

1997 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

VAQUERO Q-1

Sire: HIRED HAND USA-2495
Dam: OJOS GRANDES USA-38454
Breeder: KING RANCH KINGSVILLE TX
Owner: QLD & N/TERRITORY PAST P/L BRISBANE QLD



Vaquero (imp) holds the honour of being allocated “Q1” to his name in the Australian Quarter Horse Stud Book, Volume One 1968, Purebred Registry.

Vaquero arrived in Australia in 1954 as part of a King Ranch consignment of four stallions and was sent to the King Ranch stud, “Risdon” at Warwick in Queensland.

At that time he was only a colt (he was foaled in 1952), and the son of Hired Hand. Hired Hand has been described as the last and greatest son of Old Sorrel.

Through Old Sorrel, Vaquero’s breeding goes back to Hickory Bill, Peter McCue, Cold Deck, Old Billy, Shilo – along the classic line to Sir Archy (1805-33), certainly one of the very founders of the breed.

VAQUERO* ch 1952 QUARTER HORSE	HIRED HAND* ch 1943 QUARTER HORSE	OLD SORREL* ch 1915 QUARTER HORSE	HICKORY BILL ch 1907 QUARTER HORSE	PETER MCCUE* b 16.0 1895	DAN TUCKER* NORA M
			DR ROSE MARE sor QUARTER HORSE	LUCRETIA M ch 1901	THE HERO BIRD
			YELLOW JACKET rd dun 1908 QUARTER HORSE	LITTLE RONDO 1 ch	LOCKS RONDO
		WATER LILLY ch 1920 QUARTER HORSE	WAGGONER MARE QUARTER HORSE	BARBEE DUN dun	LOCKS RONDO
			PEPPY* ch 1934 QUARTER HORSE	LITTLE RICHARD* ch 1922 QUARTER HORSE	OLD SORREL* ch 1915
		CHINA 1 QUARTER HORSE		LUCKY MOSE MARE	LUCKY MOSE
	OJOS GRANDES ch 1946 QUARTER HORSE	COMPANIA ch 1937 QUARTER HORSE		SOLIS* sor 1923 QUARTER HORSE	CARDINAL 1 ch
			OMBLONGANA DA JAVIEL ch QUARTER HORSE	BRILLANTE MARE	HICKORY BILL DR ROSE MARE
				OLD SORREL* ch 1915	RIGHT ROYAL LAZARUS
			MOTHER OF SOLIS	CARDINAL 1 ch	OLD SORREL* PIOCHA

In 1971 Vaquero was awarded the Australian Quarter Horse Association Award of Honour for his contribution to the breed. His progeny included the gelding, King Ranch Quarter Banjo (awarded the Association's first Register of Merit), and many other high ranking performance horses. A total of 208 progeny have been recorded by him, with an even greater number of Australian Quarter Horses who can claim him as part of their pedigree.

We honour him now as the first horse inducted into the newly established Hall of Fame.
