

# REFLECTIONS

The first 100 years of the Virginia Holstein Association



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The next 100 years are in good hands of the young dairymen I see working in the organization!

Blessings to each of you,  
Barbara Wagner,  
Chairman, 100th Anniversary Celebration



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## Virginia Holstein Association Celebrates 100 years

On February 10, 1916 thirty-two visionary individuals met in Harrisonburg, Virginia and formed the Virginia Holstein-Friesian Club. They wrote and adopted a set of by-laws to govern the organization.

Through the years the group changed their name several times. In 1956 it became the Virginia Holstein Breeders Association and was granted a charter of incorporation. And again in 1969 the name was changed to Virginia Holstein Association Incorporated with new by-laws. Virginia was divided into ten district clubs, each having its own Black and White Show, twilight meetings and officers.

The Virginia Holstein Association has hosted the National Holstein Convention five times through the years—the most recent in 2011. These conventions helped put Virginia and their members on the map for their top notch breeding programs.

The most popular of Virginia breeding was the advent of



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Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. His daughters were in high demand all across the United States. He was designated as the "Bull Of the Century" in 2006. A highway marker has been placed near his Virginia birthplace in his honor.

The current Virginia Holstein Association can thank these visionaries for seeing ahead, setting goals, organizing and leading the early group through some trying times.

Barbara Wagner

100th Anniversary Chairman

## Virginia Holstein Association and the National Holstein Association Work Together for 100 years

*By: Barbara Wagner*

From the early years of the Virginia Holstein Association (originally, The Virginia Holstein Breeders Association), the membership worked closely with the National Holstein Association. In just 6 short years the Virginia membership numbered 120 National members.

In 1923, a delegation of Holstein members in cooperation with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce went to the National Holstein Convention in Kansas City and extended the invitation for the National Convention to be in Virginia in 1924. The invitation was accepted and held in Richmond June 4, 1924 with the Virginia delegates being Frank S. Walker and J. Scott Parrish. This was the first National Holstein Convention to be held in the south.

The chairman of the convention was Frank S. Walker, of Rosni Holsteins. The sale chairman was W.L. Kirby, Richmond, Va. The sale average on 148 head was \$260.00. Ten Virginia breeders consigned 26 head and over 100 head were purchased by Virginia breeders. It was believed that this convention did more to promote Virginia Holsteins than anything else at that time.



From 1930- 1932, Frank S. Walker of Rosni Holsteins served as Vice President of the Holstein- Friesian Association of America and Harold W. Craun , of Wipledale Holsteins served eight years as a National Director from 1957-1969. Harold also served as National Vice-president 1967-1969 and as National President for an additional 2 years, 1969-1971. Also serving as a National Director was Nelson Gardner of Rocby Holsteins from 1981-1989.

In 1952, the 67th National Convention returned to Virginia in Roanoke, with R.G.Connelly serving as convention chairman. The highlight of this convention was the speaker, the Honorable Harry F. Byrd, United States Senator from Virginia. Convention tours were taken to Virginia Polytechnic Institute (now Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg. The sale chairman was Paul M. Reaves. The sale had 90 animals consigned and sold for an average of \$1301.00 with 20% staying in Virginia.

In 1962, Virginia once again hosted the 77th National Holstein Convention in Roanoke, Virginia with Harold W. Craun serving as convention chairman. Sale chairman was George A. Miller with the sale being held at Victory Stadium in Roanoke. The sale average on 75 head was \$1018.00. It seemed the delegates appreciated the southern hospitality extended by the Virginia breeders and the beautiful scenery of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive.

The 98th National Holstein Convention returned to Virginia in 1983 and was held on the coast in Norfolk, Virginia. The convention chairman was Hershel Gardner, of Garlee Holsteins. Host day included a visit to Colonel Williamsburg with lunch on the grounds of William and Mary College. The sale was held at Bayville Farm, in Virginia Beach near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/

Tunnel. Serving as sale chairman was Walter V. McClure Sr. of Windswept Holsteins. This sale had the highest average for a National Holstein Convention Sale of \$17,861.00

Fast forward to 2011 and Virginia once again hosted the 126th National Holstein Convention in Richmond, Virginia. Serving as Convention Co-Chairman were Barbara Clary and James Cook, of Jareco Holsteins. Sale chairman was Riley F. Wagner, of Rilara Holsteins with the sale located in the air- conditioned Richmond Convention Center. Over 1000 persons enjoyed the presale meal. Holstein World Productions was on hand to broadcast the sale of 113 animals, live on the internet with 8000 viewers world wide. It was during this time that genomic testing became a new tool in animal selection and helped give the sale an average of \$14,810.00, the second highest average for National Holstein Convention Sale. Convention tours included local farms, Monticello, Williamsburg, Washington D.C. and Richmond, Virginia.

Early in the relationship of National Association and the State Association, the boards resolved together to obtain a field person to service the south. Through the past 60 years the following persons have served Virginia as it National Regional Holstein Representatives\*:

Kelly Barbee	Bentz Rhoads
Andrew Bishop	Lois Remsburg Skeen
Grayson Bowers	Judy Wolford
Robert (Bob) Cain	Allen N. Crissey
William (Bill) Dawson	John L. Morris
Robert Heilman	Lawrence Richter
William (Buddy) Hill	Thomas Bentley
Lukus Hively	Donald Burton
Keith Maxey	Jack Krause

And since 2004, Michael Hendrix of Independence, Virginia has served as field person for all of the Southeastern United States.

Many of these individuals have gone on to be employed in the dairy industry in many positions such as farm managers and owners, Holstein classifiers, show judges and in livestock export.

Virginia Holstein Association and Holstein Association USA will continue to work together because it is a relationship that has benefited everyone involved for 100 years!

\*List furnished by Holstein Association USA - earlier representatives unavailable.



Mike Hendrix taking bids during the 2016 VT Showcase Sale

## HISTORY

### Virginia Holstein Assoc. First 75 Years ~ 1916 - 1990

By George A. Miller

Hundreds of Virginia dairymen contributed to the progress and success of Virginia's Holstein organization over its 75 years. They united to promote the breed, hosted events, consigned to sales supported Juniors and organized shows. Many served as officers, directors, committeemen and scores of other generally lent a hand.

The Virginia Holstein Breeders Club was organized Feb. 10, 1916 at Harrisonburg. The first officers and directors were: President, Frank S Walker, Woodberry Forest; Secretary-Treasurer, R. V. Martindale, Sweet Briar; Vice Presidents: Jos. A Turner, Hollins and J. S. Haldeman, Winchester. Directors were: Dr. G. L. Smith, W. G. Hoover, T. O. Sandy, W. H. Newman, F. E. Bowman and J. Aubrey Clarkson.

The additional charter members were: M. H. Bowman, L. B. Burner, Carr Bros., E. A. Cline, D. C. Craun, H. C. Elliott, Monroe Garst, S. B. Hepner, D. F. Jones, F. B. Kegley, H. E. Lee, J. B. Lee & Son, M. W. Miller, E. W. Minnick, C. R. Neff, Curtis G. Rand, B. F. Richard, S.

P. Spain, C. L. Stahl, Paul Tabb, E. E. Wambersie and J. R. Winfield.

The association's purposes were to promote the good qualities and exceptional merits and to widen interest in the breed.

In 1955 the Virginia Holstein Club became the Cooperative Holstein Breeders Associations, Inc. The current name, Virginia Holstein Association, Inc. was adopted in 1969.

Those who have served as President (P), Secretary (S), received recognition for Meritorious Service (M) or as a Founding Father (F) through the years are so listed below:

Frank S. Walker (P, M), C. Nelson Beck (P), George T. Carr (P), J. Owen Beard (P), Leonard J. Crowgey (P, M), John M. Willis (P, S), Harold W. Craun (P, S, M), J. C. Eller (P), Charles F. Moyer, Jr. (P, M), William H. Logan (P), Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr. (P, M), Jimmie N. Eustace (P), Nelson S. Gardner (P, M), William R. Kingery, Jr. (P), J. D. "Jack" Hardesty (P), William E. "Bill" Blalock (P), Edward Titmus (P), Joseph A. Houck (P), Daniel J. Myers (P, S), Larkin D. Moyer (P), R. V. Martindale (S), Harvey Crabill (S), Paul M. Reaves (S, M), L. Aubrey Drewry (S), I. Fred Stine (S, M), John Hunt (S, M, F), Walter



McClure (S), Margie Ann Dick (S, M), Frank W. McComb (M), J. W. Eustace (M), W. A. "Zan" Stuart (M), Ronald A. Hope (M), William H. Logan (M), John Middleton (M), Ralph Fields (M), Margaret Myers Adams (F, M), L. B. "Buddy" Trigg (F, M), J. Dennis Ownby (M), Ted Haberland (F, M), Grayson Bowers (M), George A. Miller (M), William N. Patterson (M), Dr. William Etgen (M), Dr. John White (M), Howard Sprague (F), Ned & Florence Sutphin (F), Frank Walker, Jr. (F), Paul Craun (F), W. L. Dickenson (F), W. H. "Buddy" Hill (F), Charles Miller (F), and R. P. Keithly (S).

#### *Stalwart Leadership Through the Years!*

Frank S. Walker, first president, Virginia Holstein Breeders Club. Leader and promoter throughout his active years and long-time chairman of the Virginia Holstein Sale. Vice President, HFA of America 1930-1932.

Professor Paul M. Reaves. Patriarch of Virginia Holsteindom – 60 years a member and 12 years secretary, Educator, counsellor, historian and friend. Many times honored including a scholarship in his name and Litton-Reaves Hall bearing his name at Virginia Tech.

Robert G. Connelly, extension dairyman and later executive secretary, Virginia Dairyman's Assoc. General Chairman, 1952 National Convention. He was instrumental in forming the cooperative bull association that were forerunners of the VABA (now VA-NC/Select Sires).

Harold W. Craun, secretary, then president, Virginia Holstein Breeders Club, General Chairman National Convention, 1962. Director, Vice President of national Holstein Assoc. Dedicated leader at VAABA.

Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton, President, VA Cooperative Holstein Breeders Assoc. He has sparked enthusiasm for promoting Virginia Holsteins for over 30 years. Guest speaker: National Holstein Convention at Boston – 1970.

I. Fred Stine, secretary-treasurer during the organization's period of unprecedented growth. He brought boundless ability, experience and an executive style of managing the association. He also served as President of VAABA. His successors were Jack and Betty Hunt, and the organization continued to grow.

Nelson S. Gardner served as President of the Virginia organization, and then with distinction as director Holstein Association for eight years. Nelson was awarded the Dairy Shrine Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder award in 1985.

Others whose influence have made a difference upon the big picture are:

C. Nelson Beck for his urging HFAA to establish field service in the South.

L. Aubry Drewery for his interest in lifting color-marking restrictions. This led to combining all Holstein registrations into one herd book.

Douglas B. Child, who 25 years ago used his "due" influence upon the VAABA Sire Committee members (Craun, Hunt, Crowgey and G. E. Fisher) to urge the purchase of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation.

#### *Virginia Holstein Youth*

The crowning honor of the Holstein Youth work was to earn National Holstein Boy or Girl honors, now known as Distinguished Junior Member. Virginia is proud to have had five attain this rec-

ognition: Ben P. Middleton, William H. Harrison, Thomas Fletcher, Alan McClure and Kathy McComb.

The Virginia Junior Holstein Association was formed in 1976.

Another high honor for Virginia Youth was winning the Senior Dairy Bowl in 1988 at San Diego. Salute to Kathy McComb, Brandie McDonald, Brent Eaton, Chris Vest and their coach, Carol McComb.

#### *Genetics*

VPI, Rosni, Hollins, Walkup, Warner Brook, Horsepen, McComb Bros. and Crowgey-bred animals played prominent roles in the early development of Virginia herds. Then along came Wipledale, Round Oak, Rocby, Foxlease, Marshfield and countless others whose herds have left an indelible mark in Virginia and the larger scene.

Virginians developed an early commitment to sire sampling programs. VABA developed one of the early A.I. sampling programs. This program identified Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation bred by Ronald Hope and Sons, as possibly the greatest Holstein bull of all time.

Dairymen of this state were among the first to appreciate the value of "PD" for making genetic improvement. Virginia's Registered breeder have been strong supporters of classification, sire and production and other testing improvement programs.

#### *Holstein Consignment Sales*

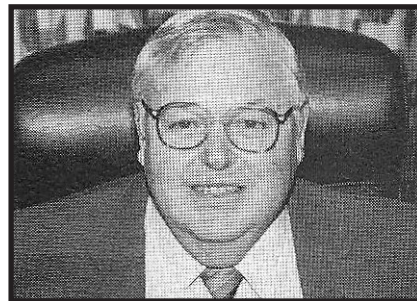
The annual consignment sale was important in the growth of the registered industry. Two years after the club organized, its first sale was staged in 1918. The in 1937 it became a permanent activity and often ranked high nationally. (A Spring Heifer Sale was added in 1949.) In 1973 the name was changed to "The Sale of Stars." It featured daughters and two sons of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, and an exciting new era began. Cattle from the Sale of Stars have sold from coast to coast.

#### *National Conventions*

Virginia Holstein Breeders hosted the National Convention in 1924 in Richmond – the first time it was held in the South, 1952 and 1962 in Roanoke and in Norfolk in 1983. The 1924 national sale was a two-day event with 150 animals consigned. Ten Virginia breeders consigned 26 head and they purchased over 100 head.

W. L. Kirby served as convention chairman.

Again, the sale was the highlight of the 1983 Convention where 124 head sold for \$2,214,800 to average \$17,861. Two animals sold are still in the news today. Walkup Valiant Lou Ella is the dam of Rothrock Tradition Leadman and Kinglea Mars Daisy, is the dam of Bayville Damion-ET and Bayville Dante-ET.



*Virginia native who started out with Virginia ABA, working up to become manager, before going to Select Sires at Plain City, OH in 1973. He was vice-president of marketing and development at Select Sires since that time and up until his retirement on July 1, 1991*

The Golden Anniversary celebration in 1966 was a gala three-day affair. Willowlyn's Standout Dolly was Grand Champion cow. Others shown that day went on to higher acclaim – Round Oak Ivanhoe Lady, 2nd aged cow, was Reserve Grand. The first two bull calves ended up in A.I. service. First was Willowlyn Skycross Radar and second, Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. The Grand Champion of the Junior show for David J. Bowman was Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva, who the next day was a feature in the Sale. Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton paid \$1250 to own her. One of the all-time greats in Virginia, she scored EX-95 and two sons went into A.I. service. What a way to close out 50 years as an association!

#### *The Tanbark Trail*

Many breeders show their cattle each year at the Virginia Spring Show and the Summer Show in connection with the Annual PDCA Dairy Days in August. Some also participate in the Virginia State Fair. The best become "All-Virginia".

Few ever loved a show more than Sue Eustace, Margaret Myers Adams, Jim Tait, John Hardesty and John Peck – a love passed on to the next generations.

#### *Publications*

Virginia joined with North Carolina Club in 1961 in publishing the North Carolina Virginia News. This publication was a forerunner of Southeastern Holstein News now serving five states. Robin and Jane Agee, now Lois Remsburg Skeen, have served as its editor. R. Bentz Rhoads, Jr., also served as a Virginia Editor. Over the years Virginians have enjoyed travelogues, and an occasional feature article by the World staff. Five Special Virginia Sections have been published in the World.

#### *Some Virginia Standouts*

VPI received the state's first PBR Award.

In 1948 Pinelee Posch Millie Girl (VG) was the highest producing cow south of the Mason-Dixon Line, with 32,765m 1120f in 365d at 6y9m on 3x. – Charles R. Hope & Son.

JPG Standout Kandy (2E-96-GMD) bred by John Garber – Grand and Supreme Champion, Central National 1977. She was All-American and Reserve during her long show career for Hanover Hill.

Highest CTPI cow in Virginia (Jan. 1991): Bayville Mark Evey-ET, 1425 CTPI – 333 PTA\$P. B – Bayville Holsteins.

In 1933, the first Virginia Holstein Field Day was held at J. P. Taylor's Meadow Farm.

Round Oak Ivanhoe Lady (5E-95) was Grand Champion, 1966 Pennsylvania All-American – Ronald A Hope & Son.

Watahala Starr Columbus-ET holds the national milk record for 2 year olds – 305- 3X: 36,710m 847f 931p B. – Harold & Ronald Bennett.

Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation (EX-96-GMD) was the first sire to have 10,000 registered sons, 2000 EX daughters and more than 2000 daughters over 100,000M lifetime. He sired 91,031 registered progeny at last count. Bred by: Ronald A. Hope & Son.

Marshfield Elevation Tony (VG-GM), has 90,449 registered sons and daughters. More are yet to come. Bred by Katherine Ott.

Center Field Ivanhoe Trustee (EX-GM) – Reserve All-American junior Yearling Bull 1962. Bred by H. Ralph Fields, Jr. Sold to Michigan ABC.

Winterthur Excel Alpha Inkle (VG-GM), developed by Charles Moyer, holds HFA's #1 certification for being free of the Recessive Red Factor.

Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann (2E-94), Junior All-American three times, twice Reserve and once Honorable Mention. Teresa D. Myers. Granddam of Rothrock Tradition Leadman.

VPI Sensation Nuggett Lucile, VPI, was Virginia's first Gold Medal Dam.

Minnow Creek Edan Delight (EX-92), a former lifetime fat champion with 282,278M 4.3% 12,211F. Her last years were spent at J. E. Taylor's Meadow Farm.

Montvic Pathfinder Prizetaker was Virginia's first Gold Medal sire. Charles R. Hope & Son.

Number one on the 1991 Super donor list was Rilara Mars Las Ravena with 159 registered offspring. Ravena was bred by Riley F. Wagner. Also, developed by James Johnson, NC and later by Briarpatch, GA. Ravena's dam, Rilara Haven Charming Las, has 65 registered progeny.

Virginia's first Junior All-American Aged Cow was VA-North-Fork Elevations Roxane, for Lynn Koontz.

Ravensworth Skylark Johanna made history in 1948 when she milked 165.1 lbs in one day on official test, a National Record at the time – Smith & Janney.

The leading lifetime milk producer in Virginia is Green-Hilltop Duchess Ann with 312,448M, bred and owned by Robert K. Reed.

#### *Summary Statements*

Joe Houck, president of the Holstein Association in 1987, said:

"The real key to the success of the Virginia Holstein Association are the breeders and our programs that include spring and summer sales and shows, annual meetings, annual field days, All-Virginia and production awards.

Our cattle have earned the reputation of being very sound in type, production and profitability; and have done well throughout the world.

Our youth are our true pride and deserve special mention. They have many progressive and active programs of their own.

The cooperation between the Holstein Association, VPI & State University, Virginia's land grant college, and the Dairymen's Association is responsible for much of the success of the Virginia dairy industry."

Virginia breeders are positioned to move onward and upwards to complete its first century.

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-GM

# Virginia Holstein Association ~ 1991 - 2016

By Lois R. Skeen

Those involved in the Holstein industry have seen many changes over the last 25 years. It has been within that time period that Holstein Association first produced papers on Identified Holstein Females, and later combined them into one herdbook registry. Advances in technology, including embryo transfer techniques, genetic mapping, and cloning have had an effect on genetic evaluations, as well as breeding and marketing strategies. The embryo transfer process evolved into in vitro fertilization with reverse sorting of semen. In 2009 USDA made genomic evaluation the official evaluation for all geno-typed animals. More widespread testing of young animals resulted in a shorter generation interval and changed the A.I. industry, challenging breeders to keep up with the rapidly changing sire summary information. Widespread use of the internet has made information more accessible, facilitated online bidding at sales, and provided breeders with an ability to advertise and share information with a touch on your phone.

These changes and advances provide the backdrop for the events and highlights of Virginia Holstein Association over this time period. I served as Editor of the SE Holstein News during most of this time and used those magazines as a major source of information to document and update our state association history

## *Leadership*

The Secretary-Treasurer position was held for nearly 35 years by Margie Ann Dick. Margie Ann filled in many other roles, including national convention delegate, sale and show clerk, and junior association advisor. She was recognized for 35 years of service to VHA at the annual meeting in 2014. Rebecca Daubert was hired as Secretary Treasurer.

The first female to serve as VHA President was Barbara Wagner, elected in 2001. Women served as committee chairs and on the board of directors more frequently as we moved into a new century.

The Association's Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with Virginia State Dairyman's Association annual meeting until November of 1992, when Virginia Holstein had its first annual meeting independently at Ingleside Resort in Staunton. One of the goals was to expand the junior program and participation. In the next two decades the meeting was held in various locations throughout the state.

## *Field Days*

In 2013 Virginia Holstein began another joint venture with VSDA, who was changing their annual meeting format from a winter meeting to a farm setting in the summer months. The Field Day was included as part of this event, called Virginia Dairy Expo. The first was held at VanDerHyde Dairy, a large dairy with a rotary parlor in Chatham. Mutual cooperation made this arrangement beneficial to both organizations and increased efficiency of resources.

In the 1990s and early 2000 years, some Field Day host farms held a sale in tandem to the Field Day, including Foxlease Farm (1991), and Windcrest Holsteins (1994). In 1996 Representative Gerald Ford spoke at the Field Day held at Foxlease Farm.

Virginia Tech hosted the Field Day twice, in 2004 and 2015. Both events included a tour of brand new dairy facilities. In 2004 a

more modern dairy facility had been completed at the campus location. Unfortunately, the university later took that land for airport expansion and road improvements. Another new facility was completed in 2015 at Kentland Farm about 10 miles from campus. The Holstein Field Day was held in conjunction with the Virginia Tech dairy open house that year.



*VA Holstein Members at the 2015 VA Dairy Expo at Kentland Farms. From left to right: Mike Skeen, Debbie Hardesty, Lois Skeen, VA Dairy Princess Isabelle Leonard, Cole Leonard, and Dave Winston*

In 2016 Harvue Farms hosted the Virginia Expo and Holstein Field Day commemorating the 100th anniversary of Virginia Holstein Association. Over 400 people attended the event.

## *Shows*

During the last 25 years there has been a spring show in April and a summer show in August. The summer show has always been the larger of the two. Jim Tait served for 14 years as Show Chairman. He contributed new innovations and lots of enthusiasm. Ron Roudabush took over as Show Chairman in 1994 and ably served for over two decades, through 2016. A new hoop barn providing a much lighter and somewhat cooler show ring was first used in 2010. A listing of Grand Champions is printed elsewhere in this publication.

The summer Holstein show was managed by the VA PDCA in conjunction with a colored breeds show until the PDCA disbanded. After that the VHA managed the summer Holstein show independently. In 2014 colored breeds show was re-instated as a separate show, held the day before the Holstein show but managed independently with some sharing of resources.

In 1991 there were 131 head in the ring for the Summer Show. In 2015 there were 73 head exhibited. Incentives were put in place for the 100th Anniversary celebration in 2016, and resulted in a jump in numbers to 123 head with several new exhibitors.

During the 1990s a new generation of the Bill Hughes family began to supply many of the junior exhibitors. A SE News ad pictured the clan under the headline "Where the Action Is".

One of the most exciting stories of the showing recent years was that of Virginia-bred Harvue Roy Frosty. Frosty was Reserve



Grand Champion of the Junior Show as a two year old at the 2006 Virginia Spring show for Matt Hardesty. She later won Supreme Champion of the World Dairy Expo as a 5 year old in 2009 and again 2010 for her owners Mike and Julie Duckett of Wisconsin. Frosty was voted one of Virginia's seven Cows of the Century.

### *Sales*

The annual sale sponsored by VHA is the Virginia Sale of Stars, traditionally held the first Friday in August, the day or evening before the summer Holstein show at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Until 1992 the VHA sponsored two sales. The "Virginia Spring Spirit Sale" was held in April. This was generally a calf and heifer sale. Several silent auctions were held with the Annual Meetings beginning in 1992

Riley Wagner served as Sale Chairman for over a decade, from 1989 to 2000. David Barns then took over the duty until Randy Inman became sale chairman in 2010.

In 1991 the Sale of Stars averaged \$2,136 on just 53 head. The two top sellers at \$7800 and \$4600 were both from the family of Lights- RBR-Bell Ellen, the head of one of Virginia's premier index families for high PTA. The next year Eastview Image Mattie G-ET topped the sale at \$17,700, sold to syndication. The Mattie G family was one of the highest indexing cow families in the country and had many sons sold into A. I. service, including Eastview Influence Mattie G, a Mascot son that was the #1 TPI Holstein sire in 1997.

The 2016 Sale of Stars averaged \$2,824 on 91 lots. The two high selling animals brought \$9,000 and \$7,700. They were the consignments of Cool Lawn Farm, and Dr Pat Comyn respectively. They were the highest genomic indexing consignments of the sale. The way in which the genetic indexes are evaluated changed over the years, but the cattle with higher numbers continue to demand to highest prices.

A few herd dispersals are noteworthy. The Bayville herd sold out in a two day sale in October of 1992. Originally a reputable Guernsey herd, Bayville became well recognized in breeding and merchandising Registered Holsteins when Bob Stanton took over the ownership. Bentz Rhoads, Jr was manager for many years. The 1983 national convention sale hosted by Virginia was held at Bayville.

Light Ridge Farm started in Aldie in 1929 and sold out in 1993. The two top sellers were among the many descendants of Lights RBR Bell Ellen, the foundation of a heavily contracted family from which Rumsey Light Jr sold many animals.

The Park Forest Farm milking herd was dispersed in 2001. 639 head were sold for an average of \$2006. Bill built his herd of Holsteins over 45 years into the largest predominately registered herd in Virginia with over 500 cows. On sale day 180 Airliner daughters sold. On the maternal side, 75% of the traced to Midway Crest Conductor Billie EX-94. Park Forest Farms, Inc. ranked first nationally the year of the sale for BAA of herds over 500 cows, with a BAA of 105.8% on 533 cows.

The Willowlyn herd dispersal was in July 2005. Jim Eustace held several production sales over the years featuring his show caliber cattle.

Harvey and Sharon Gasser of McGaheysville sold out after nearly 25 years in the business in April of 2006. Windrose Emory Renae,

2E-92 GMD and her daughter Windrose Celsius Dot EX-90 were the foundations that made the Windrose herd a high ranking for Net Merit \$. The family was heavily contracted for A.I. and flushed well, resulting in 70 family members selling in the dispersal sale.



David Tait hosted a series of Gloryland Showcase Sales at his farm in Grottoes, beginning in 1996. Tait reports that with one exception these sales all grossed over one million dollars. Scientific Liza Rae-ET topped the first sale at \$12,000. She was the dam of Gloryland Lana Rae EX-92. This cow family ap-

preciated by breeders worldwide, with embryos exported to 17 countries. David Tait also hosted one of the "Top Ten" invitational sales, as did Virginia Holstein Association during the early 2000 years.

The Southeast RWDCA hosted many sales in the last few decades, several times hosting the RWDCA National Sale in Harrisonburg. Bill Hughes was sale chairman, with Leon and Steve Rhodes in supporting roles.

In 2003 Virginia Tech hosted the first sale done with internet bidding in Virginia. The sale had no live animals, and was held in the south end zone of Lane Stadium with consignments pictured on a screen. The 2004 sale chairman Aaron Ray Tompkins later actually developed a business, "Cowbuyer" that currently provides internet bidding in real time at sales throughout the region, including the Virginia Sale of Stars.

Ownby Auction and Realty Company was a loyal sponsor of Virginia Holstein Association over the years, giving of their time and talents as well as monetary support. They donated tents and chairs for Field Day and other events. Dennis Ownby sold cattle for numerous breeders throughout the state, Larry Timbrook served as president, Barbara Clary was a long time director and co-chair of the 2011 national convention, and Roger Miller was invaluable on the sale committee. Ownby Auction company closed their doors in 2013, and were recognized at the VHA annual meeting that year with a special award for their many years of service to the association.

### *Juniors*

Virginia Junior Association celebrates its 40th year in 2016. The juniors have continued to be very active. Since 1991, there have been three Virginia juniors named National Holstein DJMs, two more Semi-finalists, and five National Young DJMs in the last 25 years. The Junior Association presents a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an outstanding junior member. Virginia sends a delegation of juniors to compete in various contests at the national convention virtually every year.

### *2011 National Holstein Convention*

Without a doubt the highlight of the last quarter century was hosting the National Holstein Convention in Richmond. The membership organized and started planning five years in advance. Bar-

bara Clary and James Cook were Co-chairs of this event, and many more members played important roles. Riley Wagner stepped back into his former role as Sale Chairman. Landis Marketing and the Cattle Exchange managed the sale.

The meetings and the sale were both held in the Richmond Convention Center. The cattle were housed in the same building, right next to the trade show. Over 1500 attended the event, and gave rave reviews of the activities, facilities, and hospitality.

Various advance tours included six different farms throughout the state, as well as agri-tainment enterprise Cows-N-Corn and Cool-lawn's "Moo Thru" ice cream store. Host day tours offered visits to Eastview and Edgewood Farm. Attendees had the opportunity to experience some of Virginia's history with tours of Monticello and Michie Tavern, Washington D. C and Mount Vernon, the state Capitol building in Richmond, and Colonial Williamsburg. The junior members enjoyed Busch Gardens on host day.

The National Convention Sale averaged \$14,810 on 105 lots with a gross of 1.56 million dollars. This average was second high in national sale history at the time, exceeded only by Virginia's last national convention sale in 1983 which averaged over \$17,000. The top seller at \$66,000 was a clone of KHW Regiment-Red, All American Junior 2 year old in 2006. The top Virginia consignment at \$45,000 was from Superb Partners, c/o Dr Patrick Comyn. Bred by the Smith family in Remington, the September heifer Cool Lawn Supper Superb-ET with GTPI +2321 sold with numerous A.I. contracts.

Virginia's junior members had a memorable convention as well. Chris Potts of Purcellville was selected as one of six finalists in the National Distinguished Junior Member and also was awarded a National Holstein Womens Scholarship. Davey Hardesty of Berryville was selected as a Young DJM. Many Virginia juniors participated in various junior contests.

Due to the organized leadership of the Co-Chairs and dedication of many volunteers from the membership, the convention was profitable for the Virginia Association and deemed highly successful by attendees.



*Jack Hardesty*

### *More Highlights*

In 1992 Jack Hardesty was named Dairyman of the Year at World Dairy Expo. Three years later Richard Chichester was named WDE Industry Person of the Year. In 1994 Virginia's 4-H dairy judging team won first place in the national contest. Team members were Jeremy McDonald, Matt Welsh, Chad Powers, and James Janney, who was high individual. Jerry Swisher and Eddie Potts coached the team. In 1994 the Strawberry Hill entrance at Virginia State Fairgrounds was dedicated to Dr Wyndham Blanton, Jr. In 1996 Carol McComb was named to the national Holstein Junior Advisory Committee. Carol coached many quiz bowl teams, and was instrumental in developing the Dairy Jeopardy contest used at the national conventions beginning in 2000.

Gloryland Holsteins, Dogwood Farm, Jareco Farm, and Park Forest Farm have consistently been ranked among the top herds nationally for BAA% for their respective herd size.

On the production side, Dogwood Farm in Purcellville had three cows combine to produce over a million pounds of lifetime production: Betty Pottsdale Marc Ali-TW, her dam Betty Glendell Aggie, and her granddam Betty Pottsdale Amor with. They lived to be 21, 19, and 15 year old respectively and produced a total of 1,008,802 pounds of milk.

Two families that moved to Virginia that have made an impact over the last decades are the Cooks and the Inmans. James and Jennifer Cook relocated their Jareco herd from Huntersville, NC to Penhook Virginia in 1988. James has been President of Virginia Holstein Assoc. and also served as Co-Chair of the 2011 National Convention in Richmond. The Inman families of Mar-Bil Farm moved to Virginia in 1996. They returned to their native New York for a short time, but fortunately are back in the Shenandoah Valley. Randy has been Sale Chairman and the family has hosted numerous events at the farm. Mar-Bil has been recognized at the national level with both National and Regional Elite Performer cows. Mar-Bil Baxter Gina-ET was awarded in 2015 as a Regional Elite Performer, followed by 2016 recognition as a National Elite Performer.

Virginia's own Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation was named 'Bull of the Century' by Holstein International. In 2006 over 250 people were at the Elevation Celebration, recognizing his tremendous impact on the breed with a roadside marker placed near the farm of Elevation's breeder, Ronald Hope.

There are many more significant cows, herds, people, and happenings that have had an impact on the association in the last quarter century. It has certainly been a time of rapid change, advancements, and challenges.

Happy 100th Birthday to Virginia Holstein Association!

# The Reminiscences of a Former Frieslander

By D. Terpstra, Clinch Haven Farms, R. F. D., Norton, Virginia, 1952

To tie up our present Virginia Holstein-Friesians with the old foundation cows of Friesland is almost an impossible job.

