exhibition at Glasgow. 1st at St. J. at the Royal and 2nd at the Highland in the champion horsefairs; a record not equalled by any other name in Canada today. He will stand at his own stable. This is a great breeding horse. He was bred for three get of line at both C.N.E. and London in 1932.

TERMS—\$10.00 to breed.

BRIDGEBANK BERRY Imp. (26315) (2624). Imported in Nov. 1928 by Brandon Bros. (C.N.E. Series). Bred in 1922, bred by Ernest Kerr, Hamilton, Ontario, Scotland. Sire, James Footprint, winner of Canada Cup. Dam, Harriet Jane (By the name of), winner of the Canada Cup in 1921, 2nd dam, Cherry Blossom, winner of Canada Cup in 1921, 2nd dam by Prince of Peaches. 1st dam by Harney. 2d dam by Lord Loring. 3d dam by Prince of Wales. This was the best bred horse

in Scotland, and second to the best breeding horse in Canada. He was 2nd prize at Glasgow exhibition.

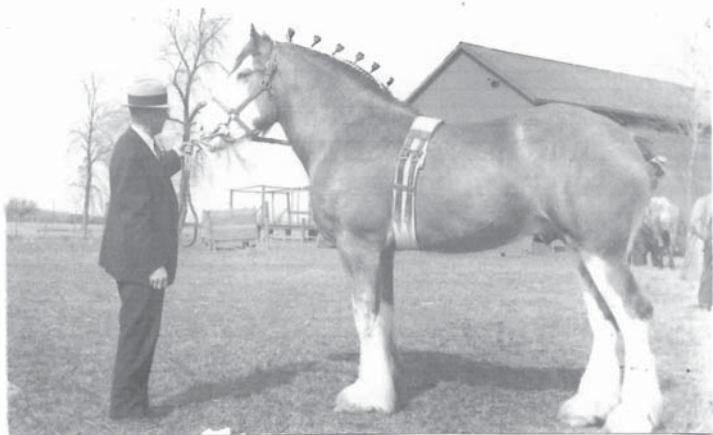
TERMS—\$10.00 to breed.

LANCELOT Imp. (25931) March 20, 1929. Off face and hind legs white, foaled in 1924. Imported in 1928. Sire, Henry Chase, by Buckeye's Choice, by James of Hamilton, dam, Calliope, dam 2002, by High Hope, by James Victor, by Harroth. This is one of the best names in Canada today and some good get in the hands of the Proprietors with a colt in Scotland. He will make the name influence.

Bred by night at Caledonian, son of H. Phipps, etc. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

TERMS—\$10.00 to breed.

(ACTUAL CARD SIZE 3.25" x 5.50")



MAJESTIC FOOTMAN 27747

In January of 1933, August A. Busch of the firm Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis, Mo. wanted to get into the Clydesdale business. Not only needing horses he also needed harness and a wagon. Hearing about two companies that were discontinuing their showing, he approached them. One was the hitch of Shea's Brewery out of Winnipeg, Man., the other was that of the Chicago Union Stock Yards. Budweiser bought all the horses plus a set of harness but still needed a wagon. For that Busch talked to Thomas E. Wilson CEO of the Wilson Meat Packers and Sports Equipment Co. of Chicago. Wilson had been showing Clydes since

1917 and owned many wagons and many different sets of harness. Deal complete, and Busch owned a 1903 Studebaker Swale Back wagon and another set of Chicago Style show harness. When he learned that Wilson had used Brandon Bros. stock, as the others had, he would secure ten horses from him. Busch would go on to do business with the brothers until they ceased their operation in 1948.

At this time we must add more Brandon's than just the three brothers. James and William were the only two that had married and growing up on the farm, we know the children were expected to help with the chores. Of course the

AT STUD

At our barns are an exceptional lot of Clydesdale Stallions, including "Carbrook Buchlyvie", easily the champion breeding Clydesdale Stallion of Canada. "Carbrook Sensation", rising 3 years, winner of 1st at Guelph; 2nd at the Royal; 1st at Ottawa; and 1st at London. "Favourite Quality" by Forest Favourite", Imp. rising 3 years. "Nyasa Footprint," by "Dunure Footprint".

We have seven two-year-old stallions, most of them extra good. "Carbrook Buchlyvie" and "Carbrook Sensation" will be at Fraser & Sheppard's barns in Forest, on Saturday; "Sensation" will be at Caleb Capes, con. 10, Plympton on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. Drive right to our barns and make your choice.

