

Nevada Centennial

Ranch & Farm Awards Program

2010



Celebrating Nevada's Heritage

by recognizing agricultural families who have
owned the same land for 100 years & more

Quilici Ranch

Luigi Quilici immigrated from Italy and established his ranch in Dayton in 1881. A few years later, Ruggero Quilici, Luigi's youngest son, moved his wife, Nunzia, and three children, Salvatore, Ledo and Rita from Italy to the ranch. Son Larry was born later in America. It is the oldest operating one-family ranch along the lower Carson River.



Nunzia did not want to move to America, and none of them spoke English when they arrived. Times were hard and they spent long hours planting crops like potatoes with a horse-drawn plow.

Now they cherish the pastures that are watered by the Sierra snowdrifts that bring the alfalfa and Sudan grass to life and water their herds of livestock. They raised their families on the ranch, and now their children are raising their families. The ranch is almost totally surrounded by development but hopefully will remain a haven for deer, bald eagles and other wildlife for another 100 years.

Lawrence Ranch



Charles A. Lawrence purchased 160 acres from Ira H. Kent in 1908 and raised rotations of alfalfa and wheat or corn. He had a small dairy as well as some sheep, horse and turkeys.

After Charles died in 1929, his wife, Eva, started raising chickens for their eggs. At one time, she had 1,000 chickens in four large chicken houses. She boxed 360 eggs a day. Son Dale started raising pigs and sold 100 weiner pigs twice a year at market. In the 1940's, Dale started a sheep business, and turned to cattle in the 1950's. Sister Marcia remembers keeping bumper lambs in a cardboard box by the stove in the kitchen during the winter.

A large barn and small shop that were built in the early 1900's, and a granary built in 1933 are still standing on the ranch. Dale remembers hauling water from the ditch to mix concrete when building the granary when he was 10 years old. The hay derek built in 1908 is now called yard art.



Skip's Place

Skip's Place in Fallon was established in 1907 by Frances Harrigan. Harrigan was born in Gold Hill in 1873 and moved to Fallon when he was eleven to live with his grandparents after the deaths of his parents. He raised bees for honey, turkeys and cantaloupe, as well as Durham cattle. A 1911 article in the Fallon Eagle newspaper stated that Harrigan shipped 592 cases of honey, needing an eight horse team to bring it to town.



His granddaughters Yvonne Prettyman and Sidney Ellen Imeson own the ranch.



Anker Ranch Anker Ranch, Inc., and Ankers, Inc., and Anker Ranch

Peter Anker was born in Denmark and immigrated to America in 1870 at the young age of 18. He lived in northern California where he worked as a carpenter and farm laborer. He moved to Nevada in 1871 and worked as a bridge carpenter on the Virginia Truckee Railroad. He relocated to the Lovelock area to work and homesteaded

160 acres, acquiring more acres into what was to become a large ranch of 800 acres.

Peter and his wife, Julia Ann Faas, raised alfalfa, along with corn, sugar beets and other grains on what is still one of the best ranches in the Lovelock Valley.

The original ranch has been divided up among the descendants of Peter and Julia. We are pleased to induct three portions of the Anker Family into the Centennial Awards Program this year.





“ As I watched you explore these alfalfa fields for the first time, I remembered that these were the same fields your great, great, great grandfather laid claim to and built his dreams upon. It was in these fields that your great grandfather snuck away to play cowboys and Indians, and it was in these fields I remember trampling down the hay to build myself a fort as a little girl. Five generations before you loved this land, and I hope that no matter where your dreams take you in life, you’ll always remember where your roots are.”

Rhonda Monroe Beadell to her 3 boys, Jackson, Hunter and Cade
Anker Family

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