

Darrel, Marvin & Alvin Vaage *1972
Snake Valley Farms, Champion, AB
Charolais Banner May 1994

The Vaages have been interested in Charolais since father Alfred Vaage (deceased, 1978) brought the first Charolais bull from Buddy Cobb, Augusta, Montana in 1965. The Vaages were also involved in having their commercial cowherd contracted from 1968 - 1974 by the CCA for the early years of the C-C program.

Wally J. & Betty Vance *1976
WJV Charolais Farm, Rosetown, SK
dispersal 1991

G. Vancuren & Sons
Diamond Four Charolais Ranch, Khedive, SK

R. A. (Bob Sr.) & Dell Vandekerkove *1969
Del-Van Charolais Ranches
Vans Enterprises, North Burnaby, B.C.
children: Robert(& Colleen), Phil(& Sally), Billy, Sharon, Sandra, Bonnie,
Douglas, Susan, Bruce
Robert A. Vandekerkhove CCA director 1972 - 1975
Robert Vanderderkhove died Dec. 1995
Charolais Banner - March 1973

Bob Vandekerkhove, born on a dairy farm in Manitoba, farmed for a while and then went into trucking, turning to the service station business and finally operating a fleet of gas trucks and service stations. He sold the gas business in 1968 and spent the winter washing dishes at home. Come spring he'd had enough of washing dishes and anyway, he got replaced by a dishwasher, so he bought a piece of land outside Langley, planing to retire on it. Bob recalls, "The fellow I bought the land from was a friend of Barney Smallman's and he was getting the Charolais Banners, so we read them all. We took the family to the Calgary Stampede in 1969 and I had \$6,000 that I was going to buy some Charolais with. I got bidding and ended up taking two Full French heifers and four Purebred cows for \$57,800."

Robert Jr. & Colleen Vandekerkhove *1970
Col-Rob Holdings, North Vancouver, BC
children: Shannon, Robert Angus (1974), Raissa Paige (1975)

Philip & Sally Vandekerkhove *1969
Vans Enterprises, North Burnaby, BC
children: Philip (1973)
Philip Vandekerkhove BCCA president 1973, 1974
CCA director 1975 - 1977

Will & Marylyn VanDeKerkhove *2000
Wil Mar Charolais, Pilot Mound, MB

Syt VanDerHeide *1966
Camp 3 Ranch, Black Creek, BC

Emmanuel & Susan VanDeVelde *1980
Velda Rose Charolais, Mariapolis, MB
children: Rochell, Julie, Christine, Roslyn, Laurena, Daniel
Charolais Banner July/August 1995

Emmanuel and Susan VanDeVelde, Velda Rose Charolais, have been chosen as Manitoba's "Farm Family of the Year" for 1995. VanDeVelde's involvement in agriculture is extensive. Their 3,000 acre farm grows wheat, canola, flax, barley and sunflower. Their purebred Charolais herd numbers about 100 breeding females.

Dan & Alana Van Steelandt *1992
Tripple V Ranch, Medora, MB

Michael & Mary Vasko *1973
Delhi, ON

Doug Vaughn *1992
5V Stock Farms, Saskatoon, SK

Jan Verdun *1965
Verdun, Charolais Farm, Aylmer, ON
Jan Verdun Pres. OCA 1967,1968, 1969
dispersal sale: May 1978
Jan Verdun died Oct. 1996
Charolais Banner Oct.1968:

It was in Holland, the homeland of the Balck & White Holsteins that I was born and raised, and it was not on a farm either. My father had a feed business and when I quit school, (nuch too early I found out later), I went to work at the feed business at home. However, I was always interested in farming, and also either coming to Canada or the States, and finally Canada won out, when I managed to get enough money for a boat ticker, and landed in Halifax in April 1930, with the idea of being a farmer, so I thought. But the hard work, long days and low pay made me do some thinking. I decided that more education would not be a bad idea, so next year I enrolled at the Agricultural College in Guelph, and graduated from there in 1936.

But jobs were still not plentiful, and it was not until 1938 that I finally got to work for one of the big Feed and Fertilizer Companies, and was with them for four years. While on the road as a salesman, I found out that there was a feed business for sale in Aylmer, and I decided that I wanted to work for myself so the deal was made in 1942, and I was in business.