"Carbrook Buchlyvie, \$20 to insure; "Favourite Quality", \$13; all the rest \$15.00

Note-- At the big shows of 1927 "Carbrook Buchlyvie" had several times as many in the prize list as any other horse. He had 1st for five animals, get of one sire, at the Royal, Guelph and Ottawa; 2nd at the Royal for 3 get of one sire; 1st and 2nd at Ottawa for 3, get of sire; and 1st and 2nd at Guelph for 3 animals, get of one sire. This record has no equal in Canada.

BRANDON BROS.
4TH LINE, N.E.R., WARWICK

AD FROM 1928

girls, numbering six, would help their mothers, and the boys, a total of eleven between the two families all worked with the horses. In their younger years they all had to prepare the land with horses and for the show season they belonged to what was called the Boys Foal Club. These clubs were sponsored by the Horse Breeding Club of their locality. They taught them how to look after a colt and how to prepare them for the show ring. The boys would first show at local fairs, then it was off to the Royal for the showdown. Their showmanship also figured highly in the class. When they got a little older they would compete in judging contest. That's when they were judged for their judging of a full class of horses. The Brandon boys were always near or at the top of these competitions. Once in the judging contest, two of the boys tied for first place. So it was proven, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. As they reached adulthood, some took jobs off the farm and with the outbreak of WW 2 some would proudly serve their country. Unfortunately one would be killed in action and another would be severely wounded. Only two would stay after the bombing stopped. One would be a stallion owner until the early 50's, the other would be involved with the

hitching part of the business. But we will fill you in on that when this story reaches that point.

Operating a notable Clydesdale farm wasn't enough for the brothers. In 1923 James was appointed a director of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada. Moving up within the association, he served as vice-president in 1934, and was president for the years of 1935 and 1936. He was made a life member in Apr. of 36.

In July of 1932 Brandon Bros. received an invitation from the Hon. Robert Weir, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, to attend a garden party in Ottawa to meet the delegates of the "Imperial Conference". Due to the busy time at home, breeding season, they were not able to attend....Note: The conference was on the promotion of trade within the commonwealth.

Mar. of 38 it was announced by Hon.P.M. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, that James Brandon of the firm Brandon Bros. of Warwick, has been appointed to the Ontario Stallion Enrolment Board in Ottawa. There were many more appointments to different horse and agricultural associations of which they were involved with. Also at this time, they were called upon to judge local, national and international horse shows across Canada and the United States in-

(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

**FOREST HORSE WINNER AT
WORLD STALLION SHOW**

Brandon Bros. Awarded Medal
Capture Second place in An-
other Class

At the world stallion show being held in Glasgow, Scotland. Carbrook Buchlyvie, owned by Brandon Bros. of Forest, has been awarded the gold medal for the sire of the best Clydesdale gelding in Scotland. A full brother of Forest Favourite, also owned by Brandon Bros. won second in the three-year old class.

Brandon Bros. won this award with
Carbrook Buchlyvie : 1920, 1921,
1922, 1923 and 1924.

cluding two world fairs.

Even though the dirty 30's and the war years had helped the draft horse, by ways of, first: being short of money, then secondly: the shortage of gasoline due to the war effort. It was at this time that the manufacturers of the tractor made their product more affordable that the war between the horse powers had ended.

All of the major shows had closed down for the years of the war making the horse business non-existent. The only thing that saved the Brandon's was the horse urine trade. You might ask, What on earth was the horse urine trade? It was discovered that pregnant mare urine contain the hormone "Estrogen" which was used in the medical field. So the family set up house.....barn..... for the catching of urine. Eventually this practice would be replaced by synthetic Estrogen, but for the time being the Brandon's were able to keep their Clydesdale's.

During the 1940's the firm had to down size tremendously. They would take in only a few small shows and for breeding would offer two maybe three stallions for service. The day of the industrial size horse was over!

Over the years the Brandon's had been members and/or directors of many agricultural associations and fairboards. Here are a

few that they were involved with...

Clydesdale Horse Association Of Canada

Ontario Clydesdale Horse Association - f

Ontario Horse Breeders Association - f

Royal Winter Fair - Toronto

C.N.E. - Toronto

Lambton-Kent Horse Breeders Assoc. - f

Forest Agricultural Society

Junior Farmers

Bear Creek Farmers Club

Forest Clydesdale Breeders Association - f

Forest Boys Foal Club - f

Western Fair - London

United Farmers Club

Forest Plowmens Association

The Dominion Live Stock Record Board -
Ottawa

O.A.C. - Guelph

Department of Agriculture - Toronto

Note: The associations marked with - f
indicates: Founding Members

Brandon Bros., 4th line, had their six-horse team at a field day on Wednesday, which was held at Premier M. F. Hepbeurn's farm, near St. Thomas.



