

## FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF EARLY BREEDERS

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Mrs. C. Fisher and Miss M.M. Vaughan, friends and one time neighbors of Miss Tucker, bought Allercombe Task. This bitch was one of the foundations of their kennel. They also bought Allercombe Havego, and these two were the parents of the three famous children, Champions Whinlatter Toil, Whinlatter Trouble, and Whinlatter Tardy. Another foundation bitch they purchased was from Mr. D. Wyatt named "Cracker of Turtillus", and what a wonderful buy she proved to be. She was by Mrs. Fagan's [Ch. Bigger Banger](#) out of a bitch bred by Miss Caldwell, "Marigold of Eildonbrae". "Cracker" has proved herself an outstanding bitch, she has done well for the breed by the excellent children she produced, the most famous being Ch. Whinlatter Cob who in turn became the leading prick-eared Norwich in 1957, 1958, and 1959.

Miss M.M. Vaughan brought with her a knowledge of how to show a dog coupled with her and Mrs. Fisher's long experience of breeding Lakeland Terriers and they soon began to make a name for their kennel. One never saw Miss Vaughan bring a dog into the ring except when it was looking it's best and in flawless condition, and she taught them to show themselves to the best of their ability. It is an art to know how to show a dog so that it is always standing looking it's best whenever the Judge should look at it. How many people realize that a Judge may glance across the ring at your dog in order to make a mental comparison with the dog parading before him at that moment, and how many have their dog standing badly through inattention? We can find fault with any dog, but it need not be emphasized.

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Mrs. Jancey founded her kennel on stock she had bought from Mrs. Paddison and Mrs. Hardy and it was in 1950 that she made up her Daisy of Goldencross to a Champion. His name appears in the pedigrees of a number of outstanding Norwich Terriers. He sired Marigold of Eildonbrae, the granddam of Ch. Whinlatter Cob. It was a year after Daisy became a Champion that his sire [Quartzhill Hemlock](#) achieved that distinction, and of course, later went on to America and became a U.S. Champion as well. In 1952 Dusty's sister, Dinah of Goldencross became a Champion, and so these two, were the first brother and sister to become Champions. This distinction was not equaled until Mrs. Barney who owns the Wheatnor kennels of prick-ears bred the brother and sister Wheatnor Goldfinch and [Wheatnor Chaffinch](#). Goldfinch became a Champion in 1954 and his sister 2 years later. They are both grandchildren of Dusty of Goldencross. Interesting Note: Dusty was the sire of a black and tan, namely Wheatnor Ebony, but Ebony never seemed to pass this coloring on to his children, though a number of them have dark undercoats.

Another outstanding bitch to become a Champion in 1950 and the first Norwich terrier to win a Junior Warrant was Miss Macfie's drop-ear [Colonsay Dixy](#), by [Colonsay Dabster](#) and out of Wymondley Flirt. She made history in the breed by winning 10 Challenge Certificates and 7 Reserve Certificates, a record that has not been beaten by a drop-eared bitch. Her brother [Colonsay Dicky Flutter](#), won two CC's before being exported to

Kenya. A year after Dixy became a Champion, another drop-eared dog achieved this status, Mr. P.G. Anguish's [Red Wraith](#), a dog of a particularly deep red color. He was by Wymondly Grenadier, out of Colonsay Golden Arrow. A Grandson of his, Hunston Holy Smoke, owned by Mrs. K. Smithwick, was a black and tan, and Holy Smoke's son, Hunston Hooch, also a black and tan, was out of Hunston Hustle a granddaughter of red Wraith. **It looks like it might be from Red Wraith that the drop-ear black and tans trace back.**

In 1953 only two Norwich became Champions, both prick-eared: Whinlatter Jim and Jericho Hill Vixen. It was a year later that the outstanding drop-ear, [Waveney Valley Alder](#) hit the high spot and became a Champion. Alder was a son of [Elle Spruce](#) out of Pennie of Waveney Valley, the latter a granddaughter of Snelston Rogue. Elle Spruce, bred by Mrs. Lambert, through his son Waveney Valley Alder has had tremendous influence on the drop-ear type. Alder has passed on his good points, such as his good bone, excellent harsh red coat and good head and ear carriage. His most famous daughter is Ch. Hunston Hedge Betty a winner of 10 Challenge Certificates.

Elle Spruce was the sire of two more Champions in 1955, namely Waveney Valley Joy and her half sister [Waveney Aldersister](#), who obviously is a sister to Alder, though not of the same litter.

