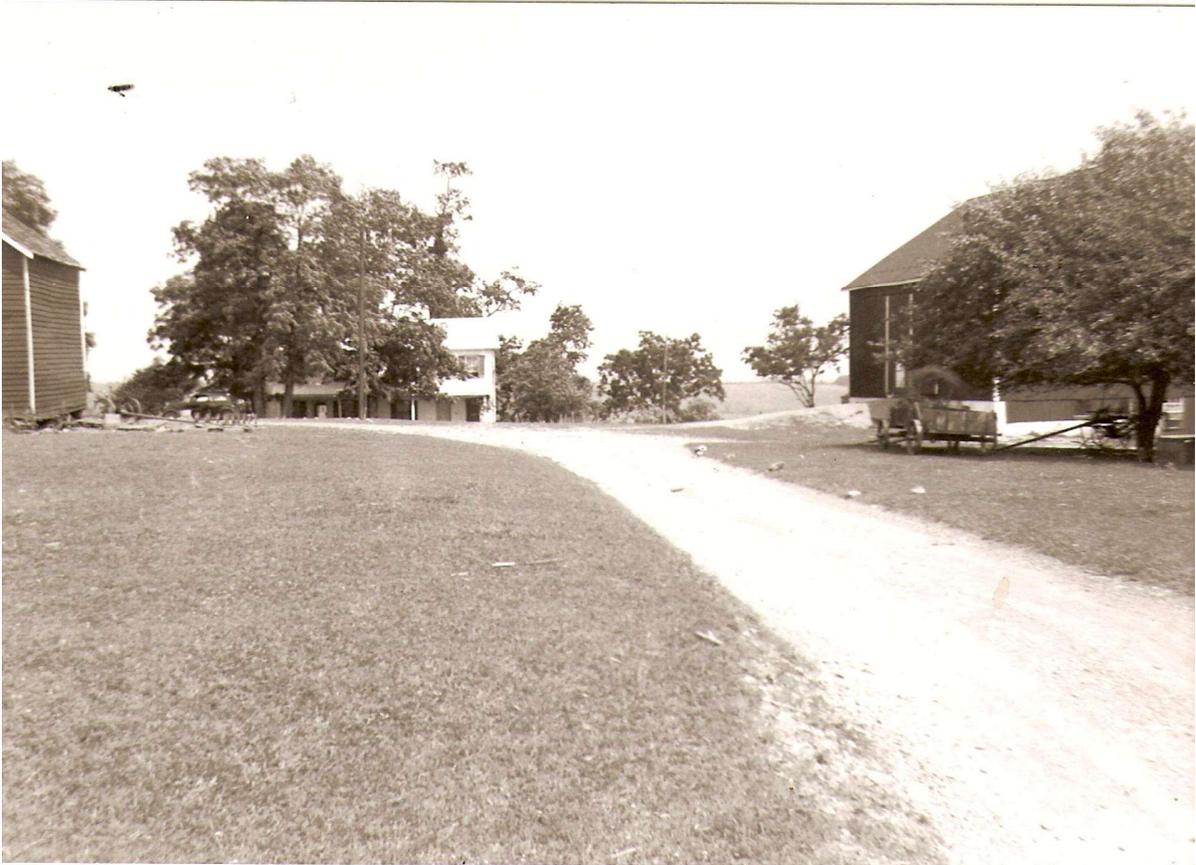


THE HAROLD YOUNG STORY

FARM #91



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As told by Blaine Young, Harold's oldest son