It should be borne in mind that only about 4,000 Friesian cattle were exported to the U.S., also most of these cattle, when I was a youngster, were handled through commission men. More cattle were sold to Germany than to the United States.

Registration of cattle just had gotten under way.

My brother visited me last summer, he is now back in Friesland and is trying to go over the old ledgers and see what he can unearth. And if he finds anything worthwhile I will pass it on to our breed association.

Time is too short to get information from my family. My father and all of his brothers have passed to their rewards. One of my father's sisters is still living and around 90 years old and it would be difficult to obtain any information from her in so short of a time. Of the younger generation several still are breeders of Friesian cattle but as our family is a large one, many migrated to other countries.

Then the recent war destroyed many old records. Therefore, to trace our present American cow families and tie them in to our old Friesian families would be an almost impossible undertaking.

Any historic article should be based on facts and unless facts are recorded it merely leads to further confusion.

There is no question that the Friesian cattle are a very old race of cattle. My grandmother's name was De Boer, and she used to tell me about her grandfather's cattle. That takes us back to 1750. I remember once I asked her what the difference was between a black and white cow and a red and white cow and she told me the red and white was an outcross. Then I asked grandmother had ever red and white calf been dropped on our place and her answer was negative, "Be that as it may."

As our American Holstein-Friesian cow developed into a different looking animal from the old Friesian cow, it retained its ability to convert grass and grass products into milk. It occurred to me that perhaps a short history of the Friesian people and their methods of handling their cattle would be more helpful and interesting. With the present tendencies toward grass within the U.S. it seems that we are coming back within the U.S. it seems that we are coming back to what my ancestors learned the hard way; causing them to develop the Friesian cow, the most economical converter of grass and grass products into beef, milk, and milk products. About a hundred years before the Christian era, three Germanic tribes; the Friesians, the Batavians, and the Saxons, entered the lowlands of Europe.

The Friesians settled in the area of the North Delta of the Rhine River occupying a strip of land about sixty miles wide and extending east as far as the Wezer in Germany.

The Batavians settled the South and middle Delta of the Rhine, and the Saxons settled the eastern part of Holland and West Germany.

The history books also teach us that all of Holland was covered by a forest so dense that a squirrel could travel from one end of

the land to the other without ever leaving the trees.

The Eastern arm of the Rhine emptied into Lake Flavio and Lake Flavio had several outlets into the North Sea.

In the 13th Century a great flood inundated the land around the Lake Flavio and formed the ZUIDER ZEE (SEA). This sea divided Friesland. The area lying west of the ZUIDER ZEE was called North Holland. The Friesian Islands are located north of the ZUIDER ZEE, and east of the ZUIDER ZEE remains Friesland.

The lowlands were a part of the Roman Empire. After the breaking up of the Roman Empire it became part of the Austrian Empire, then it became part of the Spanish Empire. In the 16th Century it became the Republic of Netherlands, and in the 19th Century it became part of the French Empire, and after Napoleon was subdued it became the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

As North Holland and Friesland were isolated through lakes and swamps, the people in these areas had little or no contact with other races. Neither had their cattle.

The Friesians in Friesland retained their language and up until now it is still the folk language and is the root of early English. In the schools Holland Dutch is spoken. The Friesians in West Friesland or North Holland speak Holland Dutch. The Friesians in East Friesland speak German.

I was born in 1880 and spent my youth on my grandmother's farm in Friesland. Friesian was our mother tongue and Dutch and German sounded barbaric. When we went to school we had to learn Dutch.

Our food was simple. Our way of life was simple. My people were Calvinists and only such work was done on Sundays as absolutely had to be done.



Milk Bottles from Clinch Haven Farms

Families stayed close together and tended to their cattle. Hay was mowed and raked by hand. It was also placed in the barns by hand. Pastures were rotated. Droppings were scattered and pastures were kept weed free. Cows were milked in the pasture. Our cows were calm and docile. A short rope was

dropped around the cows' hind legs so they would not wander off while milking.

Milk was carried to the dairy room by one member of the family in two buckets on a yoke. The milk then was strained and left set in a shallow pan of the cream to rise.

About November cows were stabled, two by a stall, on a cow platform about 18" above the cow-barn floor. The cow platform was made of brick with a 2" x 12" board imbedded in the brick for the cows to stand on. We used no bedding except perhaps a small amount of waste hay. We used a chute to place the cow on the cow platform and she remained there, never was taken out even to bring her calf, but an attendant was always in the barn day and night, even had his bed in the barn.



I never heard a harsh word spoken to a cow. There seemed to be a mutual understanding between man and beast.

The barn and family living quarter were under one roof. The walls were built out of brick. The framing out of heavy timber and the rafters were tall pine poles covered by a thatched roof.

Hay was stored in the center of the barn. Cows were stabled on one side of the barn. The bull, horses, and young stock on one end of the barn. Living quarters were separated from the barn by a brick wall. Under the living quarters was the dairy room. On the other side of the barn was the storage room for wagons and a work bench.

We made butter and cheese. Fed skim milk to calves, poultry and hogs; and when there was a surplus of skim milk we made it into cheese.

A commission merchant gathered up the butter and cheese at regular intervals.

Milking was supervised by grandmother and we learned to milk fast and clean.

We read a lot about the ancestry of the Friesian cattle. I left Friesland in 1898. I did not realize until later in life that there are so many stories about the origin of cattle.

It should be borne in mind that up till the time Napoleon conquered the lowland very few, if any, records were kept and further, that the registration of cattle was not started until I believe around 1870.

Very few cattle were registered when I was a youngster. The farmers did not take much stock in that.

Our fathers had not registered their cattle. Neither did their grandfathers or great-grandfathers. No foreign strain of cattle was ever brought in. the carcass of sour cattle was sold for beef. The milk made our living. What good was a registration certificate? We made a living off our cows, and lived well.

So ran the argument. The Friesian people had a great sense of racial purity, so great that their national hymn is a prayer to keep their blood free from foreign blood. And so they felt about their cattle.

All of our cattle were black and white and so were those of our neighbors. I never saw a red and white calf dropped on our farm

but I did see a few red and white cows about twenty miles from our place. And the owners of these red and white cows were convinced that they had their best cattle.

It was unthinkable for a Friesian to cross a black and white to red and white; that would be disastrous. Going toward East Friesland in Germany we traveled through the Dutch Province of Groningen. They had a black breed of cattle with white head and several red and white cattle but in old Friesland, the cattle were mostly black and white.

We had several German buyers for our cattle but never sold many. We did not want to part with the good ones. We had a good beef market for the poor ones and a good market for the veal calves.

Friesian cows were developed first through breeding the best to the best, by careful culling, good feeding and skillful handling.

The cow proved her worth. Why dig into her ancestry and dig up questionable records?

The American Holstein-Friesian cow is definitely different from the Friesian cow I knew.

The tendency in America is towards grass farming. In my opinion, we have in the Friesian cow a proved efficient converter of grass and grass products into milk. Our breed association also has a model cow as the standard of perfection.

If we reach this perfection in breeding, and develop pastures somewhat comparable to the Friesian pasture and with the proper attention to both cow and pasture, there is no limit to the future of grass farming with the Holstein-Friesian cow of North America.

As I see it, it is of no importance whether D Kol 2nd came from the De Boer family or Trump came from some other family.

Cattle which came from old Friesland and North Holland were inbred cattle for generations. I question the purity of the German Friesian.

There is much myth about the red and white cow but this I know, they were not the regular Friesian cattle and were considered as "sports" by my family.

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## Early Holstein History in Virginia

By Professor Paul Reaves - 1952

The development of the Black and White breed in Virginia antedates the formation of The Holstein Friesian Association of America. The first registered Holstein was brought to Virginia in the early 1870's by William Fullerton, a New York City judge, who owned a farm at Clifton Station (Fairfax County). This animal was Highland Chief, No. 18, in the first volume of the Holstein Herd Book, one of the two early herd books which were consolidated when the Holstein Association and the Dutch-Friesian Association went together to form out present Association. Highland Chief was bred by W. W. Chenery, Belmont, Massachusetts, the original importer of Holstein cattle from Holland. This bull was born in

1869. Fullerton's first females were Agnes, 72 HHB., born in 1871 and Charlotte, 107 HHB., born in 1874, Two cows bred by Fullerton that are remembered as reference animals in Virginia history are Daisy Wayne 30976 born in 1892 and Aaggie Pebel 24078 born in 1890 and sold to E. L. Goss of Somerset. He registered a total of 36 animals in the first 5 volumes of the Holstein Herd Book.

Another early breeder was J. R. Beuchler of Leesburg. His imported heifer, Lakeside Belle, 567 H.H.B., was born in 1878 in North Holland; she was imported by Smiths and Powell of New York. Freshening at two years, one month of age, she produced according to Beuchler's sworn statement as follows; best day, 40 lbs., 7 oz.; best 30 days, 1,115 lbs., 13 oz.; total for 364 days, 9,704

lbs., 3 oz. This milk record was reported in Volume 5 H.H.B. and is probably the first milk production recorded for any cow in the state. Mr. Beuchtion was an inspector of the first silo in his part of the state.

Beuchler had purchased a bull from Fullerton but was unable to purchase any purebred females from him. Being determined to have a purebred herd of his own, he made at least three trips to New York state, each time buying from three to six animals from Smiths and Powell. One of his herd sires was Aaggie Beauty (13,573 lbs. milk in a year at 3 years of age.) He also had a son of Pietertje 3d. Two outstanding females were Martha Washington and Maid of Purmer. It was reported that these two were the main foundation from which the herd in time grew so large that it required three different farms to house and feed it. A grandson on Martha Washington 2nd and also a great-grandson of Maid of Purmer 2nd were two of the early herd sires used at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Cattle from the Beuchler herd went into a number of southern states and particularly into Florida, Georgia and Tennessee, as well as being the foundation for many Virginia herds especially those around Richmond. Mr. Beuchler was still active and interested in Holsteins in 1928 at 90 years of age.

Fullerton transferred animals to A. H. Jones of Winchester and to N. S. Nunn of Clarke County and the transfers are recorded in Volume 4 H.H.B. Other early Holsteins breeders in Virginia were R. F. Mason, Charlottesville; J. P. Machen, Centerville; and R. W. Burg, Gordonsville.

The bull, Hampton 104 H.H.B., was born in 1872. He was bred by the National Military Asylum, Togus, Maine and sold to the southern Branch, National Military Asylum, Hampton, Virginia. Evidently no breeding herd was developed at the Virginia branch as no further record appears in the Herd Book.

The Holstein Breeders' Association and the Dutch Friesian Association were consolidated in 1885 as the Holstein-Friesian of America. Virginia members of this Association, appearing in the membership list for its first year and published in 1886 in Volume 1, H.F.H.B. were William Fullerton, J. R. Beucher, and Hubert Dilger of Front Royal, and Thomas R. Smith, Lincoln.

E. Lee Gross of Somerset had registered Holsteins in the 1890's. He had two cows that created a great deal of interest, ten gallon cows were unheard of before that time. Their names were Daisy Wayne and Aggie Pebel. Frank S. Walker bought a bull calf out of Daisy Wayne for the Woodberry Forest School herd, which was composed of grade cattle.

By 1900 John U. Detrick, Somerset and I. C. Wade, Norfolk were members of the Association. Mr. Detrick purchased good Holsteins that were imported by Smiths, Powell and Lamb. His greatest cow was Stella Artis 4557 H.H.B. She was born in 1883 in Holland and imported as a calf, but did not come to Virginia until 1895. Mr. Detrick sold her to come to Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station in 1899 when she was nearly 16 years old. She had 9 registered progenies, 4 sons and 5 daughters. Her last son was Ujohn Artis 26707 born in 1899 and he was used as a herd sire at the Experiment Station. The Experiment Station also purchased from Mr. Detrick a daughter, Stella Artis 4th, 7569. Still

another daughter, Stell Artis 5th, 35420, was sold by Detrick to T. O. Sandy of Burkeville. She dropped 4 daughters and 3 sons in the Detrick and Sandy herds. J. P. Taylor, Orange, also purchased cattle at the Detrick sale in 1903.

There were 15 members in 1910 including: J. S. Haldeman of Winchester, father of Paul M. Halderman. Hollins Institute; Joseph A. Turner, manager, now Hollins College; W. H. Newman, Woodstock, father of Dr. Walter S. Newman, president Virginia Polytechnic Institute; J. Scott of Richmond Dairy; T. O. Sandy, first director of Virginia Agriculture Extension Services; Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, an honorary member; Wm. F. Carter, Crozet; J. A. Bechtel, Williamsburg; C. H. Ferguson, Doswell; C. A. Guentet, Burkeville; and D. S. Jones, Newport News.

Harvey W. Gills, a long time Holstein breeder and dairyman in the Richmond areas writes: "The first registered Holstein cattle that I heard of entering the state of Virginia were exhibited in the Virginia State Fair Grounds in Richmond around 1885. They were exhibited by Smiths, Powell and Lamb of Syracuse, N. Y. Among this show herd was the very famous cow called Lady Fay. She milked 12 gallons of milk a day on the Virginia State Fair Grounds. This cow seemingly created great enthusiasm toward Holsteins and farmers began to buy them. Major Ginter and Henry Taylor of near Richmond were early owners. Mr. Taylor went to New Jersey and purchased a registered herd."

Holsteins were shown at the Virginia State Agricultural Society Fair at Petersburg in 1885 by T. Loveland, Gordonsville; W. E. Grant, Henrico; and Smiths, Powell and Lamb.

T. O. Sandy of Burkeville wrote in the Southern Planter in 1899 regarding two of his Holstein cows that were milked three times a day and produced 1,531 lbs. and 1,325 lbs. of milk respectively in 30 days. They were fed corn silage, corn meal, bran and cottonseed meal.

The Hollins College herd was started by Joseph A. Turner, when he purchased one bull and two heifers from T. O. Sandy. The bull was Sir Henry Netherland of Hollins, which was used in the Hollins herd for 10 years. Mr. Turner showed this bull as a yearling and as a 3-year-old at the Virginia State Fair and at the North Carolina State Fair. Three bulls that followed concentrated the blood of King Segis in the Hollins herd.

The first Holstein bred a V. P. I. was Neva Artis Clothilde 40635. She was born in 1895; her sire was Raeburn 22602 and her dam was Eva Artis Clothilde 33679.

Before 1900 J. P. Taylor founded the Meadow Farm herd at Orange which has continued as one of the largest Holstein breeding establishments in the state, and is now owned by his son, J. E. Taylor. Some of the early sires were Jenningshurst Mutual Rag Apple, King Ormsb Ideal Beauty, and a son of Sprong Farn Lady Korndyke. Meadow Farm was host to the first annual field day of the Virginia Holstein Club.

The three oldest present day herds in the state that have continuously bred Holsteins since their beginning are Meadow Farm, Hollins College, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

In the period from 1900 to 1920 many other breeders made



their start. Frank S. Walker, Orange, established the Rosni herd, which has developed into one of the largest breeding herd of today. The sire foundation sire and had his greatest influence through a daughter Netherland Soldene Vale DeKol 366639 out of a cow tracking to Hollins College breeding. Several daughters of Spring Farm Lady Korndyke from the Newman herd were added to the herd. Later sires have traced strongly to S. P. O. M. 37th, so many through Marathon Bess Burke.

Spring Farm Lady Korndyke 77171 was one of the good sires of this period. He was a son of Tweede White Lady 83186. Both of these animals were owned by W. H. Newman, Woodstock. Another sure used in the Newman herd was Aaggie Whitkop Johanna Lad 38110. Daughters of Homestead Superb Vale were seured as exchanging animals from the Rosni herds, including Meadow Farm, V. P. I. and others, especially in the Valley of Virginia.

J. S. Haldeman, Winchester, purchased Maud Boelyn 5th 81187 from David F. Nigh of Maryland in 1906. His first bull was King of the Butter Boys 41776. Paul M. Haldeman, a son, reports that the two best animals purchased for the herd were Dutchland Sir Rag Apple Canary 99243 and Pearl Butter Girl Pietrtje DeKol 200024.

J. Owen Beard and I. D. Myers of Rockingham County were getting interested in Holsteins during this period. Some of their foundation come from the Newman herd at Woodstock and the Haldeman herd at Winchester. Mr. Beard used a son of Spring Farm Lay Korndyke. King Bessie breeding contributed to the development of both of these herds.

H.J. Hardesty, Berryville, made some early high cow test association on his registered Holsteins. One of his top cows was Dona Sadie Witkop and his herd sire was Berks King Champion. The first breeder in eastern Virginia was probably D. S. Jones, Beaconde Farm, Newport News. He was mayor of Newport News around 1900. It is reported that he had a very extensive and productive herd. The farm and herd were bought at a later date by Dr. G. L. Smith.

Sr. Samuel Adams Robinson, Covesville (Albemarle County), bought some high producing Holsteins to his Hygeia Farm from Stevens Bros- Hastings Company of Lacona, New York. This purchase included Jessie Veeman A 36579 and other females bred to DeKol's 2nd Butter Boy 3rd, 23260, a son of DeKol 2nd. Jessie Veeman A had eight registered daughters, six of them with ARO records, and three sons all with tested daughters. Her son, Hegeia Veeman Butter Boy 43697, was used in the herd of Dr. W. Fitzhugh Carter at Crozet, and later purchased for the V. I. P. dairy herd. C. W. Holdaway, head of the V. I. P. dairy department, tested Jessie Veeman A along with other cows in the Hygeia herd on 7-day test along about 1906 or 1907.

Peter C. Huff was a member of the Holstein- Friesian Association of America in 1913. He has maintained a large herd of Holsteins and is now practically surrounded by the city or Roanoke. Sweet Briar College, Amherst County, was also a member in the same year and has continuously maintained a herd of registered Holsteins.

In Richmond and nearby are earlier breeders included J. B. Lee, Jas. Bellwood, A. R. Scott. Seward, J. C. Stafford and Runnymede Farm and organized the first dairy calf club south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Cheney Bros. and Jones of Randolph on Charlotte County were pioneer breeders in the tobacco section of the same state. Seward Stock Farm and J. C. Stafford of Petersburg had outstanding herd and did a great deal of A. R. O. and A. R. testing. The latter herd used two outstanding sires, Ormsby Sensation 26th and King Korndyke Prilly Pontiac.

Benjamin Middleton came to this country from England in 1870 and brought Horsepen Farm in Fairfax County. He and his son, Ben, began shipping milk to Washington D. C., in 1897. They developed a high grade Holstein herd. In 1917 Ben and his two sons, John and William, purchased four purebred Holsteins from Arling Cobb in New York. DeKol Viking Johanna 723000 was the outstanding cow of this group. Two of her sons were used in the herd. At the Holstein Convention Sale in Richmond in 1924, they purchased five head including Sir Bess Ormsby Fobs 19th. The herd is now being operated by the fourth generation of Middletons. The Middletons and their neighbor, Allen Bradley, were members of the first cow testing association started in the Washington area.

Oliever Moyer, Mattoax, started a herd on a tobacco farm about 1915. This herd has been continued by his son, Charles, and grandsons, Charles Jr., and Garland. A group of farmers in Franklin County were among the early shippers of milk to the Roanoke market. These included B. T. Flora, I. A. Bowman, and Sam Bowman & Son. The Flora herd was later divided into the Newton Flora herd and Albert Flora herd. The Sam Bowman herd was continuing as the George Bowman herd. Several nearby dairymen followed the original breeders and secured Holsteins. They later formed the most far-reaching Holstein bull association that was ever organized on the state. It developed to include 11 breeders, and was forerunner of the Blue Ridge Artificial Breeding Association which consolidated to form the present Virginia Artificial Breeding Association located near Rocky Mount, right in the midst of these early breeders.

By 1920 the membership from Virginia numbered 121. These cannot all be listed, but they include J. B. Andrews, Roanoke, the herd is now owned by his son, T. J. Andrews; C. Nelson Beck, who was one of the very first cooperators in eradication of Bang's disease. Mr. Beck probably did more than any other person to get the board of directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America to establish field man service I the south; George R. Bready, Fairfax; C. E. Gardner, Rapidan; F. B. Kegley, Wytheville; George K. Logan, Woodstock; the herd is presently owned by William Logan; Jas. A. Loving, Richmond, herd continued on a smaller basis; J. Clifford Miller, Culpeper County, Beauregard Farm and Mount Vernon Farm, now owned by J. C. Miller, Jr.; R. N. Pemberton, Richmond. herd moved to Doswell and operated by his family; Sam Sullivan and sons, Brandy, two sons operating the herd; Dr. H. Trout, Roanoke, his Summerdean Farm was dispersed recently after his death; A. C. and E. E. Wambersie, Orange, Clifton M. Warner, Purcellville, a champion of the Rag Apples.

Douglas Terpstra was born in the Friesland and came to Southwest Virginia as a mining engineer. Because of his love of the farm and his keen interest in Holstein cattle, he purchased a large farm between Norton and Big Stone Gap. While there was still little interest in dairying in that section he developed a good producing herd of Holsteins and has been a pioneer in dairy development in his area.

Holstein herds are maintained at several of the state owned



institution farms: State Penitentiary Farm, State Farm; Epileptic Colony, Lynchburg; Southwestern State Hospital, Marion; Western State Hospital, Staunton; Industrial School, Beaumont; Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg; Catawba-Sanatorium, Catawba; Central State Hospital, Petersburg; Piedmont Sanatorium, Burkeville, and the Virginia Industrial Farm for Women, Goochland.

There are many other breeders and other interested persons that have contributed materially to the early development of the Holstein breed in Virginia. Space or time does not allow the inclusion of many that we would like to have mentioned in this record of early work.

#### *The Virginia Holstein-Friesian Club Organized*

The Virginia State Dairymen's Association was organized in 1907, at the Jamestown Exposition. As time progressed breeders of purebred dairy cattle felt the need of a closer knit organization for the study of the means of developing and promoting their specific breed. In 1916 a part of the convention time was designated for the breed groups.

February 10, 1916, marked for the breed groups, the Virginia Holstein-Friesian Club. The meeting was held at Harrisonburg with 32 breeders attending and becoming the charter members.



*Frank S. Walker, First President of the VA Holstein Association*

The first officers and directors of the club were: President, Frank S. Walker, Woodberry Forest; Secretary-Treasurer, R. V. Martindale, Sweet Briar; Vice Presidents: Jos. A. Turner, Hollins, J. S. Haldeman, Winchester.

Directors: Dr. G. L. Smith, Newport News; W. G. Hoover, Timberville; T. O. Sandy, Burkeville; W. H. Newman, Woodstock; F. E. Bowman, Remington; J. Aubrey Clarkson, Brookwood.

The additional charter members were:

M. H. Bowman, Woodstock; L. B. Burner, McGaheysville; Carr Bros., Charlottesville; E. A. Cline, Broadway; D. C. Craun, Bridgewater; H. C. Elliott, Roanoke; Monroe Garst, Roanoke; S. B. Hepner, Woodstock; D. F. Jones, Newport News; F. B. Kegley,

Wytheville; H. E. Lee, Crewe; J. B. Lee & Son, Hanover; M. W. Miller, Bridgewater; E. W. Minnick, Timberville; C. R. Neff, Harrisonburg, Pa.; Curtis G. Rand, Burkeville; B. F. Richard, Strasburg; S. P. Spain, Petersburg; C. L. Stahl, Lynchburg; Paul Tobb, Hampton; E. E. Wambersie, Orange; J. R. Wingfield, Charlottesville.

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Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, was president of the National Association at that time. The meeting was held in Richmond on June 4, 1924. Virginia's delegates were Frank S. Walker and J. Scott Parrish. There was no representation from California because of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in that state. This was the first National Holstein Convention held in the South. Speakers proclaimed the long grazing season in the South and the great possibility of dairy development in the area.

Colonel Hiram M. Smith represented Governor Trinkle of Virginia in welcoming the Convention to Virginia. He emphasized the effort of the State Veterinarian, whose middle name was Tuberculin Test, to free the state of bovine tuberculosis. He reported that there were at that time 1,125 accredited herds in the state.

Advertising and marketing milk received much attention at the Convention with the advanced registry system. There was a definite trend of thought toward 305-day records and for class B or three-times-a-day milking compared to four. Also, there was interest in the class C or twice-a-day milking as a farmers' class for testing.

The National Sale was a two-day sale with 150 animals catalogued, which were consigned from every part of the country where Holsteins predominated. The sale committee was composed of W. L. Kirby, Chairman; C. H. Crabill, Chesterfield County; Frank S. Walker, Orange; H. W. Gills, Richmond, and Jas. M. Ruffin, Petersburg. Backus compiled the catalog and Mack Baxter and Wood did the selling. Ten Virginia breeders consigned 26 head. Over 100 head were purchased by Virginia breeders. Several went to North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland.

Mr. Kirby states: "The meeting and sale....in my estimation did more for the extension of registered cattle than any one thing that I know about." More than a quarter of a century has passed since the National Convention in Richmond. Holstein breeders that have had a hand in the breed development during this time are almost legion in number. We cannot recount them all. A few highlights will be listed.

The following breeders have served as the club's president: Frank S. Walker, C. Nelson Beck, Charlottesville; George T. Carr; Charlottesville; J. Owen Beard, Linville; Leonard J. Crowgey, Wytheville; John M. Willis, Culpeper, and Harold W. Craun, Roanoke. The secretaryship has been handled by: R. V. Martindale, Sweet Briar; Harvey Crabill, Miniborya Farm, Richmond; Paul M. Reaves, V. P. I., Blacksburg; Harold W. Craun, Roanoke, and I., Aubrey Drewry, Hollins College.

Frank S. Walker served as vice president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America during 1930-32.

Many herds have received various recognition. Charles R. Hope and Son, Round Oak Farm, Purcellville, developed Pinelee Posch Millie Girl, VG, as the highest record cow south of the Mason-Dixon line, with 32,765 pounds of milk and 1,120 lbs. of fat. At the time of completing the record she was the highest living national milk producer in the 3x classification and for four years held the national record in 305-day, 3x division. This same farm developed Montvic Pathfinder Prizetaker to be the first Gold Medal proved sire for the state.

The Hollins College herd under the supervision of L. A. Drewry has been the recipient of the Progressive Breeders Award for three years and numerous 100,000-pound lifetime milk production certificates.

Ravensworsth Farm, George B. Lee, owned Ravensworsth Skylark Johanna 2226533 at the time of birth. She was developed by J. Stewart Smith and C. M. Janney, Round Hill, to be the national record cow for one day's production in any class with 165.1 lbs. of milk in 24 hours on three-times-a-day milking. This cow classified excellent in the herd of A. W. Hawkins, Culpeper.

Leonard J. Crowgey and Sons, Richdale Farm, Wytheville, developed the second God Medal proved sire of the state, Weber Admiral Burke Fobes and, in cooperation with V. P. I., developed his son, Admiral Lady Burke Fobes as a Silver Medal Production sire. This herd has bred and owns two excellent cows, and has received the Progressive Breeders Award for three consecutive years. The D. H. I. A. average for the past 20 years, 1932 to 1951, is 424 pounds of fat.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute herd under the supervision of C. W. Holdaway, Paul M. Reaves and Raleigh Sandy has received the Progressive Breeders Award for six consecutive years. Two Silver Medal Production sires were developed in the college herd, Vineland Peanut Ormsby Governor and the Admiral bull from the Crowgey herd.

The Middleton Bros. Herd, Herndon, completed 30 years, 1921 to 1951, of continuous D. H. I. A. testing with a 30-year herd average of 10,737 pounds of milk and 406 pounds of fat. This herd developed the excellent sire Dunloggin Adwood.

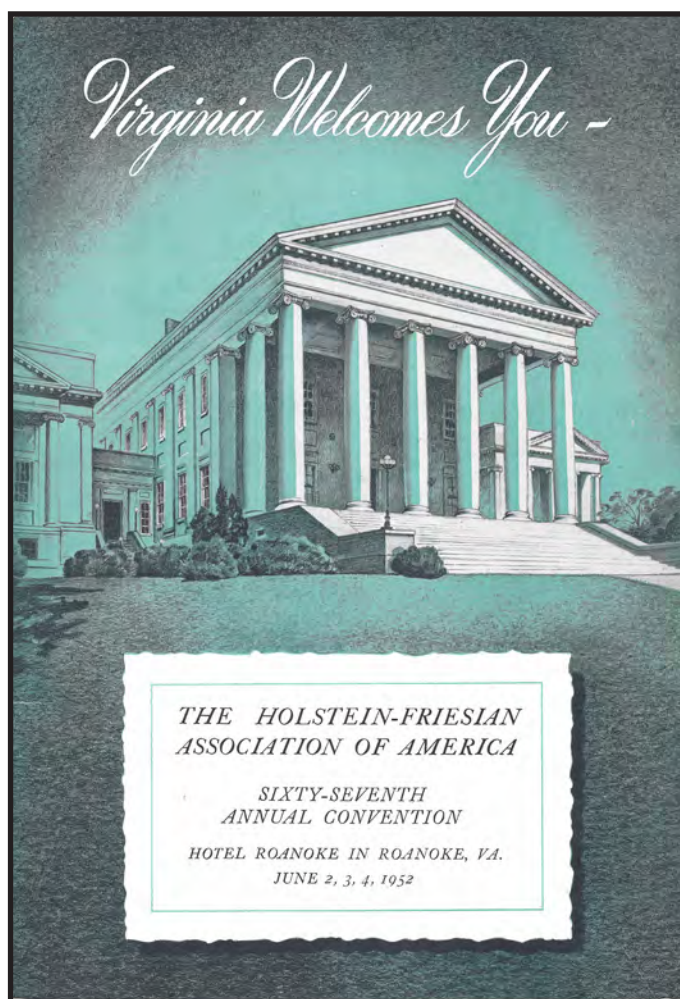
The Rosni herd, Frank S. Walker, has bred and owns two excellent cows. Probably this herd has sold more foundation cattle over the years than any other Virginia herd.

William S. Barksdale, Randolph, bred and developed Randolph Montvic Doris which completed the highest D. H. I. A. 305-day record ever produced in the state. Her record is 30,134 pounds of milk 1,045 pounds of fat in 305 days on 3x milking.

The breeders who have been hosts to the Virginia Club at its annual field day are: 1933, J. P. Taylor, Meadow Farm, Orange; 1934, Prince William County Breeders at Percy Lewis' Farm, Manassas; 1935, J. Scott Parrish, Miniborya Farm, Richmond; 1936, F. W. and R. E. McComb, Bluemont; 1937, Roanoke, Botetourt and Franklin County Breeders at T. E. Jamison's, Lauderdale Far, Buchanan; 1938, Frank S. Walker, Rosni Farm, Orange; 1939, Curles Neck Farm, Richmond; 1940, I. D. Myer & Son, Harrisonburg; 1941, Hollins College, Hollins College; 1946 Franklin County Breeders at Wesley Naff's Farm, Rocky Mount; 1947, Culpeper County Breeders at Temple Slaughter's Farm; 1948, Frank S. Walker, Rosni

Farm, Orange; 1949, Luck Bros., Ashland; 1950, Loudoun County Breeders at Chas. R. Hope & Son's Farm, Purcellville, and 1951, R. F. Trant, Rose Hill Farm, London Bridge in Princess Anne County.

These field days have contributed much to the knowledge of Holsteins in the state. They have offered an opportunity to Holstein enthusiasts throughout the state to see these good herds at their best and also at times to stop and visit other herds en route. These occasions have added to the pleasure of being a member of this great fraternity, which adds to the romance of the truly great business, the development of superior dairy cattle. This is surely an interesting, exciting and profitable business.



1952 Convention Cover

# 50th Anniversary Celebration ~ 1966 VA Holstein Association

Submitted by Carol McComb

The 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Holstein Association was celebrated April 14-16, 1966 in Harrisonburg. The three day event began on April 14 with a Breeders Institute evening meal with presentations relating to developing a herd of registered Holsteins and the national Holstein association's continuing efforts to promote registered Holsteins.

Friday was the Virginia Black and White State Show with Jack Fairchild serving as judge. Approximately 150 head were exhibited on a cold and rainy April day. Willowlyn Standout Dolly, exhibited by Jimmie Eustace, won the Aged cow class and was named Grand Champion. Round Oak Rag Apple Lady, the second place Aged Cow, exhibited by Ronald A. Hope was named Reserve Grand Champion.

Class winners were: Willowlyn, Grassmoor, Round Oak, Grassroots, Bonnyside (Peck family), Rocby (Nelson Gardner), Shen-VA, David Bowman, and Wallmac (Wall Brothers).

Of particular interest, here was the Reserve Grand Champion, Round Oak Rag Apple Lady, who went on to be Grand Champion of the Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show in the fall of 1966. The second place bull calf, Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, went on to place second in the 1966 Pennsylvania All American Show in Harrisburg and became the "Bull of the Century" in 2000. The first five cows in the Aged Cow class were all classified Excellent.

