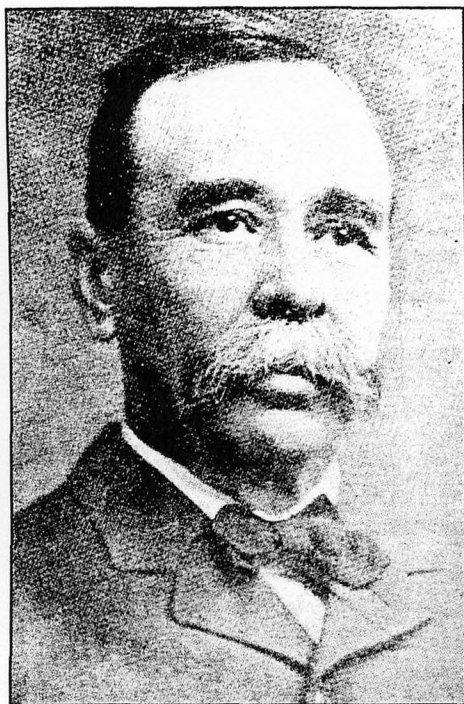


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CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS



Charles Gudgell
First Secretary of the
American Angus Assn.
1884 through 1888

Charles Gudgell, an early importer and exhibitor of Angus cattle was elected secretary-treasurer of the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Assn. at its organizational meeting Nov. 21, 1883, in Chicago, Ill. The first offices of the Association were in Gudgell's home in Independence, Mo. Gudgell, a member of the cattle importing firm of Gudgell and Simpson, was also first secretary of the Hereford Assn. He served as Angus secretary until 1888. During Mr. Gudgell's five years in office, 9,800 Angus, many of them from Scotland, were recorded in the herd book.

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ABERDEEN-ANGUS ASSOCIATION

A very respectable number of breeders of Aberdeen-Angus cattle met in club room No. 2, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Charles Gudgell in the chair, and Mr. E.M. Whedon, secretary.

A committee appointed at a previous meeting, of which Mr. H.C. Burleigh, of Maine, was chairman, reported sixty members, and sixty-two shares of stock taken, at \$10 a share. They also submitted a constitution providing for a corporate organization under the laws of the State of Illinois, with

business office at Kansas City, Mo., with regular annual meeting for the election of officers to be held at Chicago on the third Wednesday in November of each year.

The question of whether the Association should be organized under the laws of Illinois or Missouri, provoked a long but not ill-natured discussion, and was finally settled as above stated.

The election for directors resulted as follows: For three years—Chas. Gudgell, A. Leonard, and W. Estill; two years—A.B. Matthews, W.T. Holt, and Stephen Peery; one year—H.C. Burleigh, A.M. Fletcher, and Abner Graves.

—BREEDERS GAZETTE
Nov. 22, 1883

THE ABERDEEN-ANGUS SOCIETY

There was a little "speck of war" in the Aberdeen-Angus camp last Wednesday evening in effecting the organization of the society for the publication of a herd book, but finally all was settled satisfactorily. We earnestly hope that the society, as now constituted, will meet with the hearty co-operation of Aberdeen-Angus breeders throughout our entire country. It is well officered, most of its directors being men of decided prominence in breeding circles, as well as of high

personal character. Judge Holt, its president, is a man of large means, was for years a prominent member of the New York bar, but now extensively interested in woolen manufactures, is residing in Colorado on account of an asthmatic trouble, and has invested largely in the cattle business. He is an enthusiastic admirer of the "Angus doddies," and we think the society was fortunate in securing him for its president. Mr. Chas. Gudgell, the secretary and treasurer, is as well and as favorably known as any breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle in America, and no better man could be found for the place than he. Mr. Burleigh, of Maine, is the only member of the board living in a State east of the Mississippi river, and Mr. John Geary is the sole representative of Canada. It would have been a graceful thing for the Kansas City delegation, who had it entirely within their power to have conceded a larger proportion of the directory to other sections; but after all, it is more important that the officers should all be honest, intelligent men, than that they should hail from any particular locality. THE GAZETTE bids the enterprise Godspeed, and will aid it to the extent of its ability.

—Editorial, BREEDERS GAZETTE
Nov. 29, 1883

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AMERICAN ABERDEEN-ANGUS HERD BOOK		
Certificate of Entry.		
This is to Certify, That the pedigree of the Cow		
Named	Moss Creek Queen	Am. No. 734
Calved	April 6th, 1884	Scotch No.
Bred by	Wm. Anderaon, Wellhouse, Alford, Scotland	
Owned by	Joseph H. Rea, Carrollton, Mo.	
Sire	Mercury of Wellhouse	(2247) Am. No. 735
Dam	Fairy Princess	(4216) Am. No. 598
has been accepted for record and will appear in Vol. I, Am. A.—A. H. B.		
Independence, Mo.		
June 5th, 1884		
Chas Gudgell		SECRETARY

Angus history is reflected in this early pedigree. The original, which hangs in the library at the American Angus Assn., is 7 inches by 5 inches and is believed to be one of the earliest pedigrees still existing in its original form. At the time this pedigree was issued Charles Gudgell hand typed all pedigrees and carried on all Angus business from his home. Joseph Rea, owner of the animal represented on this pedigree, was one of the pioneer Angus breeders whose name is well documented in early breed annals.