

LASHBROOK PEARL ORMSBY

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Old Pearl was bred by A.J. Lashbrook, Northfield, MN. Being born in 1923 in the Lashbrook herd. She was a grand-daughter of Ormsby Sensation, the \$20,000 sire from a Homestead-bred dam. She first attracted attention at the Minnesota State Fair in 1929. She was making a record of 971 lbs of fat as a five-year-old, but was showing stale and judge Bob Holtby placed her 9th in the class. However, quite a few people remembered that cow of Al Lashbrook's and that same fall Melin-Peterson (Bob Melin and Art Peterson, sale managers) wanted her for the National Ormsby Sale to be held at the State Fairgrounds in October.

Mr. Lashbrook wanted to consign Lashbrook Pauline Ormsby, her maternal sister, but when Art Peterson came to the farm he insisted on Pearl. Al Lashbrook didn't hesitate, as Pearl could sometimes be a very head-strong individual. Pearl topped the sale at \$3,500 to the Detroit Creamery Farm, Mt. Clemens, MI. In 1931, she was a last minute entry in the Royal Brentwood sale and purchased for \$2,400 by J.H. Remick, a well-known music publisher who had just retired as President of the Detroit Creamery Farm and wanted to start his own herd.

In 1932 after Mr. Remicks passing, his estate dispersed the herd. Pearl was now nine-years-old and not pronounced safe in calf having just recently been bred. She sold for \$620 to Paul Misner, the manager of Dunloggin Farm, Ellicot City, Maryland. Pearl proved to be in calf and in January gave birth to Dunloggin Woodmaster. The sire of Woodmaster was a little known bull named Bess Burke Ormsby Lad. The sire of Lad, however, was Ormsby Sensation. Dunloggin Woodmaster was a double grandson of Ormsby Sensation. His legacy at Dunloggin left a major impact on the breed. Show winners, honor list records cow families, an array of outstanding sons, they did it all.

The Dunloggin herd was the most outstanding herd of any breed when it was dispersed in September 1943. The sale averaged \$1,835 on 210 head. Lashbrook Pearl Ormsby's claim to fame rests upon these simple but beautiful words beneath her pictures that graced the sale catalog. Her 175 descendants in the herd is her contribution to Holstein history. None greater ever lived.