



2017 Maryland Century Farm Program Honorees
(Listed by County)

Tri-Centennial

**Ben and Paige Tilghman, The Hermitage
Centreville, Queen Anne's County**

The Hermitage was granted to the Tilghman Family by Charles Calvert in 1658. The original parcel consisted of 400 acres and has grown to 879 acres with half of the land in grain crops and half in timber. The original farmhouse no longer stands however the current home dates back to 1780. Along with this the farm has many buildings dating back to the late 1800s including various tenant houses, stables, corn cribs, and an ice house. The farm entered into the conservation easement program run by the Maryland Environmental Trust in 1977.

Bi-Centennial

**Barbara Wright Lowe, The Wright Place
White Hall, Harford County**

Barbara Wright Lowe owns the 120-acre farm where her son William G. Kurtz currently lives and operates. Thomas Poteet, Barbara's great, great, great, great grandfather, purchased the originally 448-acre farm as a grant from the Western Shore Land Office of the Maryland State government in 1794. This land, which he named Poteet's Fields, was confiscated from Loyalists during the American Revolution and granted to Revolutionary soldiers. The farm has participated in Ag Land Preservation. Crops grown on the farm include tomatoes, wheat, barley, oats, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and orchard grass. Livestock raised on the farm includes hogs, bulls, chickens, mules, horses, and sheep.

**Frances and John R. Quinn, Hickory Ridge Farm
Massey, Kent County**

Frances and John R. Quinn currently reside on the 282-acre farm. Samuel Johnson, great, great grandfather of Frances Quinn, purchased the land in 1787. The original farmhouse, built in 1888, still remains and is in excellent condition. The farm also includes two implement sheds, a pig house, a dairy barn and a milk house. Crops raised on the farm include corn, wheat, soybeans, potatoes, barley as well as cattle. They also have 11 acres of woodlands.

"Century Farm"

**Wesley M. & Katherine D. Gordon, Gordon Farm
Flintstone, Allegany County**

Sixth generation farmer Wesley M. Gordon and his wife Katherine operate the 185 acre Gordon Farm in Flintstone. The original parcel was purchased by Wesley's great-great-great-grandfather Moses G. Robinette in 1859. The original home built in 1850 is still in use and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property still has the original log smoke house that was built in 1900. The farm has raised a plethora of livestock that include sheep, cattle, hogs, and chickens. Crops grown on the farm include: hay, corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and other vegetables. Currently, the farm

participates in many best management practices including roof runoff management, nutrient management, livestock watering systems, and grazing plans.

**Selma C. Kahl, Kahl Farm
Perry Hall, Baltimore County**

Currently Kahl Farm is a 25-acre grain farm is owned by Selma C. Kahl. In 1914, George Kahl was gifted the farm. The property includes several buildings still in use today, including a barn, smokehouse, and various sheds. The farm has grown a variety of crops and livestock.

**Mark R. and Amye W. Scrivener, Scrivener Farm
Prince Frederick, Calvert County**

Currently, the operation is a 56-acre hay and Christmas tree farm owned by Mark R. and Amye W. Scrivener that includes 39 acres of woodland, 6.5 acres of pasture, 2 acres of Christmas trees and 5 acres of cropland. Mark's great-great-grandfather Charles W. Scrivener purchased the original 188 acres in 1903. Built circa 1850, the original home is still in use. Additional buildings on the farm include a 17-room tobacco barn (1945), 10-room tobacco barn (1983) and block equipment shed (1955). Other crops grown on the farm include tobacco, corn, and wheat. Livestock raised on the farm include milk cows, beef cattle, hogs, chickens, turkeys and horses. The farm owners also participate in the soil conservation, forestry management and agricultural land preservation programs.

**David Williams and Margaret Ann Rogers, Fluharty's Desire
Preston, Caroline County**

David Williams and Margaret Ann Rogers own the 49-acre grain farm, Fluharty's Desire. The Rogers' daughter Heather Fisher lives on the farm with her husband and two children. The family purchased the farm in 1876. The original home, built circa 1881, was added onto the farm in 1918 and 1975 and is in good condition. Crops grown on the farm include cantaloupe, watermelon, cucumbers, tomatoes, wheat, barley, soybeans, corn and sweet corn. Livestock raised include steers, horses, milk cows, pigs, chickens, and ducks. They participate in the cover crop and feed grain programs.