Saturday, April 16 was the Golden Anniversary Sale with a sale average of \$759. The sale was managed by Virginia Holstein Association, Jack Hunt, chairman of the sale and Doty Remsburg, Dennis Ownby, Charles and Horace Backus auctioneering and pedigrees. The top of the sale was a bred heifer, Penn Springs Ivanhoe Roseen from Robert H. Kauffman of Pennsylvania selling for \$1650 to John Kerr of North Carolina. The second high seller and high Virginia consignment was a three year old cow (she was first place three year old at the previous day's show). Johanna Korndyke Prive Eva, consigned by David Bowman of McGaheysville was purchased by Dr. Wyndam Blanton, Cumva Farms, Farmville for \$1,250.

Johanna Korndyke Prive Eva went on to score EX-95 for Dr. Blanton and was nominated All American 3 year old in 1966 and was never beaten in Virginia. She had two proven sons in A. I. and became Dr. Blanton's pride and joy and Cumva.

Prior to the Golden Anniversary Sale was the sale of fifteen carefully selected heifer calves sold to 4-H and FFA members in the state. They averaged \$285 with the sale topper was Bonnyside Rita Fancy, consigned by Dwight Peck, Boonyside Farm bringing \$510 and purchased by Judy Musick of Bristol. Second high was Wallmac H Olga Baron Tammy, consigned by Wall Brothers of Blacksburg and purchased by Billy Kingery of Rocky Mount.

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## Historical Items of VA Holstein Interest

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John O. Hardesty and Committee, 1966

The first registered Holstein was brought to Virginia in 1870 by William Fullerton of Clinton Station, Fairfax County. The animal was Highland Chief No.18 in the first volume of the Holstein Herd Book, and was bred by Winthrop W. Chenery of Belmont, Massachusetts.

J. R. Beuchler of Leesburg, Virginia, inspector of advanced registry records, imported Holstein cattle. Among his early purchases was an imported heifer, Lakeside Belle, born in 1878 in North Holland which produced 9074 lbs. mil in 364 days and was probably the first official milk record in Virginia. Holstein herds in Florida, Georgia and

Tennessee, as well as Virginia Polytechnic Institute and many other Virginia herds started from this herd.

The Holstein Breeders Association and the Dutch-Friesian Association were consolidated in 1885 as the Holstein Friesian were consolidated in 1885 as the Holstein Friesian Association of America. The first members from Virginia were William Fullerton, J. R. Beuchler, Hubert Dilger of Front Royal and Thomas R. Smith of Lincoln.

There were fifteen members from Virginia in 1910. Among these were J. S. Halderman, Winchester, Hollins College, W. H. Newman, Woodstock and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The first Holstein cattle were exhibited on the Virginia State Fairgrounds in Richmond around 1885. The three oldest present day herds in the state that have continuously bred Holsteins since their beginning are Meadow Farm, Orange; Hollins College, Hol-

lins; Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

The period from 1900 TO 1920 saw these breeders make their start; Frank Walker, Orange; J. S. Halderman, Winchester; J. Owen Beard and I. D. Myers of Rockingham County; H. J. Hardesty, Berryville; D. S. Jones, Newport News; Dr. Samuel Adams Robinson, Albemarle County; Benjamin Middleton and Sons, Fairfax County Oliver Moyer, Mattoax.

By 1920, the National membership numbered 121 in Virginia. C. Nelson Beck did more than any other person to get the board of directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America to establish field man service in the south. W. L. Kirby, Richmond, organized the first dairy calf club south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Many other breeders have contributed to the early development of the Holstein breed in Virginia.

The Virginian State Dairymen's Association was organized in 1907 at the Jamestown Exposition. As time progressed, breeders of purebred dairy cattle felt the need of closer knit organization as a means of development and promoting their specific breed.

The Virginian Holstein Breeders Association was organized February 10, 1916, at Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Virginia Guernsey and Jersey Breeders also organized at this time. This was an important feature of the 9th annual convention of the Virginia State Dairy-men's Association and marked the beginning of organized statewide Holstein breed promotion in Virginia. W. C. Hoover, Timberville, Virginia, presided at the meeting which was held in the Masonic Temple. There were 21 Holstein breeders present but 32 are listed as charter members.



In 1924, eight years after the organization of the Holstein breeders, they, in cooperation with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, set forth to bring the 39th National Holstein Convention to the state of Virginia. J. K. Brauch and W. T. Dabney of the Chamber of Commerce and W. L. Kirby, County Agent went to the Kansas City Convention in 1923 and extended the invitation to hold the 1924 convention in Richmond. The invitation was accepted.

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Mr. Kirby stated the meeting and sale did more to promote Holsteins in Virginia than anything that could have happened.

These breeders have served as presidents of the state club: Frank S. Walker, C. Nelson Beck, George T. Carr, J. Owen Beard, L. J. Crowgey, John M. Willis, Harold W. Craun, J. C. Eller and Charles Moyer, Jr. William H. Logan is our president now. The secretary-ship has been handled by R. V. Martindale, C. H. Crabill, Paul M. Reaves, Harold W. Craun, Aubrey Drewry, John M. Willis and I. Fred Stine, our present secretary and treasurer, who was made Executive Secretary and Treasurer in 1960.

Frank S. Walker served as Vice President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America in 1930-32 and Harold W. Craun has served eight years as National Director.

Annual field days held at breeder's farm, annual winter meeting, spring, summer and fall sales are highlights of breeder's activities.

In 1952, the convention came back to Virginia. The convention committees were headed by Harold W. Craun. R. G. Connelly was chairman of the convention committee and Paul M. Reaves was chairman of the sale committee. The 67th annual convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America was held in Roanoke on June 3, 4 and sale on the 5th at Victory Stadium, Roanoke. About 1000 people attended the three-day affair. One of the highlights of the convention was a special address by the Honorable Harry F. Byrd, U.S. Senator of Virginia. A second highlight was the visit to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

The convention sale included 90 animals which sold for an average of \$1301.00. More than 20% of the cattle stayed in Virginia.



Pinky Maid Burke consigned by L. J. Crowgey, Wytheville, Virginia sold for \$1650.00 and her calf sold for \$450.00.

Virginia breeders have developed excellent cows, Gold and Silver Medal sires, Gold Medal dams and high producing individual cows and herds. Charles R. Hope and Son developed Pinelee Posch Milie Girl as the highest record cow south of the Mason Dixon Line with 32,765 lbs. milk and 1120 lbs. fat at the time. Ravensworth Farm bred Ravensworth Skylark Johanna. She was developed by Smith and Janney, Round Hill and she produced 165.1 lbs. of milk which is the National record for one-day production. Luck Brothers bred and developed Luck Brothers El Hartog, the first cow to produce over 1000 lbs. fat on the DHIR program of the National Association. This record followed two other records of 1206 lbs. and 1118 lbs. fat.

These breeders have received the Progressive Breeders Registry award: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg (13 years); L. J. Crowgey, Wytheville (13 years); Hollins College, Hollins (8 years); Charles R. Hope & Son issued in name of Ronald Hope in 1960 to 1965, Purcellville (11 years); Newton B. Flora, Boones Mill (9 years); Garst and Craun, Roanoke (5 years); J. Willard Bowman, Boones Mill (5 years); Willowlyn Farms, Catlett (5 years); G. Weston Wall, Blacksburg (2 years); Ben P. Middleton, Penhook (2 years); R. J. Fisher & Sons, Gordonsville (2 years); Charles F. Mayer, Jr., Amelia (2 years); Center Field Farm, Purcellville (1 year); Stuart Land & Cattle Co., Rosedale (1 year); Rosni Farms Inc., Orange (1 year); and John D. Archbold, Foxlease, Upperville (1 year).

The Virginia Artificial Breeding Association has been a significant factor in Holstein development in the state. From a number of local breeding centers, mergers gradually combined the efforts into the Virginia Artificial Breeding Association in 1950.

In 1955 the Virginia Holstein Club was incorporated and the name changed to the Virginia Cooperative Holstein Breeders As-

sociation, Inc. In 1960, plans were made to divide the state into districts for the election of directors and to rotate membership on the board. Eleven districts were set up as an outgrowth of this re-districting. There are now eight district clubs, covering the district as follows: Dist. 1 – Loudon and Fairfax; Dist. 2 – Northern Valley; Dist. 3 – Fauquier – Prince William; Dist. 4 – Piedmont; Dist. 5 – Shenandoah Valley; Dist. 6 – Blue Ridge; Dist. 7 & 8 – Mountain Empire; and Dist. 9 & 10 – Atlantic Holstein Clubs.

The main projects of the district clubs include: twilight meetings, black and white shows, annual membership meetings, and assisting with the National Convention. There are two types of membership, standard for purebred breeders and associate for owners of grade Holsteins.

The District Clubs, by becoming affiliated with the State Association are provided with liability insurance for any activity which the district club would be involved in, since the State Association carries coverage also for sales.

In May 1960, the Secretary and Treasurer was changed to Executive Secretary and Treasurer and his duties are to coordinate more effectively the activities of standing committees, promote interest in breed shows, manage and promote the breed sales by helping to select cattle, prepare pedigrees and catalog, collect and pay all sale bills and help the organization of each sale under local committee with a sales manager and work with the field man.

Another step forward in 1960 was the cooperation with the management of the Atlantic Rural Exposition at Richmond in the constructing of a Holstein Show Barn. The club contributed \$3000.00 and assisted in the planning of the building. This has made much improvement in showing of Holstein cattle at the state fair.

The Virginian Association in 1961 joined with the North Carolina club in publishing the North Carolina Virginia Holstein News.

In 1962, the 77th annual Holstein-Friesian Association Convention was held in Roanoke, Virginia. Harold W. Craun, who was the National Director, was the chairman of the convention committees and George A. Miller was chairman of the sale committee. The members and guests enjoyed the southern atmosphere so much they wanted to come back to good old Virginia.

Fred J. Nutter, Corinna, Maine, was reelected president. The sale of 75 head of the finest Holsteins averaged \$1018 per head. Wis Sharl, a heifer consigned by Wisconsin State Reformatory, Green Bay, Wisconsin, brought \$3500.00 and J. E. Taylor, Orange, Virginia, was the buyer. The high selling bull brought \$2400.00. Minnow Creek Eden Delight's son was purchased by John O. Hardesty & Son for \$1000.00. The big news in the convention was presented in Secretary Rumler's address to the effect that the association was incorporating a plan for total nutrient testing (TNT) in the official production testing program, effective July 1st. This meant that official records as published in the Type and Production Year Book would include when available, a column for solids-not-fat as well as total milk and butterfat and this information is to be incorporated into all records maintained by the association. A short tribute to the late C. B. Smith who was to auction the sale was held.

The past several years have seen a number of champions in Virginia show rings. Six of the very finest show cows are Willowlyn Abing Patsy Bob, Excellent, Grand Champion at the Virginia State Fair, 1956 and Willowlyn Standout Dolly, Excellent, Grand Champion at Virginia State Fair in 1965 owned by Willowlyn Farms, J. W. and Jimmie N. Eustace, Catlett. Wipledale Korndyke Queenie, Excellent, 93, Grand Champion of Virginia State Fair in 1959 owned by Garst and Craun, Roanoke; Wallmac Emma Haze, Very Good, Grand Champion at North Carolina State Fair in 1960 owned by Stuart Land & Cattle Co. of Rosedale; and Round Oak Ivanoe Lady, Excellent, 1st Four-year-old 1965 loudoun Black and White and Northern Valley Black and White and All state 4-year-old, owned by Ronald A. Hope & Sons, Purcellville.

Other breeders that have taken an active part in promoting Holsteins through the show ring are William H. Harrison, Leesburg; Brookfield Farm, Chantilly; I. Fred Stine, Fort Collier Farms, Winchester; John O. Hardesty & Son, Harvue Farm, Berryville; Margi Ann (Sutphin) Dick, Flatlick Farm, Chantilly; Dr. Wyndham Blanton, Jr., West Hill Farm, Richmond; Leatherwood Farm, Bluefield; The Stuart Land and Cattle Company of Virginia, Inc., Rosedale; L. J. Crowgey, Wytheville; and Peck Brothers, Bonny side Farm, Herndon.

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## A Word about Virginia Holsteins and their Breeders in 1972

Virginia Holsteins breeders- individually and through collective action as members of their district, state and national. Holsteins associations- are making an ever-increasing impact on the Registered Holsteins industry. Progress has been particularly rapid over the past decade, with many Virginia bred and proved sires, as well as females, going outside the state to spread their beneficial influence in widening circles.

Virginia now ranks 15th among all the states in number of cows in milk and, according to the 1970 figures of the Holstein Association, is the 13th in the number of Holsteins registered that year. It is probably not coincidence that Virginia is also 13th of all states in the number of active national members of the Holstein Association. While Virginia has a long way to go before it will "No. 1," or even "No. 2" in numbers of registered Holsteins, this showing is

remarkably good when you recall that for many years Virginia was listed among the higher ranking states in numbers of Guernseys registered and transferred. (Note: In 1958, Virginia was fifth among all states in number of Guernseys registered, just behind New York. In 1971, New York was still in fourth position for Guernsey registrations, but Virginia dropped below 10th place and was not listed in the AGCC annual report.)

In line with the national trend, the number of Virginia Holstein herds in DHIR test has shown a slight decline- to 47 herds in 1971. While there are 14 states with more herds in DHIR test, it is interesting that only two of those 14 states have a higher lactation average than Virginia's 15,975 lbs. milk, 3.7%, 585 lbs. fat DHIR 2X 305-day M.E.)

### Association Activities

Currently, the Virginia Holstein Association, Inc., has more than 400 members in eight area associations (or clubs) in 10 districts. Each district is represented by a director on the state board (Association officers and directors are named on page 4 of this booklet).

Each of the clubs hold its own Field Day, Black & White show, annual meeting, planning and twilight meetings and related activities. One of the most important programs is the encouragement and support of junior activities. The successful junior programs, both local and state, has resulted in the naming of no less than three Virginia youth as National Junior Holstein Champions- and each of the three has continued his Holstein participation.

Sponsored by the state association annually are these important events, among others- a Field Day, a January Convention Sale, a Summer State Sale, the State Black & White Show and, with the North Carolina Holstein Association, a fine Holstein magazine published quarterly. Also, for the past three years Virginia has cooperated with the other four states in their region in sponsoring the Annual Southeastern Regional Show Window Sale.

### Shows

The State Fair of Virginia at Richmond (now better known as the Atlantic Rural Exposition) is home of one of the oldest dairy cattle shows in the county, with the inception of the dairy show about 1855. The show flourished and for many years was the only important dairy livestock exhibition contributed \$3,000 and assisted the Atlantic Rural Exposition management in planning and constructing a new Holstein barn at the fairgrounds, considerably improving the cattle facilities.

At the present time, with new management and Holstein association members on the board of A.R.E., vigorous efforts are under way to strengthen the show by encouraging wider participation by breeders from adjoining states.

As a part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Virginia Association, a State Black & White Show was held which deserved the World report. "the finest Holstein show ever held in the state, both in numbers and in quality." Even so, quality at the show has continued to improve and the 1971 event hit an even better mark with 1574 head of very high caliber.

The State Show is held in mid-summer in conjunction with the State Summer Sale. The two consecutive days of activity make up one of the highlights of the Holstein program in the state.

Virginia breeders also participate in the shows outside the state, including the Eastern National in Harrisburg, Pa. In 1971, for example, Virginia exhibitors their included Bonnyside Farm, Miss Cathy Campbell. Foxlease Farm, Own-Lee Holstein and Willowlyn Farms.

When discussing the state's junior program earlier, we should have mentioned that junior exhibitors from Virginia have shown two Junior All-Americans and one Reserve Junior All-Americans in recent years. The Reserve Junior A-A Senior Yearling Heifer in 1969 was Evjan Marquis Fame exhibited by Joe G. Stowers, Lovettsville; the two Junior All-Americans were the 1967 Senior Heifer Calf, Wilcort Marquis Nan, shown by Patricia D. Cole, also of Purcellville.



*Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva*

Nominated for Senior All-Americans within the past five years were Foxleases Citation Paclamar, a senior yearling bull bred by Foxlease Farm and exhibited by Paclamar Farms of Colorado; Round Oak Ivanhoe Lady, nominated as an aged cow and a member of an Honorable Mention Get of Sire, bred and owned by Round Oak Farm; and Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva, nominated as a 3-year-old and the pride of Dr. W. B. Blanton's Cumva Farms Herd.

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## Virginia Holstein .... The Golden Years

By Walter V. McClure Sr. Windswept Holsteins

Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation was born August 30, 1965, and bred by Round Oak Farm, Purcellville, VA. He was purchased by the Virginia Animal Breeders Association (VABA) in July of 1966. Please refer to my write on Round Oak Ivanhoe Eve (my # 1 choice of the cows nominated for Virginia Cows of the Century) for details of the purchase of Elevation.

Before going further lets consider some events happening in the Holstein and the Artificial Breeding industry that played a major role in the development of Elevation and Virginia Holstein Sales.

1. Changes in DHIA in the early 1960's replaced hand calculated herd and animal records to computer stored records. In just a few

years enough sire identified records from all over the county were in a data base so that bull's daughters could be compared to actual contemporaries yielding a predicted difference for milk and fat yield. This method of sire performance replaced daughter dam comparisons that had proven to be inaccurate. Elevation rapidly climbed to the top of Holsteins TPI rankings where he stayed for a number of years.

2. In the sixties the United States A.I. industry introduced frozen semen changing from fresh semen that was processed and shipped to A.I. technicians with a limited fertility life. I left my position as the Extension Dairy Agent in Northern Virginia and took a position as Field Supervisor for VABA in 1966. At that time,



VABA had 42 A.I. technicians that bred cows all over Virginia. Semen from the bulls owned by the association was collected two or three times per week. The semen was diluted in an extender, refrigerated and shipped by bus or the postal service to the technicians. Sire selection was limited to the bulls shipped on a particular day. VABA was the largest breeding organization in Virginia. MANCO, a distributor for American Breeders Service and Curtis Breeders also had technicians that bred cows and sold frozen semen on a limited scale. This is backdrop of the A.I. industry that Elevation competed in as he entered the VABA young sire program in mid sixties.

3. With the development of frozen semen A.I. Co-operatives began working together forming larger organizations including Select Sires, Sire Power and Eastern A.I. VABA became a part of Select Sires. Elevation was a very popular young sire and was used heavily from the very beginning. A VABA owned sire, Oregon Challenger Baron, was currently the most used Holstein sire in the history of VABA having bred over twice the population of dairy cows in Virginia. Elevation was bred to many Baron daughters that proved to be a great mating. Baron daughters were strong with good feet and legs but as a whole needed help in udder shape and quality. Elevation had the ability to fix the udder consistently and sire VG daughters from Good or Good Plus dams. Elevation was in a group of young sires that was co-sampled by Maryland-West Virginia Bull Stud and when they became a part of Sire Power they retained a breeding interest in Elevation.

4. The very first Elevation daughters began calving in the late sixties and after initial concerns on observing his first crop of bred heifers, it was apparent that he was a very special bull. George Miller, manager of VABA, contacted Michigan-Select Sires where Elevation was housed with a group of young sires in waiting and convinced them to start collecting him stating that he would purchase all of the semen he produced if necessary. Thus Virginia Holstein Breeders not only had the very first of his daughters but also had a jump on his second crop offspring. This meant that while other breeders were breeding for Elevation daughters Virginia was already a generation ahead. Hiddendale April Matty EX94 was sold in the 1974 New Jersey Convention Sale for \$18,000. Matty was out of a first crop Elevation daughter. After joining with Select Sires and the resulting availability of sires from all of major studs Elevation daughters were being bred to Fond Matt, Glendell, Astronaut, Bootmaker, Chief, Valiant, Standout, Kingpin, Pride Admiral and all of the top ranking bulls of the breed. Virginia was a seedbed for not only Elevation daughters but offspring from Elevation daughters.

#### Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation EX 96 GM Sire of the Century

North Carolina hosted the 1972 National Holstein Convention and Sale. North Carolina was now a part of VA-NC Select Sires and many breeders attending the convention visited herds in NC and VA to see daughters of Elevation. The following year the convention was held in Michigan and Elevation burst on to the scene with a young daughter, Horsepen Queenie Elevation Dot being the talk of the consignments selling for \$12,300. Her young Matt son Hil-Ris Rocby Matt Royal sold for \$10,500 and was leased to Curtis Breeders. Dot went on to score EX 96. Her dam was a G+80 daughter of Direct showing how special Elevation was proving to be.

The first Virginia Sale of Stars was held on August 3, 1973 featur-

ing 27 daughters of Elevation, Other sires in the catalog included Matt, Kingpin, Astronaut, Bootmaker and other popular A.I. sires. The top consignment from Bill Blose and Doug Child, Dia-Rock Maid Marion sold for \$5700 to Curti Farms in California with 55 head averaging \$1929.

The second sale averaged \$2085 on 60 head. Lot 24 Willowlyn Elevation Lou Ex91 was purchased by Teresa Myers just under the sale average and is the dam of Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann Ex 94 GMD DOM. Lou Ann achieved International fame and was voted the 3rd highest ranking in Holstein Internationals "Cows of the Century." More information on Lou Ann can be found on write up on Virginia Holsteins Cows of the Century. This years' sale will be the 44th and sale toppers include Indian-Creek Valiant Kando consigned by William and Rita Rogers and purchased by Rocby Holsteins for \$64,000 and LJC Noble Conductor Mars consigned by Cardinal Holsteins and purchased by Bayville Holsteins, Noble was also listed in the Virginia Holsteins Cow of the Century.

The Virginia Sale of Stars became a nationally recognized sale with buyers from many states and Canada. California buyers would be numerous in the early years and would come early visiting and purchasing cattle privately. They were also interested in purchasing Elevation semen. This built a relationship resulting in many Virginia bred Holsteins being cosigned to feature sales in California as well as private treaty sales. Embryo transfer became widespread in the very late 1970's and made more offspring available for sale. One of the first E.T. calves born in Virginia was a Conductor bull calf out of Rotherwood Ivanhoe Valentine 3E 91 another cow listed in the Virginia Holstein Cows of the Century. Windswept Conductor Val ET was consigned to a Curti sale in 1978 and sold as a young calf for \$26,000 and her yearling sister sired by Elevation sold for \$13,500.



Consignment from 1979 VA Sale of Stars. Left to right: Bottom - Riley Wagner, W.A. Houck, Jeff Wagner, Leadsman. Top - Denny Remsburg & Horace Backus

Membership in the Virginia Holstein Association peaked during this time at about 550 and interest was at an all time high. New members were purchasing and promoting Registered Holsteins. Investors were putting money into cattle and the IRS tax rules offered favorable write offs with accelerated depreciation and more importantly investment credits that allowed for immediate tax write offs. This law changed in 1985 and had an immediate effect on cattle prices. The other change saw the development of large herds resulting in the decline of smaller dairy farms. By the mid 1990's the top 20% of the large herds were milking 80% of the

cows. Membership is now under 200. The sale was managed by A. Doty Remsburg through 1984 with Backus and Associates managing the sale from 1985 to 1988. Cornman and Heffner managed the sale in 1989 and Remsburg Sales Service, Dennis Remsburg, from 1990 through 1996. The Virginia Holstein Association took over the management in 1997 with Chris Hill selecting consignments and serving as auctioneer. Daniel Brandt started selecting and managing under the Association along with Dave Rama in 2010. This combination also managed the 2011 National Sale and continues to present. The sale selection is focused on High Genomic pedigrees with a large majority of consignments out of state.

Congratulations to all of the Virginia Holstein Breeders past and present who worked tirelessly in promoting the Holstein Breed. According to a report by AIPL USDA Interbull Bulletin, Volume 33, Page 93 Virginia Bred Holsteins appear in over 90% of all Holsteins worldwide. Thank you Ronald Hope of Round Oak Farm, breeder of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation and to George Miller for his help in the mating that produced Elevation and his leadership at

VABA. and his love for Virginia Holsteins.

Side Note: In 2007 I attended a World Dairy Expo Sale and purchased a first choice of a flush out a 95 point cow that was consigned by a breeder in Germany tracing back to Mity Fine Matt Missy EX 96. Fond Missy was bred by my son Allen's father in law David Post. That fall I made a trip to Germany to see the cow family. My host picked me up at the airport and as we visited Elevation came up. I was asked the following question? He stated that he had bred a cow to Elevation the day before and noticed that the stud code was 19H0058 and that Select Sires code was 7H. He stated that the glass ampule was on his desk. I explained that Elevation was purchased by Virginia Animal Breeders and thus the 19H stud code. When we arrived at his farm he showed me the ampule and I recognized it because of its shape as semen that was processed by VABA in Rocky Mount. I cannot explain how semen produced 40 years ago ended up in Germany. The cow never flushed and that is the end of the story and this article.

## RECIPES AND REMEMBRANCES

### Cookbook Dedication

The Women of the Virginia Holstein Association

To all the women who have kept meals warm when there was a cow about to calve, one more field of hay to bale before the rain, or prepared a meal early so the men could go to an auction.

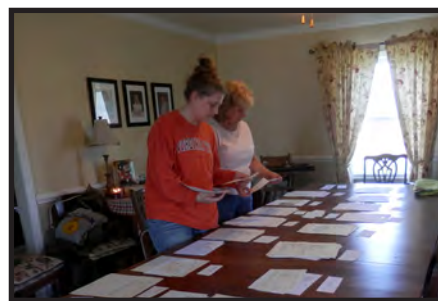
We cherish the memories of your delicious freshly baked bread,

the aroma of a hearty bubbling casserole coming from the oven or the lingering fragrance of spices from the cookies cooling on the kitchen counter.

We dedicate this cookbook to you the dairy wife, mother, daughter whose recipes are like the cream that always rises to the top!



*Barbara Wagner & Carol Ambler designing the layout*



*Carol & Jordan Ambler sorting recipes*

### Prayer for Daily Living

In Memory of Annie W. Clary

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Keep my mind free from recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point. I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others pains; help me to endure them with patience. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Teach me the glori-

ous lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint. Some of them are so hard to live with. But a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people; and give me Lord, the grace to tell them so. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends left at the end.



## VA Holstein Field Day - A Time Honored Tradition

By Barbara Wagner

As soon as the farm crops were in the ground and the first cutting of hay was safely stored in the barn, the Holstein community looked forward to their annual "Field Day". For many this was the social event of the year!

Because it was an all-day affair, the earliest field days included a packed basket lunch provided by the farm families attending. In later years, the noon meal was furnished by the hosting farm. As the cost of the meals increased it became necessary to obtain sponsors for the meal.

To give everyone a chance to attend, the location has always been moved around the state. The day would begin with a rousing welcome from the host family. A program of speakers and dignitaries filled the day followed by entertainment. In early printed programs, the welcome was listed at 10:00 AM with a speaker every one half hour or so. A lunch break was at 12:00-1:00 and then the program continued until 3:00PM. Viewing the cows came before the program and before departing for home. It seemed no one was in a hurry to go home as the "Virginia Holstein Field Day" was the happening of the summer.

The hosting farm prepared a booklet outlining the farm's history. Sometimes describing their colonial home or telling of past ancestors who sacrificed so much. In describing their ancestors you could tell that they were quite proud of their hard working forefathers for making dairy farming their occupation and passing that love on to them.



*Fellowship and Food - two mainstays of the annual field day*

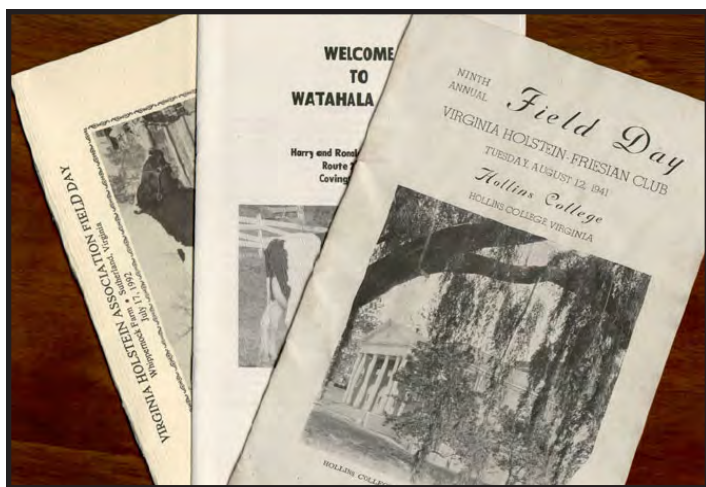
Many times the supporting employees were recognized for their years of continued service, listing their jobs, and length of employment. Feeding rations were described in great detail including the acreage of crops, types of hay, corn etc. Some even described the type of soil that they had to work with.

Cow pedigrees were of interest and printed, followed by their milk records. Pictures were included and not all of them were professionally taken. It was interesting to note that all farms had a herd bull of which they were quite proud, before the introduction of artificial insemination.

Some of these early field days were planned by the local Holstein clubs with an area farmer providing the location. Today the local Holsteins clubs still assist the farmer hosting by helping to prepare the site by setting up tents, parking and the cleanup.

Farms with new buildings or concepts were and still are favorites to host the field day. Curiosity always seemed to bring out good crowd.

The district clubs, at one time, also held a Twilight meeting during the summer. These meetings were held at local farms with everyone bringing a covered dish with meats usually furnished by the club. The only district club still having the Twilight picnic is the Shenandoah Valley Holstein Club.



*Field Day Booklets*



# Harvue to Host Field Day

By David Hardesty

As the Virginia Holstein Association celebrates our 100th anniversary we recognize many breeders, farm families, and leaders that have been a significant part of the development and successes of our Association and our industry over the last century. The Hardesty family has played an active role in Virginia Holstein activities for four generations. They are hosting the Field Day and Ag Expo this summer. David Hardesty reflects on the history of Harvue Farms, and how though many things have changed, some goals and ideals have remained the same through the years.

On behalf of the entire Hardesty family we invite you to the 2016 Virginia Holstein Field Day to be held at Harvue Farms on Friday July 15. We will be celebrating the 100th year of the Virginia Holstein Association and hope to have a lot of fellowship during this day. There will be vendor exhibits, special displays to reflect on our past, activities for the kids, and we will view the herd at 11:00.

Harvue was established in 1949 by my father, Jack, and grandfather, John O. Hardesty. They started with 23 cows on 272 acres and shipped their first load of milk on March 1, 1950 to Md-VA Milk Producers. Sixty-six years later we are still shipping milk to Md-VA. We are currently milking 340 cows on 800 acres. In 2009 we built a barn for weaned calves. Two years ago we remodeled our bedded pack barn, added a new one next to it, and built a new concrete manure storage system. About a third of the herd is housed in the pack barns; the rest are housed in free stalls bedded with sand.

My grandfather passed when I was young in 1971. He was a great lover of the Holstein cow and loved the people that were part of the Holstein industry. His appreciation for the value of the relationships we form with other breeders and dairymen has passed down through the generations. We have always stayed involved in the Virginia state sales and shows and have formed lasting friendships because of this opportunity. My brother Johnny and I grew up working on the farm and showing and judging. As we got older I took care of the cows and Johnny looked after the cropping. Johnny was quite a salesman and began our merchandising program. We were fortunate to be friends and neighbors of the Hope family who bred Elevation, and used him quite heavily in the early years. In the first Virginia Sale of Stars in the 1970s we sold an Elevation daughter, Harvue Elevation Eval, that went to Joe Duarte's farm in California. She made four records over 30,000 there, which was unheard of at that time. This really opened up our merchandising program. Over the next twenty years Johnny traveled out west several times and we sold cattle all over the US and to 20 different countries.

We have always stressed a balance of good production and high type, with particular emphasis on breeding for good udders, feet and legs. To date we have bred over 400 Excellent cows. The best known is Harvue Roy Frosty EX-97 and two time WDE Supreme Champion. We have continued to develop Frosty's family here at Harvue. Her first two granddaughters scored EX-93 as four year olds.

In 2009 and 2010 our sons Dan and Matt graduated college and came back to the farm. This enabled us to do a much better job in all areas of managing the farm. Thanks to their hard work we



*Hardesty Family Hosting the 2016 Field Day*

developed a surplus of animals and on March 31, 2014 we hosted the Harvue Select Sale. 100 animals averaged \$5,000 and sold to eight different states and Canada. We really appreciated the support of our fellow Holstein breeders and friends on that day. Two weeks later my father Jack passed away after a long battle with cancer.

My Dad taught us all a lot about life. The keys were to respect and love your fellow man, even if you don't always agree with him. He always said it is okay to disagree, but disagree respectfully. One of his other famous quotes was "you never get a second chance to make a first impression so keep your place clean and neat". We miss my mom and dad dearly and hope to continue their values at Harvue.

