

A GUIDE TO THE AL KHAMSA ANCESTRAL ELEMENTS IN HEIRLOOM

A study of bloodstock by exporter from Desert Arabia

The Al Khamsa Egypt I and Blunt Foundation Horses are listed alphabetically below in the category to which they are assigned for the Heirloom exporter-bloodstock percentages study. In addition, the ancestral element associated with each horse by *AKA II* is generally indicated by the parenthetical initials following its name.¹

Because research into the pedigrees of the Egypt I horses is not complete, 13 of these Al Khamsa Foundation Horses are not desertbreds themselves but are known to have been born in Egypt before 1890; these names are identified by a degree symbol (°).

Further details about the provenance, source of information, and the reason each horse has been placed in a certain category for this Heirloom study are provided by a numerical code:

0 = Desertbred, exported for this breeder; primary and secondary sources are in agreement.

1 = Desertbred, exporter unknown, used by this breeder; primary and secondary sources are in agreement.

2 = 100% Abbas Pasha stock according to the Blunt records and other early studbooks; pedigree incomplete.

3 = Name, pedigree, and line of descent are derived from *The Raswan Index (TRI)*; no primary source confirmation.

For the sake of continuity with *AKA II*, the following Foundation Horses also have been included in the exporter-percentage study. However, Heirloom research findings have suggested changes in traditional pedigrees or lines of descent resulting in the extraction of these names from extant Heirloom bloodlines. The proposed changes are discussed in “Out of the Mists” and summarized below.

JATHIMAH (AP)
MISKAH (AP)
NAJIB (AP)
WAZIRI AL-AUWAL (AP)

These four names appear in Al Khamsa lines only through the pedigree for El Argaa (APS) given in TRI. Heirloom proposes that Wazir (APS) is her sire, not Waziri Al-Auwal (AP), thereby retiring these four names from active duty in extant lines as cataloged in all Heirloom documents.

MEANAGI SEBELI (APK)

Lady Anne Blunt uses this name as an alternate term for the stallion Sabbah (APK): Saklawi I (APS) x Maanagia Hadrageia (APK).² While the two names are consistently cross-referenced in Heirloom documents, they had not been merged in the database at the time of publication. The progeny attributed to Meanagi Sebeli (APK) should be combined with that of Sabbah (APK) and their exporter percentages adjusted accordingly.

NADER EL KEBIR (APS)

This name is known only through an entry in TRI; no sire or dam is provided. Heirloom suggests that this name refers to the animal admired in the stud of Ali Pasha Sherif by the Blunts, Ibn Nadir (APS), reputed to be the son of Wazir (APS) and the Abbas Pasha desertbred mare Samha (AP). The Heirloom Index incorporates this identification and notes both alternate names.

¹ Exceptions to this practice include Yamama (BLT), assigned to the Ali Pasha Sherif sub-element and listed as 100% Egypt I descent; Koheilan El Mossen (EGY) and Muniel El Nefous (EGY), assigned to the Ahmed Bey Sennari sub-element; and Gazza (EGY), assigned to the Khedive Abbas Pasha Hilmi II sub-element. *AKA II*, 44-45.

² *Blunt, Journals*, 299.

³ At the time the percentage charts were formatted for this book, the studies of primary source materials concerning these horses were not completed. Evidence strongly suggests that none of the following animals are desertbreds exported for Ali Pasha Sherif; rather, they descend in all lines from the stud of Abbas Pasha. For ready reference, the chart entitled “Al Khamsa Ancestral Element Percentages for All Heirloom Horses” (pp. 75-112) includes the combined Abbas Pasha and Ali Pasha Sherif percentage for each Heirloom horse.

⁴ The name “Donia” and the pedigree given in *TRI* also appear in the 1961 RAS pedigree for Aswan (EAO). Egyptian Agricultural Organization, *The Arabian Stud Book*, Vol. 2 (Cairo, Egypt, 1966), 60 (hereafter, *RAS Studbook*, II).

