



Winter 2017 (Part Two)

Counting my blessings

I learned to drive stickshift in my dad's old lime truck, with my brave mother riding shotgun. As we bumped and bounced across fields, I recall laughing and mom joining in – although on reflection, it was probably for different reasons.

For me, driving a big truck brought a strong sense of empowerment with the fantastic thought that I could now drive anything on the farm as well as my brothers. My poor mom was probably laughing nervously to hide her terror (would we make it over that darn culvert?), or maybe she just couldn't help laughing at the bad driving. Pretty sure it was the terror thing.

Also pretty sure my dad had a dubious role in this. I bet he decided to risk the clutch in that beat-up truck instead of a vehicle he really couldn't afford to lose. He was just too good of a manager to jeopardize equipment unnecessarily.

I picture my parents afterward having a good chuckle together at my expense. I would love to ask them "Do you remember when...?", but it's too late to get the real story now. Despite second guessing their motives, this remains a fond memory growing up on our farm.

That old saying is true: you can't take the country out of the girl. I'm proud of my rural heritage and wouldn't change it for anything. You and I share this pride; I read it in your registrations, and hear it in your voices.

I've been fortunate to work with you and your families since my first day at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, back in 2003. We've shared stories, laughed together, and sometimes grieved together. It has been a great privilege getting to know you...which makes it all the more difficult to say goodbye as I prepare to retire on January 31.

My plans are to spend more time on gardening, genealogy, reading, travel, volunteering, searching for that 40s-50s Ford pickup of my dreams, and most importantly, family.

Here's hoping that the farm always remains in your family. My very best wishes to all of you.

Your friend,
Cindy Winegardner Shy

Honoring Ohio Farm Families

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is proud to continue the tradition of honoring the state's farm families through its Historic Family Farms

New Farms in 2016

Continued from Winter 2017 (Part One) newsletter:

Ottawa
Boyer, 1835
Croll-Arnold, 1909
Didion-Davids, 1859
Netcher, 1891
Netcher, 1855

Paulding
Riley, 1896

Perry
Howdysshell, 1886

Pike
Slone, 1847

Preble
Jellison, 1916
McDonough, 1904
Mitchell, 1914

Putnam
Barlage, 1878
Barlage, 1913
Berelsman, 1867
Birkemeier-Wrasman, 1910
Doll, 1903
Duling, 1871
Ellerbrock, 1875
Fike, 1891
Goedde, 1895
Hageman, 1865
Heitzman, 1841
Heitzman/Martin, 1890
Heuerman, 1893
Hoehn, 1914
Kuhlman, 1858
Kuhlman, 1908
Langhals, 1889
McKanna, 1906
Nadler, 1910
Schroeder, 1914
Steiner, 1847
Winkle, 1868

Richland

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Carr - Sandusky County



Bob Carr has been busy taking care of the barns on his 1851 Sesquicentennial Farm with new roofs and siding. He is pictured above at age 88 working on his 100 year-old barn. Now 93, Bob is currently working to side his corn barn when the weather cooperates.

Groweg - Sandusky County



A 9/11 memorial tribute on the Wayne and Mary Groweg Century Farm honors two people from Sandusky County who lost their lives on that day. The barn mural was completed Sept. 10, 2016 by Scott Hagan, who also painted the state's Bicentennial Barns.

McCarron, 1871

Sandusky
Burkemyer-Hill, 1915
Clinger, 1855
Groweg, 1883
Knipp, 1913
Mauch, 1914
Missler, 1916

Seneca
Berlekamp, 1883
Daniel, 1912
Feck, 1835
Hohman, 1916

Shelby
Albers, 1884

Union
Walker/Harrell, 1911

Van Wert
Carlo, 1866
Snyder, 1849

Vinton
Martin, 1909

Wood
Lang, 1909
Reynolds, 1907

Thank you, Lisa!

A special shout out to Lisa Schott, managing director of the Philander Chase Conservancy, for overseeing the Historic Family Farms registration for the Mary Hall Farm, Knox County. Lisa worked with Kenyon College student Cassie Hudson-Heck to prepare and submit the documentation. The farm was recently featured in the organization's 2015-16 [annual report](#).

Carey - Highland County

Heitzman - Putnam County



Congratulations to the Heitzman family for registering three historic family farms in 2016! Derek Heitzman helped register the family's Lucky's Eight LLC - Mabel Berelsman farm (1867), the Daniel Heitzman/Debra Martin farm (1890), and the Daniel and Jean Heitzman farm (1841), all located in Putnam County. Thank you, Derek!

Pepple - Hancock County



The Pepple family held a party in the fall to celebrate the 2016 registrations of two family farms. Michael and Susan own an 1870 Century Farm, and Jeffrey and Pamela own an 1848 Sesquicentennial Farm. Congratulations and best wishes to the Pepple family!



Dr. Robert Carey shared this photo of his family's newly installed Sesquicentennial Farm sign. The Carey family farm, owned by Bob and Lanasue Carey and Jay and Carol Carey, is 113 acres and was established in 1834.

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