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CH Biffin of Beaufin History

The distinction of owning the first Champion of the Breed goes to Mrs. E. Mainwaring. [CH Biffin of Beaufin](#), a beautiful deep rich red little dog. Mrs. Mainwaring liked her terriers to have their ears dropped, and as Biffin wanted to prick his ears she put weights on them to make them drop. Biffin of Beaufin has had a tremendous influence on the Breed as a whole, and there are many Norwich Terriers of both the drop and the prick-eared type who trace their lines back to him and he has certainly passed on his deep rich red color and harsh coat, in particular to the drop-eared variety. Biffin was bred in 1932 by Mrs. Richard Hoare by a dog called Kien, out of Gyp, the former being the result of a father daughter mating of Ky and Pol by Mrs. Moyses of Cornwall.

Another of the early breeders who preferred the drop-eared variety and did a great deal to improve them was Mrs. G. Blewitt who used the prefix "[Boxted](#)". She owned a very famous dog called [Tobit](#), a wonderful ratter. In fact he had so many bites and battles that he finally went blind and deaf. She also bred the second true drop-eared Champion, named [Tinkerbell](#), born in 1933, Tobit and Tinkerbell were a great pair together when ratting and Tobit was a reliable dog to fox and not too hard.