SOUTHEAST REGION
GARY & MARJORIE BAUMBERGER
Monroe County

Known as the Stone Barn Farm, the Baumberger ownership extends back to September 23, 1846, when Frederick Kindelberger, Sr. immigrated to the United States from Alsace Lorraine because he was tired of the nearly constant wars in that region. He found peace in Monroe County on an 80-acre homestead that has remained in the family's hands ever since.

The most outstanding feature of this farm is the historic, three-story, hand-cut sandstone barn built by the Kindelberger family in 1883-86 from stone cut on the farm. The original home is also a hand-cut, sandstone house built by the family from that same stone quarry in 1873. Gary and Marjorie represent the fifth generation to be living in the stone house and using the stone barn.

Both structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are still used today. Currently, the farm is comprised of 174.5 acres and is a working beef farm run by Gary, Marjorie, and their daughter, Beverly.

Being in a hilly portion of Ohio, only 35 acres are tillable for crops. The remainder of the acreage is used for pasture for the 30-head Simmental cow/calf operation.

NORTHEAST REGION
DEAN & MARY ANN BOWMAN
Columbiana County

Christian and Sarah Bowman moved from York, Pennsylvania to Columbiana County in 1811 to establish their own farm. Christian came from a large family and had to move to acquire land. They started with 160 acres and today, Dean and Mary Ann, along with their daughter, Jenny, represent the fifth and sixth generations of Bowmans to be farming this original homestead.

Their commercial 125-head Holstein dairy operation is one of the best managed and productive in the county. They have been leaders in soil and water conservation, manure management, and no-till crop farming.

Although the original log cabin that Christian built to live in is gone, the current homestead was built in 1836 and the barn still being used today was built in 1876.

Currently, they farm just over 510 acres, including 135 acres of the original land. The crops include 185 acres of corn for silage and grain, 150 acres of alfalfa, 40 acres of spelt, and 40 acres of soybeans. All crops are used to feed their dairy herd.

Originally, the farm had only Jersey cows. In 1954, the Bowman family took a three-day vacation to Wisconsin. Dean liked the Holsteins he saw there so much, he bought a Holstein and his father also bought two bred heifers at the same time. From those three, the Bowmans have developed one of the best Holstein herds in the Northeast area.

NORTHEAST REGION
ART & JOAN CASSELL
Knox County

Cassell Angus Farm dates back to June 4, 1835 when George Cassell moved from Little Pipe Creek, Maryland to the Mount Vernon area and acquired 309 acres.

Today the farm comprises 245 acres of that original homestead and is a working purebred Angus beef operation run by Art and Joan, as well as their son, Alan, and his wife, Traci, and their sons, Grant and Carter. Another son, Jeff, is self-employed off the farm but helps occasionally. The Cassell's third son, Brian, and his wife, Lynn, are graduates of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and practice in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Cassells have meticulously maintained the original barn and homestead. The barn, built in 1835, has been remodeled and added to but still has part of the original stone foundation. It is a "Maryland" style barn and is one of the best-preserved types of this barn in the state.

The homestead was built in 1886 and is structurally the same as when built. The Cassells have maintained the integrity of the house while remodeling and modernizing the kitchen and bathrooms.

The purebred Angus herd consists of 45 registered cows. Some steers and heifers are fed out but the Cassells have developed a good market for young bulls and heifers that they sell by private treaty and in consignment sales. One of Alan's goals is to continue expanding the cattle operation.

NORTHWEST REGION
GUY HEIL
Hardin County

To escape inscription in the German Army, Nicholas Heil fled Hintersteinau, Germany in 1839. He traveled to the United States and arrived in Hardin County. He was so impressed with the land and the trees that he worked to acquire land, building a temporary shelter and clearing of 10 acres. The following year, he married and built a log cabin and established the Heil Homestead, which today is represented by Guy Heil, his son, Ashley, and his wife, Kathy. They represent the fourth and fifth generation, respectively, of Heil family members to farm this original homestead.

Guy resides in the house that was built in 1845. In 1989, this house was recognized as the ninth oldest homestead in Hardin County. A back barn was built in 1845 and is still used to store hay today. A granary was built in 1845 and still stands, while another big barn was added in 1916. A collapsible house was added in 1918. It was built in four pieces on the farm, hauled to another property for housing, put back together, then torn down a year later and reconstructed back on the original homestead. It is still being used as a storage facility today.

The original farm was 120 acres, of which 108 is being farmed by Guy and Ashley today for cash grain. Guy has always made his living from the farm, although he is semi-retired. Ashley, Kathy, and their children Austin, Jessica, and Kristin, provide most of the labor to operate the farm. Ashley's sister, Sally Jo Heil Hopper, has also been involved with the farm operation.

Both Guy and Ashley have been active off the farm. Guy is very involved with the Wolf Creek Grange and Hardin County Farm Bureau Council. Ashley has been active in FFA, including receiving his FFA State Farmer Degree.

NORTHWEST REGION
DAVID & SHIRLEY HERRING
Wyandot County

Henry Herring, Jr. was born in Altsdorf, Switzerland. Looking for a better way of life, he came to the United States on February 9, 1853. A well-educated man, he fell in love with the state of Ohio and acquired 63.4 acres of land in Wyandot County that was originally part of an Indian reservation. From that original homestead, the Herring family farm of today encompasses more than 1,600 acres of cropland and supports three members of the Herring family.

