

LITTLE MAN S  
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Little Man S was foaled April 1, 1952, in New Mexico. He is described as chestnut, white with chestnut spots over loin and hips, sporting a bald face and a stocking on the left hind leg. He was registered with the ApHC F1789, and later registered with CRHA #690. ApHC records state he was bred by Ira F. Shaffer, of Hillsboro, NM and owned by W. C. "Pete" Smith of Tatum, NM. Smith sold him to George J. Bryant of Springfield, Illinois.

Smith also sold Bryant the Rangerbred mare that was registered as Bryant's Miss Poteet ApHC F2760, who was out of the mare Minnie Mouse F1205 (Little Man S's maternal granddam). Smith is also credited with breeding the Rangermare Bluebird B F1687 (dam of Buttons B F1681), Peter Red Fox F2226, Googles F2227, Kowada F2228 (daughter of Corky F 1201), and Coweta F2229 (daughter of Minnie Mouse F1205). Smith owned the Rangerbred stallion Poteet B F2225, which he purchased from breeder Elvin Blevins, of Wynnewood, OK. Blevins purchased Bluebird B from Smith, and was the breeder of Buttons B F1681.

**Little Man S is rich in early Appaloosa, as well as Rangerbred heritage:**

Rainy Moon F181  
Coeur d'Alene F145  
Little Perposia (nr)  
Little Man S F1789/CRHA 690  
Red Fox CRHA 262 (Fox CRHA 10 x Babe)  
Corky F1201/CRHA-NR26  
Minnie Mouse F1205 (Rainy Moon F181 x Nancy)

His Pedigree shows he is twice descended from the K.K.Parson's program's noted stallion (not CRHA) Rainy Moon F181, through Coeur d'Alene F145 and Minnie Mouse F1205, giving him the mystic of questionable heritage that falls upon Rainy moon descendants. Both Minnie Mouse F1205 and Corky F1201 were bred by Dr. O.J. Shaffer, of El Paso, TX, sold to William Watson, of Tatum, NM, who then sold them to George Bryant. Red Fox CRHA 262 was bred by David Ruby, who sold him to Dr. O.J. Shaffer, El Paso, TX.

Little Man S went into the early foundation program of George Bryant, along with his dam Corky and granddam Minnie Mouse. The Bryant program also used the stallions Cherokee Red Rex T3388 and Cherokee Blue Rex T3389. The program was based on several registered mares of unknown parentage--Bryant's Barb T6806, Bryant's Blue Lady T6446, Bryant's Brown Susie T6447, Bryant's Dark Lady T6768, Bryant's Hiawatha's Lady T6807, Bryant's Hiawatha's Queen T6808, Bryant's Red Gal T6445, Bryant's Sioux Maiden T6770, Bryant's Squaw Mare T6772, and Bryant's Sundance T6767, along with double-bred Biltott's Chico mare Bryant's Lyda "B" T7411, and Bryant's Apache Queen T3387, purchased by Bryant.

Little Man S was shown by the Bryants. At the 1960 Missouri State Fair, Appaloosa Show he won the aged stallion class, was named the Reserve Grand Champion stallion, and placed in trail as well. His win photo was a part of the fair show write-up found in the January 1961 issue of the Appaloosa News, published by the Appaloosa Publishing Company, in Eules, TX. In 1966, under the ownership of Twin Brooks Farm, in Woodbury, CT, he tied for the title of ApHC Reserve National Champion senior cutting horse.

The bloodlines of Little Man S found their way into several young and developing programs, some of which would later become steadfast Rangerbred breeding programs, while their owners would become staunch supporters of CRHA: Dr. Loren Woodley (CRHA Director during the 1970's), of Lenhartsville, PA with his Bear Swamp program; Thomas E. Pipes (CRHA Vice President during the mid 1970's and on the current CRHA Advisory Committee), and his Grandview Stables, of Strongsville, OH; Vince and Corrine Rawlirt's Cor-Vin Corral in Ohio, Earl Gant's It-Za-Wonder Farm in OH; Alta C. and Lyle Coultrip of Wakeman, OH; Jim and Irene Turner's Appa-A-Way Stable, in Kearneyville, WV; Beaverwood Farms of Medina, OH; Sharon Krecic's Wind Hollow Farm in Lodi, OH; R.L. Holston, of Tipp City, OH; Thomas C. Trout's Tomahoci program, Homerville, OH; J.Craig Clark of New London, OH; Mary Zimmie's Star Z program, Litchfield, OH; the M Bar S Farm in Walton, KY; and the "T.C." program of T.C. McAvoy, in OH, to name some.

