

Dunloggin Lives On In Reedsville Herd

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REEDSVILLE (Mifflin Co.)—

"The trip to the barn is long enough," said dairyman James O. Reed of Reed Gap Farms nearby. "You'd better have something nice there."

The fifth generation to farm near the town that bears his family names, Reed is proud of his family heritage, his son's achievements in national judging competitions, and his herd's pedigree, nearly 95 percent of his 35-cow herd comes from two cow lines, Winterthur and Dunloggin.

Reed's Winterthur line branches from his purchase of Winterthur Kid Ivanhoe. She later scored Excellent.

Reed's line of Dunloggin Holsteins originates from his 1963 purchase of Wisbee Contender Sallee at the First Golden Harvest Sale in Harrisburg. Contender Sallee is a daughter of Curtiss Candy Sally Curtiss, a New York fat champion and daughter of Curtiss Candy Proud Sally (VG). Proud Sally placed first as an aged cow at the Minnesota State fair, was first on the 1952 national honor list with her 7-year-old production record, was an Illinois fat champion twice, and a cover-cow for Holstein World magazine.

James O. Reed's "Contender Sallee" had seven bulls and six heifers. Her oldest daughter (VG-87) had twins by Reed Gap Witnerthur HF. The Twins scored VG-87 and 2E-91. 2E-91's daughter became 2E-92. Contender Sallee also had two other daughters. By 1989, Reed was milking six head that had Dunloggin Elenora as their seventh dam.

Overall, the Winterthur and Dunloggin cross has proved valuable to Reed. In fact, his son Andy's six superior show animals are Dunloggin.

The Dunloggin line began in Wisconsin in 1928. Horace Backus published a two-volume history of the Dunloggin in 1990. What follows has been taken from these two volumes.

A Brief Dunloggin History

In 1926, lumberman Joseph W. Natwick purchased a farm just outside of Baltimore for its valuable stand of white oak. He cleared the timber then tried to sell the farm. Two years later he decided to dairy farm. He named the farm Dunloggin simply because he was "done loggin!"

Although his first cattle were

grades, he started his registered herd by privately purchasing several Holsteins from W. L. Baird and the Waukesha County Holstein Breeders' Association in his home state of Wisconsin. Further purchases in late 1928 included "four great paternal sisters from one small farmer-breeder herd (the Wittig brothers)." Three of these contributed greatly to the outstanding Dunloggin bloodline, as did a herd sire from a famous Pabst Farms first All-American winner.

Farm Manager Paul B. Misner joined Natwick in December 1928 as farm manager and stayed until complete herd dispersal in 1943. He respected his employer's deep involvement in and working knowledge of the dairy animal and is credited for saying, "The most important fertilizer on any farm is the footstep of the owner."

Reed Gap Farms

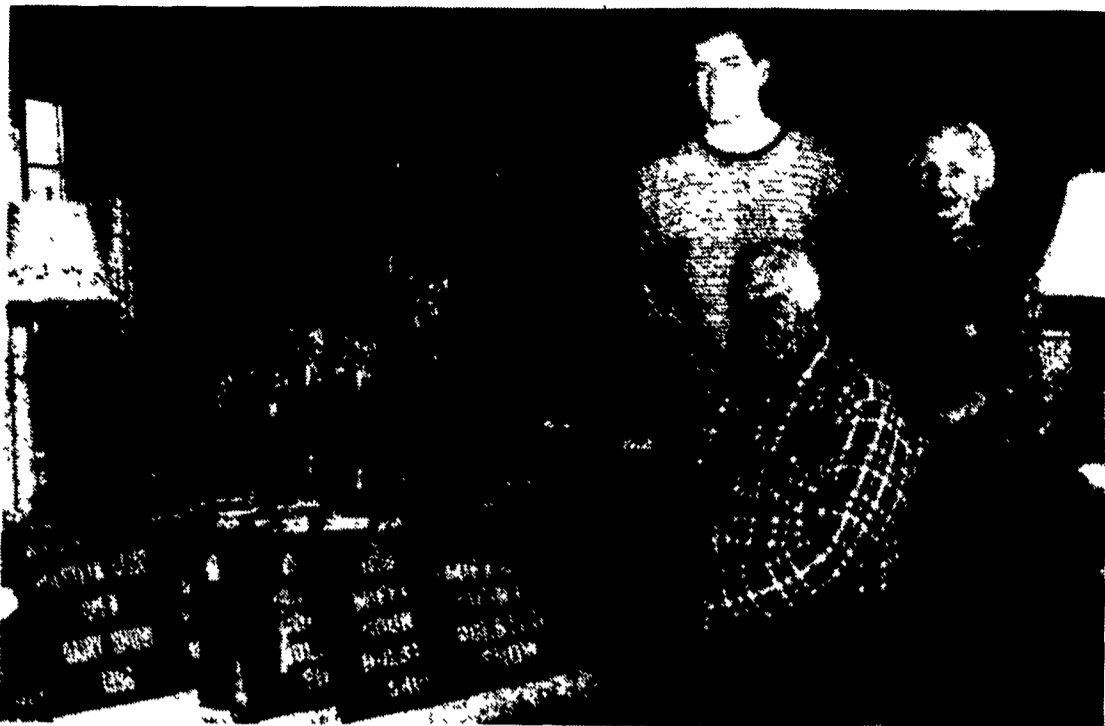
Sitting in the comfortable front room of his home, James O. Reed replays his family history. His youngest son Andy listens patiently again to the familiar story.