The farm operation includes 500 acres of corn, 800 acres of soybeans, 170 acres of wheat, 130 acres of tomatoes, a maple sugar bush, a trucking operation, a grain hauling business, and a fertilizer supply business.

Dating back to the original founders, the Herring family has been known as innovators. David was the 1950 National Corn Growing Contest winner in Wyandot County with yields of 116.04 bushels and 126.13 bushels per acre. He also holds three patents for equipment and tools he has invented and has a patent pending on a fourth.

Two sons, Phil and Jim, are also involved with the Herring farm and divide up the farm duties, while David and Shirley concentrate on their business ventures. The sons represent the sixth generation of Herrings to farm this land.

The original home was built in the shape of a hotel because numerous Swiss immigrants would stay there while searching for land. It was remodeled in 1946 and 1947, but the historical integrity of the structure was maintained. On the inside, native walnut wood from the farm was used for trim, as well as for the fireplace and open stairway. The dishwasher installed at that time was one of the first in the area.

When David and Shirley remodeled again in 1975, they used logs from an Indian cabin still standing on the property as ceiling beams. Wild cherry wood, cut on the farm, was also used for paneling and trim. The barn, which dates back to 1900, was remodeled in 1946-47.

SOUTHWEST REGION
NED & JOANNE IDDINGS
Miami County

Joseph Iddings was born and raised in Virginia, but being a Quaker, he couldn't live with the slavery that was an integral part of Virginia farm life in the early 1800s. Looking for a better place to live with his religious beliefs, he settled in Miami County, Ohio in July, 1812, taking out Land Patent #1936.

The original 160 acres has been transformed into the Iddings beef and grain farm of today. It is run by Ned and Joanne, who represent the fifth generation of Idding family members to live on the farm. Always operated as a family farm, Ned was born and raised in the house in which he and Joanne now live.

The carefully preserved and maintained bank barn still being used today was built in 1838 with a stone foundation partly built from stones found on the farm. The family house was built in 1902 by family members and has been meticulously maintained as well.

But the most remarkable part of the Idding's legacy is not on the family farm anymore. It is the two-story log house sitting on the neighboring Brukner Nature Center. Built in 1804 by Benjamin Iddings, and nearly perfectly maintained, this structure represents one of the oldest remaining houses in the entire NW territory.

Ned is the great-great-great-grandson of Benjamin and he and Joanne continue to farm one of the oldest family-owned farms in Ohio.

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SOUTHEAST REGION
STANLEY & JOANN MOORE
Harrison County

When Robert Moore immigrated to the United States from Ireland in December 1793, he first stopped in Maryland. Having left Ireland for religious and economic reasons, he wanted to live and raise a family in a land of freedom. He found that land in Harrison County, in what was not yet Ohio, in 1802.

Today, the Moore family's "Cottage Hill Farm" is one of the premier sheep operations in Ohio and is run by Stanley, JoAnn, their son Rick, and his wife, Marcie, along with their three children, Michelle, Sheri, and Steve. The children represent the eighth generation of Moores to farm this land.

Sheep have always been the cornerstone of the farm. Today's flock of 1,000 ewes is one of the largest sheep flocks in the state. Stanley and Rick received the Buckeye Master Shepherd Award in 1989.

The oldest structure on the farm today is a large barn built before 1838. The foundation stone was quarried on the farm. The barn is still used to house sheep today. The original log house was built in 1838 but burned a few years later. A brick house was built as a replacement in 1866 although it, too, later burned. The current home was built to replace that house the same year and serves as Rick and Marcie's home today.

Just prior to 1900, a township schoolhouse was built on the property. When that schoolhouse was deeded back to the Moore family in 1956, Stanley and JoAnn remodeled it and now live in it. The original hardwood floors, as well as much of the original interior, have been maintained.

The farm operates completely with family labor. It consists of 500 deeded acres and an additional 1,500 leased acres, much of which is pasture for the sheep. They produce more than 1,500 lambs per year that they finish and sell. They also market 12,000 pounds of wool themselves. Forages and pasture are the main crops, with less than 50 acres devoted to corn.

SOUTHWEST REGION
MARY & GEORGE ULRICH
Preble County

In 1836, Hagerstown, Maryland resident Daniel Stover needed more room for his growing family. With the purchase of 100 acres in Preble County, Ohio, he established a legacy of family ownership that today extends to Mary Ulrich and her son, George, who still work the family farm comprised of corn, wheat, and soybeans.

Although the original building was a log cabin, a massive brick house was built in 1838. The bricks were made from clay dug out of the fields on the farm. Since then, the exterior has been maintained while modem conveniences have been added to the interior. This house still serves as "home" for the Ulrich family.

An original wash house beside the house has also been preserved and includes a fireplace originally used to heat water for cooking and washing. A carriage shed, a smoke house, and a tobacco shed have also been kept as part of the homestead. The original barn was a log barn which was eventually dismantled and replaced with a larger building, although timbers from the original barn were used in the new structure.

The Stover-Ulrich farm has always been known for the quality of horses and coonhounds raised by family members. Daniel Stover Ulrich was a well-known breeder of horses and a personal friend of Ohio Governor Cox. The family has specialized in Appaloosa horses ever since.

Today, George and Mary not only operate the family farm in Preble County but also have a 2,000-acre beef, grain, purebred seed, and horse farm in Wyoming.