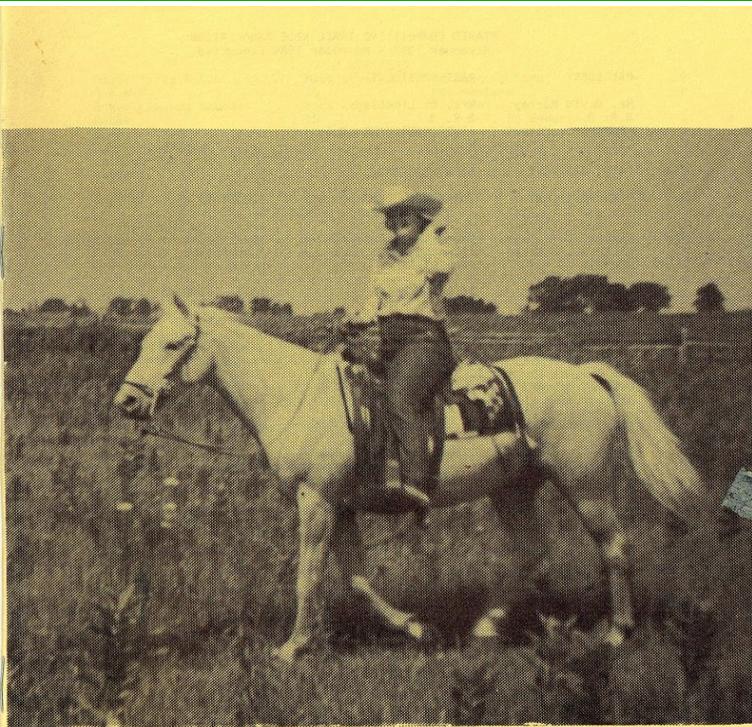


HONOUR ROLL HORSE

Maverick

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Maverick has owned me for 22 years. I loved and rode his 1/4 Arab dam - *Tawny*, for 18 years. I bred her to a Quarter Horse - *Flyaway Mac*, and in 1961 Maverick was foaled.

In 1966, the Rockwood Trail Riders were having their 2nd Annual Competitive Trail Ride, but as I was helping run it, I had yet to compete in one. Nancy Beacon came down to judge it and she asked me to go with her to Vermont to ride in the 3-day 100 mile ride. My five year old gelding had all of six weeks of what I thought was extensive conditioning (Gee, I didn't know you had to trot for miles at a stretch). It was a good thing Maverick had perfect legs and robust good health because we finished on time, steadily improving each day. It sure got me hooked on this sport. We did the Vermont 100 again in 1969 and 1970.

Maverick completed 15 rides in Ontario and was never out of the placings (except one), and was never pulled.

He was OCTRA High Point Horse in 1969. He wasn't fast walking uphill and his P/R's left something to be desired, but he was great to ride. He developed a lovely ground-covering trot and he was always willing to move on.

Of course, I spent many hours just enjoying his company on the trails around Rockwood, and he was pretty good in Western Pleasure and Trail Horse classes too. Maverick has been retired for a few years and is a terrific babysitter with the weaned foals (even if they are Arabians). He is still the herd boss and is very clever at unlatching gates and doors.

Maverick has a very special place at our home and in our hearts.

