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Jersey Pedigree Research and Historical Interpretation

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Mister Jester Pinn - in historic context

Background

Mister Jester Pinn was born February 27, 1952, at Beverly Jersey Farm Inc., owned by Arnold Wyss of Capac, Michigan. He sold in November 1955 to Max Bachelor, who operated Bachelor Farms in Angola, Indiana (still operated today by younger generations of the Bachelor family). While in Mr. Bachelor's ownership he attained his rating as a "Senior Superior Sire" and was consigned to the 1958 Folck Classic Sale. The *Jersey Journal* report of that sale indicates spirited bidding, including several AI organizations, with Sunbeam Farms of Cherryville, North Carolina as the winning bidder at \$20,000. This was the highest price paid to date for an American-bred Jersey bull; *Sybil's Gamboge*, sold in the 1919 Butler Importation Sale for \$65,000, held the record for the highest all-time price for a Jersey bull in US history at that time.

Pedigree

His sire (*Basileus Pinnacle Mister*) and dam (*Basileus Jester Cora*) were each a product of the breeding program at Meadowridge Jerseys of Ridgeway, Michigan; Mr. Wyss was regular customer of breeding stock (male and female) from the Meadowridge herd and also a consignor to the several highly-successful Meadowridge Merit Sales conducted across the decade of the 1950's. The dam and the sire's dam of *Mister Jester Pinn* were paternal sisters, daughters of *Brampton Jester Basileus*, one of two sons of *Jester's Royal Maid* (winner of the *Jersey Bulletin* 1950 Great Cow Contest) that featured prominently in the Meadowridge breeding program, directed by Dale Dean (1954 AJCC Master Breeder honoree).

Impact progeny

Bachelor Farms successfully marketed sons of *Mister Jester Pinn* to a wide range of herds, born during the time he was in their herd (and some that were born in the several months after he sold to Sunbeam Farms). Semen was collected for sale to other herds, by Bachelor Farm and/or Sunbeam Farms (as noted by Cliff Shearer in his original posting on *Mister Jester Pinn*); this was at about the time that freezing of bovine semen for widespread distribution was becoming a commercially viable option for breeders (supplanting the sale of fresh liquid semen).

Within the Bachelor Farms herd, their 2002 AJCA Jersey Jug Futurity Winner – *Bachelors Sambo Emmy 661* – has at least 4 crosses to *Mister Jester Pinn* in her dam's ancestry: her 8th dam was sired by *Mister Jester Boy* (a son of *Mister Jester Pinn*), her 9th dam was sired by *Mister Pinn* (a son of *Mister Jester Pinn*), her 10th dam was sired by *Mister Etta Pinn* (a son of *Mister Jester Pinn*) and her 11th dam was sired by *Mister Jester Pinn*.

Two prominent herds that sourced bulls for their respective breeding programs from the Bachelor herd brought the influence of *Mister Jester Pinn* to the development of their herds.

At least three (3) bulls with *Mister Jester Pinn* in their pedigrees were sold to Harold Owens of Frederic, Wisconsin (the herd now operating as Owens Farms Inc. by three of his sons and their families) – a son (*Jestpinn Golden Royalist*) in 1958 and two bulls out of *Mister Jester Pinn* daughters – *Golden Mister Pinn* in 1960 and *Liberator's Standard Pinn* in 1964. Both *Liberator's Standard Pinn* and *Golden Mister Pinn* are found in the maternal ancestry of *O.F. Berretta Rebekah*, dam of *O.F. Barber Rocket* (9JE202) and *O.F. Mannix Rebel-ET* (14JE365)

In January 1958 the Lyon family of Iowa (2015 AJCA Master Breeder honoree) purchased *Mister's Jester Basileus*, a son of *Mister Jester Pinn*, from Bachelor Farms. Among his daughters bred in the Lyon family herds are the founding matriarch of their "Lena" family and *Lyon Mister-Bas Belle*, founder of the "Polly" family for Roger Mabry, Butterfield Farms, Bentonville, Arkansas. In addition, *Jester B. Noble Aim*, purchased by the Lyon family from Meadowridge Jerseys, and closely related to *Mister Jester Pinn*, was credited as the bull that put the Lyon family's herds "on the map" on his way to an AI career at COBA.

The only identified (thus far) son of *Mister Jester Pinn* to enter commercial AI distribution was *Sunbeam Sculptor* (8JE104), born in 1966. His dam – *Survive Harvest Prides Dreamer* – was a valued member of the Sunbeam herd, scoring E-92% (later raised to E-94% at 13 years old), with a best lactation of 6-02 365 17380 6.0 1047, completed in 1967.

Summary

The sons and maternal grandsons of *Mister Jester Pinn* played significant roles in the development of several US Jersey herds that are breeding well-respected Registered Jerseys™ in 2015, 63 years after his birth (1952).

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