**John and Anne Shults, Shults Farm
Henderson, Caroline County**

John and Anne Shults currently own the 77 acre farm. John's grandfather, John T. Shults, purchased the property in 1908. The house, built in 1981, various barns, and 25 acres have been sold to a young farmer to help him get established in farming, while John, Anne, and John's mother live across the street and continue to grow crops and manage the rest of the farm, with the help of their son-in-law. Crops grown on the farm include hay, corn, wheat, soybeans, forage, and sweet peppers. Livestock raised include milk cows, beef cattle, and chickens. The family has participated in soil and water conservation and has met all required good management practices.

**Franklin & Margaret Robinson, Robinson Home Farm
Marydel, Caroline County**

Franklin and Margaret Robinson, currently reside on the 99 acre farm. Franklin's grandmother originally purchased the land in 1899. The original farmhouse, built circa 1775, is still in use. Additional buildings on the farm include a meat house (1948), corn crib (1958), hog pen (1960), cow shed (1961) and various other barns. Crops grown on the farm include corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, hay, peppers cucumbers, tomatoes, peas, sweet corn, and string beans. Livestock raised include beef and dairy cows, hogs, and chickens. The farm owner participates in the cover crop program, Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation, and various other best management practices. Additionally, they were named the Caroline County Soil Conservation Cooperator of the Year in 2006.

**Kenneth & Sharon Pickett, Killdeer Valley Farm
Woodbine, Carroll County**

Kenneth and Sharon Pickett, currently reside on the 63 acre farm. Kenneth's grandmother, Florence Conaway at age 19, purchased the farm in 1892. The main house was built in 1910 and has been added onto over the years. Additional buildings on the farm include a barn (1896), a meat house (1900), a dairy barn (unsure of date built). Crops grown on the farm include corn, wheat, soybeans, and barley. Livestock raised include beef and dairy cows, hogs, and chickens.

**Daniel D. & Sharon W. Fritz, Fritz Family Farms, LLC
New Windsor, Carroll County**

Daniel and Sharon Fritz own and operate the 150 acre dairy farm. Daniel's great grandfather originally purchased the farm in 1912. Crops grown on the farm include barley, wheat, soybeans, alfalfa, timothy, and corn. The farm owner participates in the cover crop program, Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation, and various other best management practices. In 1998, Daniel and Sharon received the "Soil Conservation Cooperator of the Year" award from Carroll County Soil Conservation.

**Russell and G. Steven Shlagel, Shlagel Farm
Waldorf, Charles County**

Siblings Russell Shlagel and G. Steven Shlagel currently own the 163 acre farm, where Russell lives in the original home built circa 1923. Russell and Stevens' great-grandfather originally purchased the farm from the German-American Colonization & Land Company of Maryland in 1912. Until 1988 the primary crop on the farm was tobacco, since then a large variety of vegetables, fruit crops, and grains are grown on the farm. The farm is complete with tobacco barns, corn cribs, hog and cow barns, and silos all dating back to the early 1930s. Additionally, the farm is listed in the Maryland Inventory of Historical Properties.

**Curtis Eberspacher, Drawbridge Farm
Cambridge, Dorchester County**

Curtis Eberspacher is the 4th generation to own the 357 acre farm. Originally, the farm operated as a dairy farm until the early 1960s. Now a majority of the farm acres are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program through USDA-NRCS.

**Elizabeth Handley-Nagel, Kuebler Farm
Vienna, Dorchester County**

Elizabeth (Libby) Handley-Nagel and Christian Nagel currently own and operate this 220 acre farm where they grow corn, wheat, and soybeans. Elizabeth's great-grandfather, Karl Kuebler, originally purchased the farm in 1906. The farm utilizes many best management practices such as cover crops and conservation tillage practices. In 2005, Chris and Libby received the "Outstanding Cooperator of the Year" award from the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Additionally, in 2006 they received the "Outstanding Agricultural Practices Award" from the Chesapeake Bay Program.

**William & Darlene Goehringer, Pop's Old Place Farm
Hurlock, Dorchester County**

Darlene Goehringer owns and operates the 70 acre farm. Darlene's great grandfather, Gustave Goehringer purchased the farm in 1906. Crops grown on the farm include sweet corn, wheat, soybeans. The farm participates in the cover crop program and implements other best management practices.

