

FREDERICK LESTER RICKABY (1903-06)

He was born in 1894 in Newmarket and named after his father (who won the Oaks on Mimi and Canterbury Pilgrim). He was apprenticed to Felix Leach at Newmarket and took on the job of First Jockey at Stanley House for George Lambton at the age of 18. All his Classic wins were achieved on fillies. He won the Goodwood Cup on Magic in 1910 and won 73 races in 1911. He won the One Thousand Guineas four times in five years: on Mr J B Noel's Jest, 1913; Lord Roseberry's Vacluse, 1915; Lord Derby's Canyon, 1916; Lord D'Abernon's Diadem, 1917. He also won The Oaks on Jest in 1913.

Sadly he died when only 24 years old, killed in action with the Royal Tank Corps in France in October 1918.

His son William was in his turn one of the most popular jockeys in the weighing room until his retirement in 1968.

Also his sister's son was named after him – the famous jockey, Lester Pigott!!