Farming still appealed to me, and in 1950 I was offered a farm with everything on it, and it did not take long to make up my mind, so the deal was made and I was a farmer. The cattle on the farm were Holsteins, and it stayed this way until I heard stories about Charolais and the good beef cattle they were. I kept on the lookout for more

information and in 1964 I was able to buy four bred cows, and although the price asked for these cows was much more than I had been paying for the Holsteins I had, I bought these Charolais cows, so I could see for myself if they were as good as I was told. This was the beginning and that fall I bought 6 head from a farmer who had up-bred these from some good Shorthorn cows he owned. When, the next spring, Shirley Branum wanted to sell her herd, I went to see it, and bought 29 head from her. It was not too long afterwards that I had more Charolais than Holsteins, and the Holsteins were sold that spring.

The herd has been entered on the Ontario Beef Cattle Performance Testing Program, so I will know what each cow in the herd does. French bulls have been and are being used, and some top domestic females have been added. I am inclined to think that the best Charolais will be developed from crossing our best domestic cattle with the pure French. But should this prove wrong, I hope to have a number of pure French Charolais as well. Operating a farm and breeding Charolais cattle gives a man unlimited scope to use his brains, and use his energy to do the work. But at the same time I believe the following lines contain a lot of truth, "Man has been given two ends, one to sit with, one to think with. It depends which end you use the most, for head you win, and tails you lose."

Maynard Veum *1961
Cando, ND, USA

Voegeli Family *1973
Voegelli Bros. Charolais, Maymont, SK
Max Voegeli
Norman & Dorothy
children: Debbie, Audrey, Darlene, Lisa (& Dennis Serhienko)
Charolais Banner July/August 1993

The Voegelis began using Charolais bulls as A.I. sires on their commercial herd in the early 1970's. They bought their first purebred females in 1973. Today there are 90-100 breeding females with another 50 commercial females at the place.

Conrad & Alice Vogel *1974
Vogel's Charolais, Pelly, SK

Ken & Deb Voth *1998
Diamon Bar V Ranch, Medora, MB
children: Marty, Charley, Vanessa

Real & Yvonne Vuignier *1988
Rhea-Von Charolais, Treheren, MB

Lester Wagers *1968
Double L Charolais, Innisfail, AB

Lorne & Tina Wagers *1968
Double L Charolais, Innisfail, AB

Bill Wagner	*1971
Ron Wagner Wagner Bros. Charolais, Harris, SK	
Joe & Judy Wagner Harris, Sk	*1990
Dean & Janic Walde Walde Charolais, Neilburg, SK	*1982
Gerald & Liz Walkeden Willowway Charolais, Tribune, SK children: Glenn (& Sharon), Duane, Scott	*1972
Ivan & Ethel Walker Diamond W Charolais, Hudson Bay, SK children: Orland Charolais Banner Auly/August 1990 Ivan Walker started his Charolais herd only 14 years ago after moving to the farm near Huson Bay. Prior to that he had been an 18-year elevator agent for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.	*1984
Vern & Candace Walker VJR Charolais, Enilda, AB	*2000
Russel & Ellen Wall Beaver Lodge Charolais, Weldon, SK	*1978
Trent & Carolyn Walls Open View Charolais, Alameda, SK	*1993
Mark & Judy Walter Walter Charolais, Lampman, SK	*1992
Murray & Barbara Walter Walter Charolais, Swift Current, SK	*1977
Bret Walters Calgary, AB	*1990
Donna Ward Rondo Charolais, Sackville, NB Sec. Maritime Char. Assn. 1990, 1991	*1989
Rene A. Wassmann	*1963

TL Ranch, Kaleden, BC

Charles F. & Lynn Watson IV *(2001)
Charles J. Watson V
Charles HL. VI & Cierra Watson
Wat-Cha Land & Cattle Co. Ltd., Mount Forest, ON

Charles F. & Ethel Watson *1969
Wat-Cha Farms Ltd., Mt. Forest, ON
* Charolais Honour Roll (2003)
Charolais Banner July/Aug. 2003

Charlie was born on the family farm 10 miles north of Mount Forest. He left home in 1938 at the age of 15 with only a knapsack on his back, to sell subscriptions for the Family Herald Magazine. At age 17, he ventured to the big city of Toronto landing a labourer's job at the Alcan Aluminium plant. Charlie married Ethel in 1942, and the same year he left for overseas where he served the war years in the army stationed in Holland until 1946.

