

WILEJKA

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In March issue of *Tutto Arabi* we introduced the eldest Polish Arabian horse dam line of Szweykowska, tracking back to the filly of that name born in 1800, founder of the dynasty existing in Poland and further – around the world until today. The most show entitled was probably the branch of this family going through *Wizja* that we introduced before – but there was her full sister who happened to be perhaps the most consistent producer in both Poland and across the Ocean – her name was *Wilejka*.

After Bolshevik revolution, in 1921 only two mares from Szweykowska line (9th generation after the filly Szweykowska herself) were found in the area of former *Slawuta* where the line was created. One of them was *Kalina* born 1909 (by *Ibrahim db.*) included into *Janów Podlaski Stud* herd. She produced 5 foals at *Janów* but the only daughter who extended this family line through *Ist World War* was the filly *Aghani* born 1932 and that was lost herself in 1944 during *II World War* but hopefully before, in 1937 she left a daughter – *Kalina Wnuczka* (by *Koheilan I.*). This was one of the only two mares of Szweykowska line to survive the turmoils of the war. She was found in 1941 and being covered in 1944 to *Janów Podlaski Stud* bred stallion *Wojski* she was later included into *Janów Podlaski stud broodmares band*. On 19th March 1945 she foaled the chestnut filly named *Werbena* (by *Wojski*). *Kalina Wnuczka* herself as well as the stallion *Wojski* were lost during war operation in 1945 and were never found again. Happily

Werbena survived and after the war in 1947 and race training with *Oaks* win on her account she became a broodmare at the future *Michałów State Stud* established in 1952. Her daughters founded own subfamilies over there and the most important one became *Wadera* by *Doktryner*. *Wadera* who died in the age of 19 produced 11 foals including Polish National Champion – *Wenera* (by *Negativ*) and one of the “Queens of *Michałów*” – *Warmia* (by *Comet*). Along with *Eunice* at *Janów Podlaski*, *Warmia* embodied all that was spectacular in the daughters of *Comet*, giving the Polish breeding program 8 excellent daughters and 3 useful sons. She crossed the best with one particular stallion – *El Paso* with whom she produced 4 daughters – bays: *Wizja* 1973 (introduced by us in March *Tutto Arabi*), *Wistula* 1974 and *Wersja* 1975. But there was only one chestnut, whose line is next to the one of *Wizja*'s the mostly spread around the world representing Polish eldest female line of Szweykowska. Described “the most beloved and accomplished of *Warmia*' daughters” as *Director Ignacy Jaworowski*, creator of world famous *Michałów Stud* used to write, was *WILEJKA*, born 1976. She was the best 4-6 years old mare at Polish Nationals in 1982 and the same year she became *Gold Medal Mare* at *World Cup* in *Stockholm*. She was more tiny and compact than her sister *Wizja*, but with lovely, dry and ciselled head, very correct on the legs, harmonious and very feminine *Wilejka* happened actually to be the best producing daughter of *Warmia*. Until the year 2000 she produced 14

**Warmia (by Comet)
Dam of Wilejka**



Wilejka (El Paso x Warmia)

**Wilejka just before leaving
Michałów Stud for USA**



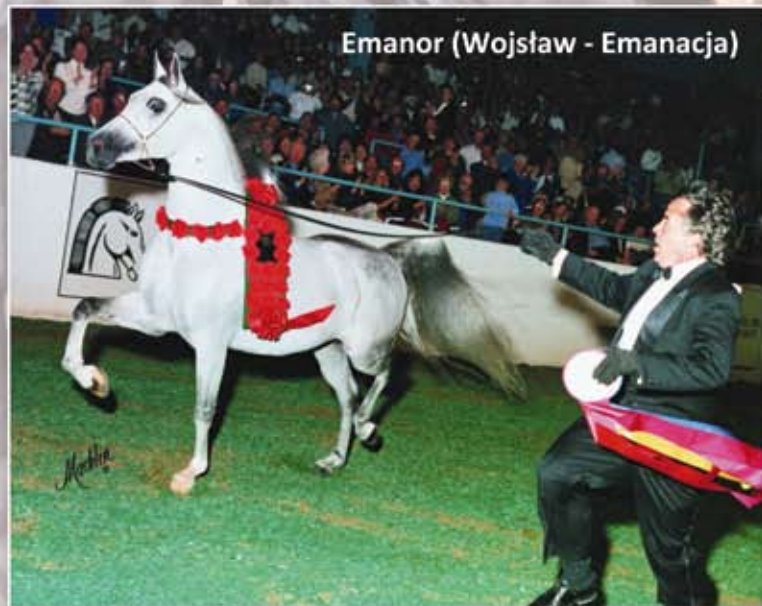
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Wilejka in USA with her halfsister Gildia (by El Paso)