Photos by Zelda Young, courtesy Blaine Young

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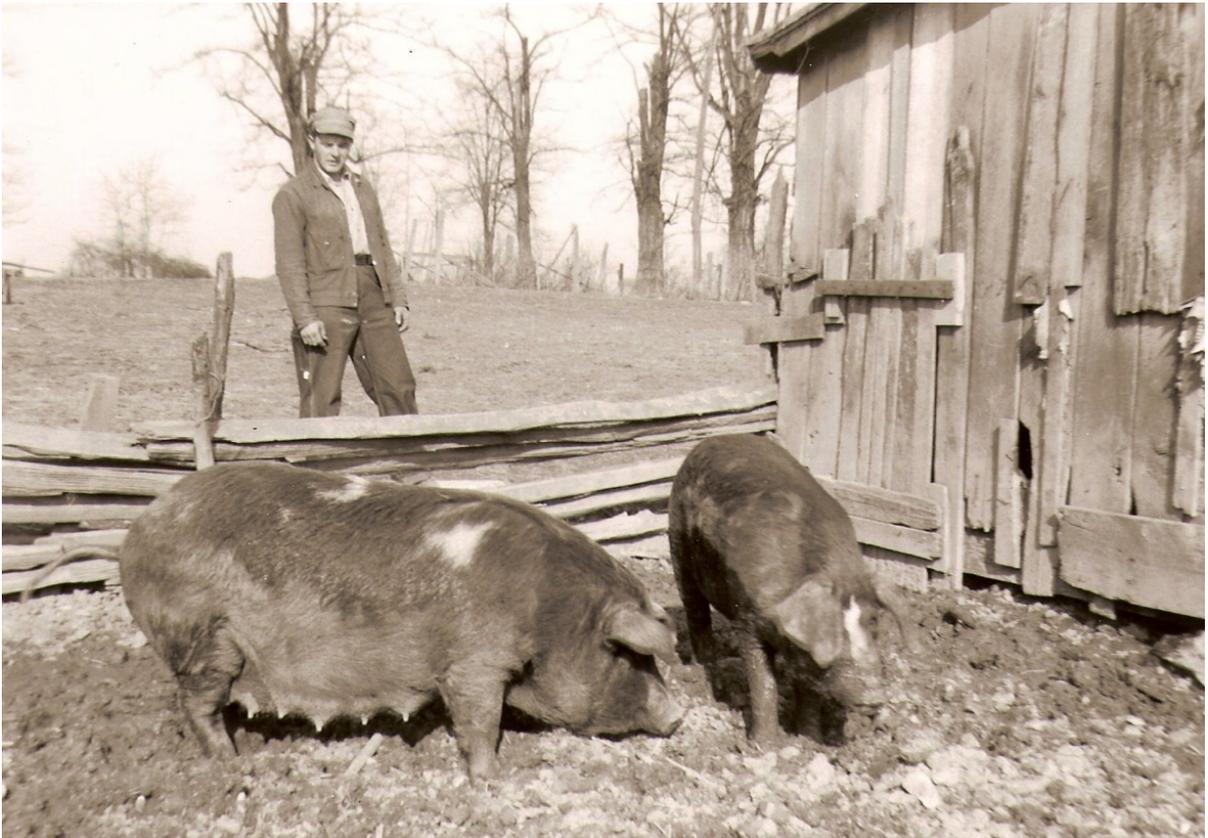


Harold B. Young was the first child of Luther Dounie Young and Ruth Medora Riggs, born on May 16, 1916. Harold had a brother, Ralph, and a sister, Barbara Riggs. They lived on what is known today as Oak Drive, Damascus, MD. Blaine referred to the farm as “The Home Place”.

The home farm was not a dairy farm although they had a few family cows. The milk was used for the family and to feed the hogs. This was a common practice back in the early days. They raised corn, wheat, hay, turkeys, sheep, and hogs.

When Harold was a young boy he and his mother raised turkeys to sell at the Farm Woman’s Market in Bethesda, MD.

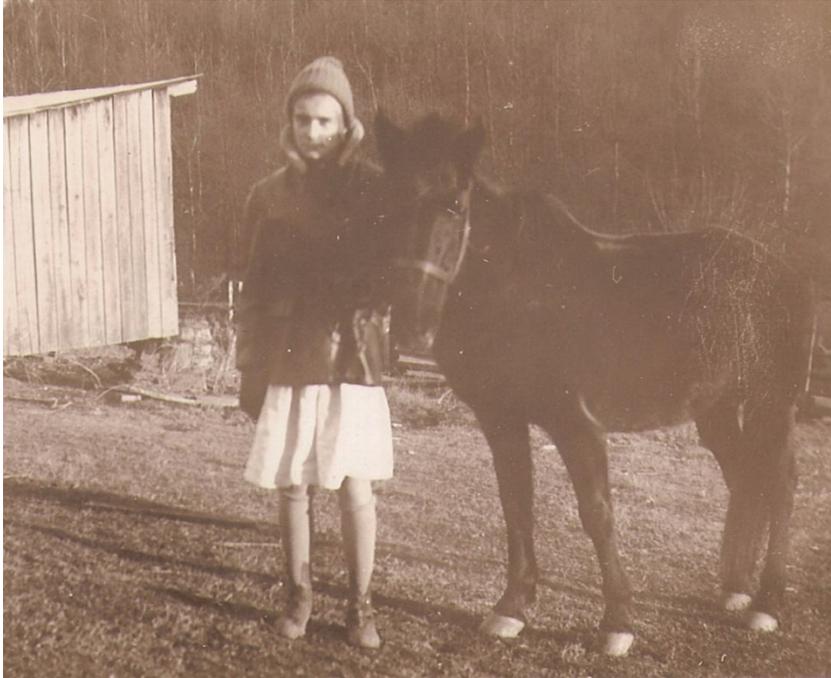




Harold checking the hogs on the home place.