Harvue is now operated by myself and my wife, Debbie, and our son Matt and his wife Ashley. Danny is now a full time firefighter and helps us out part time. Danny works closely with Daisy McDonald, who has been our bookkeeper for about 30 years, to keep all the financial records. Matt and Ashley manage the breeding, vaccinating, and general care of the cows and young stock. They also are in charge of showing and advertising. Ralph Orndoff, who has worked here for 36 years, looks after a lot of the crop work and maintains our equipment. Ralph and I do most of the feeding. Neil Barb has been with us 29 years. He does the feeding and looks after things on the night shift. I oversee the cropping operation, do feed purchasing and the financial management. Deb tries to keep us all straight.

We really appreciate our family and all they do for us, and enjoy seeing the next generation starting at Harvue. Matt and Ashley have a newborn son, James. Dan and Mary are parents to Henry, 5, and Heidi, 3. Our daughter, Leslie, is a physical therapist and lives with her husband, Cody, in Winchester. Our son Davey is a junior at Bridgewater College where he led the football team in tackles last year, and is in a pre-vet program.

Again, congratulations to Virginia Holstein for 100 years. We have been blessed to have been a part of the Virginia Holstein family for over 60 years, along with many respected neighbors such as Round Oak, Foxlease, Brookfield, Rocby, Park Forest, Walkup, Pottsdale, Ken Wan, Rilara, Eastview, Ameva, Oakmulgee, Wall Brothers, and many others. We look forward to seeing you on July 15th.

# Virginia Holstein Field Day Timeline

A list of farms hosting Field Day Activities:

1933---J.P. Taylor, Meadow Farm Dairy, Orange  
 1934---Prince William County Breeders at Percy Lewis Farm, Manassas  
 1935---J. Scott Parrish, Miniborya Farm, Richmond  
 1936---F.W. & R.E. McComb, Bluemont  
 1937--- Roanoke, Botetourt, and Franklin Breeders at T.E. Jamison's Lauderdale Farm, Buchanan  
 1938---Frank Walker, Rosni Dairy, Orange  
 1939, 1953 & 1974--- Fred Watkins, Curles Neck Farm, near Richmond on the James River  
 1940 & 1981---The Myers Family, (East View Farm), Walkup Holsteins, Harrisonburg  
 1941 & 1956---Hollins College Dairy, Hollins  
 1946---Franklin County Breeders at Wesley Naff's Farm, Rocky Mount  
 1947---Culpepper County Breeders at Temple Slaughter, Culpepper  
 1948---Powell Valley Dairy, Big Stone Gap  
 1949---Luck Brothers Dairy Farm, Ashland  
 1950---Loundon County Breeders at Round Oak Farm, Charles Hope and Son, Purcellville  
 1951---R.F. Trant, Rose Hill Farm Corp., London Bridge, Princess Anne County  
 1952---Franklin County Breeders at Virginia Artificial Breeders Center, Rocky Mount  
 1954---L. J. Crowgey & Son, Richdale Farm, Wytheville  
 1955---Loundon County Breeders & H.H. Kelley, Woodgrove Farm, Round Hill  
 1957---J.E. Taylor, Meadow Farm, Orange  
 1958---Virginia Artificial Breeders, Rocky Mount  
 1960---A. Martin Macy, Chilmark Farm, Locust Dale  
 1962---G.O. Pettus, Jr. & Son, Four Locust Farm, Charlotte County, Keysville

1963---The Gardner Family, Rocby Holsteins, Bridgewater  
 1964---J.W. & Jimmy Eustace, Willowlyn Farm, Catlett  
 1966 & 1991---John Archibold, Foxlease Farm, Upperville  
 1967---The Fishers, Burnley Farm, Gordonsville  
 1972---Dr. Bill Blanton, Cumva Farm, Farmville  
 1975---H. Ralph Field, Centerfield Farm, Purcellville  
 1976---Walter V. McClure Sr., Windswept Farm, Ferrum  
 1977, 1987 & 2016 ---The John (Jack) Hardesty Family, Harvue Farm, Berryville  
 1979--- Bill Blose Family---Midrock Holsteins, Harrisonburg  
 1980 & 1992--- Ed Titmus, Whippnock Farm, Sutherland  
 1982 & 2004--- Virginia Tech, Blacksburg  
 1984--- Bill Blalock, Park Forest Farm, Baskerville  
 1985---Joe Houck, Alvere Holsteins, Culpepper  
 1988---Harry & Ronald Bennett, Watahala Farm, Covington  
 1989---Smith Family, Faraway Farm, Elkton  
 1990---L.R.Hammock & Sons, Chatham  
 1993---Charles & Ken Smith, Cool Lawn Farm, Remington  
 1994---Dave Yutzy, Windcrest Holsteins, Timberville  
 1995 & 2006 ---Jim & David Tait, Gloryland Holsteins, Grottoes  
 1996---David Johnson, Highland Farm  
 1997---C. Wilson McNeely/ Ed Brooking, Early Dawn Dairy, Charlottesville  
 1998---Carter S. Elliot Jr., Seven Oaks Farm, Rustburg  
 1999---Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
 2000---The Nuckols Family, Eastview Farm, Beaverdam  
 2001---James Cook, Jareco Holsteins, Rocky Mount  
 2002---George Alvis Family, Alvis Farm, Manakin-Sabot  
 2003---Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton  
 2005---Edwin Potts, Orchard Crest Farm, Purcellville  
 2007---Billy Epps, Surry  
 2008---Loren Rhodes, Ole-Va Holsteins, Ferrum  
 2009---Ron Roudabush, Ron-Rou Holsteins, Mt. Solon  
 2010---Jimmy Kerr, Ameva Farm, Amelia  
 2011--- No Field Day, National Convention  
 2012---The Janney Family, Janney Holsteins, Staunton  
*Virginia Association and the Virginia State Dairyman Association join together to hold Virginia Dairy Expo*  
 2013---VanDerHyde Dairy, Chatham  
 2014---Cave View Farm, Weyers Cave  
 2015---Kentland Farm, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg  
 2016---Harvue Farm, Berryville



## Consignment Sales - Part 1

By George A. Miller, 1992

Virginia Holstein-Friesian Club, organized in 1916, staged its first annual sales October 1918 in Orange. The Sales Committee: Frank S. Walker of Woodberry Forest; J.D. Sullivan, Brandy Station; and R. V. Martindale, Sweet Briar.

Sixty-two animals were consigned to this historic event. Consignors were: R. M. Brady, Rapidan; E. M. Dawson, Elkwood; C.E. Gardner, Rapidan; George C. Gregory, Richmond; Hollins College, Hollins; R. V. Martindale; W.H. Newman, Woodstock (the father of Dr. Walker S. Newman – 10th President of VPI); W.C. Hoover, Timberville; Sam Sullivan & Son, Brandy Station; Sweet Briar Institute, Sweet Briar; Frank S. Walker; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg – George W. Baxter, Auctioneer; S.T. Wood, Sales Director; Catalog by Liver pool Sale and Pedigree Co., Liverpool, NY.

Each animal was presented with a 4-generation pedigree, and a paragraph or two extolled its virtues, as well as pedigree highlights. Furthermore, some of the consignors presented pedigrees on their main herd sire, and, evidently, some of these (although listed for reference only) were offered at auction.

The Second Annual Sale was held October 1919 in Orange, with many of the same consignors, but joined this year by J. Abney Clarkson, Brookwood; Hollins Hall Stock Farm, Alexandria; W.R. Hooker, Nokesville; C.A. Montgomery, Culpeper; L.W. Pratt, Farmville; J.P. Taylor, Orange; Agricultural Experiment Station, Blacksburg. This year Joseph A. Turner, Hollins College, was on the sale Committee replacing Mr. Sullivan.

The 1920 Sale was moved to the State Fair Grounds, Richmond (77 head were consigned). The catalogs states "The Richmond Hotel will be our headquarters. Jitneys will take you direct to the State Fair Grounds, Hermitage Gate, for nominal fee."

Several new consignors participated: Seward Stock Farm, Petersburg; W.D. Neale, Bealeton; Ellersie Stock Farm, Petersburg; James A. Loving, Richmond; Frank R. Chambers, Featherstone; James McL. Ruffin, Petersburg; Runnymede Stock Farm, Elko; Willis & Grattan, Rapidan; Paul H. Scott, Madison Run. For this sale committeemen Frank S. Walker and Mr. Martindale were joined by E.G. Schmidt and W.L. Kirby. Mr. Kirby was listed as sales manager. Consignors made statements about each consignment; for example, Lot 21 was "a daughter of greatest transmitting cow in Rosni herd. Lot 22 was said to be "a good one that you should own." Lot 54, "She is more black than white and a good producer."

The 1921 catalog was compiled by Backus Bros. Pedigree Company, and the pedigree man -R. Austin Backus, Mexico, NY (Horace and Charles Backus' father). On November 4, the 1921 Breeders Consignment Sale was held at the Southern Stock Yard Pavilion, Richmond. The catalog compiled by Backus Bros. was printed in green. Photos of Hollins College's Reference Sire, a bull consigned from NY, and a young cow from Rosni each appeared on a full page. Mr. Wood was back as pedigree man. A new attraction was promoted – "Remember: BIG MEETING and GOOD TIME at the Richmond Hotels, the evening of November 3 (HFAA) President, Frank O. Loudon had been asked to be present and address us". Four consignors from out-of-state catalogued 17 females and 4 males. Carr Bros., Barracks Farm Charlottesville, were first time consignors.

1922 – the sale was held at the Fair Grounds. Among the new consignors noted: X. Beck, Richmond, VA; Dr. J. C. Blanton, Richmond; Joe M. Samuels, Orange; R. N. Pemeberton, Richmond; D. Roy Whitesel, Harrisonburg, and H. B. Leigh, Vienna. W. G. Harvie representing Hartford Live Stock Insurance Company offered single trip transit insurance on Registered and Valuable Livestock. Of lot #37, it was said – "the veins of this young cow carry the blood of many large producers." For lot #56, it was written, "This heifer was first in her class at Orange Fair in 1920. This is a beautiful show heifer." 1923 – Fourteen consignors cataloged 70 head. Most of the consignors were the regulars. First-timers were H.C. & E.W. Beattie, Columbia; F.B. Kegley, Wytheville; H.C. Warren, Orange and B.P. Williams, Culpeper. From this sale Charles Moyer in Amelia Co. purchased a 4-1/2 month bull calf, VPI Ormsby Buckeye DeKol, that turn out A-O.K.

The author is unable to determine whether a consignment sale was held in 1924 and 1925. Back to Orange for 1926 – for a BIG SALE – 104 head consigned. Consignors not previously mentioned were: H.L. Butler & Sons, Culpeper; R.R. Crowgey, Wytheville; Huntland Farm, Middleburg, VA; C.S. Luck & Sons Ashland, VA; M.A. Mahoney Mitchells' H.M. McManaway, Staunton; J. Scott Parrish, Drewry's Blue; Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Stanton, in this sale, several foundation animals were acquired by both R.J. Fisher, Gordonsville and John Middleton, Herndon.

Of the first seven sales listed above, Frank S. Walker, Rosni Farm; VPI and Hollins College supported each one. E.E. Wambersie consigned to six and J.P. Taylor to five of the seven.

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## Consignment Sales - Part 2

### *All Roads Lead to Orange*

By George A. Miller

"Orange, an attractive and hospitable little Virginia town, is situated just east of Blue Ridge in the heart of the Virginia Piedmont. Fine hard surface highways and the Southern Railway make Or-

ange easily accessible from all directions of the compass." This in essence was the preamble to the sale catalogs starting in 1937 and on into the 1940's. Orange continued to be the site of all the State Sales until 1962. The fall sales in 1963-1966 were also staged at Orange. The 1937-41 sales were held at the Fairgrounds. In 1942 the sales moved to a permanent home – a Sales Pavilion



on the Piedmont Experimental Farm.

Cooperative effort paid off as breeders established and staged successful sales. The Virginia Consignment Sales, along with an annual field day, became focal events for promotion of Virginia Holsteins. The quality of animals offered year after year established Orange as the place dairymen from Virginia and neighboring states came to buy reliable animals. Whether one wanted foundation animals and/or need good cows to meet a fall production quota, they could make good choices here. And, the consigned animal health status met the highest standards. Credit for developing a good reputation and a long successful series of sales go to many, many people – including all the consignors who often gave quite a free choice to those selecting the animals.

The Sale Committee was one of the most active within the Holstein Club's structure. However, it was the untiring efforts from the state secretaries, Professor Reaves, followed by Harold Craun, Aubry Drewry, John Willis and later I. Fred Stine that made things work. They took responsibility for getting the cattle selected, the pedigrees prepared and printed, advertising and the notices out. They enlisted aid from Sales Committee members as the need arose. The Holstein Association field men actively supported and helped with the state sales in numerous ways – often helping with selection, promotion and reading pedigrees on Sales Day. Allen Crissey and his successor John Morris were most helpful in nurturing the cooperative consignment sale movement. They always spoke well of the caliber of cattle and success of the sales in their Holstein World articles. Fieldmen who followed continued to be most helpful and lent their support as did those on the VPI Dairy Husbandry/Science Department staff. The supporting staff over the years included:

Auctioneers: Walter Andrews, E.F. Granger, C.B. Smith, Charles Backus, Beeler Thompson, and Hugh Ownsby.

Pedigrees: Allen Crissey, John Morris, Paul Reaves, Harold Craun, Doty Remsburg, and Horace Backus.

Selections: Reaves, Crissy, Morris, Myers, Crowgey, Craun, Drewry, Miller, Armstrong, Stine, Hunt, Eustace, Child, Blalock, Jamison, Milam, Dickenson.

The other Sales Committee members participated by making selections locally. In the late 50's and early 60's, the North Carolina Selection Committee often traveled with the Virginia Committee. Numerous breeders consigned to both sales. These were occasions for long discussions and great camaraderie.

Frank S. Walker, Orange, distinguished leader with experience as Sales Committee Member in the 1918-1926 consignment sales took charge as Sales Committee Chairman/Sales Manager in 1938 (C.T. Rice, Oakton managed the 1937 sale). His service in this capacity throughout the "Orange" years was legendary. Mrs. Walker played a big part in the sales, too. She took care of numerous details, clerked the sales and handled the necessary paperwork. Sterling Watson, Herd Manager at Rosni was also heavily involved for he often served as barn superintendent. One can easily see that our friends at Rosni put the Holstein Sales at the top of their agenda for more than one week each year to assure everything was in order.

Consignors began bringing their sales animals two days prior to sale day, tying them up in the most advantageous available space. Each cared for and promoted their own consignment. The

pre-sale consignment dinner, at the James Madison Hotel was a combination social and late-planning event. Mr. Walker was at his best when he gave his annual pep-talk. It went something like this – "We've had right smart interest in the sale this year – Smitty (C.B. Smith) our auctioneer will arrive here most any time. Tomorrow morning he and Eller (J.C.) will make up the sale order. We have Paul Reaves up from Blacksburg. He will read pedigrees. Be sure to give him the latest update for credits, breeding, freshening dates, etc. Several truckers will be coming in. Now when the sale is over, I hope some of you will stick around to help load out the cattle. Be sure to leave some buckets, and feed for those animals not leaving tomorrow." In the early years, Mr. Walker got Monk Sanford, Kenwood Jersey/Holstein Farm to be available to lead troublesome animals into the sale ring. Monk, the strongest man around, could handle the few cows or large heifers that may not have been haltered until they were loaded on the truck.

A review of the buyer's list (1937-1963) reads like Who's-Who among Virginia Holstein breeders as they established their herds. Those not represented as buyers were consignors. Few programs came as close to achieving total involvement of the entire membership as did the State Sales. Among the buyers were Ex-Governor Westmoreland Davis; future (at the time) Governor Thomas B. Stanley; Drew Pearson, famed newspaper columnist, and Robert Porterfield of Barter Theater fame. While the Lion's share went to Virginia buyers – there were 130 buyers from out of state. North Carolina dairymen especially like Virginia Holsteins. They represented just over half the out-of-state buyers. Buyers came from West Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Carolina and Alabama. Three head in one sale even went to Puerto Rico. Over the years Waldon Weaver and his family, Bessmer City, North Carolina purchased 53 head from the Virginia sales – most of them Rosni consignments.

By the late 1940's there was strong interest in adding a Spring Sale so in 1949 the first heifer sale was staged. This series continued to be held at Orange until 1960 when the spring was moved to Abingdon in an effort to serve growing interest in Southwestern Virginia and Tennessee. Members of the Mountain Empire Holstein Club, were ably assisted by Joe Derting – Extension Service, Washington County and P.B. Douglas, District Extension agent who gave full support and dedicated effort to the success of this project. A calf sale for juniors was an added feature of the sales at Abingdon providing special selected calves for purchase by 4-H and FFA members throughout the region. The names of Bennet Cassell and Jimmy Williamson are noted on this buyers list. The last Holstein sale at Abingdon was held in 1965.

Again in response to strong local leadership and interest, a third sale was established. This, a summer sale, was held in a tobacco warehouse at South Hill, Members of the Atlantic Club contributed greatly to its success. The efforts of Bill Blalock and Doug Child where akin to those of Mr. Walker at Orange. They took care of all the local arrangements without the benefit of a permanent facility. Sales at South Hill were held in 1963, 1964, 1965 and again in 1967.

The Golden Anniversary Sale was another very important sale of this era. Held at Harrisonburg as part of a gala three-day celebration, it averaged \$759. Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton purchased Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva from David J. Bowman that day. Johanna, one of the finest Virginia Holsteins of all-time became the star of

the Cumva herd, scored 95, won many shows and was the dam of two sons that went into A.I. Young Sire Programs.

From 1937-1950 the Virginia Consignment Sales average constantly ranked in the top among the all state sponsored sales and did, in fact, lead the entire nation in this category numerous times. Their impact on a growing registered Holstein industry in the state is untold. Dairymen benefitted with foundation cattle that they could take home, make money with and build upon for

the future. It also proved early that breeders could work in a spirit of cooperation for mutual good.

Sales activities closed at Orange in 1966, but this cooperation marketing effort, firmly entrenched, carries on. Mr. Frank S. Walker and the legion of other pioneers would undoubtedly be pleased.

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## Consignment Sales - Part 3

### *Acclaim and Dollars for Virginia Holsteins*

By George A. Miller

During the last quarter century interest in Virginia Holsteins increased greatly. Prior to the late 1960's they enjoyed a good reputation throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Now they began to gain national and international interest and respect. By 1972 breeders from across the country were coming to visit Virginia herds, to buy animals privately, or in State Association Sponsored Sales. Sales managers came to aggressively recruit consignments for regional, national, and other special sales. Virginia Holsteins were indeed coming into full flower. The increased value of Registered Holsteins and accelerated interest made this a most exciting era.

The Virginia Holstein organization sponsored two sales each year, except for 1990 when only one was held. High quality, presented in a more professional way, attracted dairymen from far and wide. In the last twenty-five years (forty-nine sales), nearly 2900 head have sold for more than \$4,800,000.

The chart records for each sale, the number sold, total dollars, and the sale average. It highlights the top animal's price, consigner(s) and buyer(s).

The Spring Sales averaged seventy-five animals (mostly young ones) per sale providing an excellent opportunity for broad participation. The Sale of Stars, "Virginia's Crown Jewel" will celebrate its 20th sale in 1992. The first of this name in 1973 created great interest. The cattle sold for consistently good prices for that time, averaging twice that of the prior year's cattle. Buyers came from ten states and Canada. Fifty-two of fifty-five sold for more than \$1000.

Over the years, in all 49 Sales, the buyers list grew to include no less than 17 states and Canada. Seventy-three animals sold for \$5000 or more. Then of these reaches \$10,000 or more with a top of \$64,000. The high selling animals (1985-1989) sold with embryos and/or contracts. The highest Red & White consignment brought \$7,000. John and Susan Everhart, Leesburg, sold Evercrest Lady In-Red to The Lady In-Red Synd., Waynesboro.

Virginia Holsteins are a good investment, a slogan used in the earlier years, proved very true in this 3rd Qtr. Century of VA. Holstein Assn. They have been, are, and will be a good investment on into the future. For the most part, they are bred, fed, and managed to be profit-makers and they can be bought right-all keys to making good investments. From this era, here are examples of GREAT investments:

1. To the 1974 (second) Sale of Stars, Willowlyn Farms consigned Willowlyn Elevation Lou, a senior calf. Teresa Myers paid \$2050 for her and one of Holsten's most interesting dramas began. Lou's descendents are now among the most respected and sought-after in all the breed. Teresa sold her granddaughter, Walk-up Valiant Lou Ella, as a bred heifer in the 1983 National Convention Sale at Norfolk for \$33,000. Lou Ella, purchased by Rothrock, PA., is the dam of noted Rothrock Tradition Leadman.

2. The top animal in the 1978 Sale of Stars, Vau-Dell Gaiety Elevation, was offered by Butler Bros., Bealeton, and purchased by Amelio & Ben Curti, CA. for \$5200. Less than two years later, this young cow sold in the 1980 National Convention Sale at Nashville for \$22,000, and her young son brought \$26,000.

3. John Newton and Mike Liskey, Harrisonburg, consigned 5 month old Shenstone Conductor Farmer tow the 1977 Virginia Spring Sale. Tom Alexander, Fairfield, got her for \$750. She is "Queen Grandmother" in the Tiger Sally story still playing strong at Cherry Grove Farm of Fairfield, Inc. Tom and Jim Alexander have sold sons of Cherry Grove Tiger Sally into many AI units. In 1989, they sold a package of 5-1st choice females (each by a different leading AI sire) for \$15,000.

There's a lot of behind the scenes work in sponsoring a consignment sale. The Sale Chairman and the Sale Committee are keys to each successful sale. In the past 25 years these have served as co-chairman of one or more sales: Dick Milam, Johnnie Jamison, G. Weston Wall, W.R. Greear, William Blalock, Doug

Child, Nelson Gardner, and William Blose. Bill Blose went on to serve for 5 years, Charles "Butch" Street for 7 ½ years. Edward Titmus for 1 year, Dale Gardner for 6 ½ years, and Riley Wagner, the current Chairman, has served since mid-1989. Margie Ann Dick



*Pictured L-R: Grayson Bowers, Nelson Gardner, Bentz Rhoads*

started clerking in 1979. When the Association again took over the Sales, her responsibilities were greatly increased.

Doty Remsburg and his family were an integral part of most of the Sales. Starting in 1973 and through the 1979 Spring Sale, they were engaged to manage the Sales. Norman Hill, George Edgerton, and Virginia's own Curtis "Slim" Cole were on the Remsburg Sales Service team. Even after the VA Association took over more managerial responsibilities for the Sales, employing needed professionals—Doty and son Dennis often had key roles. The 1989 Sale of Stars were managed by Cornman and Heffner Sales and service, MD. Starting in 1990 Dennis Remsburg's Sales Service are managing the Sale of Stars.

Others who have been on the sales force through the years are: Ownby Auction-Hugh and Dennia Ownby and Larry Timbrook; William Kent; Charles Backus; Michael Weimer; Jay Howes; Charles Myers; Gayle Carson, and Mike Rainey. Horace Backus, Holstein's premier pedigree announcer worked most of the sales.

The Consignment Sales tell only one chapter of marketing Vir-

ginia Holsteins over the last 25 years. There have been untold numbers of private transactions, at least five Invitationals, and excellent support of the Southeast Show Window Sale. Other regional and special sales, especially in CA, PA, and GA sought and got outstanding consignments from Virginia. Virginia cattle have carried their breeder's prefix abroad to Italy, Germany, and Japan, Hungary, Russian, England, Ecuador, and other countries.

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## Holstein Sales

By Walter V. McClure, Sr. Windswept Holsteins

The Virginia Holstein Breeders Club was organized in 1916 to promote Registered Holsteins bred by Virginia Dairy Farmers. The first sale sponsored by the club was held in Orange, Virginia in 1918. The catalog was very different with the first 10 pages being Reference Sires that would be found in the pedigrees of the 74 lots listed in the catalog. Reference sire J was VPI Buckeye Pauline Korndyke and a description of his pedigree includes "VPI Buckeye is bred along lines which have produced many of the world's greatest dairy animals" and ends with "secure the stock bred to him." Consignors included Hollins College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Sweet Briar Institute, Frank S. Walker, J.P. Taylor and the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. The 1921 sale held on November 4, 1921 at the Southern Stock Yards Pavilion in Richmond had an interesting statement on the opening page...RAILROAD CONNECTIONS, Richmond is reached by six railroads: The Chesapeake and Ohio, Seaboard Air Line, Southern Railroad, Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac, and the Atlantic Coast Line. This is also the first sale the Catalog was provided by Backus Pedigree Co. Mexico, NY. A marked copy of the 1926 sale held in Orange, Va. Showed prices were mostly in the \$100.00 to \$200.00 range except for Lot #9 consigned by H.L. Butler, Culpeper that sold for \$410.00. purchased by Curles Neck Dairy, Richmond.

The next decade of the 1930's showed a name change to the Virginia Holstein Friesian Club. Sales were now held in Orange, at the VPI Experiment Station. The format of pedigrees changed to include D.H.I.A. records for the females and D.H.I.A. Proved Sire. Lot #1 in the 1938 sale, consigned by L. J. Crowgey, Wythville and sired by Grahamholm Piebe Charmette King and was listed as a proved sire with 21 dam-daughter comparisons. New consignors included Crowgey, M.H. Adams, J.O. Beard, M.N. Lyon, Charles Moyer, and I.D. Myers and Son.

The decade of the 1940's brought more changes. Another name change to The Virginia Holstein Club, and an important new sires selection tool – Artificial Insemination. A marked copy of the 1943

sale changes showed prices in the \$400.00 to \$600.00 range with two consignments by Charles Moyer at \$750.00 and \$825.00. The catalog also showed that a lot of Virginia breeders were bringing in bulls from other states. Prefixes from breeders like Carnation, Dunloggin, Winerthur, Osborndale, and Sir Inka. started to show up as Virginia Holstein Breeders started bringing in herd sires from all over. New consignors included J.O. Beard, Frank Coffman, Fred Dorey, R.J. Fisher, C.R. Hope, W. D. Vinyard and E.T. Willis. However, the most important news of the 1940's was the introduction of Artificial Insemination. In the early 1950's Rockefeller Prentice, founder of ABS wrote. "It has not been an easy task to bring artificial breeding of dairy cattle to its present place in this country. The inspiration of those who did the job – research and extension workers, farmers and artificial breeding associations alike – was chiefly the idea that artificial breeding could provide the very best sires to all at a cost all could afford." It is with this backdrop we move to the 1950's.

The 1950's saw another name change of the association to The Cooperative Holstein Breeders Association. Artificial Breeding Associations had been formed all over the country - the first in New Jersey, NOBA in OHIO and later in Georgia, Virginia Animal Breeders, Maryland-West Virginia Bull Stud, Atlantic Breeders and NEBA in Pa. and others to the west. Additionally, private companies including Curtis Breeding Service, American Breeders Service and Carnation Breeders were expanding from regional to nationwide service. Virginia Holstein sponsored sales settled in to a routine schedule calf and heifer sales in the spring to provide 4-H members an opportunity to purchase project calves and Holstein bred heifer and cow sale to provide cattle for the growing registered market. As we moved through the 1950's more and more animals in sales were A.I. sired, New consignors included Luck Brothers, John Shank, Mrs. R.E. McComb and Sons, R.J. Willis, I. Fred Stine, John Hunt, W.D. And Ben Middleton, John Middleton, Willowlyn Farm, Round Oak Farm and William Logan. The Holstein family was growing. Prices stayed in the \$400.00 to \$600.00 dollar range with more cattle moving out of state.



The 1960's saw more movement in sale locations mainly because of the growing membership and the need for sales in other areas. The calf and heifer sale were moved to South Hill and later Abingdon and VPI. The first consignment I remember bringing \$1000.00 was consigned by Hollins College and sold at a South Hill sale. Sale prices held steady. During the later 1960's most consignments were A.I. sired bulls and consignments from the private organizations were starting to show up as well as consignments from breeders in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The 50th Anniversary Sale was held in April of 1966 with added consignments from North Carolina Pennsylvania and Maryland. The feature of the sale was Lot #46 consigned by David Bowman and purchased by Dr. Wyndham Blanton. Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva was sired

by Irvington Pride Admiral and went on to Score 4E-95 in the Cumva herd. New consignors included Foxlease Farm, William Blose, Bonnyside Farm, R.A. Cosby, Cumva Farm, Harold Craun, William Greer, HarVue Farm, KinVale Farm, Park Forest Farm, Rocby Farm and WallMac Farm. Two other developments in the late 1960's set the stage for the rapid popularity of Virginia Holsteins nationally and even internationally. Virginia North Carolina Animal Breeders became a part of Select Sires and Maryland-West Virginia Bull Stud a part of Sire Power ... and a bull Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation was about to change the Holstein breed world wide.

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## Virginia's Four Million Dollar Sales

By Walter V. McClure, Sr.

The 1980's produced three of the four Million Dollar Sales in the history of Virginia Holsteins.

The Rocby Invitational was the first. The sale was held August 5, 1982 with consignments from leading Holstein Breeders from coast to coast. When the final gavel fell 68 head had sold for \$1,016,650 for an average of \$14,949. The top selling cow was Marlu Petes Emmy selling for \$100,000.00 consigned by Marlu Farms, Lincroft, New Jersey and purchased by Walebe Farms in Collegeville, PA. The sale was hosted by Rocby Holsteins, Nelson Gardner and Sons in Bridgewater, Virginia. The sale was managed by R. Austin Backus, Inc. of Mexico NY, Rocby Holsteins and Wind-swept Holsteins with Walter McClure and Nelson Gardner making the selections.

The second sale was the 1983 National Holstein Convention Sale held at Bayville Farms on June 30, 1983. This sale is still considered by many to have been the "Best Consignment Sale Ever" not only because of the sale average but because of the impact this group of cattle had on the Holstein breed. When the sale was over 124 head had grossed \$2,222,000 with an average of \$17,861 on 124 lots. The top selling animal was Langdonhurst Valiant Nikki at \$160,000. Nikki was consigned by Beneke, Main, Vail and Younger of NY and purchased by the Nikki syndicate c/o Richard Harris, Culpeper, VA. Two other lots (bulls) sold for \$110,000 and \$100,000. The sale was hosted by the Virginia Holstein Association as a part of the 1983 National Holstein Convention. The sale was managed by Backus Associates of Mexico NY with selections made by Sale Chairman Walter McClure. Consignments were from 27 states and likewise the buyers list showed purchasers from the same number.

The Rocby-Windswept ET Sale was held at The Homestead on October 27, 1984. This sale was different because it was a "Picture/Pedigree" sale with no live animals at the sale. The sale grossed \$1,516,200 for an average of \$13,784 on 110 lots. The top selling animal was a bull calf, Long Haven Sally Bova at \$110,000 consigned by Long Haven Holsteins, Clayton, MI and purchased

by Sally Bova Syndicate, Bridgewater, VA. Sally Bova was leased to ABS in DeForest, WI. The second high at \$105,000 was an unborn ET bull calf from Hardys Holsteins in Tipton, MI and purchased by the Marie syndicate in Walland, TN. The sale was managed by Backus Associates of Mexico NY with selections made by Walter McClure.

### ***Another Million Dollar Sale...***

In 2011, another million dollar sale was added to this elite group-----the National Holstein Convention Sale, June 24, 2011 in Richmond, Virginia. The sale totaled \$1,564,125.00 on 105 live animals and 26 embryos with over 2 dozen animals averaged over \$25,000.00. The sale average was \$14,810.00 on the 105 lots.

From the first animal in the ring until the gavel was struck on the last, the sale lineup included show winners, genomic leaders, super choices, donor females and a clone of the world famous ALL-American Apple. However no one can deny that GENOMICS was the key player in the success of this sale.

Topping the sale was KHW Regiment Apple 3-Red-ETN consigned by The Apple Partners of Lanark, Illinois and purchased by the West Coast Cattle Co., Chilliwack, B.C., Canada for \$66,000.00. Buyers were able to access the sale via internet with over 8000 individuals on line during the auction. Foreign buyers were from Canada, Germany and Australia. Animals went to 19 states in the United States including those staying in Virginia. The volume buyer was Daisy Farms LLC of Paris, Texas, taking home nine head.

The sale was managed by The Cattle Exchange, Delhi, N.Y., Landis Marketing, Lancaster, Pa and Daniel Brandt, Pedigrees and Marketing, Annville, Pa. Representing Virginia as sale chairman was Riley Wagner.