Brandon Bros. - Six-Horse Hitch
Johnny Brandon- Driver
1938

Brandon Bros. Famous Six-Horse Team will make their
First Appearance in Lambton Co. at the Forest Fair.
BE SURE AND SEE THIS ATTRACTION

(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

Listed below are a few more stallions that had been offered during the breeding season. To make a complete list of all the stallions would be virtually impossible due to their numbers. Looking at the ads, a person might think that the stud fee was low for the caliber of horses that was offered. The idea was to keep the fee low so that everyone could afford to upgrade their horses and therefore more

people would use Brandon stallions. I have the service book for the year of 1929 (the year of the fire) and 274 mares are listed that were serviced by this firm's horses. The fire had occurred during breeding time so that number would be low due to that misfortune. One could only imagine what the number of mares would have been a decade before.

BARON MONTGOMERY - First prize winner as a two-year old at London in 1907. Will stand during the season of 1908. Terms \$10.00

ELDERSILE - He is one of the most beautiful horses in the country to-day. A glance at his breeding will show that he cannot help but be the great sire that he is. Six-month old colts sold for considerable over \$200.00, while yearling fillies have brought as high as \$350.00. Terms \$13.00

AUERLIAN - Sired by Prince Shapely. Auerlian gained good prizes in Scotland and was the Kinglassie premium horse of 1915 and 1916. He has the best of clean bones and will weigh 2,100 lbs. when matured. Terms \$13.00 to insure

BRIDGEBANK ERNEST - Sired by Dunure Footprint, dam; Harviestown Phyllis. Colour brown and foaled in 1922. He won 3rd prize at Glasgow Stallion Show. This was the best bred horse in Scotland and should be the best breeding horse in Canada. Terms \$15.00 to insure

BLACON'S SON - Foaled in 1916, a show horse of the highest order and fit to breed the best mares in the country. \$13.00 to insure

ROSYTH - Rising three-year old, this is an extra thick horse and was second at the recent Guelph show. He is sired by Revelanta, dam by Prince of Brunstane. Terms \$12.00 to insure

ROYAL MARK - Colour black, sire; Royal Print, dam; Kirkton Jean. Royal Mark was the champion stallion at Forfarshire, Scotland and is one of the nicest horses in Canada. Terms \$15.00 to insure

BRIDGEBANK FOOTMAN - Dark brown in colour. He was 3rd in the open class at Glasgow, 1st at the Royal and 2nd at the Highland Show, a record not equaled by any other horse in Canada. To insure \$15.00

FLOWERPRINT - Bred by Brandon Bros. and foaled June 10th 1930. Sire; Dunure Flowerprint, dam; Queen of the May. This is a beautiful young horse, with extra fine bones. He is well bred and has won numerous prizes at the big shows. Terms \$10.00 to insure

LANCLOT - Black in colour, foaled in 1924, imported 1926. Sire; Happy Choice and the dam is Calland's Ann. This is one of the best horses in Canada and had won some good prizes while in Scotland. Terms \$15.00 to insure

EASTFIELD CHARLES - Winner of 1st prize in a large class of three-year old at the recent show in Guelph. Fee of \$15.00 to insure

CARBROOK MASTERPIECE - Sire: Carbrook Buchlyvie, dam: Bridal Rose by Herminius. This is a very big, fine horse. Winning 1st prize and reserve championship at the C.N.E. and London in both 1930 and 1931. To insure \$13.00

EARL 'O' CLAY - Twice second at Highland Show in Scotland, and had the Dumfries Premium for three years. He is a splendid breeding horse as well as a good individual. Terms \$15.00 to insure

KING SIMON - Colour bay, foaled 1917. This horse won 2nd at Guelph in a class of twenty as a one-year old, 1st place at London and Ottawa as a three-year old; and 1st prize in London in Aged Canadian class in 1921. Terms \$15.00

BRIDGEBANK HERALD - Foaled in 1926 and is bay in colour. This is a beautiful horse with wonderful legs and feet and will cross with all kinds of mares. Terms \$13.00 to insure

Brandon Bros. have in their barns 4th line, N.E.R. Warwick, the best breeding Clydesdale stallions in the country. They endeavor to get buyers for their customers. Always several good stallions at their barns. See them

AD FROM 1935

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A Native of Brennan's Brae,
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PART 2
THE BRANDON BOYS

(Courtesy of Forest Standard)

FIRST PLACE AT "ROYAL" IN
HORSEMANSHIP

Jimmie Brandon, aged 19 years, representing the Forest Foal Club won the first award in the horsemanship contest of the Ontario Boys' Foal Club at the Royal Winter Fair. With his brother, Alex Brandon, aged 15 years, who won third place, he brought back some of the honor Lambton County judging teams missed in junior farmers competitions earlier in the week.

