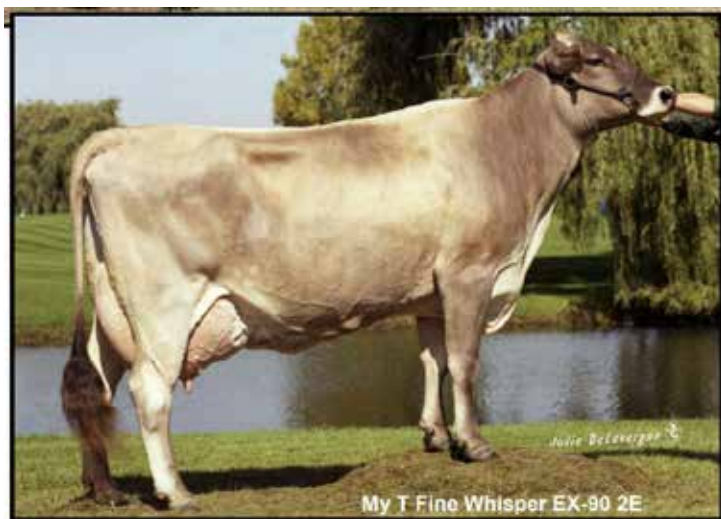


THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DYNASTY - THE 'W' FAMILIES



Where have today's genetics come from? We all know the Brown Swiss breed started with importation of a handful of Swiss in the mid-to-late 1800s. But how many of us recognize the names of the great cows that are behind today's genetics and the stories that go with them? The Historical Society is going to begin a series of articles on some of the brood cows from the past.

Wanda, Whizzbang, Wizella, Wammy, Wonderment and so many more – the pedigrees in show and sale catalogs give us the accolades of the past five to 10 years, but what is the cow and her lineage behind that? Let's begin with a cow that has a tremendous impact on today's genetics, and established multiple branches from California to New England and Wisconsin to Florida.

My T Fine Whisper '2E90' was bred by Linda and Duane Klumpp, Appleton, New York. She was selected as a bred heifer by Modern Associates, who were putting together an export order for Brazil. When it came time for the group of heifers to leave, Whisper was found to be open and was left behind at Top Acres in Ohio. This simple stroke of misfortune ended up establishing a dynasty that now stretches across the United States and worldwide.

Whisper calved in at 3-01 with an "exceptional udder, very dairy and was a very competitive show cow in the early 90s," said Wayne Sliker, Top Acres, Ohio. She was Grand Champion of the Eastern National in 1991, a three-time All-American honoree and made over 118,000M before being sold to a Brazilian breeder in another export deal at the age of eight. She was flushed a few times resulting in 14 daughters and 4 sons. She made multiple records of 21,000 to 25,000 pounds of milk and over 1,100 butterfat. It is these credentials, as well as the generations before and after her, that establish her as more than 'just a cow.'

Whisper was out of **My T Fine Mistletoe** scored 'VG86,' a Lar-Le Stretch Titan OCS daughter. Her dam, **MT Glen Liz**, 'VG85' was purchased by the Klumpps through the Eastern Breeders Sale series from Russell Montgomery of Connecticut. Liz was a Ventures Sunny Bruce daughter with over 129,000M 5,878F 2,645P lifetime. Although the next several dams are not classified, the story continues with Liz's dam, **MT Glen Muffin**, a daughter of **Shelburne Mildred**, also purchased in an Eastern Breeders Sale from Shelburne Farms of Vermont. Mildred made over 138,380M in her lifetime, not too bad for a cow born in the early 1960s. Sired by Shelburne Dangers Jackson, Mildred was out of **Shelburne Ferns Kordelia**, a daughter of **Shelburne Fern**. Fern made over 116,000M. Fern's dam, **Cornell Queen Ellen**, had been purchased by Shelburne Farms from Cornell University in the mid-1950s. From the 1950s back the next 100 years, **My T Fine Whisper's** pedigree can be traced to one of the first group of imports, a daughter of Geneva (#7) and William Tell (#1), Bessie (#11), born in 1872.

