Founding Breeders of the early Scottish Aberdeen Angus

Although the following breeders where notable and essential to the refinement of the Aberdeen Angus, they do not preclude nor minimize the many prominent breeders not shown, that made important contribution to the establishment of the breed during the entirety of the 19th Century.



Mr. Hugh Watson Recognized as 'The Founding Breeder' of Aberdeen-Angus (1787 – 1865) **Index Page 681



Sir William McCombie Tillyfour, Aberdeenshire, Scotland (1805 – 1880) **Index Page 676



Mr. Patrick Chalmers of Aldbar Castle Angus County, Scotland (1777-1826) **Index Page 670



Mr. William Fullerton Ardestie in Angus County, Scotland (1810 – unknown) **Index Page 672



Mr. Robert Walker, Portlethen Mains near Aberdeen founded his Herd in 1818 & cont'd to his death in 1874 **Index Page 681



Mr. George J. Walker son of Mr. R. Walker cont'd breeding and showing the cattle. He was a cattle judge including the show at Edinburgh in 1893 **Index Page 681



Mr. Thomas Feguson, Kinochtry reared the polled cattle in 1835 until his death had been a devoted and successful breeder **Index Page 672



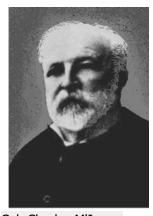
Mr. Alexander Bowie, Mains of Kelly owned the largest herd of the time. Started in 1809 **Index Page 669



Sir John Macpherson Grant, 2rd Baronet Bred the Ballindalloch herd. The Oldest herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle in Scotland. (1804 – 1850) **Index Page 675



Sir Geo. Macpherson Grant, 3rd Baronet. Cont'd and improved the Ballindalloch herd with systematic selection. (1839 –1907) **Index Page 675



Col. Charles M'Inroy, of the Burn, Edzell. His herd was as old as any except that of Aldbar. Often failing to keep up with registrations his reg. herd only dates back to 1897. He bred well and his beast won many shows
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James Carnegie, 9th Earl of Southesk, Revived the 2nd Kinnard herd in 1880 with the purchase of the very best cow lines. He bred a very successful line. (1827 – 1905) **Index Page 669

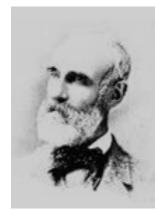
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Ramsay Maule, Lord Panmure, began his herd in 1835.Carefully bred the Native Polled Cattle and urged his tenants to do the same. (1771–1852) **Index Page 677



The 13th Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne (grandfather of the Queen Mother) bred his herd of cattle and had several champions. (1824 – 1904) **Index Page 680



The 7th Earl of Airlie an Enthusiastic breeder of the Aberdeen Angus at Cortachy castle and Arlie estate lands. Was Chamberlin to Queen (1826 – 1881) **Index Page 667



Charles Gordon Lennox, 7th Duke of Richmond, Bred Aberdeen Angus on Gordon castle estate with great success (1845 – 1928) **Index Page 679



The Earl of Aberdeen, His excellent Haddo House herd was started by the Earl in 1870 by purchases at Castle Fraser and Tillyfour. (1874 – 1934) **Index Page 667



John H. Bridges, had the oldest herd and most successful of the English herds at Langshott, Horley, Surrey. Started in 1876. **Index Page 669



Mr. Wm Whyte, Spott and Hatton of Eassie founded his herds in 1852 by animals got from Braedownie and bred faithfully to the very old lines. **Index Page 681



T. H. Bainbridge of Eshott, Felton district of Northumberland. Founded in 1899 the herd had till 1908 the record of 20 chmps, 61 1st prizes and many other honors. **Index Page 668



Mr. Gordon Duff of Hatton starting his herd in 1877 he collected the very best tribes of the day. His show wins were very impressive. **Index Page 671



Mr. J. J. Cridlan of Maisemore Park near Gloucester believed the Aberdeen-Angus breed most suited the requirements of the butcher. He stated his profitable herd in 1897. **Index Page 670



Mr. James Kennedy of Doonholm, Ayrshire, began his herd in 1900. His outstanding champions are too many to mention. **Index Page 674



Dr. Alexander Ramsay was the first secretary of the Polled Cattle Society and editor of the Herd Book in 1871 and continued until his death in 1909 **Index Page 678

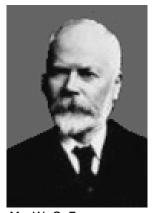
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Mr. J Ernest Kerr, Harviestoun Castle, Herd was started in 1899. In the shows the herd won many chmshps at the Royal Dublin & Highland **Index Page 674



Mr. John M'Intyre of Theakston Hall, began his herd in 1883. Due to the high quality of his cattle public sales were unnecessary. **Index Page 676



Mr. W. S. Ferguson, Pictstonhill, has been favorably known a Aberdeen-Angus breeder of the highest quality. He has won many prizes and exported many bulls. **Index Page 672



Mr. James R. Barclay a notable historian of the Aberdeen-Angus, writing astute history of the Angus cattle and the economic forces that made way for their opportunity.







His Majesty's Herd at Abergeldie

"The herd at Abergeldie Mains, owned by His late majesty King Edward VII., was formed by (the Kings mother) Her Majesty Queen Victoria after a visit she paid to the herd of Mr. M'Combe, Tillyfour. In Vol. vi. Of the Herd Book (the first volume issued by the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, and published in 1881) there are entries of cows owned by Her late Majesty; these were bred by Mr. Walker, Westside of Brux, and Mr. Lumsden of Clova. In the same volume two bulls, bred by the Late Queen, both calved in 1880, are entered. From the Haughton herd the cow Marjory 9th 12307 was introduced, and from her the Countess of Seafield's heifer Her Majesty of Cullen 5th, champion at the Birmingham and Smithfield shows in 1908, was descended, her dam, Fair Marie, having been bred at Abergeldie. One of the earliest purchased was Pride of Aberdeen 24th 4327, acquired in 1881 at 125 guineas. Four years later the Waterside Prides were introduced. The Prides were further added to by a purchase, from the Castlecraig herd, of Pride of Skirling 21762; while in 1897 the Aboyne Saints were introduced by the purchase of St. Adela 24331. The most important purchased were made, however, from the Ballindalloch herd. Encolonia 19250 acquired in 1893 introduced the famous Erica strain, while Gentian of Ballindalloch 19258, bought in 1894, brought in the Georgina family. Both these daughters of the celebrated Prince Inca 7844 proved valuable additions, and bred well. At present the chief families are Ericas, Prides, and Georginas."

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"At the shows much success has been attained. It was in 1881 that entries form Queen Victoria's Aberdeen-Angus herd first appeared in a show-yard, and since then the herd has been well in evidence at the leading shows of breeding stock, and at the fat stock shows."

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