Harold married Zelda W. Warthan, her parents were Gurney C. and Marie Warthan. Their farm was located on Bethesda Church Road. This farm is listed as farm #39 on the map at The King Barn Dairy MOOseum. After the death of Gurney and Marie their farm was purchased by William C. Gladhill.

Zelda as a young girl with Bess a young colt which her mother said was the best colt anyone could have.



Gurney Warthan, Harold's father-in-law, mowing with a team of mules.



Corn Shocks - picture is from the Young Family's Damascus Home Farm.

Before the time of self-propelled corn pickers, corn was cut by hand with corn cutters and stacked in fodder shocks. The corn had to be shucked by hand and put in piles. Then another person would drive a horse and wagon to each pile of corn, load it on the wagon, and take it to the corn crib to store until needed to feed the animals. When shucking the corn, men wore a leather shucking peg on their hand to remove the corn from the shuck.



It was a beautiful sight to see the rows of golden yellow fodder cornshocks across a field. I'm sure presentday farmers are giving thanks for the automation of farming equipment used in today's world.



A light snow covers the fields at the Warthens' farm. Note the fodder corn shocks in the background; they were left in the field until needed to feed livestock. It was believed that the corn stalks or fodder had a high nutritional value and roughage was good for the livestock over the winter months.

Harold began his love for the Jersey cow when he was a young boy and went to live with the Nathan Stiles Family, MOOseum Farm #86, known as Walnut Farm, and located on Shady Grove Road. Harold's leg was broken when he was born and the tendons in his foot did not heal correctly, he walked on the ball of his foot until he was a teenager. Grace, Mrs. Nathan Stiles, was instrumental in having Harold's leg repaired; however, he always had a slight limp. This never seemed to hamper Harold's ability to show cows.

