

Not that Alice Chandler was especially seasoned when she sent an 11-year-old mare named Attica to Sir Gaylord at Claiborne in 1964. Attica was one of just four mares given to Alice by her father, Hal Price Headley, who had died two years previously--along with the 286 acres just down the road from Keeneland, which he had co-founded, that became the nucleus of Mill Ridge Farm. She owed much, in those early days, to the counsel of Bull Hancock of Claiborne.



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"He was ever so helpful to Mom when she went out on her own," remembers Alice's son Headley Bell, who took over the running of Mill Ridge in 2008. "He sent her overflow mares, that he didn't have room for, and was just very helpful in growing her business. Obviously Sir Gaylord was a Claiborne horse, so he'd have worked with her on that, too."

Hal Price Headley and Bull Hancock's father, Arthur B. Hancock Sr., were both among the dozen Pillars of the Turf nominated last week for induction to the Hall of Fame this summer. And both had an important role in the sowing of the American breed with European Classic blood. Hancock Sr. had been central to the syndicates that imported Blenheim in 1936 and Sir Gallahad ten years earlier. Hal Price Headley, for his part, exported Pharamond from England to Kentucky in 1929: a siphon for some of Europe's most precious Classic blood as cultivated by the 17th Earl of Derby.

Pharamond was by Phalaris, ultimately the most influential sire of the century, out of Selene. That made him a half-brother to Hyperion and full brother to Sickle, while his deeper family tree drew together several of the most iconic names of the Victorian Turf.

The year Pharamond started in Kentucky, Headley raced the champion juvenile filly in Alcibiades--herself a blend of indigenous and Classic European blood.



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