⁵ Hadban (BLT) was purchased by the Blunts in India a few weeks after his exportation from Desert Arabia by Sheikh Ali Ibn Amr of Bussora. *Crabbet*, 56, 97.

⁶ Editor’s note: Through her descendant *Mirzam, Meshura (BLT) would qualify as an Al Khamsa Foundation Horse, but her AK-qualified line is extinct in North America. See Joe Ferriss, “Additional Foundation Horses in Al Khamsa’s Roster which do not Appear in *Al Khamsa Arabians II*,” *Khamsat*, 12: 4 (November 1995): 35-41. At the beginning of the Heirloom database project, before international studbooks were available on CD-ROM or via the Internet, we nurtured the hope that Meshura (BLT) might have living Heirloom descendants in the U.K. or Australia or some other place where Crabbet horses had been exported. Sadly, our recent research has demonstrated that she is, indeed, *sberadu*. Her case is more fully explored in Part Two, Chapter 4: “The Lost Horses of Heirloom,” pp. 425-426.

VICEROY ABBAS PASHA I

2 °	DAHMEH SHAHWANIYAH (APS)	2 °	SELMA (AP)
2 °	EL DAHMA (APS)	0	SHALFA (AP) <i>Name derived from TRI; described in primary sources as “the white Dahmeh Nejib of Khalil el Hajry”</i>
2 °	GAZZA (EGY)		
2 °	GHARRAN (APS)		
0	GHAZIEH (AP)	0	SHUEYMA (AP)
0	HAJLAH (AP) <i>Name derived from TRI; described in primary sources as “the bay Dahmeh Nejib of Ibn Aweyde”</i>	3	SHUWAYMAN AS-SABBAH (AP)
		0	SUEYD (AP)
0	HARKA (AP)	0	TALQAH (AP) <i>Name derived from TRI; described in primary sources as “the mare of Ibn Nakadan, Dahmeh Shahwaniyeh”</i>
0	JELLABIET FEYSUL (AP)		
2 °	MUNIET EL NEFOUS (EGY)	3	UDAYHA (AP)
3	QUMIZ (AP)	0	WADIHAH (DAHMAH) (AP)
3	RA'IS (AP)	0	WADIHAH (SHUWAYMAH) (AP) <i>Line of descent derived from TRI only</i>
3	RAQABAH (AP)		
0	SAMHA (AP)	0	ZOBEYNI (AP)

ALI PASHA SHERIF³

2 °	FARIDA DABBANI (APS)	2 °	NURA EL KEBIRA (APS)
2 °	MAHROUSSA (APS) <i>Name derived from TRI; described in primary sources as “bint faras saouda,” daughter of the “parti-colored mare, Wadnah al-Khursani” of al-Sa’dun</i>	2 °	ROGA EL BEDA (APS)
		2 °	SABHA EL ZARKA (APS)
		2 °	SAKLAWI I (APS)
		2 °	YAMAMA (BLT)

PRINCE AHMED PASHA KEMAL

3	DONIA (APK) ⁴	0	MAANAGIA HADRAGIA (APK)
0	FREIHA AL-HAMRA (APK)	1	OBEYAN (APK)
0	JAMIL EL KEBIR (APK)	0	RABDA (APK)

KHEDIVE ABBAS PASHA HILMI II

0	BINT EL BAHREYN (KDV)	1	VENUS (KDV)
1	HALABIA (KDV)		

AHMED BEY SENNARI

0	KOHEILAN EL MOSSEN (EGY)
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SHEIKH ALI IBN AMR OF BUSSORA

0	HADBAN (BLT) ⁵
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WILFRID AND/OR LADY ANNE BLUNT

0	AZREK (BLT)	0	PHARAOH (BLT)
0	BASILISK (BLT)	0	QUEEN OF SHEBA (BLT)
0	DAJANIA (BLT)	0	RODANIA (BLT)
0	JERBOA (BLT)	0	SAADUN (BLT)
0	KARS (BLT)	0	MESHURA (BLT) ⁶