

TRAIL OF OLD PAINTER

By Walter McPherson

Old Painter is the same horse Claude Thompson had in Moro, Oregon. The late Mr. Lester Porter bought him from Claude as far as I can find out, at least he came from eastern Oregon. He was sold to Orrin From of Halsey, Ore., who had him several years and then sold him to an insurance man, Mr. Von Hickman, Albany, Oregon. He gave the horse to a friend, Mr. DeLon Olsen of Castledale, Utah, Emery County. He called the horse Silver, not knowing he was the famous old horse—Old Painter. I am going to write Mr. Olsen and find out what happened to the old horse. I understand he has a lot of colts in Utah and I know they would appreciate knowing he was an Appaloosa horse and not just a white horse as the black spots faded away as they sometimes do. These pictures show Old Painter as a white horse but if you look closely you will see he has a lot of small spots around his legs and nose.

Some one in his time taught him to stand straight up whenever you pulled your hat off. I have several pictures taken while he is doing this. One picture



OLD PAINTER—Walter McPherson up.



OLD PAINTER—Mabel McPherson up.

shows my wife, Mabel McPherson with her hat in her hand, standing up. He weighed about 1250 lbs., had a short head and was wide between the eyes, with small ears. He had a very good conformation and wore a number 1 shoe.

Editor's note: Old Painter is the sire of numbers one and two in the Appaloosa Club Stud Book