"In 1751, James Reed and his half-brother Judge Brown went from Cecil County, Maryland, to as far north as Williamsport. The following year, they decided to locate here in Mifflin County. James Reed married an Ogleby from the Carlisle area, that's where the 'O' comes from. They had 12 children. Their youngest son Abner built some of the first houses in Reedsville.

"My grandfather, Ogleby (Obe) James was born in 1835 to Abner's second family. In 1856, a freeze in June destroyed the wheat crop. Obe headed out west with the '49'ers. Later, his two brothers went out and brought him back. He married in 1886 and had my father, James Andrew Reed, the youngest of four children. Obe had a brother Andrew who studied at Dartmouth as an attorney. That's who Andy is named for.

"My father was a general farmer. He sold milk to the cheese factory. I started farming in 1951 with four cows and lost each one. I bought some grades from Tioga County and learned a lot about cows. I purchased a few registered cows then joined the Holstein Association in 1954.

James O. and his wife Mary have four children, Jim, 35; Sandy, 33; Lori, 30; and Andy, 19. The oldest three have cho-



Locally, the Reed family history dates back as far as 1751. James O. stands beside his father's tiger maple desk. His wife Mary is active in the Mifflin County Historical Society.



Andy, left, and his brother Jim hold the halters of Andy's award-winning cows. Andy's cow on the left won grand champion three years in a row at the Mifflin County Youth Fair in Reedsville. It also won best bred and owned at the 1997 District 4-H Show. Andy's cow on the right was reserve grand champion at the 1997 Mifflin County Youth Fair and grand champion at the 1997 District 4-H Show. (Photo by Sandy McGinnis)

sen other careers. Andy is a freshman at Penn State majoring in dairy science.

The Reed's live on a farm along the Back Mountain Road between Barrville and Reedsville. A 1780 log farmhouse owned by the Reed's sits two miles away above the gushing spring that feeds Coffee Run. As the story goes, that's where James O's ancestor named Brown saw the reflection of an Indian while drinking from the stream. It turned out to be Chief Logan, a long-time friend of the white man who camped at Logan Springs on Tea Creek near Reedsville.

All American Status

When it comes to dairy cattle, Andy Reed does a pretty good job. So good, in fact, that Andy placed 23rd overall (fourth in reasons) in dairy judging at the 1997 National 4-H Contest in Madison, Wis.

Andy helped this year's Pennsylvania team place second overall in the nation and first in reasons

In 1995, Andy's Mifflin County Dairy Judging Team placed first in Pennsylvania. Teammate Mike Kline went to Madison that year, followed by Mike Yoder in 1996. This year, Andy placed first place and went to Madison.



Andy's trophies may need carted home in another show box! (Photo by Sandy McGinnis)

Andy first joined county-wide 4-H dairy judging teams under the leadership of Darv Yoder,

Carolyn Loucks and, most recently, Sue Sellers.

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James O. Reed looks over his history book about Dunloggin Holsteins.