

GREGALACH

Memoirs of Ewelme's race horse who won the Grand National

Tape 11 -

Racehorse – Gregalach is buried at Downs House. Ridden by Thackeray he won the Grand National. He belonged to Mrs Gemmell at Downs House.

Tape 18 -

The racehorse Gregalach was a spiteful thing. Took two men to lead it to the paddock. Made inkwells of his hooves. Had a seat on his grave, now gone. [Junction of bridleways just beyond Ewelme Down Farm]. Mrs Gemmell very particular about the stables. Boxes in L shape with chalk outside. If there was a blade of hay/straw dropped she went bananas. Also if a horse dropped any grass from it's mouth into the troughs she reprimanded it.

Tape 19 -

Fred Harwood buried Gregalach, they removed his hooves to make inkstands.

Tape 41-

Gregalach, Grand National winner. Don't remember the horse. Mr Gemmell, husband of the owner, [Ewelme Down House] – was a Director of the Cunard shipping line. Used to drive a Bewick car.