On her paternal side, **My T Fine Whisper** was sired by Johann Johnny D. He was a Nakota Destiny Dapper son from **Johann Genevieve B**, a '4E90' Norvic Lilason's Beautician with over 215,000M 9,167F lifetime. Johnny D was bred by the Fledderjohanns of Ohio. Other outstanding historical herd names that appear on the pedigree for Whisper include Lee's Hill, Welcome In, Meadow View, Swiss Lea, Prairieland and Judds Bridge.

But that's just the beginning of her story. Whisper's progenies continue to add to today's Brown Swiss gene pool in herds across this continent. Sliker stated that she was flushed several times before leaving. One of her last flushes, he stated, was to



TOP ACRES EJ WHIZZBANG 5E93



TOP ACRES C WONDERMENT ET



FOREST LAWN WHISTLER MOLLY EX94



TOP ACRES PEERLESS WILLOW EX94



TOP ACRES SUPREME WIZARD 5E95



FROSTED SIEG WAMMY 2E93



JENLAR CARTER WALTZ E91

Bridge View Elegant Jade the morning before she left for Brazil.

“About this same time,” said Sliker, “Mike Hellenbrand was beginning his City Slickers operation and looking for some quality Swiss to begin his program. We sold him three Jade x Whsiper embryos and he got three pregnancies.” Of those, Hillpoint Partners and Voegeli Farms had one bull calf and two heifers. **Top Acres Jade Wendy** scored ‘VG86’ and she had a Very Good daughter at Bradner Farms in BC, Canada; three other Very Good daughters in Wisconsin and Massachusetts and a 90-point Prototype daughter at Voegeli’s. The other daughter, **Top Acres Jade Whimsy** ‘2E90’ with 30,450M 1,434F 1,020P at 6/08, went on to have 40 daughters. Five of those are Excellent and 12 Very Good. The highest scored daughter is **V B HP Supreme Worth** ‘EX93’ in Oregon.

One of Whsiper’s most notable daughters is, of course, **Top Acres EJ Whizzbang** ‘5E93’, a seven-time nominated and four-time All-American cow. With records to 27,720M she was also a National Total Performance winner in 1996. She has 32 offspring that include multiple All-Americans, high-scoring cows and sons in A.I. Her son, **Top Acres C Wonderment**, an All-American and Premier Sire at Madison, has 1,977 daughters as well as being the sire of more current favorites, Chilli Pepper, Tanbark, Bosephus and Durham. He has well over 130 Excellent daughters with two scored ‘EX94’ and multiple ‘EX93’ cows.

Another Whizzbang son, **Top Acres BC Whistler ET** was purchased by Forest Lawn Farms, Wisconsin, and used as a herd sire, resulting in 51 daughters of which 35 were scored Very Good or Excellent. A daughter, **Forest Lawn Whistler Molly** ‘EX94’ was purchased by Rottinghaus and Woods, Ohio, and was a 2X All-American and Grand Champion at Madison. Several other sons had multiple Excellent and Very Good daughters across the country including **Top Acres Winslow**, sire of **Top Acres MB CW Joelle** ‘EX91,’ her daughter **Fairdale Banker Joanna** scored ‘EX93’ for the Sparrows of Kentucky. **Top Acres JP Whizzkid ET** sired an Excellent daughter along with several Very Good daughters for Lee-Anns Swiss in Iowa while **Top Acres Winning Pilot** had 53 daughters of which 13 were Excellent and Very Good.

Whizzbang’s daughters were just as impressive. **Top Acres Andre Whsiper** ‘2E93’ is the dam of **Top Acres Supreme Wizard** ‘5E95’, a multiple All-American and Grand Champion at Madison as well as 4X All-American nominated **Top Acres Supreme Wisp** ‘3E95.’ Together, Wizard and Wisp are the only 95-point full sisters and 3X All-American Produce. Wisp has multiple Excellent daughters and sons in several herds across the country as herd sires. Wizard is the dam of **Top Acres Wizdom** and **Top Acres Cad Winrite ETV**, as well as 82 daughters. Wizard’s daughter **Top Acres Braiden Wiza ET** ‘E91’, owned by Lindsey Rucks-Pettit of Florida, was Junior Champion at Madison, the same year Wizard was Grand, making them the only dam and daughter pair to win champion honors in the same year at the Madison show.

