

Joseph Shepherd, Andover, O., 1852. He is said to have been the first Morgan horse taken to Ohio for breeding purposes. He is of the genuine Morgan pattern, and a very good horse. His stock was highly prized in Ohio and a number of his sons were kept entire. Linsley said: "One of the best acting sons of Bulrush. A fine spirited animal." W. C. Hull, Orangeville, O., writes: "Morgan Bulrush was of low pony build, smooth body and long barrel, good head, fine eye and fine ears pricked forward in traveling gait short but very prompt and easy. He had very clean, hard looking limbs, and his stock generally resembled him in this as well as in having good disposition, dark color, generally brown bays, similar action and nearly always sound. He was very popular here during the time he remained. He

covered 80 mares the first season a good many coming 10, 15 and even 20 miles." This horse was bred the same way as Billy Root 9- tracing to Justin Morgan 1, through his sire, Bulrush Morgan 6, and his dam being a granddaughter of Justin Morgan 1. From the description, he was very much like Justin Morgan 1, himself. Only 4 of his sons were registered, but he sired the dam of Benedict Morrill 252, giving him 3 crosses to Justin Morgan 1, two through Bulrush Morgan 6.

Vermont Boy 797 AKA Marseilles' was bay, with one hind foot white, 15.3h, 1,150 lb.: foaled 1869; bred by Harrison Abbott, Gaysville, Vt.; got by Benedict Morrill 252, son of Morrill 55: dam chestnut, bred by Cassius Joslyn, Waitsfield, Vt., got by

Rocket 203, son of Young Myrick 202, by Sherman Black Hawk 51; 2nd dam chestnut, said to be by Morgan Chief 34 (Eldridge Horse), son of Woodbury Morgan 7. L. R. Joslyn writes of the dam: "This mare was the first colt Rocket ever sired. She was a big roadster. My father Cassius Joslyn drove her to Montpelier, 18 miles in one hour and 15 minutes. "Vermont Boy 797 was sold to Ira Holt, Pittsfield, Vt., when young; to James Martin, Hancock, Vt.; to Fred Marseilles, Middlebury, Vt., about 1878, whose property he died 1893.

Now that I have solved the mystery, I must move on to more discoveries in the Lippitt breed of Morgans.