Photo courtesy of: Blaine Young

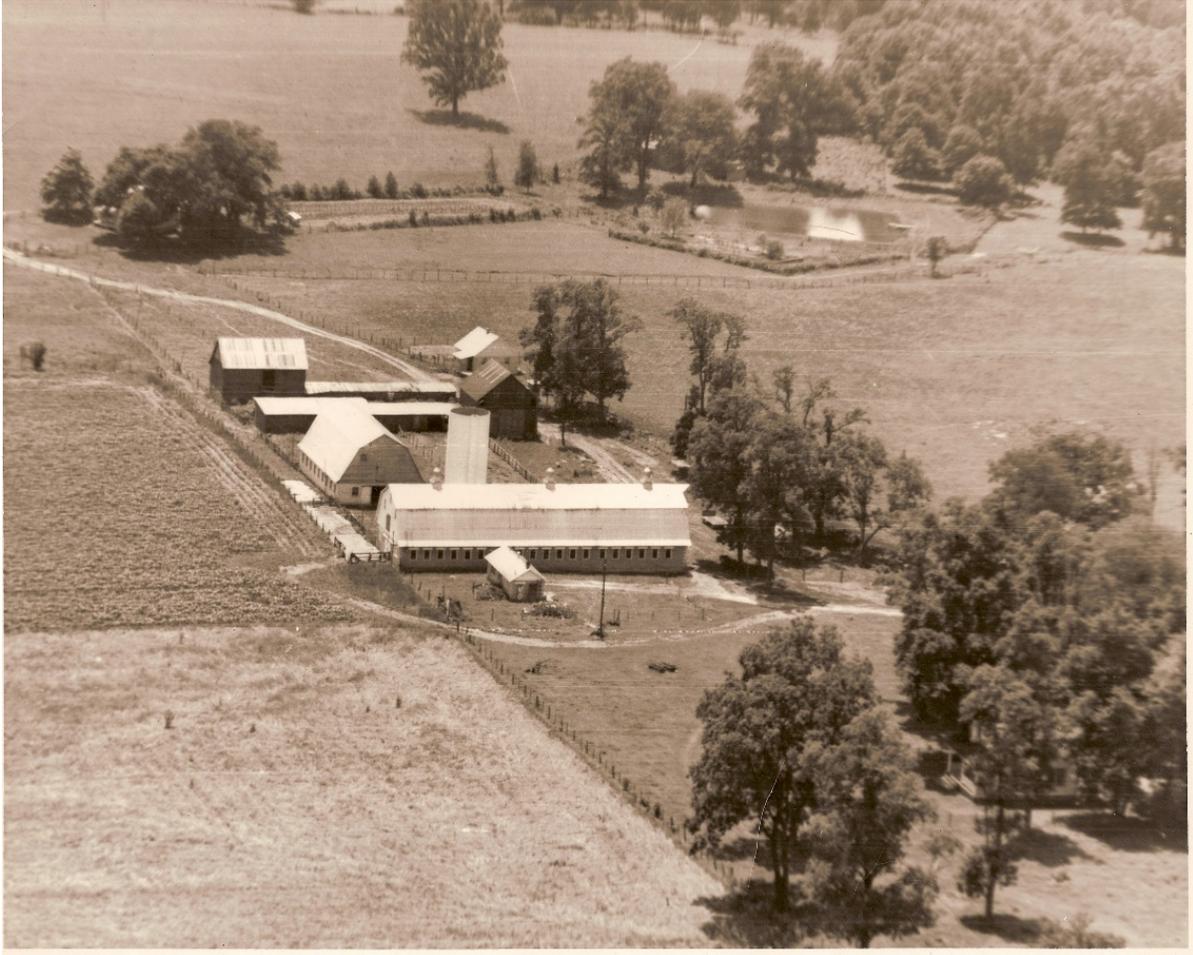


He became a member of the Montgomery County Jersey 4-H Club. Harold participated in judging contest and showed at the Old Rockville Fair. It was while he was at one of the judging practices with the 4-H club that he learned his family's home had burned. It was a total loss.

After the fire, the Young family put tarps around the outside of the corn crib and lived there until they could rebuild their house. The boy with the basket in the picture at left is Harold. The house in the background is the one that burnt.



Harold and his wife rented the Judge Thomas Anderson Farm, in Rockville, MD. This is Farm #91 on the map at The King Barn Dairy MOOseum. The farm consisted of 435 acres and milked about forty cows twice a day. The Youngs were the last to rent this farm because it was sold in 1955 for \$1.5 million. Today this lovely farm is known as College Gardens and Montgomery College. The aerial photo of the Anderson Farm is an excellent example of the open space in Montgomery County in the 1950's and how large 435 acres is.



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meadows at the Anderson farm. It's hard to believe it is now houses, shopping centers, concrete, and asphalt now.

Harold making hay.





Harold taking a break from milking to hold his baby daughter Patricia. Her big brother, Blaine, stands in front. This photo was taken in 1950 outside the dairy building on the Anderson Farm.



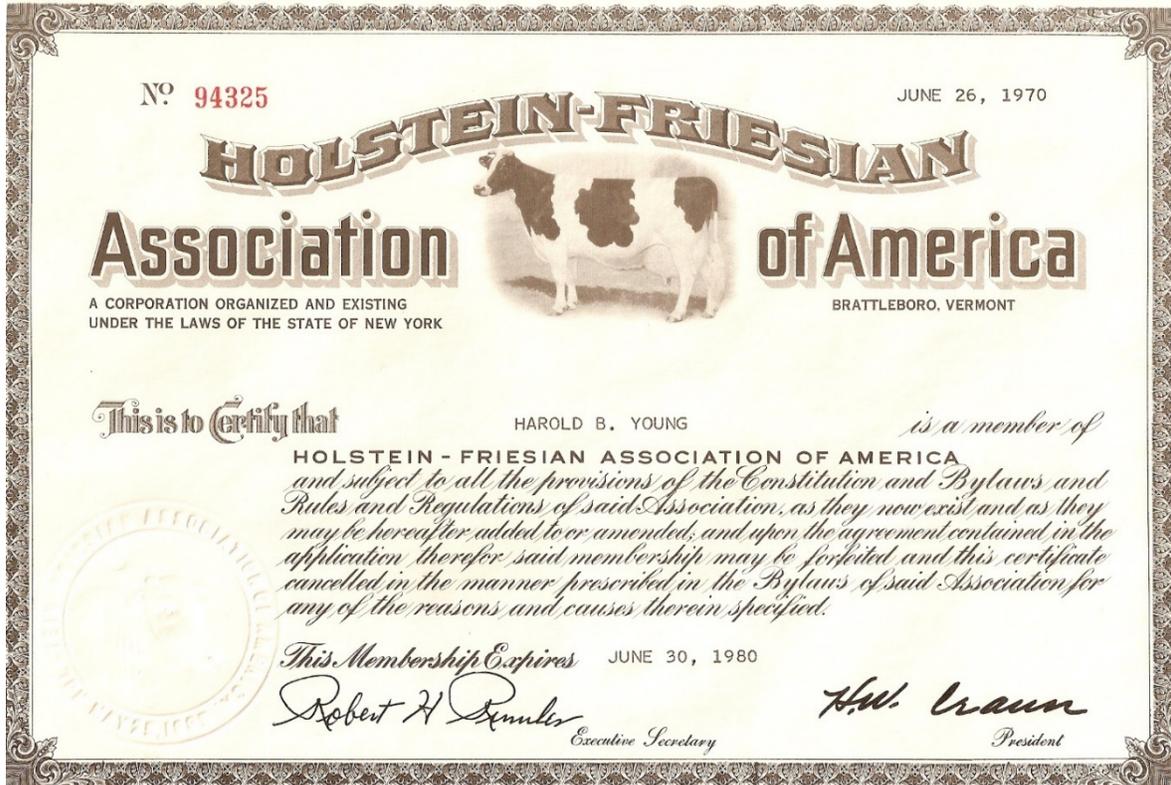
Blaine Young, the second son of Harold and Zelda.