It was noted that this was the 41th National Convention Sale worked by the notable Horace Backus, reading pedigrees. He also worked all four of Virginia's million dollar sales

HOLSTEIN CONSIGNMENT SALES IN VIRGINIA							
YEAR	# SOLD	TOTAL \$	SALE AVG.	TOP INDIV. \$	NAME OF TOP ANIMAL	CONSIGNOR	BUYER
<b>VIRGINIA SUMMER SALES (1967-1972)</b>							
1967	55	\$27,070.00	\$492.18	\$900.00	Wallmac Natalie Var Sadie	G. Weston Wall, Blacksburg	Snake Hill Farm, Middleburg
1968	51	\$28,145.00	\$555.86	\$900.00	Luce Acres Marquis Elsie	Henry Kettering, PA	David J. Bowman, McGaheysville
1969	36	\$24,240.00	\$674.60	\$1,050.00	Tim-Rock Reflection Johanna	Richard L Raines, McGaheysville	Glenn R Morrow, MD
1970	41	\$26,780.00	\$653.17	\$1,100.00	Co-Po Topman Designer	Paul Coffman, Harrisonburg	Daniel J. Myers, Harrisonburg
1971	47	\$39,225.00	\$834.57	\$1,650.00	Hiddendale Pepper Roe Marble	Earl & Claude Sirry, Catawba	Wm. G. Blose, Penn Laird
1972	58	\$45,860.00	\$790.69	\$1,350.00	Midrock Standout Mimi	Wm. G. Blose, Penn Laird	E.B. Lee, Jr., White Post
<b>VIRGINIA SALE OF STARS (1973-1991)</b>							
1973	55	\$106,075.00	\$1,928.64	\$5,700.00	Rock Elevation Maid Marion	Wm. Bloe, Penn Laird & Doug Child, Broadnax	Curti Farms, CA
1974	60	\$125,100.00	\$2,085.00	\$5,200.00	Horsepen Lucy Elevation Ideal	John Middleton, Herndon	Round Oak Farm, Pucellville
1975	58	\$106,860.00	\$1,842.41	\$5,000.00	Golview Piper Fleetie	Eldon L. Shank, Mt. Crawford	Carlos & Douglas Long, MI
1976	53	\$81,370.00	\$1,535.28	\$3,700.00	Kin-Vale Elevation Comet Kitty	Walter & Billy Kingery Rocky Mount	William A. Hall, WI
1977	43	\$70,870.00	\$1,648.14	\$5,150.00	Welltop Elevation Lita Mina	Jon A. Altizer, Riner	Niles & Elmo Wendorf, Jr., WI
1978	65	\$131,950.00	\$2,030.00	\$5,200.00	Vau-Dell Gaiety Elevation	Butler Bros., Bealeton	Amelio & Ben Curti, CA
1979	44	\$178,850.00	\$4,064.77	\$9,000.00	Harvue Elevation PalmeJack	Harvue Farms, Berryville	Leroy Richardson, OK
1980	44	\$178,000.00	\$4,054.00	\$9,000.00	Windswept-M Elevation World (M)	Walter McClure, Ferrum	Sierra Holstein Breeders, CA
1981	49	\$154,750.00	\$3,158.16	\$6,200.00	Middessa Milestone Tarina	Nelson Gardner & Sons, Bridgewater	Burnette Elam, Midlothian & W.S. Richardson, Richmond
1982	46	\$131,900.00	\$2,867.39	\$7,200.00	Brookfield Conductor Empress	Ken-Wan Farm, Stanley	Moo-Manor Dairy, Toms Brook
1983	44	\$121,575.00	\$2,763.06	\$5,400.00	Virginia Windswept Paula-ET	Pauline Syndicate, Culpeper	Paula Syndicate, Powhatan
1984	47	\$91,125.00	\$1,938.83	\$3,900.00	Deerpath L R Grace	C.A. Cutchins III, Franklin	Whippernock Farm & C. Ray Smith, Sutherland
1985	51	\$206,250.00	\$4,044.12	\$48,000.00	LJC Noble Conductor Mars	Cardinal Holsteins, Christiansburg	Bayville Holstein Partners, Inc., Virginia Beach
1986	45	\$182,000.00	\$4,044.44	\$64,000.00	Indian-Crest Valiant Kando-ET	Wm. & Rita Rogers, TN	Rocby Holsteins, Bridgewater
1987	58	\$161,050.00	\$2,776.72	\$19,000.00	Glee-Hi Bova Grace	Grace Assoc., Woodstock	Spring Hill Farm, Inc., OH
1988	40	\$92,200.00	\$2,305.00	\$8,000.00	Windswept Valiant Cassy-ET	Ginger Syndicate, Ferrum	Rocby Holsteins, Bridgewater
1989	70	\$221,825.00	\$3,168.92	\$15,900.00	Mar-Ral Rotate Misty	Megan Frye, Woodstock	Judy Hess, Ontario, Canada
1990	66	\$149,145.00	\$2,260.00	\$6,400.00	Serenity-Hill M Channon	Fred Hampton & Robert Murphy, NC	Daniel J. Myers & Teresa Callender, Harrisonburg
1991	53	\$113,225.00	\$2,136.32	\$7,800.00	Bayville Leadman Ember-ET	Bayville Holstein Assoc., VA Beach	Richard Storch, Waterford
<b>VIRGINIA SPRING SALES (1967-1969) (1976-1981)</b>							
1967	80	\$38,305.00	\$478.81	\$1,020.00	Penn Springs Lucross Wendy	Robert H. Kauffman, PA	John T. Kern, NC
1968	42	\$22,870.00	\$544.52	\$985.00	Green Creek Admiss Bouguet	R.L. Agee & Sons, Farmville	W.L. Dickenson, Cullen
1969	45	\$22,395.00	\$497.68	\$800.00	Shadow Wood Delight Reflection	W.L. Dickenson, Cullen	Wythe B. Sharitz, Wytheville
1976	90	\$94,280.00	\$1,047.55	\$2,625.00	Foxlease Maple Ginger	Foxlease Farm, Upperville	Worth Ivey, NC
1977	85	\$79,785.00	\$938.65	\$3,250.00	Midrock Elevation Sharon Dot	Wm. Blose, Penn Laird	Riley F. Wagner, Bridgewater
1978	86	\$119,395.00	\$1,388.31	\$4,000.00	Sham-Rhine Conductor Star	Sham-Rhine Farm, MD	Kingstead Farm, MD
1979	94	\$179,560.00	\$1,910.21	\$3,800.00	Va-Green Hill Elevation Faith	Green Hill Farm Inc., Leesburg	Richard P. Harris, Culpeper
1980	103	\$219,750.00	\$2,133.50	\$8,100.00	Horse-Pen-Hill Tidy Classic	Charles E Mowry, Rocky Mount	J.B. Franklin, Herndon
1981	82	\$158,350.00	\$1,894.00	\$5,000.00	Whippernock Astronaut Cathy	Whippernock Farm & Paul H Smith, Sutherland	George R Debman, MD
1982	90	\$130,650.00	\$1,451.66	\$4,450.00	RKB Glendell Nora Diana	Richard K Bishop, Riner	SAW Syndicate, Christiansburg
1983	86	\$121,725.00	\$1,415.41	\$4,000.00	Midrock Bell Coco Lotus-ET	Wm. Blose, Penn Laird	Rocby Holsteins, Bridgewater & E.B. Lee, Jr., White Post
1984	75	\$88,005.00	\$1,173.40	\$3,100.00	Windswept-M Pete Lulu-ET	Walter McClure, Ferrum	Marrob Farm, NC
1985	74	\$84,790.00	\$1,145.81	\$4,000.00	First Family Miss Valentine	First Family Synd., Broadnax	Cumva Farms, Farmville
1986	65	\$79,775.00	\$1,227.31	\$3,000.00	Bonnyside Rotate Bobby	J. Dwight Peck, Fredericksburg	Briar Patch Holsteins, GA
1987	74	\$83,700.00	\$1,158.00	\$2,050.00	Duncan Glendell Hilary	J.E. Goode, Huddleston	Fred Hampton-Robt, Murphy, NC
				\$2,050.00	Whippernock Valiant Maybell	Whippernock Farm, Sutherland	Cumva Farms, Farmville
1988	59	\$80,375.00	\$1,362.28	\$2,100.00	Shenview Mark Daisy Symbol	R.E. Revercomb, Bridgewater	Randolph Fender, NC
1989	52	\$56,400.00	\$1,084.62	\$2,050.00	Starlite-Dale Marcella	Coldstream Farm, Shank & Horst, Mt. Crawford	Michael & Bruce Carlton, Trust, Little Plymouth
<b>VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION SALES (1970-1975)</b>							
1970	41	\$25,125.00	\$612.80	\$1,000.00	Kin-Vale Baron Dawn Crinkle	W.R. & W. Kingery, Jr., Rocky Mount	W.L. Dickenson, Cullen
1971	31	\$21,780.00	\$702.58	\$1,000.00	Diamond Grove Idol Phoebe	Diamond Grove Farm, Broadnax	Harrell R. Ford, South Hill
1972	40	\$30,020.00	\$825.50	\$1,900.00	Oak-Green Admiral Beth	Richard P Harris, Culpeper	Own-Lee Holsteins, Crewe
1973	36	\$32,605.00	\$905.39	\$1,725.00	Rosemarys Baby	Sabina Haberland, Upperville	Rolling Hills Dairy, FL
1974	40	\$46,610.00	\$1,165.25	\$2,000.00	Foxlease Elevation Amy	Calvin W. Wright, Upperville	Jennifer Eskew, Remington
1975	51	\$41,965.00	\$822.84	\$2,025.00	Shenview Princess	R.E. Revercomb & Sons, Dayton	Mervin Rhoderick, WV
<b>VIRGINIA NEW SPIRIT SPIRIT SALE</b>							
1991	74	\$147,925.00	\$1,998.98	\$7,000.00	Dixie-Lee Hilton Leona-ET	American Breeders Svc., WI	Carl Smith, Eunice, NC

## Margie Ann Dick

By Lois R. Skeen

We are honoring Margie Ann Dick for her 35 years of service to Virginia Holstein Association as Secretary Treasurer. But her involvement with Holsteins began long before that. Margie Ann is the only child of Ned and Florence Sutphin, and grew up on her family's dairy, Flatlick Farm in Chantilly, in Fairfax county. She preferred being outside and helping on the farm to inside duties. She remembers as a young girl in 1945 there were Germans from a nearby prison camp that worked on their farm during WWII. The family kept in touch with them for years.

Margie Ann's first 4-H calf was Hartog Sunshine Gerben. She showed her the first time when Sunshine was 10 weeks old and Margie Ann was 10 years old at the Tri County Dairy Show (Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince Wm counties). Sunshine and Margie Ann went through 11 years of 4-H together. Sunshine lived to be 18 years old, so she was obviously well-cared for.

It was at that first show that Margie Ann first met George Miller, then a 4-H member from Loudoun county, who became a lifelong friend. Through her 4-H years Margie Ann enjoyed showing with and against Ben Middleton, Jim Eustace, William Harrison, and Ralph Fields, who were in the same region.

In the 1950s Margie Ann received many awards for her 4-H and Holstein projects, including first place in the National Holstein Girl Champion Production Record Keeping Contest in 1956. She received the Virginia Holstein Friesian award three times, and was also a State winner in Dairy Achievement which resulted in a trip by train to National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Margie Ann was tapped as a Virginia 4-H All-Star in 1952. Later, her son Dale, daughter Patty, and all three granddaughters, Sarah, Katie, and Elizabeth were also named 4-H All-Stars.

In 1955 she was on the Virginia 4-H dairy judging team with Mary Jane Benedum, Kenneth Rutrough, and Mark Bowman. They were coached by Emory Burbaker, and Bill Patterson was the 4-H Dairy Extension Specialist. Margie Ann placed 14th at the National Contest in Waterloo, Iowa.

Margie Ann's teenage years were not all about farmwork and cows. When she was a young girl, her Dad built a new barn and held a barn dance before the first hay crop was put in. The dancing continued every spring for almost twenty years. Margie Ann took a liking to one of her dance partners, and decided to ask Albin Dick to be her prom date. They went to her Senior Prom together, were married three years later and the dance went on.

The newlyweds lived with her parents and grandfather on the farm. Albin commuted to D.C. where he worked as a vehicle mechanic for Washington Gas Light Company. Since he drove back and forth to DC every day, he told Margie Ann she would be doing

all the other driving, and drive she did. They bought a trailer and hauled cattle for people to shows, and sales. They loved traveling in their camper and have camped in every state except Hawaii and New Jersey, as well as all the Canadian Provinces except Newfoundland. They also enjoyed fishing together, and often took their boat to Lake Anna for fishing trips.

In 1958 they reduced the herd size with a production sale in Catlett. Margie Ann remembers that Marlin Hoff bought a cow from her that day that later became his first Excellent cow. George Miller recalls that Coldsprings Elevation Fagin, a popular Select Sires bull in the 1980s, had a cow with Margie Ann's Flatlick prefix in his maternal line.

In 1962 Margie Ann and her Dad sold the rest of the cows and heifers at public auction and moved to Turkey Run Farm in Warrenton. As Dale and Patty grew up the family continued to be active in Holstein activities, and the favorite was going to shows. Margie Ann used to haul cows to the WV State Fair for Riley & Barbara Wagner, and then stayed and helped at the show. They developed a close and long lasting friendship. She also helped Jim Eustace at the NC State Fair in the 1980s. It's hard to tell if they spent more time working or having fun playing tricks on the spectators with a fake rat killing routine.

In the years prior to becoming Sec.-Treas. of Virginia Holstein Assoc, Margie Ann served on the Junior Committee, and was in fact at the meeting when the Juniors became organized and helped them set up their bylaws. She later served as Membership Secretary and managed the Holstein World account. Then in 1979 Dan Myers stepped down as Secretary Treasurer, and Margie Ann was asked to take over. In the 35 years since, she has dedicated a large part of her life to Virginia Holstein Association. She has worked with a variety of committee chairpersons, clerked sales for half a dozen different sale managers, kept countless Presidents straight. She has watched programs change, and played a key part in developing many of them, such as the Field Day. Her knowledge of the history of the Association has been invaluable to every board of directors. As part of her Secretary duties she was an Advisor to the Junior Association, and occasionally took juniors to the SE Youth Retreat or to the National Conventions.

She says she enjoyed the sales and shows most. Occasionally some conflict arose, particularly in those two events. Margie Ann enforced the rules and policies of VHA that she was directed to uphold with equal consideration to everyone.

The list of things Margie Ann has done for the Association is much too long to list. Perhaps the most important thing she did was to always be there. She was the person we could count on to do her job, guide us in doing our jobs, and to occasionally do someone else's job when they failed to do it themselves.

We are not the only group to benefit from Margie Ann's talents.



*Margie Ann Dick at the 2014 Annual Meeting*



She has served on the Junior Committee for VSDA and received an award from them for Outstanding Youth Leader. She has served on the Board for Fauquier County Fair and is active with the Virginia Association of County Fairs. She serves as Co-Superintendent of the Virginia State Fair Dairy Show and lends her talents to the beef show there as well.

Margie Ann viewed her Secretary-Treasurer duty as much more than planning meetings, taking minutes and preparing financial statements. She represented VHA and she took that responsibility seriously. She and Albin put many miles on the car. They rarely missed attending District club events and Twilight Meetings, committee meetings, board meetings. Margie Ann was the face and the voice of Virginia Holstein Association at regional and national events. She estimates she has attended 20 National Holstein conventions, often serving as a delegate from Virginia. She often

put her responsibilities ahead of her own personal agenda. She attended meetings when she was not feeling well from health issues. And she was at the Field Day in July when Albin was ill and at the Summer Show in August the week that he passed away, without making much mention of it at the time.

Perhaps part of the reason she showed up for us even through tougher times is because Margie Ann values the many, many personal friendships she has made, and enjoys both the support and the camaraderie of her Holstein circle of friends. You often see her at funeral homes, weddings, anniversary parties, and the like. So on behalf of the Virginia Holstein Association as an organization, and more so on behalf of all of your many friends within it, we heartily thank you, Margie Ann Dick, for your service, your dedication, and your guidance over the last 35 years.

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## Barbara Clary

By Carol McComb

The Virginia Holstein and dairy industries lost one of its greatest supporters on October 17, 2015. Barbara Louise Clary was born and raised in the Lawrenceville community in southern Virginia. After graduation from high school she spent time in California "trying out life on the other side of the county". She soon found that her heart was in Virginia. She joined the Ownby Auction and Realty organization in 1963 where she assisted the owner, Hugh Ownby, in sales at the Richmond Stockyards. In 1988 she formed a partnership and became co-owner of the company and in 2003 she became sole owner. Barbara was an active member of the Virginia Agri-Business Council and served on its Board of Directors.

Her association with the Virginia Holstein Association developed as the result of Ownby's sales of dairy cattle in the state. Many of the owners and breeders of the cattle became friends and trusted advisors. For many years Barbara helped to clerk the annual Virginia Sale of Stars and helped in the management of the sales. She was elected to the Board of Directors and served for many years in the position of Public Director. Barbara's insight and experiences help the association make many positive decisions to enhance the organization. Barbara's support was unselfish and Ownby advertising was in all dairy and Holstein publications in the region.

Her longtime associate and friend, Roger Miller remembers that when Ownby conducted a sale that had registered cattle, Barbara was very meticulous in the accuracy of the pedigrees and all information regarding the animals. She believed in total transparency, accuracy, and honesty.

Barbara assumed and volunteered for many leadership roles in the Virginia Holstein Association. Her greatest and most rewarding was co-chairman of the 2011 National Holstein Convention held in Richmond. Her co-chairman, James Cook credits Barbara with the success of the convention. So much of her tireless work was seldom realized by many. Barbara was truly the key to the success of the convention.

Barbara believed in the youth involved in agriculture and dairy. She was a longtime supporter, financially and devoted to the goals and ideals of the youth organizations. She saw young people as

the future and did so much to ensure that their future was bright and successful.

Barbara so enjoyed a glass of good wine. She often told the story that she stored her wine in the oven of her electric stove because it gave her a great storage area to lay them flat and find them with ease. She also shared that it gave her a good excuse not to cook using the oven. Her sister Phyllis lived just across the street from Barbara and is a wonderful cook and chef. Phyllis said that Barbara often said that the only reason Barbara had an oven was that it came with the house.



*Barbara Clary  
2011 National Convention Co-Chair*

Barbara so enjoyed Christmas and loved decorating the office. Roger Miller said that when Barbara started decorating the office he would desperately try to find an excuse to be somewhere else as it usually took two days and Barbara seemed to find more decorations to add each year. Often people would just stop in to see her beautiful tree and holiday decorations.

Barbara loved college sports and followed the Virginia collegiate teams. It was an annual event for her and her sister and brother to spend the day deciding their choices for the NCAA basketball tournament. When tournament time rolled around she was glued to the TV rooting on her favorites.

What made Barbara so unique and loved by all who knew her was her welcoming smile, positive attitude, willingness to help, and most endearing disposition. She was always willing to support and lead and she fulfilled her responsibilities and volunteer efforts with exceptional quality, professionalism, and in a most timely fashion. Barbara was a friend to many and all those who knew her will easily attest that she was a rare breed of woman.

# VIRGINIA HOLSTEIN'S COWS OF THE CENTURY

Celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2016 the Virginia Holstein Association conducted the Cows of the Century Contest. Twenty-six cows that were bred by Virginia breeders carrying their prefix were nominated. Current members of the Association were eligible to vote for their top seven cows and after the final ballots were tallied only one farm/prefix were allowed in the final top seven Cows of the Century. The cow profiles were provided by Walter S. McClure, Sr. and are presented with the top 7 shown first, followed by the remaining 19 cows, all in alphabetical order.



**Brookfield Elevation Pretty**

3E- 94 DOM Born 1/11/75 9058489

Breeder: Brookfield Farm, William Harrison

Pretty was bred by Bill Harrison and developed by Larry and Wayne Kibler. Pretty, sired by Elevation, was out of an Excellent Matt daughter, a combination that produced a lot of outstanding daughters. Pretty was purchased by Larry Kibler in 1979 just at the time when embryo transplant work was advancing. Larry flushed her, getting 25 daughters with the Ken-Wan prefix before selling her to Dreamstreet Farm in New York where she produced 18 more daughters with the Dreamstreet prefix. During her lifetime, Pretty had 40 classified daughters –7 Ex, 19 VG, 9 G+ and 1 Fair. Pretty was Grand Champion of numerous Virginia Holstein Shows and many State Fairs. Bill sold part of his herd in the early sixties to Bill Blalock which became the foundation of the Park Forest Herd.



**Harvue Roy Frosty**

3E- 97 GMD Born 11/7/02 52378753

Breeder: Harvue Farms, John O Hardesty & Sons

Harvue Roy Frosty, scored 3E- 97, is one of the greatest show cows of the last decade. Frosty is sired by Roy and out of an EX 93 DOM granddaughter of Skybuck, whose VG 88 dam is a VG 86 GMD DOM Bell daughter. Frosty is the very best of many high scoring cows bred and developed by Harvue. I was amazed at her strength and dairyness when she was 1st place three year old at Madison. Frosty's show records includes All World 2010 Holstein International, Supreme Champion World Dairy Expo 2010, All American Aged Cow 2010, Unanimous All American Five Year Old 2009, Unanimous Canadian All American Five Year Old 2009, Supreme Champion World Dairy Expo 2009, First Five Year Old, Royal Winter Fair, All American Sr. Three Year Old 2007, Sr. and Grand Champion 2007 International Show, and nominated All American Sr. 2 Year Old 2006. Her current milk records are 5yrs 7mos 2x 365 days 44,710 milk 5.0% 2222 fat 3.0% 1332 protein. She now has 10 Excellent daughters and 18 Very Good daughters. The Frosty story is just beginning to unfold as she is the youngest member of the cows for Virginia Cow of the Century.



**JPG Standout Kandy**

2E- 96 GMD Born 9/30/71 8085585

Breeder: John P. Garber

JPG stands for John P. Garber who is a son-in-law of H. Ralph Fields, Centerfield Farm. John was herdsman at Centerfield and owned a small herd within the Centerfield herd. John called George Miller at Virginia Animal Breeders to discuss breeding Kandy's dam. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to use Sunnyside Standout. I was going to Loudoun County the next day so I agreed to take 5 units to John. When I arrived, the cow was in heat and John bred her that evening resulting in Kandy. I followed Kandy as she developed. At that time, I was assisting Horace Backus selecting cows for National sales. John consigned her to the 1977 National Convention Sale in Ohio where Kandy topped the sale at \$41,000.00 going to Pete Heffering of Hanover Hills. Kandy went on to be three times All American Aged Cow and twice Reserve All American Aged Cow. Kandy was ranked 4th All Time All American Aged cow in 1984 behind Northcroft Ella Elevation Ex 97, Harborcrest Rose Milly Ex 97 and Gene Acres Felicia Mae Ex 97. Kandy had two excellent daughters and one at VG 89. Center-Field Knight Kandy Ex 90 sold in the 1979 Windswept Dispersal for \$18,000.00 purchased by Bear Path Farm in NY.



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**Pottsdale Flip Kamille**

4E-95 Born 6/10/95 15812163

*Breeder: Dogwood Farms, LP, LLP, Michael & Nancy Potts*

Flip was 1st place summer yearling and was not shown again until she was a five year old in 2000 where she was Reserve Grand Champion and Best Udder of the show. Her dam Pottsdale Mandingo Kamilah scored 4E-92 at 18 years and produced 313,234 milk lifetime. Flip's granddam was Pottsdale Bell Kandy 2E-91 X Pottsdale Mars Katrina VG 88 DOM X Pottsdale Cinnemon Karla VG 85 GMD DOM X Patson Royal Kingpin VG 86. Flip was sired by Cook Farm Starbuck Flip. Flip daughters included Pottsdale Durham Kallie Ex 90 and two VG Leduc daughters. Kallie had excellent daughters by Lou and Encore. This is the maternal line that continues to impact the Pottsdale herd today. Flip's daughter Pottsdale Encore Kandy Ex 92 was sold to Bulldog Holsteins and was Reserve Grand Champion at the 2004 Maryland Spring Show. She was later sold to FDB Holsteins, Escalon CA where she was Reserve All California in 2005. Another sister was Ex 91 and a third sister Pottsdale Wistar Krista 3E-90 sold to Walkup Holsteins. However, Flip was not through as a show cow winning Grand Champion, Best Udder, Best Bred and Owned as a nine year old in the 2004 VA Summer Show. She was last classified in 2007 going 4E-95. She impressed the classifiers with her style, dairy strength and youthful appearance. Flip lived seventeen years producing 170,292 M 6494 F 5460P lifetime. Pottsdale is the prefix of Dogwood Farms operated by Mike and Nancy Potts and their family. They are the only dairy herd left in Loudon County.



**Round Oak Ivanhoe Eve**

4E-94 Born 7/14/1962 6749578

*Breeder: Round Oak Farm, Ronald Hope*

Dam of Elevation. When Eve was born I was working as Extension Dairy Agent in Loudoun County. Eve was sired by Osborndale Ivanhoe who was quickly becoming the most exciting bull in the Holstein Industry. Over the next few years I watched her develop into a tremendous cow both in production and type. She produced a maternal line 6 generations of excellent dams. Eve's son, sired by Tidy Burke Elevation, Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation Ex 96 Gold Medal was born on 8/30/1965. I left Loudoun County to work for Virginia Animal Breeders Association in 1966 and followed the Round Oak herd in my new duties as sales manager for the VABA.



**Rilara Mars Las Ravena**

Ex 91 GMD DOM Born 8/5/79 10183316

*Breeder: Rilara Holsteins, Riley & Barbara Wagner*

Ravena was consigned as a bred heifer to the Southeast Show Window Sale held in North Carolina in 1981, and was purchased by Alan Johnson, Hamptonville NC. Alan developed her, flushed her (over 100 Embryos) and when she was in her prime EX 91 sold her as a feature in the South Fork Sale in Texas hosted by Price's Dairy. I attended the sale with Nelson Gardner and we watched her sell for \$225,000.00 to Mike Rainey in Georgia. Mike put her in a very intense flush schedule and over the next years he registered 168 animals out of Ravena and exported over 100 embryos. Ravena and her dam Las were recognized in 1993 as Super Donors for having over 200 registered offspring. Ravena has been on the cover of the Holstein World, Southeastern Holstein News and featured in the Holstein International and the Veeteelt, a Holstein publication in the Netherlands. One of Ravena's most famous daughter was Briarpatch- R Misty Ex GMD DOM sired by Thonyma Secret. This is the family that produced CMV Mica-ET, a popular bull at ABS. Ravena and Misty's family were featured in the Holstein Hot Spots in 2012. Ravena has offspring in over 27 states, the countries of Canada, Germany, Netherlands, France, Italy, Japan and South Africa. This is a cow family that continues to leave its impact on the Holstein breed. The top TPI bull in the breed Seagull Bay Supersire -ET goes back to Ravena and a full brother Headliner will have proofs out in August '15, both being at Select Sires. They go back to the Misty cow. Ravena was sired by Marshfield Elevation Tony out of Rilara Haven Charming Las-TW.



# Virginia Holstein Association's Cows of the Century

I was visiting with Ronald Hope in early July of 1966 and Ronald took me to see Elevation who was tied up in preparation for the upcoming show season. Ronald stated that we needed to purchase this bull calf for the stud. On the following Monday, I visited with George Miller, Manager of VABA. George was aware of Elevation as he had convinced Ronald to mate Tidy Burke Elevation to Eve, resulting in Elevation. George stated that he and Ronald could not make a deal and told me it was okay for me to contact the VABA Holstein Sire Committee concerning Elevation. The committee agreed to go to Round Oak after the Holstein Field day on July 19, 1966 held at neighboring Foxlease Farm managed by Ted Haberland. The Committee, composed of Chairman Jack Hunt, Harold Craun, Leonard Crowgey, G.E. Fisher, Doug Child, George Miller and me, traveled to Round Oak to look at Elevation. Ronald priced Elevation for \$3,000.00 which was more than VABA had ever paid for a Virginia bred bull. The committee visited and instructed George to make an offer to Ronald. George came back and stated that Ronald agreed to sell Elevation to VABA for \$2,800.00 but he would retain him until after the Eastern National Show. Elevation had a new home at VABA – later a part of Select Sires. Elevation had two full sisters that scored Excellent but Elevation was her only offspring that made a significant contribution to the breed. Eve's lifetime production was 196,030 M 4.1% 8,070 Fat. Eve sold in Round Oaks first sale March 5, 1970 before Elevation was well known to Calvin Will of PA for \$11,000.00. The influence of Elevation "Bull of the Century" has resulted in his being in the pedigree of over 90% of recent Holstein bulls in almost every major dairy country worldwide as reported by AIPL USDA Interbull Bulletin, Volume 33, Page 93. Elevation..."The Holstein Bull of the Century, and his dam Round Oak Elevation Eve."



**Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann**

*4E- 94 GMD DOM Born 1/19/1976 9174127*

*Breeder: Walkup Holsteins, Teresa Myers Callender*

Willowlyn Elevation Lou EX 91, the dam of Lou Ann, was the purchase of Walkup Holsteins and Teresa Myers in the 1974 Virginia Sale of Stars for \$2,025.00 at approximately 6 months of age. Lou was bred to Paclamar Astronaut and Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann was born on January 19, 1976. Lou Ann developed into one of the most famous cows in the World. Lou Ann, always showed as a Junior entry by Teresa, was nominated six times as Jr. All-American. She was named Jr. All- American as Jr. Yearling, 2yr old, 3yr old, twice Reserve All-American as an Aged Cow and High

Honorable as a 4yr old. Lou Ann was 4 times Grand Champion at the Virginia State Show. Lou Ann developed into an outstanding brood cow producing female offspring that were in high demand. Her Bell daughter Walkup Bell Lou Etta was a feature of the 1986 Exclusive V Sale bringing \$11,000.00 purchased by Tom Piersiak in Maine where she was VG-88 GMD. At High-Sights she had 1 Ex, 13 VG, and 3 G+ daughters. A Rotate daughter produced the highly proven Etazon Lord Lilly bull. Lou Etta daughters produced many proven A.I. sires. Lou Ann's most famous daughter, Walkup Valiant Lou Ella Ex 92 GMD DOM, was a feature of the 1983 National Holstein Convention Sale in Norfolk, VA selling as a bred heifer for \$33,000.00 to Rothrock. Lou Ella had 89 calves at Rothrock ; 44 were females, 3 Ex (Ex 94, Ex 93, Ex 90), 16 VG, 14 G+, 4 Good , 1 Fair and 7 never classified. Four daughters were Gold Medal Dams. Lou Etta sons were popular in A.I. with 3 earning Gold Medals. Six sons exported to Japan, 2 sons to Puerto Rico, 7 sons to Canada and at least 8 to US A.I. studs. Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann's influence worldwide made her one of the most famous cows of the last century. Lou Ann's legacy through her daughters on the international scene produced the sires Leadman in the United States, Lord Lily and Canvas in Holland, Mascol in Germany and Restell in France. All of this contributed to Lou Ann's lasting global influence, resulting in her being named the Third Highest Ranking Female in Holstein International's Cows of the Century.

## ***Nominated VA Cows of the Century***

### **Eastview Blak M Mattie G**

*VG 87 GMD DOM Born 1/27/91 14115091*

### **Eastview Bell Mars Mattie G**

*VG 87 GMD DOM Born 6/6 /83 11476627*

### **Eastview Matt Lucky Gill**

*Ex 90 GMD DOM Born 10/5/72 8334165*

*Breeder: Eastview Farm*

The Mattie G family at Eastview is one the best known and largest cow families in the world. Blak M Mattie G is the most prolific of the family having seven sons sampled at ABS and many others in A.I. organizations world wide. Sired by Blackstar X Mark X Bell X Mars Tony X Bootmaker X Fond Matt, this sire lineup represents the best of every generation since the seventies. Blak M Mattie G's son, Eastview Influence Mattie G was the #1 TPI bull in 1997 sired by Mascot and was at ABS. Eastview Meadowlord (also at ABS) was a Blackstar son out of Mark Mattie G. Meadowlord sired excellent type and longevity and sold over 500,000 units of semen. Each of the dams represented by this group of bulls were high scoring, high producing cows contributing to as many A.I. bull contracts as any cow family in America. The Mattie G influence in the breed has been through bulls sold to A.I. studs. Pick as you may. Eastview Matt Lucky Gill is the foundation cow. Eastview Bell Mars Mattie G and Eastview Blak M Mattie G are in the middle of the family. This cow family has produced over 30 Excellent offspring, including 9 Gold Medal Dams and 33 Dams of Merit. Choose well.

