



Winter 2017 (Part One)

Hoffman - Auglaize County



Chandra Hoffman enlisted the help of her family to construct this unique Century Farm frame, using wagon wheels stored in her barn. Chandra is already thinking ahead and planning for her Sesquicentennial Farm sign. She enjoys helping others in Auglaize County prepare their registrations for submission - thank you, Chandra!

Haramis - Summit County

From Director Daniels



In retrospect, 2016 could have been called "The Year of Ohio Historic Family Farms."

In addition to welcoming 118 new farms into the program, we introduced the new Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm designation during Ohio Ag Week. Nearly 500 farms across the state received this designation and were recognized with new signage. ODA also recognized 10 family farms that achieved bicentennial status, bringing the total number of farms achieving this remarkable accomplishment to 95.

I am proud of all 1,350 century, sesquicentennial and bicentennial farms across the state.

Thank you for all you do for Ohio agriculture.

Respectfully,

Director David T. Daniels



Following his fall 2016 Alaska trip, George Haramis has now traveled to all 50 U.S. states. This photo was taken after landing on a glacier in the middle of the Alaskan Range. He experienced clear skies two of the three days spent in Talkeetna, Alaska, affording him rare views of Denali from a distance and of the complete Alaskan Range. George and Carol own an 1844 Sesquicentennial Farm in Summit County.

Highland County Farm Tour

Coming Soon...

You may have noticed that this newsletter is titled "Part One." We've got more stories to share with you than we have room, so watch for a second email soon. And keep sending in your photos and stories to share with others - we enjoy hearing from you!

Welcome!

In 2016, the following families registered their century, sesquicentennial or bicentennial farms:

Adams
Gustin, 1882

Allen
Althaus, 1914
Holman, 1897

Auglaize
Meckstroth, 1870
Sheipline, 1915

Brown
Meranda, 1909

Butler
Beckett, 1894
Forte, 1912

Carroll
Gartrell, 1848
Price, 1916

Clark
Van Pelt, 1883

Columbiana
Bates, 1915
Greenisen, 1916
Lippincott, 1840

Coshocton
McGrady, 1898

Darke
Barga, 1901
Marker, 1835
Roll, 1889



More than 150 people attended the third annual Highland County Farm Tour, sponsored by the Highland County Farm Bureau and Highland Soil and Water Conservation District, on Sept. 17. John Levo (left) provided Historic Family Farms information at the Carr Century Farm stop. Thank you to Jim Carr (right) and family for opening their farm as part of the tour, and to John for encouraging local families to register their farms. *Photo courtesy of the Highland Soil and Water Conservation District.*

Sease, 1913
Worch, 1841

Delaware
Irwin, 1839
Sherman, 1892

Fairfield
Kraft, 1902

Fayette
Ging, 1900
Haymaker, 1902
Waddle, 1889

Geauga
Lampman-Arnold, 1905
Smith-Nelson, 1900
Sperry, 1828

Greene
Koogler, 1906

Hancock
Huntington, 1845
McClelland, 1869
Moorhead, 1865
Pepple, 1870
Pepple, 1848
Waggoner, 1874

Hardin
Kritzler, 1916

Henry
Arnos, 1887

Highland
Dickey, 1906
Fairley, 1887
Kelley, 1900
Malott, 1889
Teeters, 1902

Hocking
Sater, 1916

Knox
Flack, 1901
Hall, 1851

Lake
Debevc, 1916

Logan
Longbrake-Smith, 1914

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Simon - Scioto County



The annual John R. Simon's Sorghum Festival was held this fall on his 5th generation farm in the Portsmouth area. John (center) has hosted the event for more than 30 years, a local tradition which features the making of sorghum syrup along with local arts, music and crafts. *Photo courtesy of the Portsmouth-Scioto County Visitors Bureau.*

Carroll County



Carroll County Recorder Patti Oyer honored all of the county's historic family farms during an event at this year's county fair. Patti introduced the families and spoke about the history of each farm, and also presented them with a congratulatory letter from Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David Daniels. *Photo courtesy of Carol McIntire, The Free Press Standard.*

Pickens - Belmont County



The Pickens family celebrated their Bicentennial Farm designation at the 2016 Belmont County Fair. Paul and Luella Pickens (far right) were joined by family members (from left) Bruce Pickens, Walter Lewis, Ruth (Pickens) Lewis, David Merriman, Jean (Pickens) Merriman, Dean Pickens, and Kenneth Pickens. The Pickens Bicentennial Farm was founded in 1808. *Photo courtesy of Mary Pickens.*

Mizer - Coshocton County

Sheffield, 1916

Madison
Sullivan, 1911

Mercer
Boley Johnson, 1892
Crouch, 1901
Dues, 1863
Howick, 1837
Koesters, 1864
Oberlitner, 1876
Rammel/Bertke, 1903
Stephenson, 1905
Sudhoff, 1869

Miami
Mitchell, 1811
Shroyer, 1854

Monroe
Reich, 1881

Montgomery
Hartman, 1916
Hartman, 1916

Morrow
Shirk, 1908

Muskingum
LePage, 1916
Orndorff, 1908

To be continued in the Winter 2017 (Part Two) newsletter.



The Mizer family was recognized as owning an Ohio Bicentennial Farm during the opening ceremonies of the 2016 Coshocton County Fair. The farm was founded in 1816, when John Trimble received a patent deed from President James Madison. The farm is now owned by 7th generation Steve and Patti Mizer. Eight generations of the family have lived in their home, which was built in 1832. *Photo courtesy of Coshocton County Recorder Susan Turner.*

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