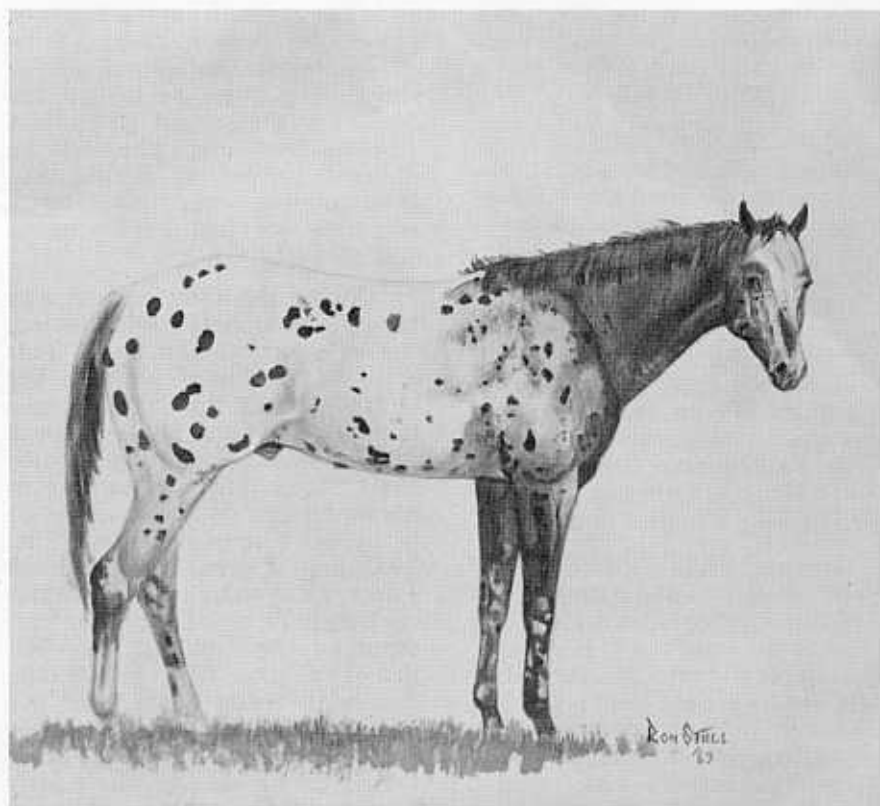


a direct descendant of the great Thoroughbred Ben Brush, being a son of The Porter by Sweep, a son of Ben Brush. Some authorities have said that Dr. Howard was the most outstanding sire of polo ponies to stand in the Southwest. The Appaloosa mare Juanita bred to Dr. Howard foaled a loud colored horse colt, dark blue with a big white blanket and black spots, later to be known as Comanche or Mansfield's Comanche. He was such an outstanding individual that Mansfield decided to leave him a stallion. Consequently, he was never broken to ride but allowed to roam with his band of mares over the wide expanses of the ranch.

Comanche spent his entire life on the ranch in the ownership of Jack Mansfield. He sired many very useful ranch horses, as well as a host of mares and studs later to become famous in the Appaloosa world. In the fall of 1959, Comanche, then 26 years old, was struck by lightning. However, his name will not be forgotten as his sons and daughters and their offsprings carry on the great bloodline.

Some of Comanche's get, aside from the little black fellow with the peacock spots who was registered under the name Double Six Domino and was destined to make about as big an impression on the breed as his famous sire, were: Cherokee, sire of many top halter and performance horses including High Spot, who sired the late High Stakes; another famous son is Old Pay Day (a full brother to Double Six Domino's mother, Susan). More famous sons of Comanche are Oklahoma, Comanche Rondo, Comanche's Equal, Speckle Butt, Cooterville Piute, High Dice, Omega, Chandler's Amigo, Caliente, Comanche Jr., and Argo, a full brother of Domino.

Some of the famous daughters of the old horse besides Susan, were Mansfielda, Manzy Maid, mother of the famous stallion Hawkeye by One Eyed Geronimo a son of Double Six Domino, Tawana, Tesque Molly, Theda, mother of the famous performance horse and sire Chief of Swan Lake by Cherokee, Susie Q. (full sister to Double Six Domino) the mother of the



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great stallion Kelley's Sonny Boy by Little Britches K., Leah (also a full sister to Domino), Patch Pants and others.

An amazing thing about the Mansfield horses is that seemingly without organized planning they were intensely linebred to Comanche and to the horses in Comanche's pedigree (many of the sons and daughters of Comanche are out of daughters of Comanche). Yet the conformation, disposition and ability of these horses is consistently tops, which certainly lends credence to the fact that genetically, Comanche and his ancestors were highly superior horses. As an example, Double Six Domino, as previously mentioned, is not a son of Comanche, but his mother was a daughter of Comanche, while her mother Lucine was a half-sister to Juanita, the dam of Comanche. Possibly the mare Lucine, mother of Susan, is the real unsung star of the Mansfield horses. Among her progeny are Old Pay Day, sire of champions, Kelley's Sonny Boy, Grand Champion Stallion in three major Texas shows in one year, High Stakes, twice Grand Champion, and others.

Now back to the story of Double Six Domino. He matured to a well-muscled 14-2 hands weighing about 1150 in good shape. His color changed from black to a light blue with black spots over his entire body including his face. Domino like his sire was range raised and since he was destined for stud duty he was never broken to ride. From the Mansfield ranch Domino went to Pete Smith of Tatum, New Mexico, one of the pioneer breeders of Appaloosas in the southwest. Elvin Blevins was a neighbor of Pete on the old "Six" Ranch. From Pete, Elvin bought the mare Bluebird B. bred to Double Six Domino. She foaled the stud colt Buttons B. who was to become Elvin's foundation sire and without question one of the most popular and outstanding sires of our time. Buttons B. has certainly done more than his share to make his own sire famous. He has sired such colts as the late great Quavo B., Comanche Ki, Poteet B. (dead) and a host of others.

Pete Smith sold Domino to Ronald Corn of Roswell, New Mexico and Blevins bought Dom-