# Virginia Holstein Association's Cows of the Century

## Gloryland Lana Rae

2E- 94 DOM Born 6/8/97 120348329

## Gloryland Liberty Rae

3E- 95 DOM Born 7/4/2001 131554203

Breeder: Gloryland Holsteins, David Tait

The Glenridge Citation Roxy EX 97 cow family at Robert Millers is the largest cow family in America with many lines tracing to the 14th and 15th generation of Excellent dams. I first saw Roxy and her dam in the early eighties while selecting for the Rocby Invitational Sale and the 1983 Virginia National Sale. Roxy, her dam and her many daughters were an impressive group. Roxy has 18 Excellent Daughters and 4 Excellent sons. David Tait purchased the Dam of Lana Rae from this cow family. Lana Rae and her daughter, Gloryland Liberty Rae by Durham, developed a large Roxy family in Virginia. Lana Rae is the seventh generation excellent tracing to Roxy. Lana Rae has 31 classified daughters with 20 Excellent that includes 2-95 points, 3-94 points and 2-93 points, 9 VG and 2 G+ as two year olds. Lana Rae has been on the cover of the Holstein World three times. Lana Rae will be 18 years old on June 8, 2015 and has continued to produce embryos that are exported to Switzerland, France and Canada. Cow #9 Bulls behind Liberty Rae are Durham X Rudolph X Lindy X Mars Tony X Triple Threat X Elevation. That says it all. Choose between the Dam or the Daughter. Lana Rae is credited with 20 Excellent daughters all scored Excellent in the mammary. Gloryland Liberty Rae sold for \$410,000.00 in the Cowtown International Showcase Sale and was purchased by Cowtown. Horace Backus comments on Liberty Rae in his last book. "She is, without question, one of the greatest cows I have ever seen, and she looked as good or better when I saw her again in March of 2009 when she was in full production. People were speculating ahead of the sale on what she might classify. Some said she could go 97. I had to disagree. I thought she could go 98."

## Green Hilltop Duchess Ann

G+ 84 Born 12/14/1958 4977892

Breeder: Robert Reed

Duchess is the second oldest cow of the group. Duchess was owned by Robert Reed who was in the partnership of Nichols and Reed. I remember seeing Duchess during the early sixties while working as Extension Dairy Agent in Loudoun County. Duchess was a great dairy cow that lived a long time, bred regularly and was a very profitable member of the herd. At the time she completed her records she was the 7th cow in the United States and the first in Virginia to record over 300,000 pounds lifetime.

## Harvue Chsapeake Raven

Ex 94 GMD Born 8/29/94 15529807

Breeder: Harvue Farms, John O Hardesty & Sons

Raven is an Ex 94 GMD daughter of Chesapeake out of an Ex 93 Phil daughter, the next dam a VG 88 granddaughter of Skybuck

followed by a VG 86 GMD DOM Bell. Raven was Grand Champion and a class winner at many Virginia State Holstein Shows.

## Hiddendale April Mattie

Ex 94 GMD DOM Born 11/13/70 7848666

Breeder: Claude and Earl Sirry

Mattie, bred by Claude and Earl Sirry of Catawba, VA was sired by Fond Matt and out of an Ex 91 Elevation out of a VG 88 daughter of Oregon Challenger Baron. This Elevation X Baron cross produced many of the high scoring early Elevation daughters, even when the Baron daughters could be scored much lower. Mattie was consigned to the New Jersey National Convention sale in 1974. She was a feature of the sale selling for \$18,300.00 and was purchased by Clarence & Earl Stauffer where she was the dam of a 4E- 92 GMD daughter. Mattie's two month old son sold after her for an additional \$5,600 to a group of Virginia Holstein Breeders. Mattie proved to be a valuable member of Stauffer herd.

## Horsepen Queenie Elevation Dot

3E-96 Born 7/5/70 3771899

Breeder: John Middleton

Queenie was one of the original Elevation daughters bred by John Middleton of Herndon, VA. Queenie's dam was scored G+ sired by Maview Direct and out of a VG 87 daughter of Browns Master Antony, both sires were at VABA. As a young cow she was one of Elevation's highest scoring daughters. After calving the second lactation, Mr. John could not get her pregnant and was ready to send this beautiful Elevation to the stock market. Vernon Figgins, salesman for Select Sires, stopped by on his route and convinced Mr. John to let him purchase her for a little over beef price stating he thought he could get her in calf. Vernon took her home and in a few months she was in calf to Fond Matt calving with a son Hil-Ris Rocby Matt Royal. Next, Vernon moved her to Wampler and Gardner Holsteins operated by Nelson Gardner. Queenie calved again and looked great. The 1973 Holstein Convention was in Detroit and Nelson agreed to consign her to the sale. Queenie was the only Elevation daughter in the sale and was the third highest selling female at \$12,300, to Boyd Brothers in Missouri. Her Fond Matt son sold after her bringing \$10,500.00 to Eddie Lee in VA. Later Queenie was sold to Charles Auger in Maine. Queenie started the momentum for Elevation.

## Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva

4E- 95 Born 10/05/62 5786090

Breeder: David J Bowman

Pride Eva was another outstanding daughter of Irvington Pride Admiral. Eva was bred by David J. Bowman, Broadway, VA and consigned to the VA State Sale in 1964. Dr. Wyndham Blanton, Cumva Farm purchased and developed her to be one of Virginia's best known cows of the 1960's. Pride Eva was sold at the Cumva Dispersal in 1973 and went to Pennsylvania. Her son, Cumva

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Pride Cadet was purchased by Virginia Animal Breeders and another son Cumva Proud Performer was in the Atlantic Breeders Stud. As a bit of trivia, Cadet was another bull under the joint sampling agreement between VABA and MD-WV stud, as was Elevation. This co-sampling allowed Sire Power to gain an interest in Elevation. Richard Chichester related a story at a gathering honoring Bill Blalock before his herd dispersal, stating the income from Elevation financially saved Sire Power and Select

## LJC Noble Conductor Mars

*Ex 90 DOM Born 2/5/81 10740656*

*Breeder: L J Crowgey*

Noble is sired by Marshfield Elevation Mars and out of LJC Grove Noble Conductor Ex 90 DOM by Wapa Arlinda Conductor. The 1983 Virginia National Convention Sale shows her to be lot 92 in the sale. However, a few weeks before the sale, she lost her calf making her questionable for the sale. After going to Crowgey's to look at her, Joe stated that she had a Mars Tony bred heifer that was due after the sale. The bred heifer looked great and we accepted her as a replacement. Noble also looked great on sale day selling for \$11,000.00 to the Cardinal Syndicate in Montgomery County. Noble was housed and cared for by Henry Sink, a member of the syndicate. Noble produced sons for A.I. and the syndicate which was proving bulls. The Cardinal group consigned her to the 1985 Virginia Sale of Stars and she topped the sale at \$48,000.00 going to Bayville Farms the host of the 1983 National Convention Sale. At Bayville, more sons were sold to A.I. studs and she had 4 VG daughters all over 30,000 pounds of milk.

## Marshfield Admiral Tonia

*Ex 90 Born 1/12/65 6467834*

*Breeder: Marshfield Holsteins*

Marshfield was owned by Morgan and Jim Ott and located in Bealeton, VA. Jim's daughter K.C. owned and showed Tonia throughout her 4-H years. Tonia was the result of a mating suggested by Virginia Animal Breeders for a possible young sire. Her dam was an Ex 90 daughter of Curtiss Candy Capper. George Miller had mated Tonia to Pauline Silver Tidy Burke several times and had not produced a son. As Tonia developed into an outstanding cow her son by Elevation was purchased by Select Sires for sampling. Marshfield Elevation Tony VG 88 Gold Medal was one of Elevation's most popular sons. Many of the cows on this list show Tony as the dam or close up in the Pedigree. Mars Tony produced 800,000 units of semen for Select Sires and sired over 80,000 production tested daughters with over 1800 scoring Excellent. Much like his sire Elevation, Mars Tony sired high ranking sons and All American daughters.

## Rilara Haven Charming Las-TW

*VG 87 GMD DOM Born 1/19/76 9126127*

*Breeder: Rilara Holsteins, Riley & Barbara Wagner*

Charming Las was out of a VG 86 Elevation and sired by .....Let me tell you the story as told to the Editor of Holstein International, George Miller, and me by Riley Wagner, breeder of Las. "One day Nelson Gardner visited me. He had a bull Rocby Top Spot Echo Haven that he could not sell to the A.I. studs, so he decided to sample the bull himself and came by to drop off some free semen for me to use. But this Echo Haven was a son of Paulina Top Spot and I had a lot of experience with the bull through his daughters. They were the craziest things I ever milked. That's the reason I did not want to use the Gardner bull. But Nelson persisted and said he would leave some semen in my tank. Of course that is where the semen stayed until one day when the Elevation daughter, the dam of Las who was hard to breed, came in heat. I was nearly desperate when I decided to use the semen of this young bull that I did not want to use. Guess what! She became pregnant, and nine months later Las was born -- the cow that made us more money than any other cow -- the dam of Ravena." A full sister Rilara Mars Las Raven Ex 92, is credited with a record of 6-7 365D 27,840 M 912 F. Raven's daughter, Rilara BS Raven Teddy --ET Ex 91, was nominated All American 1993. Teddy was the dam of Rilara Drhm Teddy Dallas-ET Ex 91. Dallas was an ET choice purchased by Eastview and is the dam of Eastview Lheros Lani 3E-94. Rilara Rotate Las Junolle-ET Ex 93 is another Las daughter with a record of 6-7 27,840 M 912 F. Junolle was purchased and developed by Arlin Buttke and later sold to Piedmont Dairy. Rilara consigned a choice to the 1984 Rocby Windswept ET sale. Bob Miller, the breeder of Roxy, purchased the first choice. Barbara relates that Bob and his wife arrived in a station wagon to pick up their choice. Bob's wife liked one calf but Bob insisted on the second calf. They loaded the calf of Bob's choice and drove off with the calf looking out the back window of the station wagon. The calf the Miller's left behind was Rilara Mars Las Gianna --ET VG 88 GMD DOM who is another Mars Tony daughter of Las. Rilara consigned Gianna to the 1985 Virginia Sale of Stars and was purchased by Mike Redden in Texas. Gianna was a very successful flush cow for Mike and he later consigned her to the 1988 Texas Gold Sale where she sold \$43,000.00. Melvin Graham, Oklahoma purchased her resulting in many valuable offspring in Oklahoma. Rilara registered a total of 65 offspring from Las. Many were consigned to National Holstein Sales and numerous area state Holstein sales.

## Rotherwood Ivanhoe Valentine

*3E- 91 Born 6/22/65 6369500*

*Breeder: Turbin Willis*

Valentine could be called the Virginia Holstein Secretaries' cow. Valentine was bred by Turbin Willis the uncle of Secretary, John Willis, Rotherwood Farm in Culpeper. Secretary John Hunt purchased a bred heifer from John Willis in 1967 who proved to only milk from two quarters. Mr. Willis told John to stop by and select a replacement from any of his bred heifers. John arrived the heifers were coming out of the field. The first heifer through the gate was Valentine. John stated that she would be fine without asking about the pedigree. Thus an Ivanhoe daughter made its way to Locust Glen. Valentine developed into an excellent cow for John Hunt. When John dispersed his herd in 1974, Secretary



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Walter McClure and Walter Kingery purchased Valentine for \$5600.00 as a twelve year old. Ronald Hope was the contender. Valentine was bred to Matt and Ronald stated that was not a good mating because Matt was too frail. Taking Ronald's advice I bred Valentine to Elevation resulting in her last natural heifer calf , Windswept Elevation Val Ex-90 DOM.

Allen McClure later purchased Kingery's share. Val sold as a yearling in a Curti Sale in California for \$13,500.00 along with a Conductor ET bull calf for \$26,000.00. The young bull born in 1978, I believe was the first ET calf born in Virginia. Elevation Val purchased by Tony Boss later topped his dispersal at \$75,000.00 going to Les Terpesta in WI. Valentine was featured on the cover of the February 1982 Holstein World and had over fifty ET calves, lived for 17 years and produced over 200,000 lbs of milk lifetime. Valentine was the dam of Locust Glen Elevation Glen, an early proven Elevation son. Glen was used heavily at Select Sires as a sire of sons by A.I. Studs. His most popular son was Thonyma Secret at NOBA.

## Round Oak Ivanhoe Lady

5E- 95 Born 11/12/60 5319994

*Breeder: Round Oak Farm, Ronald Hope*

Lady was one of four Excellent Ivanhoes that were named All American Get of Sire in the early 1960's. Lady was closely related to Eve both being out of Gaiety daughters. Lady was 1st Aged Cow, 1st Best Udder Sr. and Grand Champion at the 1966 All American Dairy Show (Harrisburg). She was nominated All American Aged Cow and was a member of the All American Get of Sire of Ivanhoe. When Round Oak dispersed in 1970 she was purchased for \$8,800.00 by Boyd brothers Missouri. Her records include 14yr2m 2x 365 days 25,402 milk 3.9 % 1003 fat with lifetime records of 209,543 milk 4.2% fat test. She had a son named Romancer who was Gold Medal sire at NOBA. A giant portrait of Lady is displayed in the Virginia Tech Judging Pavilion.

## VPI Amelia Matt Halona

3E- 92 Born 6/16/72 8272396

*Breeder: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Matt Halona is the dam of three Excellent Elevation Full Sisters. The first was VPI Elevation Orlena 2E Ex 91 who was 1st Place Three Year Old and Grand Champion at the 1978 Atlantic Rural Exposition (VA State Fair). The second was VPI Elevation Rona Ex 90 and 1st Place 2 Year Old at the 1978 Atlantic Rural Exposition and 1st Place 3 Year Old and Grand Champion at the 1979 Atlantic Rural Exposition. The third full sister is VPI Elevation Halona Elsie Ex 90 that was a feature Elevation daughter in the 1983 Virginia National Convention Sale in Norfolk. These three Elevation daughters were featured on the back cover of the sale book with head shots in front of Burruss Hall at Va Tech, and Elevation on the front cover.

## Walnut-S Luke Brock Nita-ET

VG 86 GMD DOM Born 8/11/94 15521936

*Breeder: Walnut Hill, H. Curtis Scott*

David Rama wrote in the preface of the Walnut Hill Sale (H. Curtis Scott) held November 21, 2003 – "The Walnut Hill Dispersal are some of the most sought after contract cows and heifers we have ever sold – more than 90 head descend from this cow family many carrying A.I. contracts to Japan, Alta, all major studs." Thirty head sold with A.I. contracts. Nita was the flagship cow of the family. Nita was co-owned with Alta Genetics and moved to Canada where she was put in an intensive In Vitro flush program. At the time of the sale Ron Blodgett told me Nita had produced over 25 VG or higher scored daughters. Many bulls were sampled in the Alta young sire program. The cow family starts with a VG DOM Elevation daughter Ray Fay Elevation Parka and her Cedar Grove Golden Nugget calf that Raymond Scott, a brother to Curtis Scott, donated to the Franklin County 4-H project show and sale. Curtis' son Howard Scott and Dr. Flint purchased the calf with Curtis later purchasing Dr. Flint's interest. Thus the following maternal line began. The sires were Elevation, Nugget, Bell, Mascot, Luke, Formation, Mark, Bellwood, Manfred and BW Marshall. Cows from this maternal line produced A.I. contracts in every generation. The following cows were consigned to top sales. Mark Bella EX GMD DOM sold for \$20,000.00 in the South Carolina National Sale. Bell Pillow topped the 1986 Exclusive V sale in Lancaster, PA at \$37,000.00 going to Tom Piersiak's High Sights Farm where she was VG 88 DOM and heavily contracted in A.I. Manfred Nella sold for \$19,500 in the 2002 Branson Sale. Walnut-S Bar Brock Neda VG 89 two year old was purchased privately by Allen and Vernon McClure, Hobart N.Y. for \$30,000.00. Bar Neda's only daughter Windswept Durham Natalie Ex 90 was the dam of Windswept Space Shottle Ex 94. Space was sold in the 2009 Summers Sizzler Sale hosted by Chuck Worden in New York and purchased by Duane Conant. Walnut Hill was not well known in Virginia or the industry, but silently they sold more bulls and had more bull contracts than any herd in the state.

## Willowlyn Elevation Lou

Ex 91 DOM Born 8/6/73 8602608

*Breeder: Jimmie Eustace*

Elevation Lou was much more than the Dam of Lou Ann. Lou was purchased by Teresa Myers in the 1974 Virginia Sale of Stars as yearling heifer for \$2,025.00. She was All Virginia Aged Cow in 1979, First Produce of Dam 1978 Sate Show, First Dam and Daughter at both the Virginia State and the Maryland State Show in 1979, and second at Eastern National. Lou's lifetime production was 206, 305 Milk and 7360 Fat. Horace Backus reports the following in SEED-STOCK 11. "Lou was sired by Elevation. Her dam was VG 87 granddaughter of Gray View Skycross and her second dam a granddaughter of Carnation Madcap Butter Boy. The next three dams were by Willowlyn sires and the sixth dam was

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Stumpf Acres LIC Justice. Wag Eustace bought her in 1949 at the Stumpf's dispersal (Dad was the sale manager and it was the second out of state sale I attended)." The 11th dam was a daughter of Johanna Rag Apple Pabst -- a very royal pedigree. Please look back to Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann for more on this family.

## Wipledale Fond Lucy Queen

VG 88 GMD Born 10/7/49 3196092

Breeder: Wipledale Farms, Harold Craun

Wipledale Farms was owned by Harold Craun and M.C. Garst in the early years and later only by Harold. Harold purchased Dunloggin Fond Lucy VG 88 GMD who proved to be an excellent brood cow and had thirty direct descendents when she was featured in the 1959 Holstein World. Wipledale Korndyke Queenie Ex 93 GM and her full brother Wipledale Korndyke Prince VG 87 GM who was a very popular sire in the VABA stud were sired by Fobes Netherland Own Kornkyke Ex 90, a great

grandson of Johanna Rag Apple Pabst. Offspring of Queenie in direct maternal line continued to be valuable members of the herd. A sixth generation Elevation, Horse Pen Hill Elevation Sandy Ex 91, (which I owned at Windswept), was sold to Oak Manor Farms owned by Buddy Trigg. Sandy's daughter Oak Manor Southern VG 87 was purchased by Etazon. At Etazon, Southern's daughter ( Etazon Ilwaco VG 86 and sired by Arlinda Mellow) was mated to Madowaski Aerostar producing a bull calf named Valbas Arpagone who was exported to Italy. As the century moved to the 2000's, Agragone was the #1 bull in Italy. Today, 2015, another top hundred TPI bull, VA-Early Dawn Sudan CRI-ET, is one of the most popular sires at CRI-Genex. Sudan traces back to another cow Wipledale Prince Fran Ollie VG 87, purchased and developed by Midrock Holsteins, owned by Bill Blose. Fran Ollie was sired by Wipledale Korndyke Prince who of course was a son of Cow # 22 Wipledale Fond Lucy Queen. Bill Blalock, Park Forest Farms, purchased a group of cows from Wipledale in the early sixties for his herd foundation. His favorite home bred cow was Park-Forest R A Pen 4E- 94 GMD, with three sons in A.I. Pen's dam was VG 87 Kingpin out of the EX 2E daughter of Wipledale Korndyke Prince.

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## BREEDER NOTES

### A Look Back with the Middleton's

By Lois Skeen

Among the early registered Holstein herds in Virginia, Ben Middleton, Dwight Peck, Bill Harrison and Margie Ann grew up within a mile or two of one another in the days when dairy farms lined the road between Chantilly and a little town called Floris. Dulles Airport now sits on the land where the Peck and Middleton farms once were.

Some former residents of Floris compiled a narration of their personal memories into a book, "Stories of Floris" and had it published in 2000. Many of the contributors were from the Middleton family. The Middletons had Holstein cattle from the start of the century, bought their first registered Holsteins in the 1920s, and remained involved in Virginia Holstein Association activities for seventy years, three generations, and several locations. As Virginia Holstein Association celebrates our 100th Anniversary, it is interesting to look back at how dairy farming life was different in those days, and yet, in many ways the benefits of farm life are similar.

The stories are recollections mostly from their childhood, of church playing a large part of their lives, of skating and swimming on Horse Pen Run, and of chores and riding the big Belgian work horses to clean their feet after they had pulled plows in the fields all day. Sarah Jane Middleton, Ben's sister, recalls their 50 Holstein cows helped supply milk to Washington, D.C. "Trucks picked up the milk cans in good weather but when there was a heavy snow in the winter we enjoyed trips by horse-drawn sled to

the Herndon train station. "

Ben's cousin, David, says "Dairy farming during the first half of the 20th century was a very demanding and labor intensive operation. Before WWII most farmers around Floris fed and milked their cows by hand. During my early years, we had a milking herd of 36 cows. In 1945 we built a 10 stall addition to the milking barn and bought our first milking machine. " He talks about harvesting grain: "The plants were cut, bound, and kicked out on the ground by a binder. Several men followed the binder, picked up the bundles, and set them up into neat shocks to dry for several weeks and await the threshing machine."

David's sister, Clara relates of having a "room-sized frame of a quilt over our heads for a roof during our play. Except for holidays and Sundays, in the wintertime there was always a quilt on the frames in the dining room." Clara recalls the importance of the dairy to their family in the following excerpt:

"Dairy cows became increasingly important as they generated a milked check to pay the bills. Milk was shipped from the farm beginning November 25, 1897, the day John Middleton (Clara's father) was born. He managed to continue shipping milk throughout his 89 years ...until his death in 1987. Our grade cows were excellent producers as evidenced by "Sadie" who held a national record for production. Grandfather Ben was asked to allow "Sadie" to be displayed, so she spent several days in a hotel in Richmond and gave the accompanying John Middleton some nervous moments in the hotel ballroom. John and William (Ben's father)

were interested in purebred animals and purchased their first registered Holstein-Friesians in 1924. Five registered Guernseys were added to the herd to boost the butterfat content of the milk shipment. A modern tile barn was built in 1928 to accommodate more modern equipment and methods. There have been many animals over the years that were sources of pride and pleasure.....

It was a Horsepen Farm cow, "Horsepen Lucy Elevation Ideal" who topped the 1974 Virginia Sale of Stars. It was also a very beautiful "Horsepen Queenie Elevation Dot" who went to the National Holstein sale, an honor for any farm. Halter breaking and grooming heifers for district and state sales was a rewarding part of the business. One of the great pleasures of John's later years was being able to watch a 4-Her who had purchased a Horsepen Farm animal enjoy success with her in the show ring. Although all of the children in the family shared in that aspect of the dairy business, the emphasis was always on a larger picture. The dairy business was simply a way in which ethics and values were passed on. We experienced firsthand curling up on clean straw beside the silky softness of a baby calf and forming a bond that can't be erased. In addition we found that fair business dealings were an example and a requirement in our lives."

Some things change, some pass down through the generations.



*John Middleton*

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## A Man to Remember

By the Rosni Alumni

With the death of Frank S. Walker, Sr., in 1971, both Virginia's dairy industry and the Virginia Holstein Association lost an outstanding leader and benefactor. Many people currently involved with Holsteins and dairying in Virginia have never heard of him but benefit from his efforts every day. The "Rosni Alumni" are taking this opportunity to remind all of his service and accomplishments.

Mr. Walker was one of six sons born to Robert S. Walker of "Woodberry Forest," a Madison County farm located on the Orange/Madison boundary and just a few miles from the town of Orange. He was the only son who chose to come home to farm. In addition to operating a successful farm at Woodberry Forest, Mr. Walker's father also founded Woodberry Forest School, from which son Frank graduated in 1903. Upon graduating from VPI in 1905 with a degree in General Agriculture, a young Frank Walker returned to Woodberry Forest to both manage its farm and dairy operations and to acquire and operate his grandfather's farm, "Rosni."

Mr. Walker had grown up working with the Woodberry dairy herd, and his college years exposed him to the broader world of purebred breeding and production testing. On 1 April 1907, he bought his first Registered Holstein-Friesian cow, and during his lifetime, he developed a nationally recognized Holstein herd bearing the "Rosni" prefix. Registered Holstein breeders throughout the country came to appreciate Mr. Walker as an outstanding judge of dairy cattle and Holstein breeder, and they elected him to a term as National Vice President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Ultimately Rosni Holsteins and the Walker family were the recipient of the National Association's Progressive Breeder Award. In 2010 Mr. Walker was posthumously made an inaugural inductee into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame, a place of honor maintained at the Alphin Stuart Arena, Virginia Tech.

Early on, Mr. Walker became interested and involved in the broader aspects of his vocation and in service to his community. He became a charter member of The Virginia State Dairymen's Association in 1907 and served many years as a director and as the Association's President from 1919 to 1923. During those early formative years, Mr. Walker's hands-on leadership and unselfish service set the standard of performance for the many dedicated dairy leaders who have followed him over the years.

In 1920 Mr. Walker was one of the founders of the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association. He then served as the Association's President from 1924 to 1948, nearly a quarter century.

Mr. Walker served on the Board of Visitors at VPI and was Chairman of the VPI Committee on Agriculture. In 1914, he became a member of the Board of Regents of Woodberry Forest School and served until 1926, when he became a Trustee of the newly-organized non-profit Woodberry corporation that runs the school today. He then became its president and chairman of its Executive Committee for thirty-six years.

Mr. Walker was elected to the Board of the National Bank of Orange in 1921 and was Chairman of the Board of the bank from 1929 until his retirement in 1966. He was also a director of the Loudoun Mutual Fire Insurance Association and was closely affiliated with other agricultural and business organizations.

Mr. Walker was a communicant of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Orange where he served as vestryman, Junior Warden and Senior Warden.

In all honesty, there is more, but we think we've told you enough to let you understand that Frank Stringfellow Walker, Sr., is one of the early giants of our industry, a giant upon whose shoulders we stand today.



# Virginia Genetics

By William Harrison

Virginia Genetics was an organization made up of ten dairy breeders which was incorporated in 1972. The goals were to

(1) Promote better animal husbandry, (2) Collectively promote Virginia Holsteins, (3) Challenge each other to do a better job of farming, (4) Listen to each other's ideas and opinions, (5) Maintain an optimistic attitude, (6) Enjoy the fellowship and keep the fraternal attitude.

The group was composed of Bill Blaylock, Park Forest Farm in Baskerville, Bill Blose, Midrock Farm in Penn Laird, Doug Child, Di-

among Grove Farm in Broadnax, Joe Crowgey, Richdale Farm in Wytheville, Jim Eustace, Willowlyn Farm in Catlett, Jack Hardesty, Harvue Farm in Berryville, Richard Harris, Oakgreen Farm in Orange, Bill Harrison, Brookfield Farm in Leesburg, and Dwight Peck, Bonnyside Farm in Spotsylvania.

The organization was successful as they proved 50 bulls during a twenty year period, and eight of these bulls were leased to bull studs. Three of these bulls went to studs, they were: Diamond Grove Chip, to American Breeders of WS, Oakgreen Virginian to Carnation of WA and Brookfield Libido, to Select Sires, of OH.

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## Virginia Tech Dairy - Breeding Registered Holsteins Since 1895



By Chuck Miller, retired Dairy Center Superintendent

In 1872, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI) was founded in Blacksburg, VA. The Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 had provided for the funding to establish schools in each state to teach agriculture, military tactics, the mechanical arts, and classical studies. Known at its founding as the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (VAMC), it was located on the 5 acre site of the former Preston and Olin Institute. The Board of Visitors (BOV) purchased from Colonel Robert T. Preston, a portion of his estate known as "Solitude" for \$85 an acre, for use as the college farm. Located a ¼ mile from the Institute, it included the mansion, principal farm buildings, and 250 acres of land. Today, the mansion located near the Duck Pond is the oldest structure still standing on the Virginia Tech (VT) campus. Known as "Solitude" it was restored in 2011, having served as faculty housing, a student infirmary, offices, and classroom space.

Some of the 132 young men enrolled in the first session at VAMC began working on the college farm in the late spring of 1873. In the first annual report of the VAMC to the General Assembly, manual labor in the stables, dairy, orchards, and gardens provided practical work experience for the students to support themselves. Among the stock donated to the college farm were a thorough-bred Durham bull, 3 thorough-bred Durham heifers, and one Alderney bull. Durham cattle, also known as Shorthorns, were the breed of choice in the mid-1800s since they were good producers of both milk and beef. The Alderney breed had developed from the Guernsey breed.

The annual report of the fifth collegiate year of 1876-77 included a Report of Farmer and a Committee of the Board of Visitors on

the Farm. Students provided a large part of the labor on the farm gaining experience in horticulture, animal husbandry, and crops. Receipts for the farm showed \$264.00 received for milk and pasturage. The farm had sheep, swine, horses, and a herd of 21 Shorthorn cattle including 9 purebred head – 2 bulls, 4 cows, and 3 heifers. These were the early years of the Virginia Tech dairy.

The Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (VAES) was established by the state on the VAMC campus in 1886 to conduct research in agricultural science. The VAES reported its findings to Virginia farmers and consumers as useful information in printed bulletins and demonstration exhibits at fairs. This work was later done by the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) begun in 1914. The college, VAES, and VCE have shared the campus agricultural buildings and the barns, animals, and cropland of the college farm to teach students, to do research, and to inform Virginians about agriculture. The first registered Holstein-Friesian bred by the dairy was Neva Artis Clothilde (40635). Born on October 16, 1895, her sire was Raeburn (22602), owned by VPI and bred by H. W. Austin of Woodstown, New Jersey, and her dam was Eva Artis Clothilde (33679) owned by VPI and bred by H. W. Austin of Woodstown, New Jersey as recorded in H-F Herd Book Volume XII and XV. Her six daughters owned and bred by VPI were Artis Kaska (47726) born March 2, 1898, Sinfi Artis Clothilde (49876) born April 20, 1899, Gretel Artis (62950) born November 3, 1901, Iberia (68778) born December 26, 1903, Rowena Artis (76688) born November 27, 1904, and Caltha De Kol (86842) born December 10, 1905. This first purebred breeding by VPI was the beginning of the dairy's registered Holstein herd that has been continuous for 121 years.

The foundation stock of the VPI herd began with the purchase of Eva Artis Clothilde (33679), the dam of the first registered Holstein bred by VPI. She was prolific at producing quality heifer calves. Individual lactation records for 1904-1906, show four daughters averaging 6245.6 lbs of milk, six granddaughters averaging 6102.3 lbs of milk, and two great-granddaughters averaging 5236.2 lbs of milk. She, herself averaged 6041.1 lbs of milk. In July 1907, VAES Bulletin No. 170 Studies in Milk and Butter Production, stated, "these figures are an evidence of hereditary prepotency of the milk giving instinct which can be transmitted from generation to generation. A cow of this type is invaluable to dairymen." The value of good record keeping and careful selection were also stressed in this report to Virginia dairy farmers just beginning to build herds with purebred bloodlines.

In 1908, Hygeia Veeman Butter Boy (43697) a new herd sire was bought from the well known Hygeia Herd owned by Dr. W. F. Carter of Crozet, VA. Born October 6, 1908, he had been bred by Stevens Brothers-Hastings Co. in Lacona, NY. His dam, Jessie Veeman A (36579), was never beaten in the show ring, and was championship aged cow at the New York State Fair in 1904. This bull's sire was De Kol 2d's Butter Boy 3d (23260), a Century Sire, and son of De Kol 2d (734), foundation cow of the De Kol family. As herd sire, he had 12 daughters – five 2 year olds, one 3 year old, and three 4 year olds – that had records averaging 668 lbs butter in a year. In 1920, his granddaughter VPI Veeman Korndyke De Kol (60633) bred, developed, and owned by VPI, set a Virginia State record for both milk and butter in her class as a senior 2 year old, of 844.2 lbs butter from 20696 lbs milk.

In 1913, Buckeye De Kol Pauline 2D (94346) bred and owned by VPI, had a yearly record at 6 years 2 months of 1159.5 lbs butter from 20784 lbs milk, a world record for cows owned by experiment stations and colleges, and a world record for cows, all breeds, developed south of the Mason Dixon Line. Her lineage is also from the grand cow De Kol 2d (734). Her sire, Homestead Crown Prince De Kol (25865) was the grandson of De Kol 2d's Paul De Kol, the son of De Kol 2d (734). The line continued when her son VPI Buckeye Pauline Korndyke (193742) became herd sire in 1919. As the commercial dairy industry expanded due to increased demand for milk in cities, the Holstein-Friesian with its ability to produce a large quantity of milk became the breed desired by Virginia dairymen.

Two later milestones in dairy cattle breeding occurred at the VPI dairy. The first Holstein calf born in Virginia from artificial insemination was a Holstein, Virginia Test Tube 2165078, born October 17, 1939 at VPI. Then, in 1954, Professor Paul Reaves' class in A. I. did research on frozen semen using dry ice and alcohol. The first registered Holstein calf born in Virginia from the use of frozen semen was VPI Jessie Katrinka Defrost 4098698, born August 13, 1955. In addition to Holsteins, over the years the VPI dairy has had herds of Guernseys, Jerseys, Ayrshires, and Brown Swiss. The dairy herd today has 250 milking cows for teaching and research, with 60% Holsteins and 40% Jerseys. Students continue to provide a large portion of the labor at the dairy.

