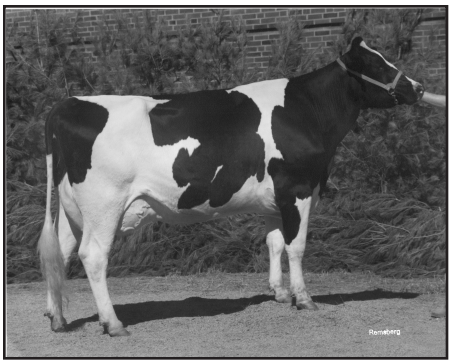
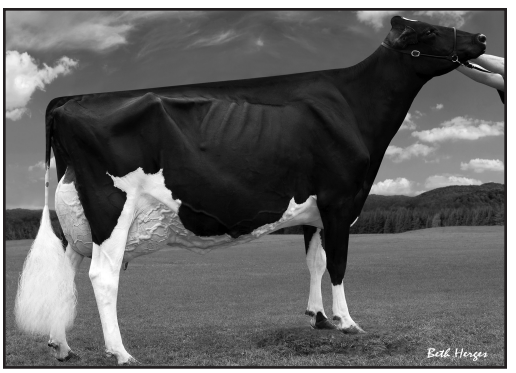
Virginia Holstein's Cows of the Century

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 in alphabetical order.



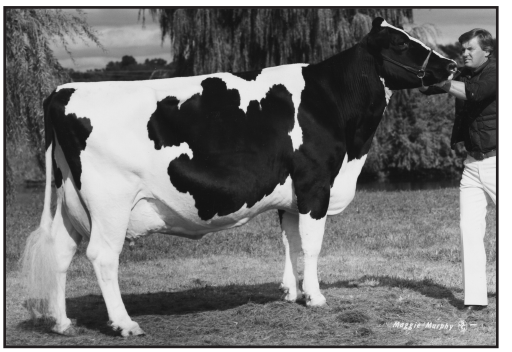
Brookfield Elevation Pretty 3E- 94 DOM
Born 1/11/75 9058489

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

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 first place three year old at Madison. Frosty's show record 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 record is 5 yrs 7 mos 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

JPG stands for John P. Garber who is a son-in-law of H. Ralph Fields, Centerfield Farm. John was herdsmen 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. We tried unsuccessfully to have her consigned to the 1976 PA convention sale. The next year the sale was in Ohio and John finally agreed to consign her. Kandy topped the sale at $41,000.00 going to Pete Heffering of Hanover Hills, where she 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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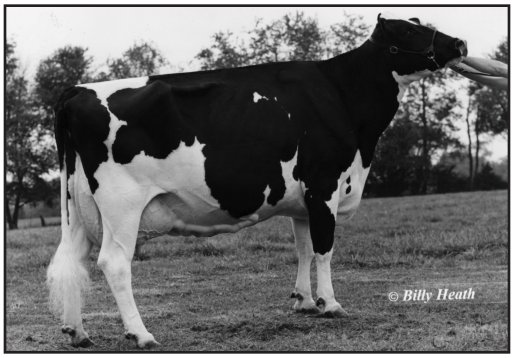
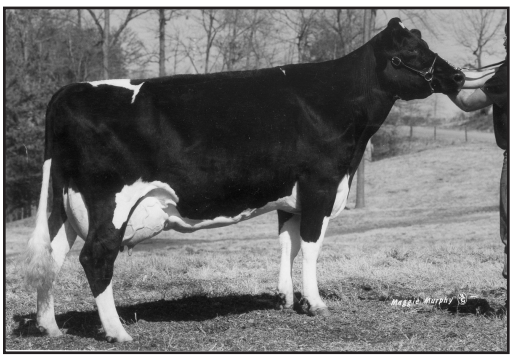


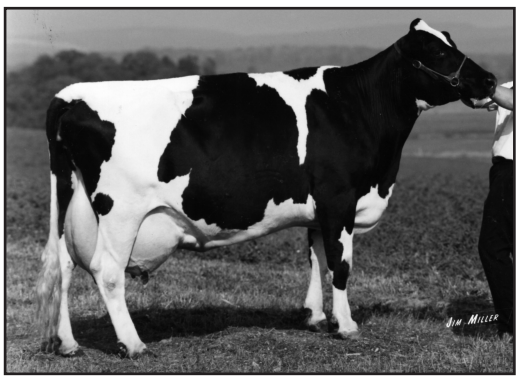
Pottsdale Flip Kamille 4E- 95
Born 6/10/95 15812163

Flip was first 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.



Rilara Mars Las Ravena EX 91 GMD DOM
Born 8/5/79 10183316

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.



Round Oak Ivanhoe Eve 4E-94
Born 7/14/1962 6749578

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. I was visiting with Ronald Hope

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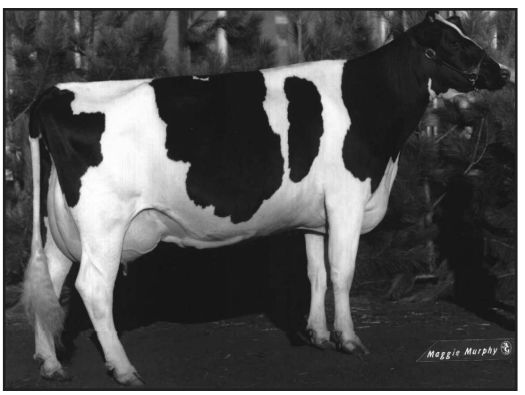
in early July of 1966 and Ronald took me to see Elevation who was tied up in preparation for the upcoming show season. Ronald stated that we needed to purchase this bull calf for the stud. On the following Monday, I visited with George Miller, Manager of VABA. George was aware of Elevation as he had 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

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, 2 yr old, 3 yr old, twice Reserve All-American as an Aged Cow and High Honorable as a 4 yr 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 wasVG-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,EX90), 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.

100th Anniversary Powerpoint

During the 100th Anniversary Banquet a powerpoint is being prepared by Carol McComb to highlight the Virginia Holstein Association throughout the past 100 years. This can only be accomplished with the help of its members. If you have photographs that you would like to be included in the powerpoint contact Carol to either scan a high quality version and send to her, or send the photo directly to her to have scanned in.

We are looking forward to the walk down memory lane celebrating the accomplishments from the past 100 years, so be sure to contribute to this special event. Carol can be reached by phone (540-338-6113), mail (19701 Silcott Springs Road, Purcellville, VA 20132) or email (grandmamccomb@gmail.com).