

St Leger

1776

In 1776, Colonel Anthony St.Leger and Charles Watson-Wentworth established a two mile race for 3 year old horses on Cantley Common, Doncaster. This was to be known as the St.Leger Stakes... the oldest and longest of the 5 UK Classics.



Margaret Wombwell married Anthony St Leger in Richmond in 1761.



The English St Leger stakes is the oldest and final classic race of the year which marks the end of the British flat racing season.



Colonel Anthony St.Leger (1731-1786) was born in Kildare, Ireland. It is documented that he trained horses on Old Moor between 1770 and 1776. The 1757 advert below is further evidence that horses played a part in the history of the farm even before St.Leger.

STOLEN

Out of a Pasture, call'd Old-Moor, in Wombwell, nigh Barnsley; on Wednesday the 4th instant,



A Black MARE, with a swifht Tail, near 15 Hands high, five Years old this Grafs, with a Blaze down her Face, two white hind Feet, and a Brand on her near Shoulder, mark'd E. B.

Whoever can give Notice of her so that she may be had again, to EDWARD BRAMALD, of Wombwell aforefaid; or will discover the Person or Persons guilty of the above Felony, shall have One Guinea Reward.

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