

# Out of the West Cairns

## Mrs Noney Fleming

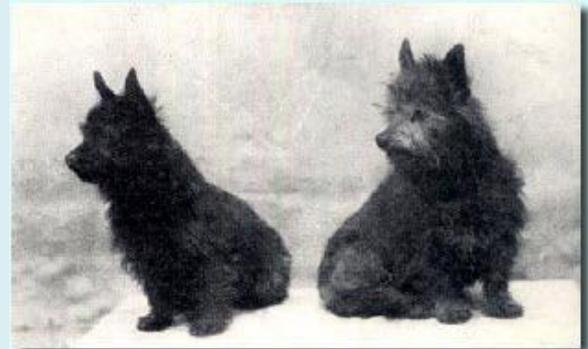


**Ch Fury and Rime Out of the West**

Mrs Noney Fleming's "Out Of The West" Cairns were a dominating force in the show ring during the early part of the twentieth century. The 25 years between the kennel winning the first and last certificate the affix of the kennel was borne by 24 winners of certificates, of which 12 became champions, the total number of certificates won during this period was 102.

Noney Fleming, a Scot by birth but living in England most of her life, had been an early supporter of the breed; she was present at the meeting in Edinburgh, 1911, when the first standard for the Cairn Terrier was drawn up. The same year she was showing at Richmond when CC's were awarded for the first time. Her exhibit that day was the bitch, Loch Scolter Out Of The West. She had purchased the bitch for £15, for many a surprising price, and one much talked of at that time, for nobody could understand how anybody could – well – be so foolish as to give so high a price for one of these terriers! And so Mrs Fleming's kennel started, with the affix *Out of the West*, an affix that was to become a hallmark to the fancy.

She won her first certificate in 1914 with *Loch Scolter Out Of The West*. But it was not until she acquired the two Cairns best known as *Doughall out of The West* and *Kyley Out Of The West* that the kennel rose to the eminent position it occupied for so many years.



**Loch Scolter and her daughter Dileas**

Doughall (whelped 1st March 1919) was bred by Mr T Harper, and was originally registered under the name of The Digger; he later passed into the hands of Captain R Carpentier who changed Digger's name to Hispid of Hardings; on becoming the property of Mrs Fleming he was given the name by which he is famous.

Meanwhile Miss L Lockwood had bred a bitch, born on 26th August 1919, which she had registered as Cloughton Kyle; when Mrs Fleming saw Cloughton Kyle at a show she decided that Kyle was an ideal wife for *Doughall*, so she brought her and changed her name to *Kyley Out Of The West*.

Neither *Doughall* nor *Kyley* were an outstanding specimen from the show bench- point of view, so the "hunch" which moved their final owner seems to have been very near to second sight. These two were mated on a number of occasions and, while it would be tedious to list all their offspring that became prize-winner's; those which reached the higher ranks are worthy of mention. The first to start the ball rolling was *Ch Fury*

*Out Of The West*, which won her first certificate in August 1922, and completed her score of 16 certificates in May 1926; the next mating produced, in November 1921, *Ch Bonfire Out of West*, which won 4 certificates, and *Rime Out of The West*, which won one certificate; then in April 1923, there was born the most successful of all the inmates of this kennel, *Ch Fisherman Out Of The West*, who won 22 certificates, and his litter brother *Ch Spunkie Out Of The West*, whose winnings were the modest score of three certificates. Finally, there was born in February 1926 *Ch Tam O' Shanter Out Of The West*, the winner of six certificates. Any series of matings, which produce five Champions and one certificate winner, with a total of 52 challenge certificates, is a remarkable record.



### **FISHERMAN OUT OF THE WEST**

Fisherman was Mrs Fleming most successful show dog, winning 22 challenge certificates, he held the breed record for nearly three decades. Fisherman was fearlessly shown by Mrs Fleming and in 1927 he was unbeaten and ended the year with another 8 CC's, no other dog stood anywhere near him.

However in 1928 tragedy struck and Fisherman was missing from the show season, he no longer appeared in the ring; the shows it was said seemed quiet without him. He had killed himself hitting his head against the side of the car as he tried to jump in as his owner, Mrs Fleming, was getting out.

### **Ch Fisherman Out Of The West**

**Ch Fury Out Of The West**, winner of 16 CC's was never bred from as she only weighed 10 lbs as a youngster and then later, after a long show career, her owner thought her too old to breed from. Fury was a great favourite of Mrs Fleming and in 1932 when Fury died she wrote, "Ch Fury and her brother, Brogach, died last week, and in their passing is a curious coincidence; although one in Scotland, and one in England, they died on the same day and at practically the same hour. On May 16, 1921, was born to Doughall and Kyley their first family (five) and the two puppies that led the way were Fury and Brogach. Fury was ever the beauty, Brogach the ugly duckling. Before I sold Brogach he and Fury were always together; the brother adored his sister even to the extent of letting her pick out (after she had finished her own!) the meat from his dinner. When she had taken what she wanted from both dishes, Brogach was satisfied to take what remained. On October 17, 1932, these two died; it almost seemed as if in death Brogach went to guard her"



**Ch Fury Out Of The West**

Mrs Fleming had close connections with Fox Hunts, and had purchased her first Cairn from a Master of Fox Hounds. Several cairns of her breeding worked with local hunts and she told this story of two cairn of her breeding, " Two of the best workers in the Cairn Pack were missing from 9.00am till 10 at night, a most unusual occurrence, for the dogs are never allowed at large, and rarely make the least attempt to stray out of bounds. When they came home they were extremely footsore, the dog mauled about the ears and the bitch with a front tooth loosened, but though dead beat, they were in gleeful spirits. It was never ascertained where they had passed the later hours, but a portion of their escapade came to light two days later, when four or five of the terriers were at Turvey Station. "That's the dog" exclaimed a Lady, just entering the Booking hall, to her companion. Mrs Fleming volunteered the dog's name, whereupon the Lady said "He and a smaller one gave us the best run the day before yesterday with the Oakley Hunt. Having no collars on we did not know were they came from. They worked splendidly and bolted the fox that gave us the best run of the season up to date. Then they made of, but I knew the grey dog at once again." The dog was Sgitheach Dreg Out Of The West, the little bitch, Speedwell Out Of The West."



**Jetsom Out Of the West**



**Rime Out OF The West**

In addition to her ability to pick suitable mates on very little evidence, Mrs Fleming was described as the finest handler of a Cairn the breed had ever seen; there seemed to be some strange association between handler and exhibit, compelling the Cairn to give of his or her best. Mrs Fleming's Out Of The West Kennel not only was one of the most foremost Show Kennels of the 20th century but she also maintained the Cairn's working ability with many of her show cairns gaining working certificates.

SLOGAN : "Supreme in the South"

BALLAD : "Young Lochivar Came Out Of The West"

BANNER : " Scottish Standard"

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