In 1949 he left Alcan to start his own insurance business and from thereon, never looked back. He found his niche as a developer, however his passion for the business world did not take precedence over his passion for the cattle business. In 1969 Charlie attended his first Charolais sale near Toronto. He left that record breaking sale with two heifers, a yearling and a four month old calf at a cost off \$35,000

Tom & Jo Watson *1966
T and J Charolais, Strathmore, AB
children: Brenda, Casper, Janet & Steven
dispersal Nov. 1980
Charolais Banner June 1979

Tom and Jo, who have raised Charolais since 1966 on their 530 acres ranch 12 miles southeast of Strathmore, say that 98 per cent of their buyers are repeat customers who often buy their bull(s) over the phone.

A native of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Watson started raising Charolais in 1959 on her hundred acre farm 25 miles northwest of Toronto. Well known in the area for her prize purebred Lacombe pigs, the then Mrs. Pflieger broke ground in Charolais breeding in Ontario. Jo and Tom, another Saskatchewan native, were married in 1967. Tom was then a widower with four children.

Victor & Gertrude Watson *1969
Airdrie, AB
dispersal Oct. 1974 / April 1978
Charolais Banner June 1971

Vic Watson was one of the top Hereford breeders at the time but went Charolais in the 1960's.

Lyle & Lorne Watts *1965
Lockhorn Ranch, Scollard, AB

Don & Cecil Weber *1961
Webers Ranch, Didsbury, AB

Frank, Owen, Doug & Randy Weekes *1991
Weekes Vance View Charolais, Biggar, SK
dispersal Dec. 2000

Carey & LeeAnn Weinbender *1998
Sliding Hills Charolais, Canora, SK

Don & Judi Weir *1975
DonnyWeir Charolais, Caledon East, ON
children: Jeff, Gary, Nancy
Judy Weir Sec. Charolettes 1981
Don Weir Pres. OCA 1982, 1983
Charolais Banner - June 1978

Charolais mean a lot to Don Weir despite the fact he's been up to his eyes in the aviation business. Don got started with Charolais back in 1974. He bought a bull to breed his grade Shorthorn cows. However his intention was never realized, so impressed was he with the breed, he decided to go all the way.

Ken & Lorna Weiss *1968
Lorken Charolais Ranch Diamond K Cattle Co. Ltd., Maple Creek, SK

Milton Weiss *1972
CCA General Manager 1984
Milton Weiss died Sept. 1998
Charolais Banner Nov. 1983

At the CCA Excelutive Meeting in June Milton Weiss was presented with a recognition certificate for his longtime contributions for the Charolais breed in Canada. Milt was originally involved with Charolais in the late 1960's, with the design and development of the C-C program. Milt has a background in genetics and worked very closely with the association in the 1970's in the study of the genetic defect of arthrogyriposis. His work in this area helped to define and isolate the problem and is one of the reasons why the frequency of the defect is much lower today.

In 1973 and 1974, Milt was the consultat for the Association, advising on the installation of our own computer to maintain the pedigree records.

Russle & Ellen Well *1977
Beaverlodge Charolais, Weldon, SK

Dr. Ken Wells *1965
Veterinary Director General, Can. Dept. of Agriculture
In charge of import permits from Europe

