

Written Profile

Farm: Stitzlein Family Farm
Location: Loudonville, Ohio
Date of Origination: 1910
Industry Sector(s): Grain, Cattle, Hogs



A story that is marked by land deeded from a former US President, army veterans and recognition for conservation efforts is one that must be told. We are excited to have the opportunity to bring to life the story of Stitzlein Family Farm in North-Central Ohio, as we recognize the significant impact they have made on **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

The story begins in 1910 when Edward Stitzlein purchased 99 acres of farmland from George Tugend. The land was originally part of a 160 acre section deeded to Conrad Castor by President James Monroe in 1825. A barn built in 1906 came with the farm.

Like all farm families of the time, life was not without challenges. In 1917 the family's original log house burned, but the family was able to rebuild by 1918. Edward worked the land with horses, raising grain and livestock for a living. In the 1930's the family acquired an additional forty acres. Edward and his wife Ada Stitzlein raised a family of nine children, including four sons (Walter, Carl, Clovis and Bob) and five daughters (Bessie Hoyer, Thelma Portz, Dorothy Snyder, Wava Armstrong, and Norma Snyder).

Edward's four sons not only worked the homestead land, but also farmed over 500 acres in partnership from 1947 until 1963. Clovis and his wife Ruth, a school teacher, resided on the original family farm and raised a family of five sons and two daughters. Clovis believed in serving his land, his community and his country. He served in the Pacific during WWII and on the Ashland County Soil and Water Conservation District board for more than twenty years. Clovis also served as a Green Township Trustee for twenty-four years, and drove a school bus for forty years. He accomplished all of this while managing the family farm, raising Hereford cattle and hogs. Clovis' commitment to the land was celebrated in 1994 when he received the Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District's Outstanding Farmer award.

The descendants of Edward and Ada Stitzlein have been involved in a variety of agricultural enterprises, yet their love of the land remains true. Clovis' brother Walter farmed in the area until his passing in 1986. His brother Carl served in Europe during WWII, and upon return was active in Farm Bureau and Nationwide Insurance prior to his passing in 2001. Brother Bob owns a local farm with his son.

Today, Clovis and Ruth are retired at age 91 and live on the same county road as sons Dwain and Brian, and grandson Tyler. Son Brian purchased the family farm in 2005, where he lives with his wife Leslie and son Zach. They raise mules. Son Gary retired as swine herdsman for Ohio State University and currently works for Kalmbach Feeds. Son Roger is CEO of the Loudonville Farmers Equity. Son Steve serves as Production Supervisor for Heimerl Farms. Son Dwain raises hogs on his nearby farm. Daughter Janet is currently retired and living in Loudonville, while daughter Nancy works with special needs children in the Dublin Schools.

We are appreciative of the opportunity to share the story of a family who has sacrificed so much for our nation and our industry. We are honored to recognize Stitzlein Family Farm, as we recognize their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.



"The Home Place" Stitzlein Family Farm