



The Bapton Herd - Famous Shorthorns to Be Sold

The decision of Mr. J. Deane Willis, Bapton Manor, Codford, Wilts, to disperse his herd of Shorthorns in the autumn will be regretted by supporters of the great breed of cattle at home and abroad. The sale of the herd is to follow the offer by auction of the estate on which it is maintained in September, if it is not sold earlier privately.

The Bapton Herd has a history equaled by few in the country. Founded in 1884 by purchases of representatives of the best of the Aberdeenshire, or Cruickshank, strains, it was greatly increased in 1890 by the acquisition of about 30 cows and heifers direct from the famous Sittyton herd, when Amos Cruickshank relinquished his life's work in Shorthorn breeding. This was one of the most notable transactions in the history of the breed, as the whole herd had been bought for exportation to the Argentine, and it was only owing to some unforeseen incident that Mr. Deane Willis and Mr. W. Duthie were able between them to retain the Sittyton cattle in this country.

The record of the Bapton herd in the show yard probably surpasses that of any other. For many years its successes were remarkable, and although it has not been quite so conspicuously before the public in the past few seasons the herd is as flourishing and sound in pedigree and merit as ever it was in its distinguished career.

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