Leading 30 entrants with his colt Forest Realization, bred on the well known Clydesdale farms of Brandon Brothers, of Warwick township, Jimmie Brandon took the major honor in a close race with Campbell Hamer, of Ontario County. Alex Brandon's colt, Betty Footman took third place.

1937

WINS WITH SIX-HORSE TEAM

Jimmie Brandon of Warwick, continued his success of last week at the Royal Winter Fair when he took first in the Horsemanship contest of the Ontario Boy's Foal Club, by winning first in his class for six-horse team driving contest at the Royal last Wednesday evening. He then entered the open class in the same competition and took second, first place going to Allan C. Leslie of Waterous, Sask.

1937

John Brandon will again exhibit his famous six horse team

James Brandon, Jr., 4th line, sold last week to the Petrie Machine Company of Toronto, a Clydesdale gelding, to be used in their six-horse team. Price \$300. 1946

FOR SERVICE—Valley Crest Cremiers Nobleman, A Premium Clydesdale stallion. This stallion is exceptionally well bred. Mother was three times Grand Champion mare at Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, and twice at Chicago. The government offers \$25 a colt from an A Premium horse. Apply to Jim Brandon, Warwick; phone 610 r 23, Forest. 1951

As mentioned in the first part of this story, the Brandon boys also had success in the show ring. The following is an incomplete lists of some of their accomplishments.

Sept. 1931 - Forest Fair, boys foal class; John 1st James V. 2nd

Dec. 1931 - Guelph Winter Fair, judging contest; William M. 1st

Aug. 1932 - C.N.E., boys foal class; John 2nd

Aug. 1932 - O.A.C. Guelph, Clydesdale Field Day, judging contest; John and Jim Jr. tied for 1st

Sept. 1933 - Forest Fair, boys foal class; James V. 1st

Sept. 1934 - Forest Fair, boys foal class; Robert A. 2nd

Aug. 1934 - C.N.E., boys foal class; Oliver 4th

Dec. 1936 - Royal, six-horse hitch driving competition; John 1st

Dec. 1937 - Royal, boys foal class; Jim Jr. 1st Alex 3rd

Dec. 1937 - Royal, six-horse hitch driving competition; Jim Jr. 1st

May 1938 - Forest Spring Show, boys foal class Alex 1st Stewart 3rd

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After his fathers death, Jim Jr. would offer stud service during breeding season, but by the early 1950's it just didn't pay to keep stallions. With their love for the Clydesdales, the Brandon's hung in there to the end, and no doubt the end had arrived. From his boyhood days in the show ring, his seat as director in the Ontario Clydesdale Club, his ownership of horses to his judging of horse shows into the 1980's. Jim Jr.'s admiration towards the majestic Clydesdale was with him to the end. Jim Jr. passed away in Jan. of 2000.



John Brandon with the Award-Winning Wilson Hitch

*Wilson Hitch Retains
International
Championship Honors*

**Wilson Hitch
Again Wins
Top Honors**

*Takes Fourth Straight
International Title*

**Unbelievable!, They're
Still Champions**



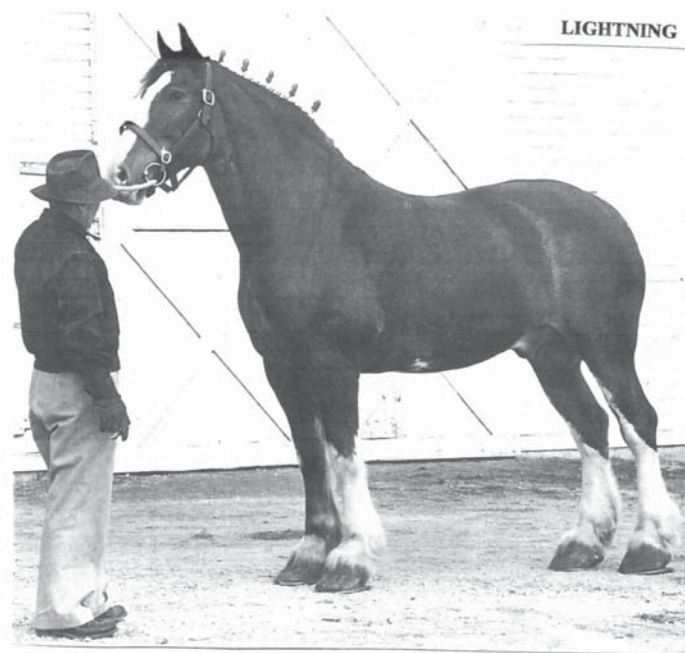
HIS POWERFUL HANDS GUIDE 6-HORSE CLYDESDALE HITCH AROUND THE AMERICAN ROYAL RING...JOHN BRANDON DRIVED