foals in Polish breeding, mostly fillies who were excellent producers admired not only in Poland but also purchased outside but Wilejka's best tribute to the breed was her son – the best stallion extending the eldest sire line existing in Polish program – the one of Bairactar (desert bred imported to Weil stud in 1817). The sire of bay stallion Wojslaw (Tallin – Wilejka) was Tersk Stud bred Tallin brought to Poland to extend the line of Bairactar d.b. through Arax (Amurath Sahib – Angara) bred at Klemensow/Michalow Stud in 1952 and exported to Tersk in 1958 where he established one of most important and largest male line. And it was Wilejka who produced in Poland the next stallion for this line! Wojslaw was 1991 Polish National Champion Stallion 1993 International Reserve Champion in Blommerod and 1997 the Best Race Sire in Poland. "I first saw Wojslaw on the track as a three year old" - Marsha Parkinson, his future owner recalls - "I dashed across the saddling paddock to look at him closely. I was amazed at his correctness, type and unmistakable quality. I went to get a program to find out who he was. When I saw the superb pedigree, I knew why he was so spectacular. He was by Tallin, a stallion leased from Russia to reestablish the Bairactar db./Amurath Sahib/Arax sire line in Poland. The icing on the cake for me, he was out of none other than my all time favorite Polish mare, Wilejka. I tried to purchase him, but was told that "It is impossible." He happened to be one of the most important sires for Polish breeding in '90-ties producing excellent broodmares

and five important sons: Druid (Wojslaw - Darda) the best racing horse of last decades in Poland, winner of 11 stakes including Derby, purchased in 1999 at Polish Prestige auction for record price of the sale 500 000 us dollars by Turkish Jockey Club and left chief sire Pentagram at Janów Podlaski; Emanor (Wojslaw - Emanacja) – 1998 National Champion Stallion of Poland, first leased then sold to Hart Family in Santa Ynez, he became Canadian National Champion Park, Reserve Canadian National Champion English Pleasure, Top Ten US Nationals English Pleasure, Scottsdale English Pleasure Champion, US National Champion Stallion, Canadian Reserve National Champion Stallion, Scottsdale Champion Stallion of 1992 & 1993 and until today is popular sire of performance horses in USA; Monar (Wojslaw- Mitrega) – very sire like, used in Polish breeding both state and private, Werbum (Wojslaw - Werda) was Senior Stallion Champion at Warsaw Show in 2000, not very widely used until he died in 2011 but he produced some very valuable mares mostly for Polish private breeding and his son – Galahad (Werbum - Granada by Monogramm) is one of the best Polish performance horses at his maternal Chrcynno-Palace Stud with Silver Medal in Show Jumping, 11 Polish Championships for Arabian Sport Horses and 7 times class winning in all breeds showjumping competitions; another successful son of Wojslaw was Beduin (Wojslaw - Bogdanka), sold to Turban Stud in Denmark he was National and Reserve Champion of that country, Champion in Blommerod and Norway.



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Beduin (Wojstaw - Bogdanka)

Galahad (Werbum - Granada by Monogramm)



twice Top Five at Vilhelmsborg A-show. Wojstaw sired mares happened to be very valuable broodmares significant in breeding and shows and their get and grandget was successfully spread around the world such as Ewina, out of Ewina by Wojstaw (sold to Belgium for 55 000 euro) – exported to Italy, Slonka – who produced Szanta (by Ekstern) – 2005 Vilhelmsborg ECAHO A-show Internationals Jr. Reserve Champion Mare for Falborek Arabians, Zorza Polarna at Czeple Arabians – dam of outstanding broodmare Zeksterna (by Ekstern), mother to two show and breeding colts Zimarc (by QR Marc) and Zachary (by Psytadel) as well as very exotic filly Zizi (by Enzo). Wojstaw offspring was also famous for its outstanding performance abilities – besides Emanor and Druid mentioned above two of his daughters – Estelka and Salsa were Oaks winners and the colt Sabat was always placed in money at important stakes races and winning 4 of them, now chief sire at Janów Podlaski Stud, Poland. In 2002 Marsha's Parkinson persistence paid off, and finally Michałów Stud agreed that Wojstaw joined his sisters, Weltawa (by Arbil), Wilenka (by Tallin) and Walencia (by Goliat) at Marsha's Canterbury Farm in Maryland where he continues to breed.

From eight Wilejka's daughters four extends her line in Polish breeding nowadays. The first daughter she ever produced was Wilia (by Pepton), although she unfortunately died in the age of 12 she left on of the best

