

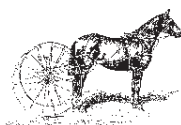
# 1970

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## Timothy T: Father-Son Combos Prove Too Tough

The year could have been devoted to the two father-son teams which combined for a Hambletonian in world record time. First Ayres, winner of the 1964 Hambletonian was the sire of one of the favorites, a colt trained by John Simpson, Sr., named Timothy T. The colt was scheduled to be driven by Simpson's son, John, Jr., and there was little doubt he would win this classic race after his first heat win in 2:00<sup>1</sup> over Flower Child and Victory Star.

But, in the second heat, young Simpson moved too early with his charge and Formal Notice, trained and carefully driven by Jimmy Arthur, got home on top in 1:58<sup>2</sup>, fastest trotting mile of 1970. Both young Simpson and Timothy T. got their act together again in the final heat, drawing clear from Formal Notice in 2:00<sup>3</sup> to gain the Hambletonian silver.



- The Simpsons were the first father and son trainer and driver pair to win the classic. Despite the impediment of diminishing vision, which originated from a driving accident, Simpson Sr. brought the difficult colt to the peak of his ability perfectly.

At 27, John Simpson, Jr. became the youngest driver at the time to win the Hambletonian. Flower Child, who wound up third over all in the summary, became a top notch free-for-all trotter as a four and five-year-old and trotted the fastest mile ever in Europe at 1:58<sup>4</sup> in Sweden as a five-year-old.

The training of Timothy T. was a swan song for John Simpson, Sr., one of the finest and most accomplished colt trainers ever. Simpson hung up his training goggles shortly after that and assumed command of the vast Hanover Shoe Farms breeding operation, the largest standardbred nursery in the world. Timothy T. went on to a successful career in Europe, being a champion on two continents.

- The youngest driver (27) to win the Hambletonian to that point, it was John Jr.'s first drive in the Hambletonian – a race his father won twice (1957 and 1964).
- Timothy T. was voted the 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.
- Exported to Italy, by 1975 Timothy T. had won his second straight Elitlopp, making him arguably the best trotter in the world.

**TIMOTHY T.**, b c, by Ayres—Flicka Frost, by Victory Song  
 Driver: John Simpson, Jr. Trainer: John Simpson, Jr.  
 Owner: John Simpson, Sr., Hanover, PA  
 Breeder: Bonnie Keek Farm (Don Miller & John Thro)  
 Groom: Charlie Coleman  
 Sale History: Miller won sole ownership of Timothy T. on the flip of a coin from his partner, and later sold the colt privately at two. . . 1 2 1

**FORMAL NOTICE**, Kimberly Kid—Lou Sidney, by Darnley  
 Driver: Jimmy Arthur  
 Owner: Allwood Stable . . . 5 1 2

**FLOWER CHILD**, Floris—Maura, by Demon Hanover  
 Driver: Bud Parshall  
 Owner: Sam Huttenbauer . . . 2 5 8

**SPEEDY SPIN**, Speedy Scot—Spinster Hanover, by Bill Gallon  
 Driver: Frank Ervin  
 Owner: Mary and Morris Gastwirth and Frederick VanLennep . . . 4 3 3

**VICTORY STAR**, Matastar—Victory Eve, by Victory Song  
 Driver: Vernon Dancer  
 Owner: Fury Stable . . . 3 7 6

Also competed: Fairbanks Hanover 15-6-4, Luther Hanover 11-4-7, Gallant Prince 7-14-5, Nevele Rascal 6-10-dr, Paris Air 8-9-dr, Quick Trick 12-8-dr, The Consort 14-12-9, Clayt Hanover 9-3-dr, Arden AI 10-11-dr, Flynn Hanover 13-15-dr.

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
:29 <sup>4</sup>	:59 <sup>2</sup>	1:30 <sup>1</sup>	2:00 <sup>1</sup>
:29 <sup>2</sup>	:58 <sup>2</sup>	1:28 <sup>1</sup>	1:58 <sup>2</sup>
:29 <sup>3</sup>	1:00 <sup>1</sup>	1:31 <sup>2</sup>	2:00 <sup>3</sup>

