

= Americus ( horse ) =

Americus , originally named Rey del Caredes and raced occasionally as Rey del Carreres ( foaled 1892 , died 1910 ) , was an American Thoroughbred racehorse who was exported to England . He had some success as a racehorse , but was more notable for his influence at stud . He was bred in California and won the 1895 Culver Stakes prior to his export . He continued to race in England , until he was nine years old , while also standing as a breeding stallion . He stood at stud in Italy , Ireland , Germany , and Belgium before dying in Germany in 1910 . Americus ' most famous descendant was his great @-@ granddaughter Mumtaz Mahal .

= = Background = =

Americus , a bay stallion , was foaled ( born ) in 1892 . He was bred in California by E. J. " Lucky " Baldwin . Americus was sired by Emperor of Norfolk and out of the mare Clara D who was sired by the imported stallion Glenelg . His maternal grandmother was a mare named The Nun , sired by Lexington . Americus was inbred to Lexington , as his sire was by Norfolk who was by Lexington . The Nun was a full sister to Norfolk , making Americus even more inbred . He was originally named Rey del Caredes , but occasionally raced under the name of Rey del Carreres .

= = Racing career = =

Americus raced as a three @-@ year @-@ old in America , winning a number of races . In May 1895 , he raced at Louisville under the ownership of the Santa Anita Stable , winning a race on May 14 at a distance of 5 / 8 of a mile . On May 20 , he finished second in the Schulte Stakes . By June , he was at Coney Island , where he came in second in a sweepstakes race on June 15 . On June 18 , he lost a sweepstakes to Domino , finishing third . On July 4 , he won a sweepstakes at a distance of 3 / 4 of a mile . As a three @-@ year @-@ old , Americus also won the Culver Stakes .

While still a three @-@ year @-@ old , he was exported to England where he was registered in the General Stud Book . He was imported by Richard Croker , at a cost of about 8000 guineas . Americus ' importation to England occurred before the imposition of the Jersey Act , which allowed him and his offspring to be registered in the General Stud Book , something that would not have happened had he been imported into England after 1913 , due to the Jersey Act 's prohibition on registering horses tracing to Lexington in the General Stud Book .

His new owner continued to race Americus , even though he was no longer in prime racing condition . In 1899 , as a seven @-@ year @-@ old , Americus was described as looking " as fat as a showyard bull " before he ran in the Stewards ' Cup at Goodwood , but belied his appearance by running well for five furlongs before fading into fourth place . A year later he finished second in the same race . Americus also stood at stud in between races , and raced until he was nine years old . Americus was a sprinter , specializing in short @-@ distance races .

= = Stud record = =

In 1905 Americus was standing at stud in Ireland , but spent the years 1906 and 1907 in Italy . He returned to Ireland in 1908 and 1909 , but in 1909 was sold and exported to Germany . It is unknown what happened to him after he went to Germany . At some point before his disappearance in Germany , he also stood at stud in Belgium . Americus died at the Trakehnen Stud in Germany in March 1910 .

In his breeding career , Americus sired Americus Girl , the dam of Lady Josephine by Sundridge . Lady Josephine was in turn the dam of Mumtaz Mahal , later owned by the Aga Khan and a famous broodmare .