**Raymond & Louise Ediger, Green Spring Farm
Thurmont, Fredrick County**

Dr. Raymond and Mrs. Louise Ediger, currently operate the 272 acre farm where they grow corn, wheat, and soybeans. Cannery crops were also grown. The main house was built in 1899 and there are many other structures that were built on the farm during the 20th century. The farm has also raised cattle (beef and dairy), hogs, chickens, turkeys, goats, sheep, horses, and goldfish. They were named the Caroline County Soil Conservation Cooperator of the Year in 2006.

**Charles & Eugene Iager, Maple Lawn Farm
Fulton, Howard County**

Charles E. Iager, Jr. and Eugene W. Iager currently manage and operate a dairy and turkey farm with 400 registered Holsteins, 20,000 turkeys and 1,000 acres of crop land (owned/rented). Charles's great-great-grandfather, Henry Iager, purchased the original 108 acres in 1839. Crops grown on the farm include corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, alfalfa, pasture and various forage crops. Livestock raised on the farm include dairy cows, beef cattle, turkeys, chickens and pigs. They also currently have a turkey processing plant on site where they offer retail sales.

**Mary Helen Larrimore-Wolfe, Security Neglect Farm
Centreville, Queen Anne's County**

Mary Helen Larrimore Wolfe owns the 193-acre farm that was bought in 1908 by her grandfather, James Harry Larimore. She currently lives in the original house, which was built just one year after the purchase of the farm. The farm currently includes cropland, floodplain/wetlands, and woodland. Crops grown on the farm include corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, lespedeza, vegetables, and fruit trees. Livestock raised on the farm includes guineas, cows, pigs, steer, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, and ducks. The farm has also been used for its orchards, fruit and nut trees, sugar corn, and forestry, and contains a number of historical buildings such as a brooder house and smokehouse.

**Joseph George Taylor, Jr., Cherry Blossom Farm
Church Hill, Queen Anne's County**

Currently the 261 acre small grain operation is owned by Joseph George Taylor, Jr. The farm was purchased in 1900 from the James Coppage Estate. The house was built in 1910 and various barns are still on the property. In addition to growing small grains, the farm manages 6 poultry houses for Mountaire Farms, and runs a small produce stand in the summer months. The farm owner also owns and operates Cherry Blossom Farms Hunting - a small game hunting business that includes duck, geese, deer and turkey. The farm owner participates in the cover crop program, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and various other best management practices.

**Barbara Carruthers Montfort, Chickahominy Farm
Bushwood, St. Mary's County**

Currently the 126 acre grain operation is owned by Barbara C. Montfort. The farm was purchased in 1863 from the Edward J. Plowden Estate. The farm owner participates in the cover crop program, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and various other best management practices.

**James B. Montfort, III, Springfield
Bushwood, St. Mary's County**

Currently the 20 acre grain farm is owned by James B. Montfort, III. The farm was purchased in 1887. The farm owner participates in the cover crop program, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and various other best management practices. The farm grows tobacco and soybeans.

Paul & Anne Twining, Twining Farm

Princess Anne, Somerset County

Paul Twining, Jr. is the 3rd generation owner of the 125-acre farm. Originally the farm grew a variety of truck crops (tomatoes, potatoes, lima beans, and peas), tobacco and had an apple orchard. Today the farm operates as a grain farm.

Brian T. Johnson, Elceed Farms, Inc.

Westover, Somerset

Currently the 325-acre small grains (corn, wheat, and soybean) operation is owned by Brian T. Johnson. Brian's great-great-grandfather August Liebrand purchased the original 200 acres in 1911. Livestock raised on the farm include dairy and beef cows, horses, goats, sheep, chickens, mules, and hogs. The farm participates in the cover crop program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and implements other best management practices.

Mr. & Mrs. Phil MacDonald, Kitty's Corner Farm

Cordova, Talbot County

Hans and Helen Schwarten and Phil and Lois MacDonald live on and operate the 85-acre farm, purchased in 1907 by Julius Schwarten, Lois's grandfather. The family currently grows barley, soybeans, hay and pasture. Livestock raised on the farm include dairy cows, sheep, hogs, chickens, mules, horses, and geese. The farm has also grown sweet corn and pumpkins. The family participates in the federal Conservation Stewardship Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, cover crop, and nutrient management program and has installed numerous best management practices.