Reiny & Vi Wendel Charline Farms, Central Butte, SK	*1969
Hans & Liz Wengberg Wengberg Charolais Ranch, Barriere, BC	*1982
Palmer & Joyce Wenzel South West Ponderosa Ranch, Consul, SK	*1982
Wendall & Leanne Weston Bricney Stock Farm, Maidstone, SK children: Whitney, Nicholas, Brock	*1998
Len Westerlund Grandview, MB	*1983
Bert Wheeler Houston, TX, USA	*1965
Robin White Rosebriar Charolais, Pitt Meadows, BC disperal Nov. 1998	*1980
Ron & Theresa White White Ridge Farms, Petersfield, MB	*1998
Newton & Jeanette Whitfield J. N. Charolais, Alameda, SK dispersal 1986	*1969
Lorne Whitrow LWS Charolais, Choiceland, SK	*1984
Maurice & Laurie Wiart Casalta Charolais, Castor, AB	*1990
Clarence & Justine Wiebe Poplar Bluff Charolais, Rush Lake, SK	*1973
George & Esther Wiebe Bar Nothing Quality Livestock, Morden, MB	*1991
Russell & Charmain Wielgosz Russ-Char Charolais, Rose Valley, SK children: Stephanie, Stephen, Shari, Sara	*1986

- Leroy & Martha Wiens *1965
Lee's Charolais Ranch, Dalmany, SK
- Jim & Maria Wiese *1973
Pembina Valley Charolais, Pibroch, AB
Wiese Charolais, Westlock, AB
Charolais Banner Sept. 1988
Jim's father, Ronald, bought him his first heifer in 1973, the same time he began establishing his Pembina Valley Charolais Herd. Since then Jim has built his own herd into 40 plus breeding females. In 1983 Jim decided to work on his own and moved his cattle to his present location, four miles from his father's farm.
- Ronald & Agnes Wiese & Family *1973
Pembina Valley Charolais, Pibroch, AB
children: Jim (& Maria), Michael, Bryan
Ron Weise - CCA director 1977-1980
Agnes Wiese died July 1983
dispersal 1991
- Vern & Kathleen Wiese *1965
Long Valley Charolais Ranch, Alix, AB
Kathleen Wiese Sec. ACA 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981
Vern Wiese Pres. ACA 1978, 1979
CCA director 1980 -1983
- Elmer Wigg 1978
Stoughton, SK
- Wiggins Bros. *1968
Keith Dale Charolais, Fillmore SK
Keith Wiggins
Dale Wiggins
Charolais Banner Jan. 1970
The Wiggins family farms 2000 acres as well as operating a large commercial cow-calf herd and feedlot. They purchased their first Charolais bull from Souris River Charolais Ranch in 1966 and have been adding Charolais females to their herd since that time. The Wiggins' sold their last Hereford cows in November and are now strictly Charolais breeders.
- Earl & Minnie Wilder *1968
Fairmont Ranch, Farmont Hot Springs, BC
sold herd to Lyle Gard in 1973
- Lloyd & Ward Wilder *1966
Fairmont Hotsprings Charolais, Fairmont, BC
dispersal July 1986

- John & Brenda Wilgenbush *1992
 Wilgenbush Charolais, Hallbrite, SK
 children: Collin, Conrad, Craig
 John Wilgenbush Pres. SCA 2004, 2005
- Carl A. Wilke *Founding Member 1959
 C W Charolais, Yellow Grass, SK
- Don & Wanda Wilkie *1991
 Big Valley, AB
 children: Clint, Andrea, Casey
- Dr. C.M. Williams *Founding Member 1959
 Department of Animal Husbandry
 University of Saskatchewan
 Saskatoon, SK
- Duane & Maureen Williams *1988
 Darlingford, MB
- Ed & Alorie Williams *1983
 Bar EW Char Farm, Macrorie, SK
 children: Aaron
 Charolais Banner July/August 1997
 The Williams' interest in Charolais started in 1970 when their 50 commercial cows were bred to Charolais bulls in the P.F.R.A. pasture. This interest grew even more when Ed purchased his first purebred females in 1983.
 The Williams' operation includes 2,000 acres (1,500 cultivated) with 70 purebred females and 15 commercial cows.
- Leornard & Irene Williams *1980
 Jim & Twi Williams
 Arrow Creek Charolais, Arrowwood, AB
 Leonard Williams died Feb. 1991
- Denis & Elaine Williamson *1968
 Charhead Ranch, Indian Head, SK
 Denis Williamson died 2000
 Charolais Banner July/August
 Denis, Elaine and family started their purebred Charolais herd in 1966.
- Rob & Anne Willis *1975
 Broken Anchor Ranch, Clinton, BC
 children: Jay, Jeremy
 Rob Willis Pres. BCCA 1978, 1979

