

#834 Churchill's Mother – Winston Churchill's grandfather, Leonard Jerome, began the Belmont Stakes



Leonard Jerome (1818-1891). Winston Churchill's grandfather and Jennie Jerome's father was Leonard Jerome (*pictured on the left*), a flamboyant entrepreneur. He brought organized horse racing to the metropolitan New York City area, building the most elaborate racetrack in the country, Jerome Park, in the Bronx. Opening day of the Jerome Racetrack was on September 25, 1866. Jerome Park is considered a predecessor to Belmont Park, which would open on Long Island on May 4, 1905.

August Belmont, Sr. (1816-1890). The Belmont Stakes had its beginnings at Jerome Park. The first race was run in 1867. Jerome named it after his good friend, August Belmont, Sr., who helped finance the track. August Belmont, Sr., had built one of the first banking fortunes in America and introduced thoroughbred horse racing in the country. In 1890, the Belmont Stakes was moved from Jerome Park to Morris Park until Belmont Park opened on May 4, 1905.

August Belmont, Jr. (1853-1924). August Belmont, Jr., was the original owner and breeder of Man o' War, who was originally named My Man o' War by Belmont's wife, after her husband-soldier of World War I.

Man o' War. Man o' War heads the list of Belmont champion sires. Not only did he win the race himself in 1920, but three of his subsequent sires won it as well: American Flag in 1925, Crusader in 1926, and War Admiral in 1937.

Winston Churchill. Winston Churchill's maternal grandfather birthed the Belmont Stakes, whose most prestigious horse has been Man o' War. Churchill himself was a Man o' War in World War I, as head of the British Navy for a portion of that time and later Minister of Munitions, and again a Man o' War in World War II, as wartime prime minister of Great Britain.



The Lord intended for Winston Churchill to represent the massive Church-ill theme for both the American and British peoples.



Key Understanding: *Churchill and Man o' War*. Winston Churchill is easily tied to Man o' War through his grandfather birthing the Belmont Stakes, and Man o' War subsequently becoming the Belmont Stakes' greatest horse/sire. However, Men of War cannot build the true Church, the House of God. Rather, they build the sword-bearing Church/State Church-ill.

1 Chronicles 28:3 (KJV) But God said unto me [King David], THOU SHALT NOT BUILD AN HOUSE FOR MY NAME, BECAUSE THOU HAST BEEN A MAN OF WAR, AND HAST SHED BLOOD.



Jerome Park Racetrack, New York City. "Coaches at Jerome Park on a race day."

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