Donald Cober & Mary Ann Miller, Summerton Farm

Wittman, Talbot County

Siblings Donald B. Cober and Mary Ann Miller currently own the 350-acre farm, where Donald lives in the original brick home, built circa 1690. Donald and Mary Ann's great-uncle, Allan W. Beachley, purchased the original 400-acre farm in 1908. Work on the farm consists of raising chickens, hogs and sheep along with maintaining a Holstein dairy herd. It also involves growing tomatoes, corn, soybeans, wheat, making hay and butchering. The farm has also been utilized for timbering. The farm participates in the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and has implemented numerous best management practices.

Robert & Barbara Saathoff, Robert Saathoff Farm

Easton, Talbot County

Robert and Barbara Saathoff own and operate the 192-acre grain and poultry farm. Barbara's grandfather Rudolph Pahlman purchased the farm in 1908 from Thomas E. Leverton. Crops grown on the farm include corn, soybeans, and wheat. In its 104-year history, the farm has been the scene for many innovative techniques and machinery. Barbara's father Charles was one of the first farmers in the area to double crop soybeans after barley in 1959. The farm is still home to three original Allis Chalmer tractors that are still in working condition, including the first self propelled combine that was used on the farm in the late 1950s. The farm was enrolled in the Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation in 2005. Additionally, the farm participates in the cover crop program and implements other best management practices.

Charles & Ailene Downes, Montpelier

Clear Spring, Washington County

Alliene Siebert and Charles C. Downes and their family currently operate the 457-acre farm where they grow corn, wheat, barley and soybeans. The main house was built in 1881 and there are numerous structures on the property dating back to the late 18th and 19th centuries. The farm has also raised sheep, pigs, cows, horses, rabbits, chickens, duck and geese and has been used as a Christmas

tree farm. Alliene's great- great-grandparents, Samuel and Ann Siebert, purchased the original 440-acre farm in 1863. The farm participates in the Agricultural Land Preservation and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and has implemented numerous best management practices.

Scot A. Poffenberger, MM Ranch

Sharpsburg, Washington County

Scot Poffenberger is the 4th generation owner of MM Ranch in Washington, County. Currently the farm consists of 183 acres and 55 head cow-calf operation. The farm has a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan and is part of the Farm Stewardship Certification and Assessment Program. The farm also has many best management practices including pasture rotation and off site watering.

G. Gorman and Elizabeth Brittingham, Jean Roger and Cynthia Brittingham Buchen,

Brittingham Family Farms

Powellville, Wicomico County

Brittingham Family Farms is comprised of three farms with a combined total of 260 acres. Two of the farms totaling 159 acres are Century Farms that were purchased by family in 1906 and 1907. Gorman and Elizabeth (ages 93 and 94 respectively) still live/remain on one of the Century Farms and currently have the farmland in active crop production. Their daughter, Cynthia and her husband, Jean Roger Buchen live on the second Century Farm which acreage is enrolled/remains in the CRP/CREP Program.

Milton P. Elliott, Jr., Sandy Lane Farms

Mardela Springs, Wicomico County

Currently, the operation is a 126-acre soybean and watermelon farm. Milton's great-grandfather James H. Elliott purchased the original 128 acres in 1900. Livestock raised on the farm include dairy cow, horses, and chickens. Other crops grown on the farm include potatoes, corn, cucumbers, cantaloupes, peppers, and strawberries.

Robert T. & Sharon L. Adkins, Robert T. & Sharon L. Adkins Farm

Parsonsburg, Wicomico County

Currently the 111-acre farm grows grain and vegetables. In 1978, they began manufacturing and selling seed planters through Johnny's Selected Seeds Catalog. The product is constructed by family during the winter months.

Harry T. Clark, Willie Brown Farm

Salisbury, Wicomico County

Currently, the 58-acre grain farm is owned by Harry T. Clark, who is the 4th generation to operate the farm. The farm participates in the Maryland Cover Crop Program.

Tayna Miller, Town's End Farm

Newark, Worcester County

Currently, the 150-acre farm includes cropland and woodland is owned by Tayna Miller and is a 4th generation to operate the farm. The farm historically had a variety of livestock including cows, pigs, and chickens.

W. Dan & Willis E. Redden, Redden Farm

Pocomoke City, Worcester County

Father and son W. Dan and Willis E. Redden own and operate the 118-acre farm. Willis' great-grandfather, William E. Redden, purchased the original 122-acre farm in 1892. They have participated in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program since 2000. Crops grown on the farm include Irish and sweet potatoes, tomatoes, corn, soybeans, hay and pasture. Livestock raised on the farm include hogs, cattle and poultry.