

ACDHA Hall of Fame

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The American Cream Draft Horse Association Names Charles Knox To The ACDHA Hall of Fame

Farmville, Virginia, October 21, 2022 — Charles Knox (1891-1979) Iowa farmer and American Cream Draft Horse breeder in Hamilton, Franklin, Hardin, and Webster Counties, was inducted into the American Cream Draft Horse Association (ACDHA Hall of Fame during their annual meeting at the Weyanoke Hotel in Farmville, Virginia.

Born in 1891 on a Hamilton County farm two miles east of Jewell, Iowa, Mr. Knox was the fourth of five children born to John William Knox (1848-1909) and Mary Ellen Merritt (1863-1928). In 1915 Charles married Hattie Hildal (1898- 1960), also of Jewell, IA and the couple had eleven children.

After farming Knox land rented from his mother for ten years, Charles and Hattie left the Knox homestead in 1926 for nearby Rose Grove Township where they rented the Oskvig farm — the first of eight places they contracted to farm during the hard Depression years until they could buy a farm of their own in 1938. On that Oskvig farm in 1926, Big Buck, Charles Knox's first and most important American Cream Draft Horse, foaled in May out of his grade Shire mare named Flody and Yancy (ACDHA Registry #3). From then until 1950, while farming with Cream horses and tractors throughout, Charles bred twelve more American Creams for his own farming work, all descended from Big Buck's line.

Notably, in 1935 three of Charles Knox's thirteen Creams — Big Buck, Little Buck, and Prince — were entered on the early ACDH Registry cards as Knox 1st #5 1926, Knox 2nd #12 1932, and Prince #17 1935, where they remain to this day in the official ACDHA Registry. **The American Cream Draft Horse Association was Chartered in the State of Iowa in 1944.**

More crucial than his own Creams recorded on the ACDHA Registry in 1935, is the pivotal role Charles Knox played as a breeder in 1930. Just five years after arranging for John Yancy to have Yancy #3 cover Flody in 1925 to try for his first Cream, Charles was the only American Cream Draft Horse owner developing and promoting the new breed. His decisions in 1928 and 1929 to out-breed and line-breed Big Buck, resulted in three Cream foals that attracted clients in 1930. The clients were neighbors and friends GA Lenning, Hank Johnson, and Fred Johnson; their Cream foals born in 1931 (listed below) had momentous impact further developing the only draft horse breed native to the United States.

GA Lenning's Silver Lace #9 (1931) is the Cream acknowledged as the breed's most influential horse with about 30% of all existing Cream bloodlines attributed to Silver Lace

today; Hank Johnson's Pet #8 (1931) and Fred Johnson's Tarzan #11 (1931) are the Cream mare and Cream stallion acknowledged in 1939 by ACDHA founder CT Rierson as essential and foundational to his own 1933 American Cream Draft Horse breeding program.

It is for his pivotal role, his initiative and his perseverance as an American Cream Draft Horse owner and breeder in the early days of the development of the breed that Charles Knox is inducted into the ACDHA Hall of Fame. He joins Hall of Famers who have been nominated:

<u>(Horse)</u>	<u>(Year inducted)</u>	<u>(Person)</u>	<u>(Year inducted)</u>
Old Granny #1	2009	Nelson Brothers	2009
Silver Lace #9	2011	CT Rierson	2011
Knox 1 st #5	2012	Karene Topp	2012
Nelson's Buck#2	2013	Betsy Ziebell	2013
Paula Ann Stables	2015	Paula Ann	2015
Eads Captain #209	2016	Arnold Hockett	2016
Clar Ann Dick #243	2017	Vern Stromer	2018
Yancy #3	2018	Charles Knox	2022

The main purpose of the American Cream Draft Horse Association is the promotion and preservation of the breed. Cream Horse owners join as Members; Cream Horse supporters join as Associate Members. acdha.org