A drop ear dog that seems to have been unlucky in that he won one Challenge Certificate, 8 Reserve and his Junior Warrant in 1952, was Mrs. Jones' [Robincott Timothy Titus](#). Another hard struggle to win his Championship was Mr. Knox's Dyraaba Foxtrot. He won 14 Reserve Certificates before he eventually won his third Challenge certificate and became a Champion, and then was sold to Mr. Grant D. Green and sailed the Atlantic to take up his abode in America and proved his worth by the stock he left.

**Mrs. Marks and her daughter Mrs. Bunting who own the [Ragus](#) kennels, bred both the prick-eared and the drop-eared Norwich Terriers. Their foundation of prick-ears was the purchase of Quartzhill Red Rose and mated her to [Ch. Bigger Banger](#), and in the resultant litter was a bitch they named Ragus Rosette, and all their best winning stock stem back to Rosette.** Two of Rosette's well known children being Ch. Ragus Regal Sixpence and Ch. Ragus Rock N' Roll. The best of her descendants is her grandson Ch. Ragus Great Guy. Though he only won two Challenge Certificates he sired excellent stock, the most outstanding when mated to [Foxybrook Gene](#) and they produced the well known brothers Int. Ch. Ragus Good Companion and [Ch. Ragus Goodfellow](#). It is interesting to note that Great Guy's and Gene's mothers were sisters being Farndon Gay Girl and Farndon Griselda.

By this time there were ten dogs and bitches in the breed who had won International Championship status, and those who have not previously been mentioned, all prick-eared, are Whinlatter Tryd, who went to Mrs. Howe Low with the Upland Spring Kennel; Whinlatter Clippa, a daughter of Tryd's who also went to America to Mrs. Emory Alexander, and Jericho Punch, a son of Ch. Wheatnor Goldfinch and Ch Jericho Hill

Vixen who went to Countess van Zuylen in Holland (the first Norwich to go to that country).

**Ch. Jericho Hill Vixen** was a wonderful bitch. Not only did she produce excellent children she was outstanding in the show ring. She was the mother of Ch. Jericho Punch and Ch. Jericho Dutch, Jericho Pickle and Ch. Jericho Piper. She won a record number of Challenge Certificates for a bitch in the breed. Namely 14 of them, twice at Crufts and was 10 times Best of Breed, once at Crufts and 6 times Best of Opposite Sex. She made history in the breed when in 1957 at the age of 7 years for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running she won the Best of Breed at the Blackpool Championship Show with her son Ch Jericho Punch Best Opposite Sex.

One of the most consistently winning dogs was Mrs. Hardy's Ch Quartzhill Bartsia who won 14 Challenge Certificates and 8 Best of Breeds under different Judges. He is by Quartzhill Scammony out of Quartzhill Manna.

[Mrs. Esme O'Hanlon](#) made two very good purchases to help found her drop-ear kennel when she bought from Mrs. Marks and Mrs. Bunting Ragus Solomon Grundy and Ragus Merry Maid, both by [Waveney Valley Alder](#). **Her most successful winner was [Ch Gotoground Widgeon Bunny](#) a grandson of Solomon Grundy and out of Merry Maid, who was the top winning drop-ear dog in 1960.** Not only did Mrs. O'Hanlon's terrier's do well in the show ring but they also had a happy time hunting rats on the river banks.

There were two new good winners in drop-eared bitches bred by Mrs. R.L. Richardson, and Miss M. Dowe, namely Ch Wymbur Miss Moppet and Ch Wymbur Lindy Lou. Miss Moppet is a daughter of [Ch Waveney Valley Alder](#), and another of his daughters who achieved fame was Wymbur Debutante when she won the breed and Best Terrier in Show in East Anglia, the second Norwich to attain this distinction.

The majority of Norwich terriers that are bred today are red in color or red-wheaten. In the early days quite a few were grizzle or black and tan with the majority red but later it became rare to see any black and tans. Though there was one amongst the prick-ears that appeared on the show bench – namely Wheatnor Ebony—most of the black and tans were amongst the drop-ears and owned and bred by Mrs. K. Smithwick. Her first black and tan bought as a puppy was “Rednor Gay Caballero”, a son of [Red Wraith](#) and out of Jubilant of Shervage. When the puppy arrived, Upon seeing a black and tan when he opened the basket rather than the expected red, Mr. Smithwick said "Holy Smoke" and that's how he got his name of Hunston Holy Smoke. He sired Hunston Hooch, also black and tan. Mrs. Smithwick is one of the very few people who liked the black and tans and purposely bred them, where most preferred the red ones.