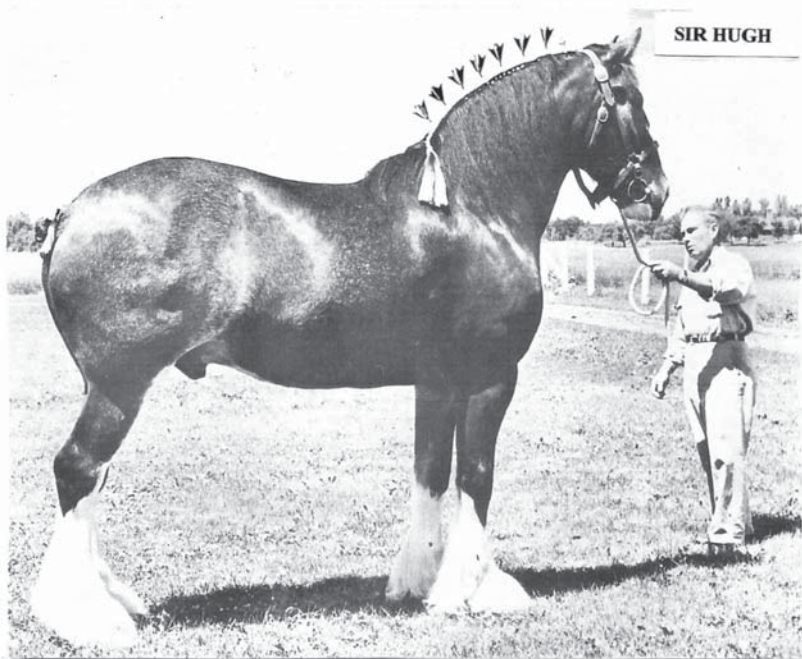
Another son John, would spend his life time in the Clydesdale business. During the 40's, John also sat in a directors chair along with a term of president in the Ontario Clydesdale Club. Also at this time John served as a director in the Lambton-Kent Horse Breeders Association. At the start of the 1950's Johnny was offered a job with a California hitch, but declined with the top position offer from Wilson & Co. of Chicago was put before him. Offer accepted, John and family moved to the Chicago area. At his first showing at the Chicago International, John and his hitch brought the crowd to their feet, by what a national magazine states, "a breath taking display of horsemanship". It also brought Johnny his first of many wins at this top show.

People don't realize how much travel one of these commercial six-horse hitches does in a years time. Promoting their products is a totally different world than in the show ring. In Wilson's case, the marketing people would follow sales all across the country. If sales fell, let's say on the west coast, a promotion tour would be set up. These tours would include grocery store openings, rodeos, horse shows, special showings for handicapped youngsters along with shows for charitable organizations. A person might think, OK, two maybe three months then back home. NOT!! One year the Wilson hitch left the farm on Dec. 12 and returned Nov. 28 the following year. During that time the horses were hitched over 400 times and had spent over 800 hours on streets and in parking lots promoting Wilson Meat Products. The horses also traveled to Cuba, England, Scotland and Wales. So there was a heck of a lot of travel. In 1954 Johnny hit the ring with a completely different hitch, and it was the hitch everybody knew had to be reckoned with. For eleven years the Wilson hitch won numerous awards, and John, the most consecutive wins at the prestigious Chicago International.

