

ART POLLARD

Art Pollard made the Lightning A Ranch a household name, at least in those houses where Quarter Horse is spoken. With mares such as Hula Girl P and Miss Bank, and the stallions Lightning Bar and Spotted Bull, the ranch at Tucson and later Sonoita had one of the most potent breeding herds of the 1950s, a program that in a six-year period produced the champions Bardella, Arizonan, Pana Bar and Panama Ace.

Before the ranch collapsed under recurring epidemics of colitis X, Pollard's horses also excelled in the show ring -- Pana Bar became an AQHA Champion and AQHA Superior Halter Horse.

Pollard's program still impacts the American Quarter Horse. Lightning Bar sired such horses AQHA Supreme Champion Lightning Rey and Doc Bar, easily the most influential cutting horse sire in history. Special Effort's second dam is a Spotted Bull mare, and All American Futurity winner A Delightful Dasher traces through his dam to Spotted Bull.