Sec. BCCA 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991

- J.J. (Jake) Willms *1987
Jud & Tom Willms
Dan & Bryan Willms
Wilbar Farms, Dundurn, SK
- Alan & Joyce Wilson *1973
Wilson Manor Charolais, Oxbow, SK
children: Deanna, Marlis
dispersal - Nov 1977
- Bill & Heather Wilson *1969
Charwil Ranch, Pembroke, ON / (1978) Lacombe, AB / Erskine, AB
children: Jennifer, Shelley
Bill Wilson CCA director 1976 -1977
Heather Wilson Sec. Charolettes 1976
Charolais Banner - Oct. 1971
Bill and Heather Wilson at Pembroke in Northern Ontario have been dairying and are presently making plans to dispose of their registered Ayrshires and devote full time to their Charolais herd. The Wilsons purchased a large part of Gerry Lalonde's domestic and half French herd.
- Lyle & Lynn Wilson *1985
N3 Stock Farms, Admiral, SK
- Keith & Linda Wilson *1988
Grassland Charolais, Val Marie, SK
- Norman Wilson *1991
N3 Stock Farms, Swift Curren, SK
- Tom Wilson *1987
Wildon Farms, Corunna, ON
- Adam & Alysen Winder *2002
Donmoore Farms (new partners with Don Scott), Tupperville, ON
- Bill & Jean Winters *2003
Robert & Lorraine Winters
Winters Charolais, Renfrew, ON
- Doug & Bernice Wiseman *1968
Chaloe Acres, Perth, ON
children: Karen

Herb & Anne Woitt

*1960

Hi Standard Charolais, Wetaskiwin, AB

Children Dale (1959), Marjorie (1960), James (1963) and Susan (1965)

Charolais Banner Nov. 1966

I was born and raised on the farm west of Wetaskiwin, AB, where I have lived all my life. Earlier years were spent mainly at mixed farming, gradually increasing the numbers of beef animals we had, which consisted mainly of Shorthorn and Hereford breeding. I also had a few purebred Herefords, using a registered Hereford bull on the two breeds. We were reasonably satisfied with the cross-breds, but when it came to the straight breds, all I can say is that they were nice to look at, but when it came to gainability, they were tail enders.

It was in 1957 that I met Anne in our fair city of Wetaskiwin our homes were not more than twenty miles apart. We were married in 1958. This was also the year I read a few articles on Charolais that got the ball rolling. We bred two of our cows AI to Charolais and the next spring, after seeing these calves grow for just a few weeks, I was convinced this was it.

Shortly after learning that the late Ray Branum had Charolais in Canada, we paid him a visit. I am proud to say that I learned a ABC's of the Charolais breed from Ray, and purchased two 13/16 yearling heifers before leaving.

We increased our herd by cross breeding and buying femals from various herds of the US. Our last ones being from the Litton Charolais Ranch and Bill Lamme of Laclede, Missouri. We imported three heifers from France in 1966 and 1967

Through A.I. we have been able to use some of the best bulls in North America, By way of performance testing and culling, we hope to some day reach the "Hi Standard" for which we have set out goal. I believe there is always room for improvement.

My favorite sport is hunting, Two other fellows and I have hunted some 15 odd years and have been successful every year, although once in a while a moose gets in the way. This fall I will be on a hunt into the wilderness making a try for Caribou. We will be taking two or our horses to ride - we have second and third generation thoroughbreds.

I will say that by visiting fellow Charolais breeders, we have seen some tremendous cattle and made some wonderful friend, people we would never have met had it not been for the Charolais breed.