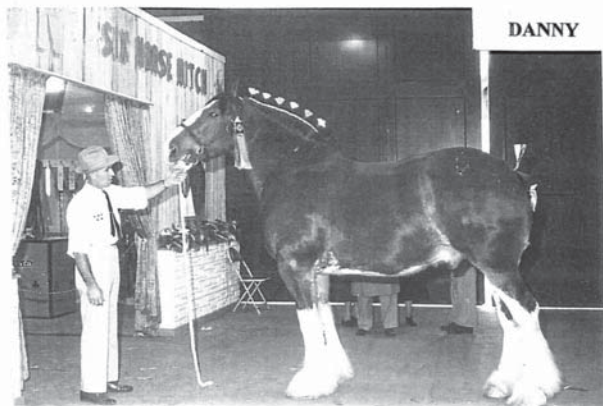
During the Wilson years John had imported some pretty outstanding geldings. One was Bel-Aire Fisherman (Lightning) who was judged grand-champion for two years. Johnnie's next winner was a horse named Sir Hugh and he held the top spot for three

years. A third horse that we called Danny replaced Sir Hugh for a three-year period. By the late 1970's the Wilson family had disposed of the companies and the horses. The Wilson hitch has gone down in the history books as the most winning six-horse hitch of all time, of any breed, and the Brandon family are linked to that record from beginning to end.



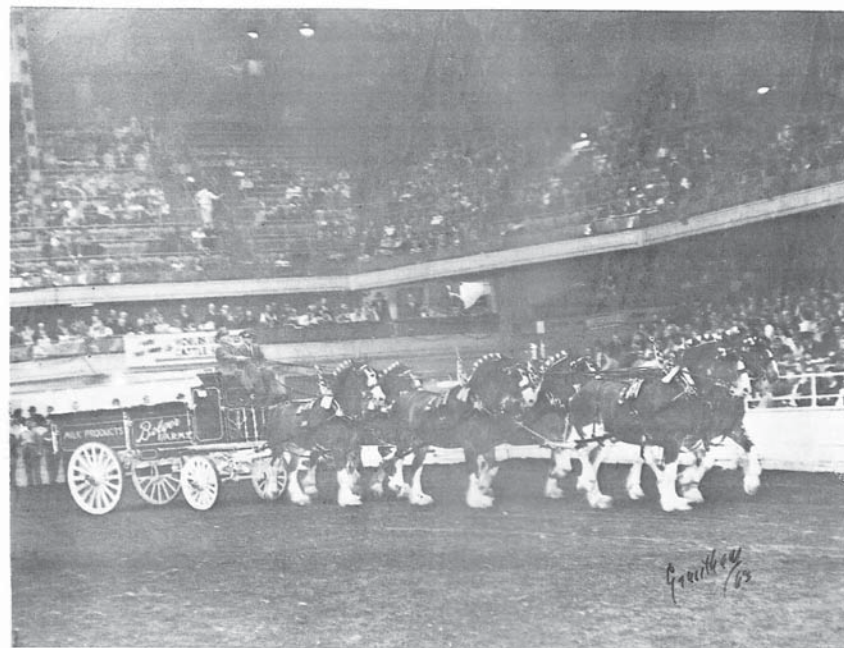


SIR HUGH



DANNY

In 1962, tiring of the extensive travel required in managing the hitch, John accepted a similar position with the Chicago based Bolger Dairy Farms. Completely rebuilding this hitch, all new horses, finding and then restoring a show wagon, to the picking of new company colors for a much improved look. Johnny took the revamped Bolger hitch to the 1963 Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, where he won the six-horse hitch competition with one of the greatest hitches in Clydesdale history.



SIX HORSE HITCH ENTRY OF BOLGER FARMS

1963

Donald and Kilduff
Sharp and Ben
Irish and Chief

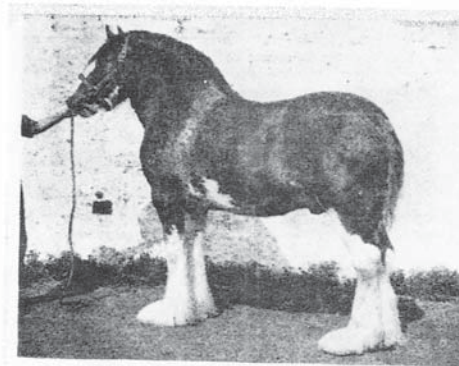
JOHN BRANDON DRIVING

Also in 63, Bolger wanted to become a stallion owner, so John imported the noted horse "Lochlands Flashdale". First breeding his own mares, Johnny shipped him to other breeders that wanted his service. Flash was leaving excellent offspring, but fell victim of a kidney ailment while in Manitoba, later in the sixties.