#### *History of Barn Locations*

When the college farm began in 1873, all of the animals, live-stock, and dairy herd were housed in the old barns and pastures of the "Solitude" estate. Built before the Civil War, they were located in the area where Price Hall stands today. Repairs and addi-

tions were made as the farm operation expanded.

In the summer of 1893 a creamery and cheese factory were built. It stood on what is today the Drill Field, directly in front of Price Hall. The creamery processed milk and cream from the dairy into dairy products for the mess hall. Experiments were done in how to ship milk and cream long distances and how to improve dairy products. The results of these and other studies helped expand the milk market of the Virginia dairy farmer.

In 1899, a new modern two story hillside barn was completed. With room for 128 animals, it housed all of the cows, bulls, steers, young stock, work horses and mules of the college farm. This large facility had a hay and grain barn, two wings for cattle, an open court between the wings, a milk room, two 200 ton silos, and four manure carriers. A hog house, a sheep barn, and large stock feeding barn for 120 head of beef cattle were built over the next few years. By 1905, all of the college farm animals had moved to these model barns located in the area where Ambler Johnston Hall stands today. Students milking at the dairy were paid 2 ½ cents per cow per milking in 1916. Later improvements to the dairy barn included: a shed with concrete floor, new silos, reconfiguring stalls for research, and a milking parlor with a pipeline milker built in the 1930's. The dairy herd remained at this location until 1960.

By 1906, the old barns of the "Solitude" estate had been torn down and the foundations laid for a new Agricultural Hall on the site. Later named Price Hall, it opened in January 1907. The creamery moved into the first floor with state of the art operations – a commercial creamery plant, a testing room, a room for pasteurization and sterilizing, and a refrigeration plant with cold storage. The dairy and local dairy farms sold milk to the creamery where students learned how to manufacture dairy products. The creamery furnished the dining halls with milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream into the late 1960's. Its dairy products were also marketed in Blacksburg, Roanoke, Norfolk, and Bluefield, WV. The creamery moved to the new Dairy Husbandry building, later known as Saunders Hall, in 1931.



*Dairy Barn and Etgen Pavilion on Southgate Drive*

In 1950, a new dairy barn was built ¾ mile south of the old barns. It was a two-story, 60 cow tie-stall/stanchion barn with a mow on the second floor for hay storage, and silos. This was the first building on the site of the VT Dairy Center located on Southgate Drive.

By 1960, a new freestall barn, a loose housing barn, two milking parlors, a calf barn, bull barn, and heifer barn had been built. The pavilion, later named the Etgen Pavilion was built in 1963. All dairy animals were now housed at the Dairy Center. The old barns were torn down to make way for the construction of Ambler Johnston Hall, Cassell Coliseum, and other campus buildings. Construction of Route 460 around Blacksburg in 1968, placed the Dairy Center barns inside the bypass and on the Southgate exit to campus.

From 1970 to 1990 facilities were added to improve research methods, data collection, and farm operations. Added to the milking parlor were two stalls, a larger bulk tank, automatic cow ID, and computerized milk recording. Freestalls were added to the loose housing barn. The 26 calan doors were installed to measure individual feed intake of cows housed in freestalls. A Data Ranger Feed Cart was added, equipped with computer that weighed feed ingredients, mixed the ration, and recorded the amount fed each animal, feed refused, and net intake per day. A 20 stall bull barn to do extensive research in artificial insemination and a heifer barn equipped to measure feed intake by computer were built. The use of 40 calf hutches improved calf health and growth.

In 2002, the tie-stall/stanchion barn and silos built in 1950 were demolished. Finally able to replace the dairy's outdated 1960's era milking parlor and free stall barns, a new facility was built.

In July 2004, the milking herd moved into a modern, state of the art, 232 freestall barn with 48 calan doors to measure individual feed intake and a double eight rapid exit milking parlor with milk production and milk component data collection. A commodity barn, manure solids separation, and liquid waste storage facilities were also built.

In 2006, the university administration announced plans to move the Dairy Center to Kentland Farm, acquired in 1987, and located 9 miles from campus. This move was necessary due to the proposed new Route 460 interchange entrance to campus, continued expansion of the VT Corporate Research Center, and expansion of the VT Montgomery Executive Airport.

In August 2015, the dairy herd moved to the new VT Dairy Science Complex at Kentland Farm. Facilities designed with the latest dairy science technology include a double 12 parallel milking parlor, a 232 freestall barn, a special needs barn, and a calf barn. A 24 stall barn for intensive metabolism research has been funded with construction expected to begin in late 2016.

The long history of the dairy at Virginia Tech has shown that while the needs of a growing dynamic university have prompted the relocation of the barns and animals, the benefit of each move has been the upgrading of the dairy facilities to better serve the mission of the dairy science department.

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## Burnley Farm ~ The Fisher Family

By David L. Fisher

*Introduction to Burnley Farm taken from the 1967 Field Day Brochure*

To give you some of the history of our farm—Burnley Farm is located in the Green Springs Valley of Louisa County in the central part of Virginia along US Highway 15. It is here that Lafayette camped during the Revolutionary War. Burnley is also reported to be one of the spots that Stonewall Jackson camped during the War Between the States. One of the oldest trees on the corner of the property is supposed to have been used to hang several Yankee spies.

Burnley received its name from the owner Mr. Joe Morris who was engaged to a young lady whose last name was Burnley and he named the farm for her. At the last minute the lady changed her mind but Mr. Morris did not change the name and never married.

Burnley was purchased by Mr. G.E. Fisher ( Mr. R.J. Fisher's father) in 1919. In 1967 the farm consisted of 884 acres of crops and woodland. The original dairy herd was started in 1925 of grade Holsteins, Guernseys and Jerseys. The first registered Holsteins were purchased in 1925 from Mr. W.O. Perkins of Buckner, Va. At one time, about 20% of the herd traced back to one cow Lady Snowflake Buttermaid 522044 purchased from Mr. Perkins. The real nucleus of the herd was purchased at the State Holstein Consignment Sale in Orange, Va. in 1926.

Early sires used at Burnley came from Rosni Farm and Meadow Farm in Orange, Va. A few home sires were used from time to time. Burnley was one of the early users of artificial breeding.

The herd started using DHIA in 1925 and continued until 1952.

They returned to testing in 1957 and went to DHIR in 1960. During those times they were recognized by the National Dairy Association with high herd production.

The original barn was built in 1920 and was converted to a stanchion in 1925. It was extended in 1928 to be able to milk more cows. This barn was used until 1953 when a 4 stall parlor and a tramp shed was built. Four more stalls were added on the opposite side in 1963. The automatic silage feeder was built in 1960. The tramp shed was converted to a free stall barn in 1964. On January 19, 1966 a fire destroyed everything except the parlor and automatic feeder. New facilities were built the same year.

Burnley Farm has earned the Progressive Breeder Award, developed Gold Medal Dams, and a Silver Medal Sire. Many cows have been consigned to State Holstein Consignment Sales.

*The Fisher Family & Burnley Farm Now*

My grandfather R.J. Fisher, my uncle Jennings, and my father George, operated Burnley Farm, Inc. when we hosted the Holstein Field Day back in 1967. I remember the day that the picture was taken. It was no small feat to have gotten all seven cousins, along with the calves, cleaned up and posed long enough to get a cover picture!

George (G.E.) Fisher, my father, was known for having a superb eye for dairy cattle. He was part of a group of breeders in the state who selected Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, and brought this great bull into stud at Select Sires. We used Elevation with much success; we bred a few Excellent and Very Good daughters that went on to do very well for other Holstein breeders. We used



Select Sires for most of our semen purchases.

As all dairy producers know, the dairy industry moves boldly on.

From the 1970's through the present, we enjoyed good times, along with dealing with many changes and tough decisions. My uncle Jennings, and his family, left the farm in 1970. The loss of my grandparents (R.J. Fisher in 1981 & Ophelia in 1991), as well as the difficult nature of the business, weighed heavily on us at times. My parents, Jane and G.E. Fisher, were hard working and supportive the entire time as their 3 sons—Terry, David, and Rusty—transitioned into running the farming operation. With time, as on most farms, Burnley Farm saw many changes. Our families grew, and in the late 1980's, Terry and his wife Susan left the farm to pursue other interests and raise their family. They have 2 daughters, and reside in PA. David and Mary Scott assumed the responsibilities of running the dairy and milking cows. They also have 2 children, a daughter, Laura, and a son, Randy, who both grew up on the farm, helped with farm chores, and showed their own dairy cattle in 4-H. After Laura completed her degree in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech, she returned to Burnley Farm to help manage the herd. Rusty, along with his wife, Katie, was responsible for the cropping, and the maintenance of the equipment. They have four children -- three daughters and a son.

A computer milking and feeding system was installed in the late 1980's. As with all aspects of farming operations, the system was upgraded several times to keep up with constantly evolving technology. During the 80's – the milking herd made the list of Top 100 in The Virginia Dairyman a number of times.

At one point, our herd size increased to an all-time high of 180 milk cows. We hosted many farm tours and seminars for elementary school children and 4-H groups, and were instrumental in organizing the annual Louisa Dairy Day for over 30 years. We produced a State Fair Champion from one of our foundation cow families. And David and Mary Scott were chosen as Young Dairy-

men Ambassadors for Dairymen, Inc. in 1990.

As time went on, and as the margins in dairy farming continued to shrink, we struggled to find ways to become more efficient, as have most dairies. Eventually, we were faced with a very difficult and emotional decision of whether to make further sacrifices to continue dairying, or switch to another source of livelihood within the agricultural industry. During 2013-2014, the choice was made to switch to beef cattle production, and cropping. The core of the milking herd was sold to a grazing dairy in Florida. And the rest of the cattle went to a registered dairy herd in PA. Rusty took on full-time employment at a local nursery as shop foreman. David now has the primary responsibility of the operation and management of Burnley Farm, after the recent restructuring. Jane and G.E. still help out around the farm and are doing well.

We have managed to continue farming without selling off any of the original 880 acres of farmland. David manages the 100 head beef cow-calf operation. The cattle are rotationally grazed on approximately 330 acres, including 170 acres of Max Q Fescue. The rest of the pastures consist of K-31 fescue, and several good stands of orchard grass and clover. Currently, the herd primarily calves in the fall, but we are working to expand our numbers until we can manage a sizable spring calving group, too. We have acquired several registered Angus cows, and hope to merchandize from them eventually. We also raise 260 acres of soybeans as a cash crop to be sold in the fall. Additional acreage is in hay land and pine trees.

We thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give you an update on how things are going at Burnley Farm, Inc. Although we are no longer dairying, we are thankful that we have ultimately been able to continue doing what we love—farming.

We wish those of you who still milk cows and breed quality Holstein cattle the best of luck and prosperity on your farms.

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## Walkup Holsteins ~ The Myers Family

By Dan Myers

*Introduction to Walkup taken from Field Day programs 1940 and 1980*

*Foundations from the Past, Building for Tomorrow*

The decade following the Civil War was one of reconstruction for the battle-scarred South. It was a time of mending bodies, spirits and fences. In the spring of 1877, Jackson Showalter, great, great grandfather of Daniel J. Myers registered his purchase of a farm in the Lick Skillet settlement of Rockingham County, Virginia. This original parcel was the beginning of East View Farm and Walkup Holsteins.

Like many farmers of the period cows were kept for family use. The surplus was sold at local markets. Isadora Showalter, Jackson's granddaughter married I.D. Myers and they assumed responsibilities of the farm. It is noted that Isadora could drive a four horse team better than any hired man. Besides the field work she had to milk 3 times a day. Her son, Victor, noted that she was "one of the best hand milkers around."

The lower barn on the farm was built in 1912 and the house was added in 1918. In 1920 the first registered Holsteins were purchased at the Halderman Dispersal in Winchester, Va. In 1921 the first Holstein bull was added to the herd. The herd was put on test in 1926 with averages of 14,409 pounds of milk and 486.6 pounds of fat, the highest in the state.

I.D.'s son, Victor became involved with 4-H dairy projects. His interest including showing and participating in fairs all over the east coast.

In 1939, a new dairy barn, all stone, was built. It was a tie-stall barn for the use of electric milkers. Victor's wife Margaret noted that they were a definite improvement from hand milking.

In 1940, I.D. Myers and his son Victor, hosted the eighth annual Virginia Holstein Field Day. In 1941, Victor and his wife Margaret assumed operation of the farm. Margaret, also from a dairy farm, was active in the daily operations of the farm. She was on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Holstein Association and later was a DHIA supervisor in Rockingham County.

A small set back occurred when the dairy barn was damaged by flames in 1950. The barn was repaired and the farm continued to grow. Both son Dan, and daughter Leann became involved in the farm and projects for their 4-H Work.

Following college Dan married Charlotte Dove. Dan became a school teacher and later an assistant principal but it seemed his heart was at home on the farm. In 1968, Dan and Charlotte assumed full ownership of the farm. They had a philosophy of "getting better before we got bigger".

With two small children, Teresa and D.J., they were determined to remain a family farm. Charlotte fed the calves and helped with the milking. As the children got older they were expected to help with the chores. Just like his grandfather, I.D. Myers, Dan states that the feeding programs were as important as the breeding to the productivity of the herd. Two 20'X60' solos were added to the feeding system and a milking parlor was added to the dairy barn with free stalls for the cows. They most recent addition in 1980 was the counter slope heifer barn.

In 1980 the Myers Family once again hosted the Annual Virginia Holstein Field Day.



*Walkup Holsteins family: (L-R) Teresa Callender, Dan Myers, Charlotte Myers, Donnie Callender, Kristina Callender, Kelly Callender, Anna Myers, D.J. Myers. The cow is Walkup Blitz Trisha 2E 92.*

#### *Walkup Holsteins - 2016*

During my years at Bridgewater College I majored in Mathematics and avoided most of the classes in communications. After resigning from teaching and the job as Assistant Principal at Broadway High School following four years as an employee of Rockingham County Schools, Charlotte and I purchased the home farm. In almost 50 years I have forgotten most of the mathematical theory and am now struggling with the fine art of communication. The following paragraphs are a short history of Walkup Holsteins, LLC.

Jackson and Catherine Showalter purchased the farm in the spring of 1877 with the seven subsequent generations living on the farm.

Our prefix "Walkup" was reserved in 1927 as the "East View" prefix was not available. Our farm was known as East View Farm until Charlotte and I purchased the farm in 1968. At that time we changed the farm name to "Walkup Holsteins" and Walkup has served us well.

I need to share the fact that my mother, Margaret Myers Adams, held the farm together as a single parent until I was able and willing to receive the love of the Holstein cattle and handle the work and management of the operation at that time. We began the process of upgrading the facilities and raising two children, Teresa Callender and D.J. Myers.

With the sale of Shenandoah's Pride in 2000 our family decided to reinvest those proceeds to modernize and allow us to remain a viable part of the dairy industry. In 1992 Teresa and her husband, Donald Callender and our son D.J. Myers joined us in forming a limited liability partnership under which we operate today.

In 1942 my dad, Victor, extensively showed "Firestone Lyona Boy Louise" and she was selected Honorable Mention All American that year. In 1976, I had the honor, to show "Walkup Charm Iva Judy" and she was selected High Honorable Mention All American that year. In 1978-1982, Teresa was blessed to show the most influential cow ever bred at Walkup Holsteins "Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann". She was selected Junior All American three times, twice Reserve Junior All American, Once High Honorable Mention Junior All American and twice nominated All American. After 16 years of astronomical achievements, Lou Ann is buried in the yard at Walkup Holsteins.

One of our goals is to breed an All American with the Walkup prefix. We understand the chances are very slim; however the love of quality animals makes the journey almost as rewarding as the destination of an All American. Our present herd average of 23,013# Milk at 4.5%, 1031# of Butterfat, and Protein at 3.0%, or 683 # is a work in progress. Our goal is not production, but enough efficient production to maintain a quality of life for our cows and our families. The challenge of economic pressures is making all dairy farms, including ours, prediction of the future impossible.

In conclusion, I want to thank the dairy industry and the Holstein Association of Virginia for allowing Walkup Holsteins to be a part of each of them. And, as I wrote 35 years ago: I will be content if what I have done will be of service to my God, my family, and my country.

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## The Story of Oakmulgee Dairy

By The Moyer Family

Oakmulgee Dairy Farm is located on the Appomattox River in northern Amelia County, Virginia. In 1895, Oliver Moyer moved to Oakmulgee Farm from the sand hills of Wood Lake, Nebraska. He left where he homesteaded because of drought and cold winters, and picked Virginia because of the land price and warmer climate.

The original house, built in 1896 by Oliver Moyer, is still in the center of the farm today.

Oliver originally planted orchards and tobacco. Tobacco was the main crop from 1897 to 1903 while the orchards matured. In 1903, a cannery was built so vegetables and fruit from the orchards could be sold in nearby stores. In 1908, Oliver bought sev-

eral grade Guernsey cows to feed the leftovers from the cannery.

In 1914, a dairy barn was built and Oakmulgee started shipping milk in cans. The cans were first taken 12 miles by horse drawn wagon to the nearest railroad stop and then shipped by rail to Richmond. Grade A raw milk, butter and cream were also sold in nearby stores around Richmond under the Oakmulgee name in glass bottles.

In 1919, Oliver's sons, Jake and Charles Sr., became owners and were interested in growing a registered herd. The first registered Holsteins were bought in 1920, and the entire herd was registered by 1928. In 1923, Oakmulgee started DHIA testing, which is still done today.

Oliver Moyer died in 1931, Jake left the dairy to be a DHIA tester and Charles Sr. left an extension job to run the farm full time. In 1951, Charles Jr., the youngest of 3 brothers, became a partner with his father at the dairy. In 1956, Oakmulgee was one of the first dairies in Virginia to buy a bulk tank. A few years later, Oakmulgee had a cow make the state butterfat record of 1000 lbs.

Charles Jr. began running the farm at the age of 37, after Charles Sr. passed away due to a farm accident. Oakmulgee has not purchased cows since the 1950's, all expansion has come from internal herd growth. Throughout the years, Oakmulgee participated in both state and national sales and has sold several excellent

cows to California. Charles Jr. had four children, Larkin, Charlene, Damon and Darrell. Larkin and Damon returned to the farm after earning Dairy Science degrees from Virginia Tech. At that time, the parlor was upgraded to a double 8 herringbone and several years later land became available for purchase to double the crop acreage.



*Pictured left to right, back row, Brandon Moyer, Jeremy Moyer, Larkin Moyer, Front Row, Damon Moyer, Charles Moyer. This includes the members of the family that work at Oakmulgee Dairy.*

Larkin is the current herd manager and has grown the herd to 300 registered Holsteins. The parlor was updated to a double 12 parallel in 2004, and freestall barns have been added four times since then. Larkin's two sons, Jeremy and Brandon, both returned to the dairy after graduating from Virginia Tech in 2004 and 2011. Oakmulgee added pedometers and sort gates four years ago which has increased heat detection and made AI easier. The farm is now operated by three generations of Moyers: Charles, Larkin, Damon, Jeremy and Brandon.

Oakmulgee Dairy is one of the oldest continuously operating dairies in Virginia and has been producing milk for over 100 years. As Charles Sr. often said, "If you take care of the cows, they will take care of you." Although there have been many changes over the years, much about the core of Oakmulgee Dairy has stayed the same. Some of the highlights of these years have been sharing ideas and friendships with other Holstein breeders. It is a great honor to be a part of a community of fellow dairy producers.

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## Richdale Dairy has Rich Tradition & History

by Dr. Andrew Overbay, Senior Extension Agent, Smyth County, Va

I took the opportunity to write this article to go back in time a bit myself. As a young Extension Agent housed in Wythe County, I journeyed out to Richdale Dairy Farm many times over the course of my early start as the Dairy Agent for Southwestern Virginia. Going back down Richdale Road, I was struck with how a few years can make a huge difference in the physical features of a farm. I was thrilled to see new houses (owned by young farmers!) and new barns had been erected over the 11 years since I served the county.

When I was Dairy Agent, one of my favorite things to do was to write human interest pieces on the dairy producers of the area, so when I was contacted to do an article on the Crowgey family, it was a blessed return to a time gone by.... on many levels. When I arrived at the farm, I was greeted by Eric and his son Aaron who were busy picking fresh sweet corn for the Farmer's Market. After explaining why I was there, I ran across another sign that times had changed; Aaron told me that most of the information I was seeking was neatly packaged on their farm's Facebook page. Yep, the modern age was staring an old Extension Agent in the face (or Facebook in this instance!)

The following is the Richdale story taken from Facebook and the personal story of Leonard Joe Crowgey Sr. that he penned to be

included in the booklet serving as the program for the Virginia Holstein Field Day held at the farm on Saturday, August 8, 1953.

Richdale Farm is located in Wytheville, VA and was founded by Henry John Crowgey from Cornwall England, in November 1876, when he purchased 253 acres. It was operated as a general livestock and home to 9 brothers. In the fall of 1929, Leonard J. Crowgey, one of the nine brothers, purchased Mr. Harold Searles herd of 21 registered Holstein cows from Wisconsin. According to L. Joe Crowgey Sr., in the summer of 1920, he was working as a milk tester during summer vacation at Grahamholm Farm in Rochester, Minnesota where Mr. Searles was the manager. Mr. Searles had developed his herd from the Grahamholm stock. Among the animals purchased was a bull, Grahamholm Piebe Charmette King.

Beginning as a seller of manufactured grade milk, Joe Sr. soon began shipping grade A milk into the West Virginia market, a market he continued to service at the time of the 1953 Field Day. At the time he leased the farm from his parents and continued in that pathway until his parents' death. The estate was settled and Joe, Sr. bought the farm at public auction in 1942. The herd was sold down in 1942 to put a down payment on the farm and again in 1947 to purchase additional land. This began a trend of annual sales of animals and each year a considerable number of animals, both bulls and females were sold, many to Virginia State Sales.



Joe Sr. wrote, "these cattle have gone to Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee as well as into most every section of Virginia. Our bulls have been used in Artificial Breeding Associations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina."

"In the early development of the herd," Joe, Sr. continued, "our first bull Grahamholm Piebe Charmette King was developed into one of the early DHIA proved bulls in the State to have daughters average above 400 pounds of fat. IN 1936 the herd was composed mostly of his daughters and granddaughters. We sold him to Curles Neck Farm in Richmond. Later we bought him back and used him again in the herd."

Other bulls soon followed. Ormsby Sensation Lad Colantha, a son of Ormsby Sensation 54th out of a daughter of "Old Piebe." Joe, Sr. noted that while this bull's daughters did not average as high, his sired some of the "best cows we had" including the state record cow for milk and fat, Lady Segis Colantha Sensation. She was a cow far ahead of her time as she made 25, 633 pounds of milk and 923 pounds of fat! Joe, Sr. noted that a Beltsville bull was also used and while his daughters averaged 419 pounds of fat, they were not as well made and thus were not as desired as daughters of other bulls.

Richdale was also breeding and using some of their own bulls including one from the "Wisconsin Pinky" family. Joe, Sr. had been looking for a herd sire when he was advised by Mr. Glen Householder to get a son of Wisconsin Admiral Burke Lad. He purchased Weber Admiral Burke Fobes from Utah Industrial School, in Ogden Utah as a calf. This calf was out of Weber Pinky Rosalind, a good producing cow with "quite a show record. She had an exceptionally good udder," recalled Joe, Sr.

Burke proved to be a gold strike...literally. The bull fit into the herd perfectly and by 1953, all but three animals traced their roots back to him. The bull met the requirements for a Gold Medal Sire of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America and one of his sons that was used at VPI (now Virginia Tech) was a Silver Medal Production Sire. "Unfortunately," Joe Sr. wrote, "we sold many daughters of the Burke bull before we knew how great a

bull he was!"

Ancestors of the bull and the females of Richdale Farm found their way around the state, three of which were owned jointly by Hollins College and Mr. Harold Craun. One of those bulls was a son of the top selling animal at the 1953 National Holstein Sale.

Back at the home farm, in 1952, thirty-two cows were in the milking herd averaging 13,349 pounds of milk and 527 pounds of fat. Thirteen cows in the herd were Excellent or Very Good. In 1956, L. Joe Crowgey, Jr. returned to the farm after 4 years in the United States Air Force and 4 years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He saw to the steady expansion of the herd with the introduction of TMR in the mid 1970's. He also served as one of the founding members of Virginia Genetics.

In 1969, L. Joe Jr. and his wife Jane acquired the farm from Joe Sr.'s estate. At that point the farm reached its 500-acre present size. In June of 1982, Eric returned to the farm after graduating from 4 years at Virginia Tech, where he met his wife Lisa. The registered herd continued to grow to 150 dairy cows and added 60 acres of additional rented land. With the conventional dairy business in a gradual decline, they added pumpkins in 1999, a flock of Katahdin Hair Sheep in 2004, and sweet corn in 2008.

More "super cows" followed in the 1980s. LJC Noble Conductor Mars, bred by the Crowgeys and owned by Cardinal Holsteins was purchased by Bayville Holsteins. Noble is listed among Virginia Holsteins "Cows of the Century."

The Crowgeys continued in the registered Holstein business until 2006, when the herd was sold to a registered breeder in Florida. The Seasonal Grazing Dairy was hatched when Aaron wanted to return to the farm after graduating from The University of Tennessee in 2009. Ideas became reality when they purchased 80 Jersey Holstein Crossbred heifers in the spring of 2009 and a new dairy barn was completed in April 2010. Currently the Crowgeys milk 112 Jersey cross cows and have 400 Katahdin Ewes plus lambs, 15 head of beef cows, 12 acres of pumpkins, fall produce and 1 acre of sweet corn.

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## Holsteins and a Beatle

By Dale Gardner

It was an "out of the blue call," totally unexpected and the kind of call that would have been easy to dismiss. It was ten o'clock on a fall night in 1978 and an attorney from Lexington, Virginia had just called to inquire if the Rocby Holsteins herd was for sale.

Initially we dismissed the whole idea of selling our herd as ludicrous; it was one thing to sell a few animals to a registered breeder but to sell an entire herd, especially to a lawyer we had never heard of, was an entirely different matter. The sale of the herd would effectively put us out of the dairy business and, at the time, that seemed out of the question. Despite our skepticism and reluctance, and after a lot of back-and-forth, we decided it wouldn't cost anything to at least explore this seemingly bizarre opportunity. So, we seriously started the process and from there things became even more bizarre.

We eventually came to terms and agreed to a deal to sell the Rocby herd. It was obvious at this point that the lawyer was just an agent for an undisclosed buyer but we had no idea who the buyer was. It was not until a family Christmas dinner that dad came in and announced we had just sold our herd to John and

Yoko Lennon. It was surreal, exciting, and to say we were in total shock would be an understatement. Right place, right time, part



*John and Yoko Lennon*

luck with a mix of reputation; whatever it was changed things for us from that point forward.

Dad went to New York City and met with Yoko Lennon in Manhattan at the Dakota East Building where she, John and their son lived on the entire 6th floor of the building. Dad never met John Lennon because on that day John and his son happened to be in Central Park on an outing. I remember dad making the comment when he returned from New York that Yoko did not look as good as she looked in the photos, and if you recall, her photos were not that flattering. The spring of the next year, I believe it was March, John was gunned down outside of his building by a crazed fan, John Hinckley.

After news of the sale, the national media picked up the story and dad was invited to go on Good Morning America to discuss the deal. Good Morning America also requested he wear bib overalls to look like a “real farmer.” Due to a non-disclosure agreement he declined the invitation, but I seriously doubt he would have worn bib overalls had he appeared on the show.

A few other interesting tidbits:

On one occasion a stranger walked up to dad and called him a communist because we had sold our cows to John Lennon. John Lennon maybe/probably was a Marxist [a very rich one] but he paid in American dollars.

One morning my wife, Joan, heard a knock on our door and found a stranger asking her to please take a letter to John Lennon. He stated he knew John and that John would want to get in touch with him. Needless to say, she did not take the letter from him. There were also several phone calls from people convinced that we had access to John Lennon; one from a songwriter who wanted John to sing his songs.

Although we sold the herd, we continued to milk and manage the herd for several years afterward and we never had to go out of business. To this day, it's still hard to believe something of this nature would happen to a small registered Holstein farm in Bridgewater, Virginia. What at first appeared to be an off-the-wall absurd offer turned out to be a life-changing event. The lesson learned from this event: Always be prepared for opportunity, and be ready to take advantage when it presents itself because the window of opportunity can quickly close.

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## Memories from Ellen Blose

By Ellen R. Blose

I grew up on a farm in Rockingham County and although we were a turkey, beef cow farm, we had the proverbial “milk cow” to provide milk for the household. As I became of age, so to speak, it was my chore to milk the cow twice a day—summer, dark winter mornings, rain, snow, it didn't matter, the cow got milked.

I remember swearing to myself, as I squatted under that cow and got a tail full, of whatever she had accumulated on it in the night, right across my face, that I would never marry a farmer, and especially not a dairy farmer. Well, you know how that promise to myself worked out! To say that Bill was passionate about what he did is an understatement. Majoring in Dairy Science at VA Tech, coming back to the farm upon graduation and buying the farm after his father died sent us swirling into a life style of cows and kids and into the companionship of some of the greatest people in the world—the Virginia dairymen from all over the state.



*The Blose Family, 1983*

Black and White shows, National Holstein Conventions, the Virginia Holstein Association, were our social circles. Vacations were planned around Holstein happenings, our girls bought and sold cattle and built up some college funds, and it is safe to say that the black and white cow never let us down for the life she provided us.

Some of our girls' greatest moments were spent with their Dad in the milking parlor. I always tell other people, who were not as privileged, that a little cow manure provided much in the way of character building, and water battles with their Dad were a baptism of love and companionship.

On this 100th anniversary of the Virginia Holstein Association, I want to say thank you to all the dairymen who have kept alive the ideals of excellence in the dairy industry, for being symbolic of good animal practices in the face of criticism by people who have never tended a farm animal, and to be the face of wholesome living in a world that is threatening and shaky. It all begins with that Black and White cow!

*Ellen Blose, her late husband Bill and their seven daughters owned and operated Midrock Holsteins Dairy Farm located east of Harrisonburg, Virginia.*

*Ellen stills live on their farm where she spends her days enjoying her family, her church, and writing blogs called “Good Stuff” on Facebook. As a very gifted writer, Ellen has authored several books on her life growing up in rural Rockingham County, Virginia.*

# VA National DJM's - Where Are They Now?

By Lois R Skeen

**Davey Hardesty (2015)** is currently a junior at Bridgewater College. He is majoring in Biology and plans to become a veterinarian. He plays linebacker on the football team and was one of three players to be named to the 2015 CoSIDA Conference All-District Academic team. Davey is the son of David and Debbie Hardesty of Harvue Farms in Berryville, and you can find him at work there on school breaks.

**Hayley Potts (2013)** graduated from Virginia Tech in Food Science and is now a graduate student there. Hayley is doing research on packaging alternatives for dairy products, and will be earning her Masters Degree in 2016. Hayley was a member of Virginia Tech's Dairy Club, and served as President and Milky Way Editor. Hayley's parents are Mike and Nancy Potts of Dogwood Farm in Purcellville.

**Christopher Potts (2011)** is an alumnus of Virginia Tech Dairy Science where he served as President of the Dairy Club. Chris married fellow Dairy Science student Sarah Burczynski in 2014. They live in Purcellville where Chris works alongside his parents at Dogwood Farm. The herd has a BAA of 110% on 75 cows. Chris is a member of the Virginia Holstein Association Board of Directors and currently serves on the Executive Committee.

**Katherine McComb (Swift) (1990)** obtained her Dairy Science degree from Virginia Tech and her DVM from Ohio State University. She has been an independent dairy cattle veterinarian in Florida since 1997, serving large dairy herds such as North Florida Holsteins. Kathy and her husband Bill are the parents of three young sons. Kathy combined her interests of agriculture and art by starting a jewelry making business in 2007 called Cow Art and More. She designed an original commemorative charm for the Virginia National Holstein Convention. Kathy is the daughter of Carol and the late Bob McComb of Grassmoor Farm in Purcellville. Her two sisters Karen and Kristy were National DJM Semifinalists.

**Allen McClure (1982)** and his wife, Carolee, live in Hobart, NY, where they are in partnership with Carolee's parents in Pineyvale Holsteins. The winds of Hurricane Sandy destroyed the older buildings at the farm, so the herd was dispersed in 2012. The McClures are again milking cows, downsized to 25 head to fit the one barn that survived the storm. The herd has a BAA of 110.8% and SCC of just 39,000. They plan to rebuild and expand to 50 cows. Allen was an official Classifier for the Holstein Association for ten years, until 2005. They have two young sons and are active in their local church. Allen says they are avid readers of the Southeastern Holstein News and would like to thank the people in the southeast area "that have had such an impact on our lives".