Murray & Leona Wolfe

*1979

Wolfe Hill Charolais, Grenfell, SK

Alan & Frankie Wolfenden

*1959

Birchfield Farm, Brisco, BC

children: Bryce (1975), Brandy (1976)

Donald & Patsy Wolfenden

*1959

Birchfield Farm, Brisco, BC

children: Tanya (1970), Warren (1971), Troy (1975), Adam (1976)

Donald Wolfenden

Pres. BCCA 1976, 1977

Pres. BCCA 1986, 1987

Winston & Val Wolfenden

*Founding Member 1959

Birchfield Farm, Brisco, BC

children: Donald (1946), Kathleen (1947), Darleen (1949), Alan (1950)

Winson Wolfenden

CCA director 1962 - 1967

disperal Oct. 1991

In the 1964 Charolais Newsletter Winston wrote:

I spent all of my early years here in the Columbia Valley on the farm which I later bought from my father. At the age of seventeen I decided that there was bigger money elsewhere to be made, and I went driving team on the construction of the "Big Bend Highway".

After two years, with still itchy feet, I decided to move on, winding up with the CM & S Co. at Trail, BC where I worked for nearly four years.

War broke out and I was away agin. I joined the Air Force which kept me occupied for five years, and while stationed at Dafoe, SK I met Val, a Saskatchewan school teacher, and we were married in 1944. In the Spring of 1946 I was discharged and returned to the farm at home which now looked greener than any far pasture.

One big setback came in November 1959 when we lost our home by fire, a home which we had worked so hard to build. The bright side of this misfortune was in finding out what wonderful friend and neighbours we had.

Our first enterprise on the farm was to build a herd of registered Herefords, This was followe by a change-over to the dairy business and a herd of registered Ayreshires on ROP test.

It was about this time that I started gathering literature and talking about these white cattle from France. I think Val was beginning to wonder if our next move was to be to France or Mexico, for I now knew for sure that I would like to try the Charolais cattle and so I placed on order with Ed Lyons. He brought us three heifers and a bull from Louisiana. To us this seemed like quite a gamble at the time, but a gamble that we have never regretted. Our first calf crop came from a Charolais bull on our Hereford-Shorthorn cross cows. Of course, we heard many remarks from the neighbours about the color of theses calves and it was not until fall when the time to market these big calves came, that people began to realize that, perhaps, we had something. The first two years' calf crops went to Calgary with an average weight of over 600 pounds at weaning time. These weights were so attractive that there was soon a good demand for my bulls.

In 1963 I purchased a purebred herd sire from Rodney James. In the fall of 1964 we purchased a few cows from Shirley Branum.

Doug & Dolores Wolosuk

*1990

Wolosuk Charolais, Vauxhall, AB

children: Jamie, Kris

dispersal Dec. 1997

Herman & Jessie Wolski

*1990

Chester Charolais, Hines Creek, AB

Clifford & Marlene Wood

*1993

Calvin Wood

C-Sta Charolais, Corning, SK

Dale & Lyn Wood	*1990
Woodland Charolais, Spirit River, AB	
Harvey & Audrey Wood	*1966
Char-K Charolais Ranch, Northgate, SK	
Harvey Wood Sec. SCA 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979	
Audrey Wood Sec. Treas. Charolettes - 1974, 1975	
Pres. Charolettes - 1977, 1978	
CCA director 1980-1983	
children: 4 Karen	
Charolais Banner Oct. 1973	
In 1966, together with a neighbor we bought a 15/16 bull and by fall decided to buy some high-percentage females with calves.	
Irving Wood	*1989
Ancrum Farms, Rivers, MB	
Dr. R. Lynn & Peggy Wood	*1969
W5 Charolais, Estevan, SK	
children: Cheryl, Shawn, Cara	
dispersal Nov. 1979	
Charolais Banner - Nov. 1973	
We bought our first Charolais in 1968 and since then we have been slowly selling our lower percentage and buying purebred and Full French.	
Terry Wood	*1991
Woodland Charolais, Spirit River, AB	
Al & Dale Worthing	*1990
Alda Holdings Ltd. Edson, AB	
dispersal Nov. 1996	
Nick & Lila Woytenko	*1991
Kennedy Creek Ranch, Thorhild, AB	
dispersal Dec. 1994	
Orville & Shirley Wright	*1975
Hillview Farm, Vanscoy, SK	
children: Garth, Russ, Pat, Curtiss, Byron	
Con & Debbie Young	*1985
Young Fram Chaolais, Wyoming, ON	