1964 Bolger informed John that the company was having some internal problems and had decided to discontinue the horses for a three year period. Johnny first sold this incredible string of horses, some going to Wilson's, others to Budweiser, and returned to his farm in Warwick Township. With his son Don, they ran a sizable pig operation and always had a few Clydes around. In 1967, Canada's centennial year, John was commissioned to judge the Royal Winter Fair and it was the year that John returned to Bolger Farms. By this time, John and wife Aldene, had bought a small restaurant in Forest. Aldene would manage the business and John and son would return to the horses. For the show season of 1968 father and son had shown a hitch that some would compare with the 63 team and they finished up the season winning the six-horse hitch class at the Royal in Toronto. Early in 1969, on a horse buying trip to Scotland, John had suffered a heart attack and had to stay in the old country nine weeks before he could return. Recuperating at home in Forest, August A. Busch approached these Brandon's for help to get his personal hitch going right and for a time in the early 70's they were the Busch families personal horsemen. Upon his return to Canada, John would travel North America judging Clydesdales, and until his death in March of 1988 would have or know the where - a - bouts of good Clyde horses.



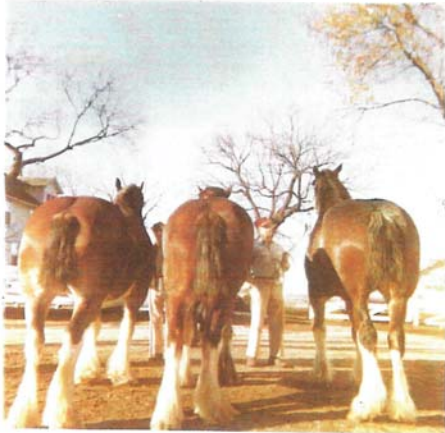
John and son Don with the Wilson Hitch



LOCHLANDS FLASHDALE (VOL. 79)

Foaled, 24th May, 1959. Sire, Muritn Sensation (24672). Dam, Langalchorad Blossom (71568), by Gariness Control (23885). Second Dam, Littleinch Morag (66431), by Benedictine (21836).

THE END



Photo's Courtesy of
Don Brandon

By no means is the Clydesdale the only breed of draft horse, just the best one! (in the Brandon opinion any way) Almost all countries had their own breed of draft horse. Listed here are the best known in North America, along with the country of origin and the year that their Canadian association were formed.

Clydesdale	Scotland	1886
Shire	England	1888
Canadian	Canada	1895
Suffolk	England	1910
Percheron	France	1911
Belgian	Belgium	1920

In the southern part of the U.S., Mules and Mammoth Jacks have always had a strong foothold as their beast of burden. These breeds do not have an association in Canada. The breeding of these species requires a cross between a jack Ass and a mare Horse.

jack Ass
light horse mare = Mule

jack Ass
draft horse mare = Mammoth Jack

The Ass is of Spanish origin.

The Canadian horse population in 1921 stood at 3,610,500 head. The majority were farm horses of the draft type and the total number would represent about 5 horses for every Canadian farm. The first Clydesdale to be exported to North America was a stallion named "Cumberland" in 1840, imported by David Rowntree of Weston, (Ont.) Upper Canada.

CANADA'S GREATEST CLYDESDALE BREEDING STOCK

Imported Clydesdale stallions for individual horsemen and clubs. Our summer importation of 1922 included some of the best horses we ever imported. Our older ones include Carbrook Bucklyvie, Dunure Walker, Forest Favorite, etc. Our horses are fully guaranteed and they win wherever shown.
BRANDON BROS., Forest, Ontario

The Roots Of The Tree

		# of children
James & Matilda (McElroy) Brandon		
John M.D.	(1841 - 1915)	7
Letitia Baird	(1842 - 1914)	6
Margaret Campbell	(1844 - 1898)	14
Agnes Karr	(1846 - 1936)	0
William	(1847 - 1897)	4
James	(1851 - 1876)	0
Matilda	(1852)	0
Thomas	(1856 - 1907)	0
Matilda Porter	(1858 - 1935)	6
William & Alison (Robertson) Brandon		
James	(1877 - 1948)	11
William J.	(1879 - 1962)	6
Robert	(1882 - 1959)	0
Thomas M.D.	(1886 - 1918)	1
James & Margaret (Crocker) Brandon		
Alison Rome	(1907 - 2007)	4
William M.	(1909 - 1987)	3
Thomas Par. B.	(1910 - 1999)	2
Amelia Huctwith	(1912 - 1982)	5
John	(1915 - 1988)	4
Margaret Lester	(1916 - 2008)	4
James Jr.	(1918 - 2000)	2
Marion Johnson	(1920 -)	2
Oliver	(1921 - 1945)	2
Alex	(1922 - 2006)	5
Stewart	(1923 - 1986)	4
William J. & Grace (Vance) Brandon		
Bessie Johnson	(1908 - 1995)	7
James V.	(1914 - 2007)	2
Helen Bobier	(1916 - 1996)	2
Robert A.	(1920 -)	0
Roy	(1924 - 2006)	2
William T.	(1930 - 2005)	4
Robert Brandon		
Bachelor		
Thomas M.D. & Anne R.N. (Clark) Brandon		
Robert T.	(1915 - 1984)	4