Looks like the pigs got out of their pen and visited the cows in the pasture in this 1950 picture taken by Zelda Young.



When Harold was not milking cows, there was always field work to be done. Harold is with his faithful dog "Fella".



Harold was a member of The Montgomery Business of Farming Education Program where he held several offices. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club and The Holstein Friesian Association of America.

He was very active in the Montgomery County Jersey 4-H Club, The District #2 Jersey Cattle Club, The Maryland State Jersey Club and The Montgomery County Agriculture Center, Montgomery County Farmer's Club and The Montgomery Business of Farming Education Program.



MR. HAROLD B. YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Young were both born near Damascus, Maryland where they attended high school, Harold taking the Vocational Agriculture Course. Several years after graduating, they moved to the present farm located near Rockville, Maryland. This farm, of 430 acres maintains 65 head of milk herd and 40 head of young stock. 250 acres are cropped, mainly in a three year rotation.

Mr. Young was the first president of the Young Adult Farmers classes and also has been an officer and director of the Montgomery Cooperative Farm Management and Business Education Association. Harold has made effective use of the farm analysis and farm planning for a number of years. He says,

"Our farm management program has helped me to lower my costs for labor and other items and to improve my yields and production. The analysis enables me to work on my production yield and costs, whichever is weak. The program keeps me on the alert, constantly trying to improve my farm business.

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They had three children: Blaine, Richard "Ricky", and Patricia "Patti". Bobby and Ricky followed in their father's footsteps as active members of the Montgomery County Jersey 4-H Club in the 1950s.



Row 1 L-R: Mike Stiles, Paul Stiles, unknown, Rosco Whipp, (County Agent) Pope, Bucky Thrift, Ricky Young. Row 2 L-R: Barbara Ann Whipp, Connie Mills, Robert Stiles (Local Leader), Charlie Schwartzbeck, (Local Leader), Sidney Mills, (Local Leader), Dora Jane Fraley, Unknown, Sherry Whipp. Third Row L-R: Colleen Pearson, Blair Stiles, Unknown, Carroll Nicholson, Conrad Mills, Fraley, Billy Gregg, Melvin Glover, Unknown, Unknown, Carol Mills. Back Row L-R: Unknown, Kenny Schwartzbeck, Kenny Stiles, and on the far right is Priscilla Stiles.



Patti, Blaine and Rickey showing off a baby calf born at the Montgomery County Fair.



All children like to watch a baby calf get his breakfast. The gentleman is Les Hawkins, herdsman for Harold Young. The little boy is Blaine Young. It looks like the Youngs made a habit of having a calf born at the fair.

Ricky showing a Jersey cow at the Montgomery County Fair in the 1950's.
(Picture missing?)

History of Harold Young's Grandparents: (Mother's Side)

Joshua Riggs farmed on Davis Mill road, West of Wild Cat Branch, next to Butler's Orchard. He had 4 daughters: Della married Lenny Ray, they farmed along Rt. 27 just south of Oak Drive. Dora married Luther Dounie Young (Harold's Parents). Francine married Roger Bogley, they had about 8 acres north of Hadley Dairy along Rt. 108. Barbara married Clifford Nicholson, they lived and worked on the farm with Joshua Riggs, then they moved to Oscar Fulks' farm west side of Lawson King farm along Fields Road. Their children were Herbert, Celia, Virginia, and Carroll. When they left the farm they

brought property along Shady Grove & Gaither Road. Melven Glover lived in one of the houses and had their Jerseys grazing on the acreage.