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The Schultz Family

On behalf of my Uncle Keith Schultz, and all the Schultz families, we welcome each of you to the Fix Pasture.



Generations of the Schultz family have called and still call the Flint Hills home. Together, the Schultz families manage over 10,000 acres of grassland.

Our branch of the Schultz family started in the Volland, Kansas area in 1872. Gustav Carl Frederick Schultz (C.F.) brought his wife, Frederika Wilhemenia (Hauer), and sons, Gustav Louis PeterFred (G.L.) and William C. to America from Wittstock, Brundenburg, Germany. After settling in the Volland area they had two more children, Albert and Frieda.

My great-grandfather, G.L., at the age of 19 took over the family farm in 1888 when his father passed away. With the help of his younger brothers, the family farm became the Schultz

Brothers Ranch. Of the three sons, G.L. was the only one to remain in the Volland area. William and Albert both married and moved to Colorado, where they participated in various business ventures including a potato farm, bank, lumber yard, automobile garage, and beef import business. They remained in contact with G.L. and initiated some land purchases in Colorado and western Kansas. William passed away in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, in 1938; Albert was never heard from again after he made a trip into Mexico.

On February 14, 1901, G.L. married Auguste Helena Havenstein. They had three boys: Albert, Arthur and William; and two girls: Rose and Lily. All the



G. L. AND AUGUSTE SCHULTZ
Wedding Photo 1901
Courtesy of the Schultz Family

children worked on the family ranch. As the boys became men and married, they started their own ranches. Rose and Lily remained in the family home to run the household, which included several hired men. G.L. remained active on the ranch until he was 93 years old. He made good on his vow to live to be 100, and passed away September 8th, 1969.

Albert married Mary (Dorgan) in 1936 and established his ranch several miles south near Chalk, Kansas. My grandfather Arthur (Art) married Selma (Steinmeyer) in 1926, and had four children: Willis, Virgie, Keith, and Cleo. My grandfather raised his family just north of Volland in the house that still stands today on the north side of the road. William, or Uncle Bill, and Mary (Hyde) were married in 1939, and their family grew to five children: Beverly, Ronald, Gary, Sharon, and Leland. Uncle Bill located his family just west of Volland in the house that is now home to Leland and Cindy Schultz's family.

Although there were four separate

Schultz ranches, the family worked together when required. Filling silos and rounding up cattle was typical family work. Once, G.L. had the last unplowed wheat field, so everyone helped plow his field. They ended up with seven tractors in G.L.'s field finishing the job. Most Sundays in August and September were spent on horseback rounding up cattle to ship by railroad from Volland to Kansas City for the Monday cattle sales. G.L.'s helpers at times included his sons and grandsons.

In addition to working together, the Schultz families stayed involved together in church and community. G.L. and wife Auguste, as a team, set the precedent with their actions. The *Wabaunsee County Signal-Enterprise* included these words in Auguste's obituary: "She will be remembered as a devoted wife and tender mother, a kind friend and helpful neighbor. Her humility, and quiet and unassuming ways will linger long in the memories of those who were privileged to know her."

When times were tough for a Volland

area family, G.L. allowed the family to live for two years, rent free, in one of the homes he acquired in a land purchase. My uncles, aunts, sister, and cousins have been active in the Alta Vista's St. Paul and Alma's St. John Lutheran Churches as elders, ushers, and Sunday school teachers. Family participation in community organizations includes: Kansas Livestock Association, Wabaunsee County Extension Board, Washington Township, 4-H, Wabaunsee County Historical Society, Relay for Life, and others.

Today, G.L.'s descendants operate eight ranches: Volland Ranch (Keith Schultz), Schultz Ranch (Cleo & Julie Schultz), Flint Hills Gelbvieh-Red Angus Ranch (Ron & Linda Schultz), Flying S Ranch (Gary & Peg Schultz), Lazy Flying S Ranch (Leland & Cindy Schultz), Crystal Springs Ranch (Tom & Jamie Schultz Maue), Diamond C Ranch (Chris & Candice Schultz Martin), and Loire Creek Cattle (Luke & Dawn Schultz).

With efficiencies brought on by technology, ranch operations have become

less dependent on large numbers of hired hands and family. Several members of the Schultz families have migrated into professions other than ranching. Although the professions are many and varied, ranching in the Flint Hills is engrained in our heritage and work ethic.

And for some of our families, as they grew, so did the physical distance from Volland, but most of the family still lives a short drive away. Some may ponder if that is due to being a close family or to having roots in the Flint Hills. Both of these reasons are valid because our family heritage and our values are intertwined, actually grounded, with the land, making me proud and thankful that I have family in the Flint Hills.

Rick Kaul is the great-grandson of G.L. Schultz, grandson of Arthur Schultz, and son of Virgie Schultz (Kaul). He currently lives in Iowa, but grew up in Alma, among his cousins, uncles, aunts and grandparents. Rick worked with his Uncle Keith and Cleo Schultz when he was in high school and currently shares ownership of Flint Hills pasture ground with his sister, Sherry Hensley, in Little Egypt LLC.