FOREST BREEDERS TAKE FIRST FOR
BEST STALLION UNDER THREE
YEARS

FOREST HORSE IS
GRAND CHAMPION
CHATHAM FAIR

BRANDON BROS. ENTRIES
SUCCESSFUL

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CLYDESDALE SHOWING
IS BEST EVER SEEN

Forest Favourite Wins Top Award at
The International Show Held In Chicago

FOREST, BROTHERS WIN AT EX

LAMBTON
EXHIBITS
AT FAIR

Lambton Breeders
Winners At Guelph

Lambton Figures
Again In Awards At
Royal Winter Fair

BRANDON'S WIN WATSON
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Carbrook Buchlyvie Owned By
Brandon Bros. Wins Top Breeding
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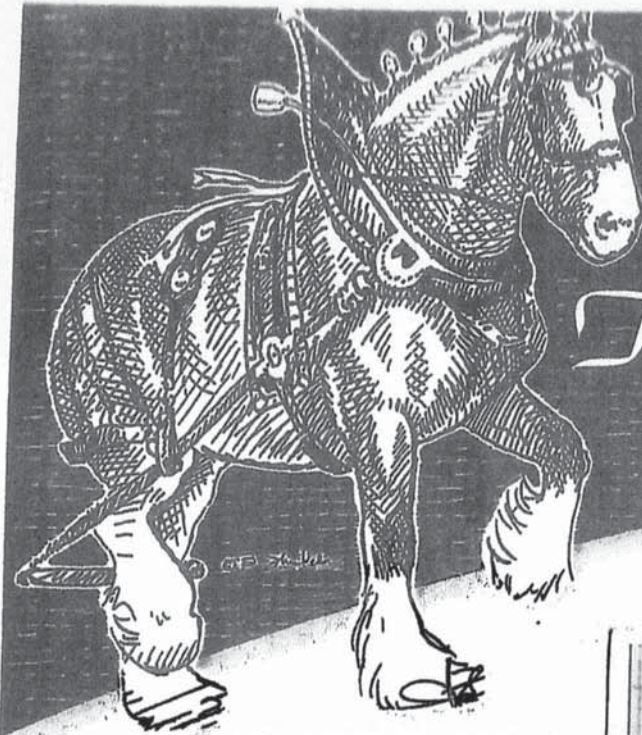
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CLASSES, COMPETITION IS KEEN
BRANDON BROS. TOPS THEM ALL

Forest Breeders
Win Awards at
Ottawa Show

COUNTY STOCK MEN
HONORED AT BANQUET

BRANDON'S AGAIN
IN PRIZE MONEY
AT EXHIBITION



THE FOUNDATION YEARS

of

The Clydesdale Breed

- by Jim Emmons -

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PART THREE
(conclusion)



One of the very best breeding horses in Canada during the interval between the two World Wars was Forest Favourite, sired by Ranna Print, by Dunure Footprint. His dam

was by Revelanta and his grandam was by Bonnie Buchlyvie. He was imported by Brandon Brothers, Forest, Ontario. At his first Royal Winter Fair, he was 3rd in the 2-year-old class, surrounded by close kin. Sons and grandsons of Dunure Footprint stood 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

While he bred very well for Brandons, he wasn't the only game in that town. They also owned Carbrook Buchlyvie by Bonnie Buchlyvie, who also bred well for them. For whatever reasons, after a few years they sold Forest Favourite to the firm of Haggerty and Black, Belle Plaine, Saskatchewan. In 1926, they brought him to Chicago where he was grand champion for them. Of all the Clydes brought to North America during that interval between the wars, I believe more of today's Clydes can be traced back to Forest Favourite than to any other import.

This article written by Clydesdale breeder Jim Emmons is the last of a three part history of imported Clydesdale Stallions that had appeared in the Stallion issue of the Draft Horse Journal in the winter of 2004/5.

