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## Heritage inductees include statesmen and history-makers

Five men who made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Angus breed and the American Angus Assn. have been selected for induction into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They were formally inducted November 17 at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Angus Assn. in Louisville, Ky.

The Foundation inductees are: Myron Fuerst, Rhinebeck, N.Y.; John Gauger, Clear Lake, S.D.; and Kenneth Litton, Hamilton, Va.; and two inducted posthumously: Kenneth Clark, Alderson, W.V., and Ed Stout, Booneville, Mo.

The names of these five individuals will be engraved on the Angus Heritage Foundation plaque hanging in the headquarters of the American Angus Assn. Their photographs and a brief biography will be printed in the Angus Heritage Foundation booklet.

Myron Fuerst of Rhinebeck, N.Y., served for two terms as a director for the American Angus Assn. As owner and operator of Fuerst Stock Farm at Pine Plains, N.Y., he exhibited Angus cattle successfully at state fairs and at the International Livestock Exposition. There he exhibited the grand champion carcass of the steer-on-foot contest. Fuerst dispersed his Angus herd in 1952, for what was then a record price for the breed. Shortly thereafter, he became a business associate of Ankony Angus, an internationally known cattle organization. He now serves as president of Fuerst Brothers, Inc.

John Gauger was born on his family's farm, Shady Lane Farm at Clear Lake, S.D., where he has lived his entire life, 84 years. An Angus breeder for 70 years, Gauger is past director of the American Angus Assn. and was honored in 1983 as a Centennial Angus Breeder. In 1958, he traveled

17,000 miles on the show circuit and exhibited his Angus cattle from Baton Rouge, La., to Edmonton, Canada. He is a member of the South Dakota Angus Assn., and has served as president, secretary, and sales manager. Gauger was named the Honored Farmer of South Dakota in 1967; the Eminent Farmer in 1968; and was inducted into the South Dakota Cowboy and Western Heritage Hall of Fame in 1984.

Kenneth Litton, Hamilton, Va., was one of the original members who organized the Virginia Angus Breeders' Assn., and is now the only surviving member of that group. He served as its first secretary until the Association hired a full time secretary-fieldman. The Virginia Angus Assn. started the spotlight sales and helped young people interested in 4-H Angus projects. A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Litton was employed by the USDA Department of Animal Industry as an extension specialist for the University of Georgia and later served in the same capacity for the state of Virginia. He managed the purebred Angus herd at Highlands Farm, Round Hill, Va., and now has his own herd of 150 registered Angus cows. Litton was a prominent livestock judge and judged the first All-American Angus

Breeders' Futurity.

A native Nebraskan, the late Kenneth Clark founded the Craigie-Ingleside Angus herd near Alderson, W.V. He earned a B.S. degree at the University of Nebraska and a Master's degree in genetics from Iowa State University. After a brief stint on the faculty of the University of Maryland, Clark managed Monocacy Farms, Frederick, Md., and later managed Oldfields Farm on the eastern shore of Maryland. He then became a livestock buyer for Esskay Packing Co., Baltimore. During this period, Clark purchased a farm near Easton, Md., thus beginning his deep love affair with the Angus breed. He was an internationally known stockman having made many trips to Scotland and Ireland and was instrumental in many of the early imports of Angus bulls to the United States.

Ed Stout, Booneville, Mo., was responsible for making a junior Angus association a reality. He helped organize the first state junior association in the U.S., the Missouri Junior Angus Assn. Stout served as fieldman for the Missouri Angus Assn. for many years and worked hard to insure the success of the Missouri juniors. Because of Stout's dedication, nearly every state in the country has its own junior Angus association. Stout was also one of the leaders responsible for building a livestock center at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Angus Heritage Foundation was initiated in 1983, by the American Angus Assn. Fifty individuals were inducted the first year and up to five people can be inducted annually.

The 1986 selection committee was composed of Lyle Haring, DeWitt, Ia.; Robert Miller, Mabel, Mn.; Bill McSpadden, Chilhowie, Va.; and Ed Horton Jr., Madison, Al. **AJ**