The next four recipients were recognized as National Holstein Boy. The award was presented to one boy and one girl each year on the national level on the basis of their submitted record book and the dairy work reflected in it. The contest was changed to Distinguished Junior Member between Fletcher's award and McClure's.

**Charles Thomas Fletcher (1971)** Tommy Fletcher grew up on a dairy farm (Lyndora prefix) near the current location of Dulles Airport. His mother was a 4-H Leader and Bill Harrison was his Dairy Extension Agent. Tommy was very active in 4-H, as was his whole

family. The dairy herd was sold in the 1970s. Tommy worked as a dispatcher for the Town of Herndon until he retired recently.

**J. Dwight Peck (1964)** and his wife, Joan, now reside in Phoenix, Arizona. Dwight grew up in the Herndon area where Dulles airport eventually claimed part of their farmland. Dwight's father moved the Bonnyside herd to Spotsylvania in 1968, just after Dwight graduated from Virginia Tech. Dwight served on the Board of Directors and was elected President of Virginia Holstein Association as a relatively young man. In the late 1980s the herd was sold to Marlin Hoff. Bonnyside Elevation Tip became quite a brood cow in the Coldsprings herd. Dwight entered the real estate business, and in 2008 Dwight and Joan made the move to Arizona to be near their three grown sons and their families.

**William H. Harrison (1957)** After graduating from Virginia Tech, Bill Harrison farmed for a couple years in Loudoun county before becoming the Loudoun Extension Dairy Agent, a position he held for nearly 30 years. At one time there were about 140 Grade A dairies in Loudoun county. Bill's father sold the home farm in 1960. Bill worked in partnership with the new owner and continued to own cows at the farm. The best known may be Brookfield Elevation Pretty, EX 94, chosen as a Virginia "Cow of the Century." Bill was a member of Virginia Genetics, a breeders group that Bill reports proved over 50 bulls in 20 years. Bill still owns a few head of cattle. At 77 years old, he and his wife Polly remain very active and are avid skiers.

**Ben Middleton (1953)** grew up in Herndon, and was a neighbor to Bill Harrison and Dwight Peck's family. He was a class-mate and in 4-H with Margie Ann Dick, who provided the information given here. Ben and his father, "Dutch," farmed there with his uncle, John. In 1964 Dutch and Ben moved their herd to Penhook, doing business as Horse Pen Hill Farm, and farmed there for the next 25 years. There Ben and his wife Betty raised their son, William, and daughter, Vicki. They hosted the Virginia Field Day there in the '60s. Eventually the herd was dispersed, and in 1997 the farm was sold to another registered Holstein breeder when James and Jennifer Cook moved their Jareco herd there. Ben Middleton passed away in 2014.

**Margie Ann Dick** also was recognized with a national Holstein achievement. She won the National Holstein Girl Champion Production Record Keeping Contest in 1956. Margie and her late husband Albin raised their daughter and son on Margie Ann's home dairy farm. They also hauled cattle together for many years. Margie Ann served as Secretary/Treasurer of Virginia Holstein Association for 35 years and attended at least 30 National Conventions. She is also involved in other agriculture organizations in Virginia, including serving on the Fauquier County Fair Board, and as Co-Superintendent of the Virginia State Fair dairy show. She now lives next to her daughter Patty Leonard and her husband Jeff and helps with their Cows-N-Corn enterprise.

It is interesting to note that, with the exception of Allen McClure, all of the winners listed above grew up in the three neighboring counties of Clarke, Loudoun, and Fairfax counties. Today there are only three farms with active Holstein members in the three counties combined. However, it is clear that those that remain are true to their Holstein heritage and remain at the heart of Virginia's Registered Holstein industry.



# David & Debbie Hardesty ~ 2016 Holstein USA Elite Breeder

By Holstein Association USA, Inc. - Brattleboro, Vt. (July 5, 2016)

Holstein Association USA was pleased to honor several Registered Holstein® breeders and stand-out leaders in the industry with their coveted Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder, Elite Breeder and Distinguished Leadership Awards. They unveiled these recipients at their annual National Holstein Convention Awards Banquet on July 1 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The 2016 Elite Breeder award recipient was David & Debbie Hardesty of Harvue Farms in Berryville, Va. Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, the Hardesty family is truly defining balanced breeding with a philosophy that has been grounded in balancing type and production.

Family has always come first at Harvue and the enthusiasm for Registered Holsteins began with David's grandfather, John O. Hardesty, and his father, Jack Hardesty. Jack passed that enthusiasm and dedication to developing great genetics to David, a passion grew through the years and drove him to take an active role in herd management while pursuing a Dairy Science degree at Virginia Tech. In 1982, David returned to the family farm to follow in his father's footsteps.

Today, David and his wife, Debbie, and their family are carrying on that tradition and taking their herd to the next level. Other family members involved with the Harvue success include their son, Matt and his wife, Ashley and their son, James (4 months); their son Dan and his wife, Mary, and their two children, Henry (5) and Heidi (3); their daughter, Leslie and her husband, Cody, and their youngest son, Davey.

Over 400 Excellent cows have carried the Harvue prefix and eighteen cows with over 300,000 pounds of lifetime production have



2016 Holstein USA Elite Breeder Award Winners Debbie and David Hardesty (center) with CEO John Meyer (left) and President Gordie Cook (right)

either been bred or developed by the herd. The rolling herd average on 365 cows is 27,149 pounds of milk and following the most recent classification, the herd was home to 96 Excellent cows, 191 scored Very Good, and 75 Good Plus cows. The Harvue prefix is also well known for their show winning genetics, with the most notable of their show winners being the two-time Supreme Champion at World Dairy Expo, Harvue Roy Frosty 3E-97.

David and Debbie and their family are committed to the Holstein and dairy communities. They have both served on the Virginia Holstein Association board of directors, both have been president of that association and were delegates to the National Holstein Convention. They are also 4-H leaders, who have provided calves for training and hours of encouragement to youth.

## DIRECTORY OF VA HOLSTEIN OFFICERS, LEADERS & AWARDS

### Founding Father Award

Presented at the 1980 Field Day

*Recipients:*

Howard Sprague	A. K. Hardy
Margaret Myers Adams	Frank Walker, Jr.
E. Theo Haberland	Charles Miller
Paul Craun	John Hunt
Joe Dillion	L.B. ( Buddy ) Trigg
J.E. Goode	W. L. Dickenson
Ned and Florence Sutphin	W.H. (Buddy) Hill



Founding Father Award (L-R): Front - W.L. Dickenson, Howard D. Sprague, Margaret Myers (Adams), Florence Sutphin, Frank Walker, Jr.  
Back - E.Theo Haberland, Ned Sutphin, Paul Craun, John(Jack) Hunt

## Trailblazer Award

**Presented and sponsored by  
George Miller 1998-2004**

John M. Willis  
Virginia Artificial Breeders Association  
William B. Blalock  
William H. Harrison  
Paul Smith  
Dr. James Nichols

## Lifetime Membership

Prof. Paul Reaves  
Harold Craun  
Leonard J. Crowgey  
Dr. W.B. Blanton Jr.  
George Miller  
Margaret Myers Adam  
Margie Ann Dick

## Presidents

*Presidents of the Virginia Holstein  
Association and their farm prefix:*

Frank S. Walker, Rosni  
C. Nelson Beck  
George T. Carr  
J. Owen Beard  
Leonard J. Crowgey, LJC  
John M. Willis, Rotherwood  
Harold W. Craun, Wipledale  
J.C. Eller, Kenlyn  
Charles F. Moyer, Jr., Oakmulgee  
William H. Logan, Shenva

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr. Cumva  
Jimmy N. Eustace, Willowlyn  
Nelson S. Gardner, Rocby  
Dwight Peck, Bonnyside  
Hershel Gardner, Garlee  
William R.(Billy) Kingery, Kinvale  
John D. (Jack) Hardesty, Harvue  
W.E. (Bill) Blalock, Park Forest  
Edward B. Titmus, Whippernock  
Joseph A. Houck, Alvere  
Daniel J. Myers, Walkup  
Larkin D. Moyer, Oakmulgee

Charles N. (Chuck) Miller  
John David (Dave) Barns Jr., Barns  
Robert Pemberton, Pemred  
Larry Timbrook  
Barbara R. Wagner, Rilara  
David Hardesty, Harvue  
James Cook, Jareco  
Jimmy Kerr, Ameva  
Matt Nuckols, Eastview  
Lois R. Skeen, Remrose  
Debra S. Hardesty, Harvue  
Matt Nuckols, Eastview

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## Secretaries

*Secretaries of the Virginia Holstein Association:*

R. V. Martindale, Sweet Briar,VA 1916-  
Harvey M. Crabill, Miniborya Farm, Richmond, VA 1931  
Robert P. Keithley, Roanoke, VA 1932  
Paul M. Reaves, V.P.I., Blacksburg, VA 1933-1945  
Harold W. Craun, Wipledale Farm, Roanoke, VA 1946-1952  
L. Aubrey Drewry, Leatherwood Farm, Bluefield, VA 1953-1955  
John M. Willis, Cleveland Farm, Culpeper, VA 1956-1957

I. Fred Stine, Fort Collier Farm, Winchester, VA 1958-1969  
John (Jack) Hunt, Locust Glen Farm, Culpeper, VA 1970-1973  
Walter V. McClure, Sr., Windswept Farm, Ferrum, VA 1974-1976  
Daniel J. Myers, Walkup Holsteins, Harrisonburg, VA 1977-1978  
Margie Ann Dick, Flatlick, Warrenton, VA 1979-2013  
Rebecca Daubert, STOX Dairy, Dayton, VA 2014-

# Virginia Holstein Meritorious Service Award

## Virginia Holstein Meritorious Service Award Recipients:

1965 George A. Miller  
 1966 Frank Walker, Sr.\*  
 1967 Leonard J. Crowgey\*  
 1968 Professor Paul. M. Reaves\*  
 1969 Frank W. McComb\*  
 1970 I. Fred Stine \*  
 1971 Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr.\*  
 1972 J.W. (Wag) Eustace\*  
 1973 Harold W. Craun\*  
 1974 W.A. (Zan ) Stuart, Jr.\*  
 1975 Grayson Bowers\*  
 1976 John Middleton \*  
 1977 William N. Patterson\*  
 1978 Ronald A. Hope\*  
 1979 Ralph Fields,Sr.\*  
 1980 William H. Logan, Sr.\*  
 1981 Dr. William Etgen\*  
 1982 Dr. John White\*  
 1983 John A. (Jack) Hunt\*  
 1984 Hershel H. Gardner\*  
 1985 E. Theo Haberland\*  
 1986 Margaret M. Adams\*  
 1987 L. (Buddy) Trigg\*  
 1988 Margie Ann Dick  
 1989 J. Dennis Ownby\*  
 1990 Nelson S. Gardner\*  
 1991 Charles F. Moyer, Jr.\*  
 ^1992 Edgar Tillett\*  
 ^1992 William H. (Buddy) Hill\*  
 1993 Daniel J. Myers  
 1994 James L. Tait\*  
 1995 John D. (Jack) Hardesty\*  
 1996 Riley and Barbara Wagner  
 1997 Jimmy N. Eustace  
 1998 Charles N. (Chuck) Miller  
 1999 Carol and Robert\* McComb  
 2000 George Edgerton\*  
 2001 Walter V. McClure, Sr.

2002 Joseph A. Houck  
 2003 Jerry Swisher  
 2004 Edward B. Titmus  
 2005 Roland and Katy Roudabush  
 2006 W. E. (Bill) Blalock  
 2007 Lois R. Skeen  
 2008 John L. Miller  
 2009 Richard P. Harris  
 2010 J. David Barns  
 2011 James Cook  
 2011 Barbara Clary\*  
 2012 Robert Pemberton III  
 2013 Jimmy and Donna Kerr  
 2014 The Dick and Leonard Family  
 2015 Jeff and Phyllis Meador  
 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Deceased

^ In 1992 the Va. Holstein Association had 2 meetings, one in January with the VSDA and then again in November when they began having their annual meetings separately.

## Sponsors of this award:

1965 – 1973 W.A. (Zan) Stuart, Stuart Land and Cattle Co.  
 1974—1994 Theo (Ted) Haberland, Foxlease Farm Trophy  
 1995—2001 George and Pippin Miller, Round Oak- Select Trophy  
 2002—2016 Riley and Barbara Wagner, Rilara Holsteins Trophy



George Edgerton, 2000 Award Recipient, with Presentor Riley Wagner



# Virginia Holstein Young Breeder Award

David and Debbie Hardesty, Harvue Farm  
Bernard and Melinda Koogler, Spring Run Farm  
Samuel Lee and Dale Heizer, Jr., Heiz Acres  
Teresa and Donnie Callender, Walkup Holsteins

Jeff and Patty Leonard, Ja-Pal Holsteins (2002)  
Ed Brooking, Early Dawn Dairy (2003)  
Loren and Kendra Rhodes, Ole-VA Holsteins (2005)  
Seth and Ruth Jamison, Rocky Mount, VA (2015)

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## National Distinguished Junior Members

### Virginia National Distinguished Junior Member Finalist:

1953 Ben Middleton, Herndon, VA  
1957 William H. Harrison, Herndon, VA  
1964 J. Dwight Peck, Herndon, VA  
1971 Charles Thomas Fletcher, Ashburn, VA  
1982 Allen L. McClure, Ferrum, VA  
1990 Katherine McComb, Purcellville, VA  
2011 Christopher Potts, Purcellville, VA  
2013 Hayley Potts, Purcellville, VA  
2015 David Hardesty, Jr., Berryville, VA



*David Hardesty, Jr., 2011 YDJM,  
2015 DJM & National Women's Scholarship Winner*



*Hayley Potts, 2009 YDJM, 2013 DJM*

### Virginia National Distinguished Junior Member Semifinalist:

1984 Jeffrey Wagner, Bridgewater, VA  
1995 Karen McComb, Purcellville, VA  
2000 Kristina McComb, Purcellville, VA

### Virginia National Young Distinguished Junior Member Finalist:

2006 Christopher Potts, Purcellville, VA  
2009 Hayley Potts, Purcellville, VA  
2011 David Hardesty, Jr, Berryville, VA  
2013 Cole Leonard, Spottswood, VA  
2015 Isabelle Leonard, Spottswood, VA

# Holstein Duchess

1977----Susan Potts  
 1978----Rosanne Koontz  
 1979----Terry Williams (Elgin)  
 1980----Patti Dick (Leonard)  
 1981----Amy Milton  
 1982----Teresa Myers (Callender)

The Junior Duchess was added:

1983----Amy Wagner (Herman)	Jr. Duchess Barbara Janney
1984----Lacie Hazelgrove (Womack)	Jr. Duchess Patti Roudabush (Craun)
1985----Beth Grove (Foster)	Jr. Duchess Kathy McComb (Swift)
1986----Glenda Hazelgrove	Jr. Duchess Brandie McDonald*
1987----Patti Roudabush (Craun)	Jr. Duchess Katherine Janney



*Dairy Duchess Patti Roudabush (Craun) and Jr Duchess Katherine Janney riding into the Holstein Futurity*

1989-----The program is conducted by the Virginia State Dairyman Association and the named is changed to "Virginia Dairy Princess"

1999----The program adds the "Dairy Maids"

\*Deceased

( ) Married name

## Junior Association Timeline

Outline of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association:

1976— Juniors and advisors meet and elect their first officers  
 1977— Started the Virginia Holstein Duchess Contest  
 1979— Sent a large delegation to the National Holstein Convention in Denver, Colorado  
 1988— Had the winning Dairy Bowl Team at the National Holstein Convention in San Diego , California  
     Teams members were Kathy McComb, Brandie McDonald, Brent Eaton, and Chris Vest  
 2000 – Virginia Juniors give "Birth" to Penny, the Cow, as a contest called " Penny Wars" at the  
     National Holstein Convention in Columbus, Ohio  
 2000 – Junior Advisors took the Dairy Jeopardy Contest to the National Level  
 2005— Hayley Potts won the National Junior Jeopardy Contest  
 2011— Juniors host the National Junior Holstein Convention in Richmond, Va.



*At left: 1988 Winning Senior Dairy Bowl Team - Brent Eaton, Kathy McComb, Brandi McDonald, Karen McComb (alternate) and Chris Vest*



*At right: 1980 Junior Advisors - Brad Douglas, Rhoda Johnston, Bill Harrison*

# VHA Show and Sale Chairmen

## Sale Chairman (Name and years served)

Bill Blose	5 years
Charles (Butch) Street III	7 1/2 years
Edward Titmus	1 year
Dale Gardner	6 1/2 years
Riley Wagner	11 years
David Barns	8 years
Margie Ann Dick	1 year
Randall Inman	6 years

## Show Chairman (Name and years served)

Jimmie N Eustace	4 years
J Dwight Peck	4 years
William H Hill, Jr.	1 year
Dennis Remsburg	3 years
Larkin Moyer	3 years
James Tait	13 years
Ron Roudabush	23 years

# Summer Show Grand Champions

Year	Cow	Owner	Address
1978	WALKUP ASTRONAUT LOU ANN	TERESA MYERS	HARRISONBURG, VA
1979	WALKUP ASTRONAUT LOU ANN	TERESA MYERS	HARRISONBURG, VA
1980	WALKUP ASTRONAUT LOU ANN	TERESA MYERS	HARRISONBURG, VA
1981	HICKORY GREEN WILL SHINE	HICKORY GREEN FARM	WHITE POST, VA
1982	HICKORY GREEN RORAE JESSIE	HICKORY GREEN FARM	WHITE POST, VA
1983	HICKORY GREEN LLYNN CONDUCTOR	HICKORY GREEN FARM	WHITE POST, VA
1984	MARLU ELEVATION ESTHER	KEN-WAN FARMS	STANLEY, VA
1985	BURNLEY CHIEF B M USHER	KEN-WAN FARMS	STANLEY, VA
1986	KENTS RESERVE VALIANT LASSY	BAYVILLE HOLSTEINS	VA BEACH, VA
1987	SHEY-LAND T. DAISY	BAYVILLE HOLSTEINS	VA BEACH, VA
1988	C ROSE CERTOSA VIOLA	KATHERINE E MCCOMB	PURCELLVILLE, VA
1989	NEODAK FALCON DEBRA	NEODAK FARM	CHURCHVILLE, VA
1990	GLORYLAND TEMPTING VERONICA	BRANDIE MCDONALD	MIDDLETOWN, VA
1991	KEN-WAN -VA ELOQUENT ELLA-ET	KEN-WAN FARMS	STANLEY, VA
1992	IANNIDALE MARVELOUS RENN	HEIZ ACRES	MIDDLEBROOK, VA
1993	HARVUE PHIL HATTIE	HARVUE FARMS	BERRYVILLE, VA
1994	C MAPLE ARCH JETHRO PATCHES	C BERNIE FRYE	WOODSTOCK, VA
1995	GEM-HILL MARY ROYAL	HICKORY GREEN FARM	WHITE POST, VA
1996	HEIZ ACRES SKYBUCK PEEBLES	HEIZ ACRES	MIDDLEBROOK, VA
1997	C BRODMAPLE MARERICK RETA-TW	C BERNIE FRYE	WOODSTOCK, VA
1998	HARVUE CHESAPEAKE RAVEN	HARVUE FARMS	BBERRYVILLE, VA
1999	POTTSDALE LOGIC ROXANN TW	DOGWOOD FARM	PURCELLVILLE, VA
2000	HARVUE CHESAPEAKE RAVEN	HARVUE FARMS	BERRYVILLE, VA
2001	POTTSDALE JOLT TANGO	DOGWOOD FARM	PURCELLVILLE, VA
2002	HARVUE EMORY ROSA	HARVUE FARMS	BERRYVILLE, VA
2003	HARVUE EMORY ROSA	HARVUE FARMS	BERRYVILLE, VA
2004	POTTSDALE FLIP KAMILLE	DOGWOOD FARM	PURCELLVILLE, VA
2005	GLORYLAND LIBERTY RAE	LIBERTY RAE ASSOCIATES	GROTTOES, VA
2006	GLORYLAND LIBERTY RAE	LIBERTY RAE ASSOCIATES	GROTTOES, VA
2007	HEIZ-ACRES OUTIDE VERMONT	LINDSEY HEIZER	MIDDLEBROOK, VA
2008	TWIN-GLO HONEY MANGIFICO	KEN-WAN FARMS	STANLEY, VA
2009	HARVUE GIBSON LOLA	HARVUE FARMS	BERRYVILLE, VA
2010	HARVUE ASPEN SASHA	DAVEY HARDESTY	BERRYVILLE, VA
2011	GREENLEA MINDY-RED	HUNTER MCCRAY	GROTTOES, VA
2012	MER-GOLD JET MONTANA	JANNEY/RHODERICK	STAUNTON, VA
2013	MDF GOLDWYN BREEZIER 39-ET	JANNEY/GOLDENBERG	STAUNTON, VA
2014	HARVUE ATWOOD EMILY ANN	MATT HARDESTY	BERRYVILLE, VA
2015	WALKUP BLITZ TRISHA	KELLY CALENDAR	HARRISONBURG, VA
2016	HARVUE SHOTTLE EMMA-ET	MATT HARDESTY	BERRYVILLE, VA



# Virginia Holstein Association Timeline

The Virginia Holstein Association-----Timeline:

1916---Virginia Holstein-Friesian Club was organized on February 10, 1916 in Harrisonburg, Virginia

1924---Virginia host the National Holstein Convention in Richmond, Va.

1952---Virginia host the 67th National Holstein Convention in Roanoke, Va.

1955-56— Became Virginia Holstein Breeders Association and was granted a Charter of Incorporation and the named was changed

1960---Virginia was decided into 10 district clubs, each having its own Black & White show, twilight meeting and officers

1961---Virginia joined with North Carolina to publish the North Carolina/Virginia Holstein News

1962---Virginia host the 77th National Holstein Convention in Roanoke, VA.

1965 --- The Meritorious Service Award was added to recognize outstanding leadership in the association

1966---Virginia Holstein Breeders Association Celebrated it's Golden Anniversary

1969---Became Virginia Holstein Association Incorporated with new by-laws written, Amended in 1978,1999,2002,2004, 2015.

1972---The NC/Va Holstein News became the Southeastern Holstein News

1973---The Virginia Twilight Sale name was changed to The Virginia Sale of Stars

1976--- The first Spring Sale was held

1976---The Virginia Junior Association was officially organized

1983---Virginia host the 98th National Holstein Convention in Norfolk, Virginia

1991---Virginia Holstein Assoc. Inc. Celebrates its Seventy-fifth Anniversary

1998---The Silver Anniversary of the Virginia Sales of Stars

2006---Virginia bred" Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation" is named Bull of the Century and a highway marker is dedicated in his honor (shown right)

2011---Virginia Host the 126th National Holstein Convention in Richmond, VA

2016---Virginia Holstein Association Inc. Celebrates 100 years



## National Conventions In Virginia

National Holstein Conventions and National Convention Sales in Virginia



1924----	Richmond	Chairman of the Convention----	Frank S. Walker
		Chairman of the Sale -----	W.L. Kirby
		Sale Average on 148 head	\$260
1952----	Roanoke	Chairman of the Convention----	R. G. Connelly
		Chairman of the Sale----	Paul M. Reaves
		Sale Average on 90 head	\$1301
1962----	Roanoke	Chairman of the Convention----	Harold W. Craun
		Chairman of the Sale ----	George A. Miller
		Sale average on 75 head	\$1018
1983----	Norfolk	Chairman of the Convention----	Hershel Gardner
		Chairman of the Sale	Walter V. McClure Sr.
		Sale average on 127 head	\$17,861
2011----	Richmond	Co-Chairman of the Convention:	Barbara Clary and James Cook
		Chairman of the Sale----	Riley F. Wagner
		Sale Average on 105 head	\$14,810



## Friendships

*As the celebration of the Virginia Holstein Association's 100th Anniversary draws to a close may I say "Thank you" for allowing me to renew old friendships through phone calls, emails, planning sessions or requests of help with a particular project.*

*I truly hope that you have enjoyed reading the stories, histories and memorabilia in all of the publications throughout the year. We had a marvelous day at Harvue for the field day with so many "old friends" returning to the share the day. The Sale of Stars proved that the Virginia Holstein Association's Cows of the Century took center stage with many of the pedigrees showing the depth of Virginia breeding. Watching the Summer Show with most everyone wearing the anniversary shirts displayed a unity in our organization. The summer anniversary events were top notch and each committee set the standards high. Well done to each of you!*

*Belonging to the Virginia Holstein Association has brought many friendships that we would not have had without the sales, shows, conventions, twilight meetings and most of all the dairymen themselves. "Friendship and Holsteins" has been a slogan of the Virginia Holstein Association for many years. So, pardon me for getting personal as I relate some of our experiences of Friendship and Holsteins. Hopefully this will bring back memories of your experiences just because of that one Holstein cow/calf that was consigned to a sale.*

*During the height of the Elevation and his popularity a group of Virginia Dairymen sent a truck load of Elevation daughters and a few other well-bred animals to the California Galaxie Sale. One of those was a calf sired by Elevation from a little known breeder at that time- Rilara Holsteins. She did not make the headlines because others far out sold her price. However a friendship developed over a period of years between the VanVliets in California and the Wagners. Visits were exchanged from California to Virginia to Texas. Was it the now famous cow (Gr-Dam of Laban) that that calf had become or was it the friendship that had developed between the individuals involved? Many friends were made as a result of that sale consignment.*

*While on a tour with Select Sires to California, we were introduced to a young couple, Andy and Jean. We were welcomed into their home and once again a friendship developed. Each year at the National Holstein Conventions, we would meet and catch-up on their cows and most importantly their children. As years passed we were at the convention to share in their daughter Patti being named Distinguished Junior Member. And now many of you would recognize her name –Patti Hurtgen.*

*This true story was related to us when we attended the National Holstein Convention in California in 2009. Lloyd Vierra (Select Sires) had a niece who was thinking of applying to Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia and the question was asked "Where is Bridgewater, Virginia"? Lloyd responded, "I know, I've been there! His niece's family replied," We don't know anyone there". Lloyd responded again with "I do. My friends the Wagners live there". Friendship—all because of the Holstein cow!*

*Many times through the years hauling cows to sales was a joint venture especially the Southeastern Show Window Sale. Farmers took turns each year hauling to the sale. One of those trips included a bred heifer by the name of Ravena. She opened a lot of doors of friendship for Rilara Holsteins. The Johnson Family in North Carolina and Rainey Family in Georgia remain dear friends to us to this day. We can only smile as Supersire makes the headlines as the number one Genomic sire of today. Who would have thought that one consignment could make us friends from the United States to Europe and beyond?*

*Just sitting around the kitchen table eating fresh Strawberry Shortcake with other Holstein enthusiast can be rewarding. Many times I have been reminded by Horace Backus and George Miller about how much it meant to them to just relax and have fun visiting and talking cows. Why were they there? Probably to select cows for a sale, but they only remember the hospitality and the Strawberry Shortcake!*

*And how could I forget Mr. George (Edgerton)? He was a friend to all who loved the Holstein cow and a mentor to the youth exhibitors. His advice on how to buy a good Holstein calf/cow was an inspiration to many of the junior members. It was an honor to have owned cows in partnership with him!*

*I have watched from the sidelines at many sales as friends form syndicates to buy a really good cow when the purchase price was too high for only one to take her home. What memories do you have of Friendship and Holsteins?*

*My memories will always include you, the members of the Virginia Holstein Association, who have made the last five years of planning the 100th celebration a much easier one because I could call on each of you to help and you responded whole heartily- all because of Friendship and Holsteins!*

*Barbara Wagner  
Chairman, Virginia Holstein Association  
100th Anniversary Celebration*



# Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation 1965 - 1979

The Virginia Holstein Association celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2016 and we look back on the people, events, and registered Holstein animals that have had an impact on not only the state organization but Holsteins across the state, nation, and world. No one Holstein animal can claim the impact worldwide as Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation.

Bred by well-known Holstein breeder Ronald A. Hope, Purcellville, Virginia on August 30, 1965. His dam, Round Oak Ivanhoe Eve (4E-94), "a big, tall, open-ribbed Ivanhoe daughter". She traces 20 times to Johanna Rag Apple Pabst, founder of the Rag Apple bloodlines. His sire, Tidy Burke Elevation, was an inbred Wis Burke Ideal son tracing 11 times to Wisconsin Admiral Burke Lad, the foundation of the Burke bloodlines.

The magical mating of two inbred Holsteins was the collaboration of Ronald A. Hope and his cousin, George Miller. George was then with Virginia Artificial Breeding Association which later became part of Select Sires, Inc.

July 20, 1966 was a very historic day for Virginia Holstein members. The annual state Holstein Field Day was held at Foxlease Farm, Upperville, Virginia. The featured speaker was Representative Gerald Ford of Michigan. A group of breeders representing VA ABA traveled a few miles away after the day's program to consider the purchase of a yearling bull, Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. Never before had the organization paid more than \$1,000 for a young sire but finally agreed to settle for a purchase price of \$2,800. Who could have predicted that Gerald Ford would become President of the United States and that young yearling bull would become the most influential Holstein bull in the world!

Early sampling of Elevation was done by VA ABA and Sire Power. Virginia breeders were some of the first to recognize the improvement that Elevation daughters made on just normal, average Holstein females. Virginia Holstein sales soon featured Elevation daughters and buyers from all over the U.S. came to buy. In the 1977 California Galaxie Sale the top three selling animals were all Virginia bred Elevation daughters.

It is estimated that over 95% of all Holstein animals worldwide can trace their bloodlines back to Elevation. Several geneticists say it is a very laborious task to find a Holstein without Elevation in their bloodlines. It is estimated that Elevation's offspring today number close to nine million.

His daughters equally excelled in production and type. Probably most notable was Northcroft Ella Elevation (EX-97) and Brookview Tony Charity (EX-97), a maternal granddaughter.

In 1999 Holstein International named Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation "Bull of the Century".

In 1974 at the Virginia Sale of Stars, Jimmie Eustace of Willowlyn Farm, Catlett, Virginia consigned Willowlyn Elevation Lou, a senior calf. She was purchased by a young junior Holstein member, Teresa Myers of Walkup Farm, Harrisonburg for \$2,050. She was bred to Paclamar Astronaut which resulted in Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann (4E-94-GMD-DOM). "Lou Ann" produced many great daughters with two of the most notable being Walkup Valiant Lou Ella (EX-92-GMD, DOM) and Walkup Bell Lou Etta (VG-88-GMD, DOM). "Lou Ella" became the dam of Rothrock Tradition Leadman and "Lou Etta", a Rotate daughter, became the dam of Europe's Etazon Lord Lily ET. "Lou Ann" was the third highest ranking female in Holstein International's Cows of the Century" recognition contest.

The majority of the twenty-six Holstein cows nominated in the Virginia Holstein Association's "Cows of the Century" contest can trace their bloodlines back to Elevation, with one being Elevation's dam.

Elevation put it all together in one package: type, production, good feet and legs, udders, ability to transmit, longevity, and marketing demand for offspring. Some of Elevation's notable "firsts":

He was the first Holstein sire to have 10,000 registered sons and the first to have over 600 sons in A.I. Some of his most notable sons include: Starbuck, Tradition, Mars Tony (Virginia bred), Elevation Mars, Bova, and Sexation. For many years his son, Hanoverhill Starbuck was the leading sires of All Americans.

In 1984 he had 54,843 daughters on test, a record at that time for any sire worldwide. As of March 1, 1982 he had 1000 registered daughters in the 1000 pound fat bracket on DHI test. By 1982 he had over 200 daughters that had achieved 30,000 pounds of milk in one lactation of 365 days or less. As of November 1984 he had sired 2862 Excellent daughters. Of Elevation's top 100 selling Holstein offspring 49 were sold in 1977 and his top 100 selling offspring by 1977 averaged \$11,402. Today it is estimated that Elevation has over 100,000 registered Holstein worldwide.

From 1977 to 1983 he had 89 All American nominations. Elevation was exhibited as a bull calf in the 50th Anniversary Virginia Spring Holstein Show and placed second in his class.

In 2006 Holstein members from Virginia and neighboring states gathered back in Loudoun County, Virginia (Ronald Hope's home) to participate in the "Elevation Celebration". One of the highlights of the day was the unveiling of an historical roadside marker to honor Elevation. It is believed to be the only such marker in the country honoring a dairy bull.





# *Congratulations*

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We salute the many noteworthy achievements of breeders past and present and wish success and happiness to all those who follow in their footsteps.

**May your proud history continue  
to inspire a bright future.**



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