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Truvalle, Stud No. 22



Admiring their \$10,000 record breaking purchase in 1989 of Truvalle Adelaide a daughter of Cribrum Andrew 2 from Minlacowie Fusan was PTIC to Valley Eden, were John and Jeanette Birch, Jaybees stud, Mt Larcom, with vendors Peter and Margaret Wilson, Truvalle Stud, The Valley, Blackbutt.

The history of Truvalle begins in 1961 at the RNA Show Sale when, my future father-in-law, Joseph N Wilson, purchased Mungalla King followed by the purchase of Mungalla Duke at the 1962 RNA Show Sale. In June 1962, a large number of Brahman cross heifers in calf were purchased from Central Queensland. The progeny of the Brahman cross heifers were very impressive and in 1965 fourteen Bellevue registered Droughtmaster heifers were acquired. J N Wilson later joined the Society in August 1962.

In 1966 the Truvalle Droughtmaster Stud was registered. The Stud was just 'outside' of Foundation, being number 22. Later that year at the Rockhampton Droughtmaster Sale, Rainbow Texas 3rd was purchased and in 1967 at the RNA Show Sale, the top priced Droughtmaster bull, Valley Chief joined the Stud. The partnership was later changed to J N Wilson and Son when Joe and Florine's son, Peter, joined the partnership.

In 1972 at the Droughtmaster Feature Show, Truvalle Dalkeith was awarded Grand Champion Bull,

and the Grand Champion Female was awarded to Truvalle Fleur. The Breeders Group that year was also won by Truvalle. Truvalle Cain led the Droughtmaster breed in the National "Sire of the Year" contest in 1974, sponsored by the Queensland Country Life and Country Life (NSW) coming second to the winner, King Ranch K179.

Truvalle continued their successes in the Burnett and the Brisbane Valley show and sale rings, at Droughtmaster Feature Shows and at the RNA. Truvalle females have been the basis of many successful Droughtmaster Studs, including Ray and Desley Phillip's Sunny View Stud. They purchased Truvalle Fancy - the beginning of their illustrious Sunny View Fancy line.

Peter was one of the pioneers and vendors of the Gympie Droughtmaster Female Sale, and also the Droughtmaster Futurity Show held at Gatton, plus one of the early on-property inspectors of the Droughtmaster breed. He was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Society and served on the Board from 1986 to 1991.

My history with Truvalle begins in 1980 when I married Peter. I soon became involved with this great breed of cattle and wanted to be a part of all aspects of the Stud and Commercial cattle industry. I attended schools for Show Preparation and Handling and also for Judging. I have enjoyed judging the different breeds of cattle at many Queensland Shows including the RNA and have been the Droughtmaster Breed Captain for many years representing and attending to the exhibitors at that venue.

From 2001 to 2005 I also enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors of the Droughtmaster Society, and in 2015 was made a Life Member of the Society. Sadly, the Truvalle herd was dispersed on the 28th November 2020.

I have always enjoyed my association with the Droughtmaster Breed and its members, attending the Sales and Shows, advising and helping newcomers to the Breed, and been interested in promoting all the benefits the breed has to offer in Australia and overseas.

By Mrs Margaret Wilson