

**VIRGINIA HOLSTEIN COWS OF THE CENTURY**  
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As I write a biographical sketch on the list of Virginia Bred Holsteins of the Century, I am amazed that I have seen most of these cows as they developed over the last century, beginning with Wipledale Fond Lucy Queen Ex 90 born October 7, 1949 and ending with Harvue Roy Frosty 3E-97 born November 7, 2001. This is truly a great list of cows, bred by 20 Virginia Breeders over the last century. I trust that the comments I make on each animal will bring back many memories to you as you cast your vote for the Top Seven Virginia Holstein Cows of The Century.

**#1      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 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."

**#2      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, 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,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 world wide 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.

<b>#3</b>	<b>Harvue Roy Frosty</b>	<b>3E- 97 GMD</b>	<b>Born 11/7/02</b>	<b>52378753</b>
<b>#4</b>	<b>Harvue Chsapeake Raven</b>	<b>Ex 94 GMD</b>	<b>Born 8/29/94</b>	<b>15529807</b>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Cow#4** Raven is an Ex 94 GMD daughter of Chesapeake out of an Ex 93 Phil daughter, with 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.

<b>#5</b>	<b>Eastview Blak M Mattie G</b>	<b>VG 87 GMD DOM</b>	<b>Born 1/27/91</b>	<b>14115091</b>
<b>#6</b>	<b>Eastview Bell Mars Mattie G</b>	<b>VG 87 GMD DOM</b>	<b>Born 6/6 /83</b>	<b>11476627</b>
<b>#7</b>	<b>Eastview Matt Lucky Gill</b>	<b>Ex 90 GMD DOM</b>	<b>Born 10/5/72</b>	<b>8334165</b>

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 #7 is the foundation cow. Eastview Bell Mars Mattie G #6 and Eastview Blak M Mattie G #5 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.

**#8 Gloryland Lana Rae 2E- 94 DOM Born 6/8/97 120348329**  
**#9 Gloryland Liberty Rae 3E- 95 DOM Born 7/4/2001 131554203**

The Glenridge Citation Roxy EX 97 cow family at Robert Millers is the largest cow family in America with many lines tracing to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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."

**#10 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 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. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**#11 Rotherwood Ivanhoe Valentine 3E- 91 Born 6/22/65 6369500**

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 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.

**#12 Round Oak Ivanhoe Lady 5E- 95 Born 11/12/60 5319994**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Aged Cow, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**#13 Marshfield Admiral Tonia Ex 90 Born 1/12/65 6467834**

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.

**#14 Johanna Korndyke Pride Eva 4E- 95 Born 10/05/62 5786090**

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 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

**#15 Rilara Haven Charming Las-TW VG 87 GMD DOM Born 1/19/76 9126127**  
**#16 Rilara Mars Las Ravena Ex 91 GMD DOM Born 8/5/79 10183316**

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.

**Cow #16. 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 the cow featured as #15.

**#17 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.

**#18 Horsepen Queenie Elevation Dot 3E-96 Born 7/5/70 3771899**

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.

**#19 Hiddendale April Mattie Ex 94 GMD DOM Born 11/13/70 7848666**

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.

**#20 LJC Noble Conductor Mars Ex 90 DOM Born 2/5/81 10740656**

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.

**#21 Green Hilltop Duchess Ann G+ 84 Born 12/14/1958 4977892**

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 7<sup>th</sup> cow in the United States and the first in Virginia to record over 300,000 pounds lifetime.

**#22 Wipledale Fond Lucy Queen VG 88 GMD Born 10/7/49 3196092**

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, Arpagone 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.

**#23 Walnut-S Luke Brock Nita-ET VG 86 GMD DOM Born 8/11/94 15521936**

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 move 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.

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

Flip was 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**#25 VPI Amelia Matt Halona 3E- 92 Born 6/16/72 8272396**

Matt Halona is the dam of three Excellent Elevation Full Sisters. The first was VPI Elevation Orlena 2E Ex 91 who was 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**#26 Willowlyn Elevation Lou Ex 91 DOM Born 8/6/73 8602608**

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 Stumpf Acres LJC 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 11<sup>th</sup> dam was a daughter of Johanna Rag Apple Pabst -- a very royal pedigree. Please look back to Cow # 2 for more on this family.

I trust as you read my remarks you will choose wisely as you vote for the Top Seven Holstein Cows of the Century. I would like to acknowledge my resources – George Miller, Horace Backus' History of the Breed, History of Loudoun County Dairying, Untold Sale Books, Articles from Holstein World and Holstein International, and of all memories of visiting and working with many Holstein Breeders over the past 50 plus years. The second recurring thought as I was researching and writing the history of the Virginia Holstein Cows of the Century is that it is really not about cows but about breeders that bred and purchased them, took care of them and relationships we all have had over the years. Walter V. McClure Sr., Windswept Holsteins.