Polish racing stallions of last decades – Wiliam (by Endel), Derby winner, competitor in 12 races winning 4 important stakes, used in Polish breeding as a line continuator before being sold to Australia in 2006. Wilnianka born 1987, full sister to Wojstaw was 1989 Polish National Junior Reserve Champion, produced mostly colts but her few daughters are valuable now mostly for private breeding continuation such as Walentyna by Monogramm – long time broodmare at Professor Krystyna Chmiel' Aneta Arabians in Poland, very feminine Wandea turned to be successful performance mare for Michałów Stud and Wilnianka herself in the age of 24 still produces excellent foals being owned by Polish private breeder. Her outstanding and probably the best and one of last daughters, 2010 filly by Psytadel will debut at 2012 Białka Junior Spring Show. Wybranka (Piechur – Wilejka) continues excellent show line in Poland through her daughter Wyborna (by Monogramm) and her daughter Wkra (by Gazal Al Shaqab) was 2007 Scottsdale Top Ten filly. Wkra in turn produced Wagira by Enzo – 2010 Top Five of Polish Nationals and Autumn Show in Janów Podlaski. Wybranka herself was exported in 2003 to USA, Canterbury Farm joining her brother – Wojstaw who went there year before and both are still active in breeding producing another generations of Pure Polish horses in USA. The result of matching Wilejka with legendary Eukaliptus resulted in producing very charismatic, grey Worskla. However she did not leave a successful show horse in Poland her outstanding pedigree was appreciated

Wilejka grandget and great grand get:



Szanta (Ekstern - Słonka by Wojsław)



Zeksterna (Ekstern - Zorza Polarna by Wojsław)



Wkra (Gazal Al Shaqab - Wyborna)



Wiliam (Endel - Wilia by Wojsław)

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Wagira (Enzo - Wkra)

**Wilejka descendants at the pastures of
Canterbury Farms, USA**



by Al Shaqab Stud in Qatar where she went sold in 2007 for 70 000 euro and where she keeps producing pretty daughters such as Warda Al Shaqab by Gazal Al Shaqab. Two years younger than Worskla was another outstanding cross of Wilejka with incomparable Monogramm - chestnut Wieniawa purchased as one of foundation mares for Najd Stud in Saudi Arabia.

Wilejka herself left Poland in the age of 22 to Marsha's Parkinson Canterbury Farm which remains probably the biggest herd of her descendants outside Poland and where Wilejka found an easy climate to for her breathing problems she got in older age. She lived her last 6 years doing teaching jobs and babysitting for the weanlings. She was 28 when she passed away to the greener pastures. "She had an unique personality with her ever present search for sugar, her consistantly pleasant demeanor, and her ability to make herself the favorite of all who visited as she followed along the tour of the horses in pasture. Wilejka belongs to all those who knew her, for no one ever forgot her. She will remain always reflected in her foals, her grandget and well into the future" - Marsha Parkinson says. While in the USA Wilejka was bred to Goliat (Eukaliptus x Gildia by El Paso) in 1998 by embryo transfer. This was her only foal bred outside of Poland. She gave a bay filly, Valencia, who is the reflection of her dam in personality, as well as elegance and class. She is bay, so follows the appearance of her

aunts as well. The recent addition to the stud at Canterbury Farm was Wilejka's granddaughter - Waluta Zlota (Equipor - Valencia), a chestnut 2010 filly with elegant neck, long correct legs and nice head. She will be shown at sometime. Other Wilejka daughters born in Poland, exported to Canterbury Farm and still active in breeding are: Wybranka, mentioned above, her first daughter born in the USA was Walkerya (by Gazal Al Shaqab); Weltawa (by Arbil), who produced in USA the daughters - Wieza Wilejka (by Ganges), Wiazanka and Wielka Wizja (both by Equipor). Wieza Wilejka is already continuing as a broodmare too, with her 2010 Equipor filly Wieza Zaleta. The last two horses now reside in Virginia at Dry Brook Arabians and are accompanied by four other excellent horses with Wilejka breeding including the champion stallion DBA Saiwojski, on of Wojslaw.

"The bloodlines of treasured Wilejka, are the backbone of the breeding program at Canterbury Farm, and at farms in Europe and Australia, and keep the standards high -resumes Marsha Parkinson - Wilejka was a horse of a lifetime and she will be reflected in fields for decades to come."

With thank you to Marsha Parkinson for sharing her memories and archives.

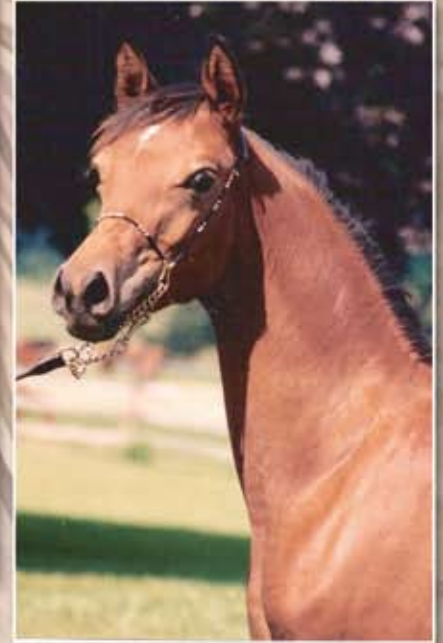
Wilejka daughters and granddaughters in USA



Walencia (Goliat - Wilejka)



Wiazanka (Equifor - Weltawa [Wilejka])



Walkerya (Gazal Al Shaqab - Wybranka [Wilejka])

One of the last photos of Wilejka



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