Little Man S, sire of registered 56 foals between 1958 and 1972, sired the noted foundation stallion Bryant's Apache Lad F3552, as Little Rainy Man, and Al's Son of Little Man S. Little Rainy Man, one of Little Man S's more prolific sons, went on to sire Bear Swamp's Rain Beau 144550/CRHA 1164 and several others for Woodley's Bear Swamp program. The Woodley's Bear Swamp program predominantly used the stallion Assistant Chief of Bear Swamp 66983 (Not CRHA), who did in fact sire CRHA National Champions, like Bear Swamp Twiggy (junior trail, costume, halter, junior western pleasure, junior English pleasure).

Little Man S's most prominent son was Al's Son of Little Man S, foaled April 1960 (deceased April 1972), who became a show ring sire icon in the realm of the Rangerbred. Al's Son of Little Man S sired over 325 registered Appaloosa foals. Progeny of Al's Son of Little Man S dominated the CRHA National Shows for several years, before fading out to other favored family lines like Sunspot Revel and High Thunderbird.

Little Man S and his descendants were often in the public eye in various publications. The Utah Appaloosa Breeders had an advertisement in September 1969 Appaloosa News, that included Joseph and Annette Sweat's stallion Utah Comanche. Utah Comanche and two of his foals were in a two page advertisement by Sweat's Open Star Ranch (UT), also in September 1969 Appaloosa News. Al's Son of Little Man S was featured on the cover of the June 1972 CRHA Hot-Line. Bear Swamp Appaloosas had a 'good luck' advertisement in the 1972 (25th) ApHC National Show Booklet. K's Comanche Sundog was advertised with a photo, b owners Klinghagen's Appaloosas, in Sioux Falls, SD, the the 1970 (23rd) ApHC National Show program. Sonny's Diplomat was pictured as the Rangerbred representative in the Western Horseman's 1974 'All Breed Issue' write-up. In the 1970's CRHA share-an-ad program in the Western Horseman magazines, Stump's Guy, Sonny's Diplomat, Bear Swamp's Rain Beau and Coultrip's Boogieman advertisements could be found promoting the Rangerbred to the horse world. A promotional article about the Colorado Ranger Horse Association, printed in the November 1978 Spotted Horse magazine, featured photos of Stump's Mecapo, Stump's Dandy, Stump's Guy, Pipe's Kokomo Joe, Bear Swamp's Majorette, Coultrip's Rusty Eagle, and Luke's Lady Windemere. An article in the December 1966 Appaloosa News, titled 'Cherokee Red Rex-The Pride of Twin Brooks', mentions Little Man S descendants, used in the George Bryant program. The Utah ApHC stallion Auction featured services of Little Man S descendants, OK Comanche (Barbara King, agent, CAL), Utah Prince (Woodrow Talbot, leasee, UT) Utah Joe (Blaine Young, owned, UT) and K's Comanche Sundog (Harvey Klinghagen, owner, SD), in the early 1970's.

Little Man S was honored in the Appaloosa show realm, with the dedication of a special award given at the National Show. The "Little Man S Trophy" was a mink stole (has also been described as a cape or scarf). This prestigious award was originally started in 1959 as the "Jo Warren Trophy", in honor of Jo Warren, who grew the mink for the cape. It was changed to the "Little Man S Trophy" in 1968, as near as the ApHC records show. The "Little Man S Trophy" was donated by Donald and Joan McGloob, with their Twin Brooks Farm, of Woodbury, CT. The 1968 trophy, presented at the 21st ApHC National Show, earned by the high point lady owner/exhibitor, was won by 9-year-old Michele Peason, of Texas. Under the same qualifications, Mary McPherson, of Texas won the award in 1969 at the 22nd ApHC National Show. This beautiful mink cape award was being presented by the McGloobs at the National Show in 1972, although it was then presented to the winner of the ladies western pleasure class.