Another Wizard daughter is owned by Elite Dairy, New York. **Top Acres Peppy Wizella ET** is ‘E94’ and has proved to be a profitable venture for Ken Main and Kenny Joe Mannion. Numerous daughters and sons have been sold both privately and publicly. Wizella is also an All-American and former Grand Champion.

Whizzbang is also the dam of **Top Acres Peerless Wynn** ‘VG88’, developed by the late Dennis Smith of Dublin-Hills in Maryland. The DeMays of New York purchased Whizzbang’s daughter, **Top Acres Jetway Wizard ET** ‘VG85’ and have a tremendous group of offspring from her

foundation. **Top Acres Peerless Wyla ET 'E91'**, another daughter, was purchased by Frosted Beauty Swiss in Iowa and was the dam of **Frosted Sieg Wammy ET '2E93'** Supreme Champion of the Southern National in 2013 and a 2X All-American. She was purchased and developed by the Sparrows of Kentucky and is the foundation of many of the Fairdale 'W' cows.

Whizzbang's highest scoring daughter, **Top Acres Peerless Willow 'EX94'** was an All-American and later owned by Scott Blair and George Bush of Michigan. She completed a record of over 33,000M 1,926F and 1,182 protein. Her daughter, **Top Acres Global Winnie** was also an All-American. Willow went on to have several more Excellent and Very Good daughters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Another prolific and profitable Whizzbang daughter was **Top Acres Jetway Wish '2E91'**, the dam of **Round Hill Pre Wishful ET '2E91'**, bred by Cindy Warner, Maryland. Wishful sold as the highest selling Brown Swiss bred heifer of all time purchased by Springhill Farm in the Star-mark Sale for \$65,000. She was later acquired by Top Acres and Garrison Brothers as a dry donor cow producing 10 Excellent daughters. One, **Top Acres Garbro Wanda**, was purchased by Cindy Warner and has continued to develop into a profitable and productive brood cow for Cindy. A Supreme x Wishful embryo package was sold in the 2010 Kentucky National, purchased by Larry and Jennifer Meyer of Wisconsin, which resulted in **Top Acres Garbro S Wish ET 'E93'**, a 2X All-American and the dam of **Jenlar Carter Waltz ET 'E91'** an All-American. Waltz is a much sought after donor dam in today's marketplace.

Jumping back to My T Fine Whisper, another daughter was **Top Acres EJ Whistle ET '4E90'**. She had another whopping 27 offspring and is the foundation of the **Brothers Three Wisper OCS *TM**. Jake Hushon of Brothers Three wrote, "Brothers Three is best known for our line going back to our foundation and Superior Brood Cow **Brothers Three Wisper OCS**. Wisper herself is a descendant of My T Fine Whisper and even today our two newest B3 animals are of the "W" line that has garnered multiple All-Americans in our program along with many other trophies and honors." Wisper scored '2E92' and had multiple All-American honors herself.

A fifth generation from Whisper, **Top Acres Durham Wintu ET 'VG87'** is establishing a high-index branch of the family. She is being developed by the Masheks in Iowa and proving that this family continues to develop to meet the demands of today's Brown Swiss breed. Tanner Mashek commented, "We were looking at a show family to tap into at the time, and jumping into the World of Whizzbang was a no brainer to us!" Wintu's 'V87' Doboy, **Hilltop Acres DB Whisper 'VG87'**, pictured below, is another up-and-coming member of the Whisper family.

Waltz, Wizdom, Wanita, Winanna, Wintu and succeeding generations backed by Whisper have established her supremacy as a brood cow extraordinaire. Embryos have been exported from both Whisper, Whizzbang, Wizard, and other family offshoots throughout the world.

As evidenced from the multitude of offspring sired by a wide variety of bulls, the genetics from this family have been profitable ventures for anyone that has bought into the family over the years. The results from sales, banners and the bulk tank speak for themselves.

All because Whisper wasn't pregnant when it was time to leave for Brazil – what a stroke of luck for all who have profited from her genetics.



TOP ACRES ANDRE WHISPER 2E93



ROUND HILL PRE WISHFUL 2E91



BROTHERS THREE WISPER OCS 2E92



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