

# S. M. Mace and his Anxiety 4th Herefords

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**E.** A. CARTWRIGHT, early day cattleman of the D Ranch, Pekisko, past president of the Western Stock Growers' Association and friend and admirer of S. M. Mace since they first met in 1902, had intended to write this article. Frank Watt of High River had procured some interesting data in Colorado with regard to Mr. Mace. Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Watt and I had planned a visit to Arthur Crawford-Frost's to gather information. Regrettably, both Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Watt passed away this summer, so I felt it was up to me to take pen in hand.

The opinions I express are most certainly my own, but they are also the opinions of old-time ranchers and purebred breeders who knew and had dealings with S. M. Mace. He was born at Nashville, Tennessee, on October 22nd, 1867. His parents were Melvin and Roxana Spotswood Mace. He had three sisters, Mary, Stella and Roxana, who passed away at sixteen years of age. His father died when he was quite young resulting in his mother going to Boston as matron of St. John's School where her young son, Spotswood, or "Jim" as he was called, started his education.

An excerpt from the life of Charles L. P. Winscom throws considerable light on the early life of Mr. Mace. I quote, "There was a private school in Boston called 'St. John's School' which had been started and was run by the 'Cowley Fathers' of Oxford, England, which were Episcopalians. Charles P. Hill was the headmaster. William and Howard Winscom of Croydon, England, were sent to Boston to attend this school when they were quite young boys. After they were here a year or two Howard died and another brother, Charles Winscom, who was ten and a half years old, was sent out to keep William company. This was in March, 1880. Some of the other boys at the school at that time were: Salem Hardy, Henry A. Thayer, Dick Payne and Jim Mace.

"In the fall of 1881 Mr. Hill resigned in Boston and took the job of Principal of the Old Jarvis Hall in Denver, Colorado (another Episcopal school). He

brought William and Charles Winscom and Jim Mace with him. Here they all went to school until a very serious accident happened to Charles which changed the course of all their lives and made history for North Park, Colorado. Charles was the youngest boy at the school, very bright and the open favorite of Mr. Hill. He was preparing him for Harvard and it was his great ambition to have Charles the youngest boy to graduate from Harvard.

"Charles had a young friend, Stanley Pearce, son of Richard Pearce, who was the British consul and also the Head of the old Argo Smelter. Their home was a large three-storey house. One day in the fall of 1882 the children, Charles, Stanley and another boy, were playing there. Charles and Stanley ran to hide from the other boy. They ran up all the stairs to the very top of the house. Stanley dodged into a place that was familiar to him and Charles followed. It was right over the skylight. Charles hit the skylight and fell through about 50 feet to the ground floor.

"He was injured very badly and lay sick all winter long. Old Dr. Bancroft who weighed 300 pounds attended him and used to joke with him and say, 'Well Charles, just think if it had been me who had taken that fall'. In the spring he told Mr. Hill that the only hope for Charles was to send him onto a ranch and keep him there.

"This Mr. Hill was a peculiar man and in many ways a most wonderful one. He was a bachelor but his heart was wrapped up in these children. He resigned his job at Jarvis Hall and leased a ranch at Colorado Springs and took William and Charles Winscom and Jim Mace down there. This was in the spring of 1883. They stayed there until the next January with Charles' health gradually improving.

"While at Colorado Springs, T. John Payne came from England to work for Mr. Hill on the ranch. They also got acquainted in Colorado Springs with James Freeman Bush, a New Yorker who located later on the Canadian River in North Park. In the meantime Salem



S. M. Mace as a lad in Boston.

Hardy had come up to North Park and located on the Canadian. He had been writing to Mr. Hill and Mr. Hill decided to come to North Park. He brought the three boys and arrived at Pinkhampton on January 7, 1884. They came in with wagons but had a lot of snow shoveling to do. With him also was Allen Hood and Wm. C. Bishop who had been an Episcopal minister in Colorado Springs. Bishop later got his nephew, Griffith Kermode, to come out.

"When spring opened up, 1884, they all went up on the upper Canadian and Hill and Mace took up claims on what is now known as the Mace place. The father of the Winscom boys died and in 1887 their mother, Mrs. Edwin Winscom, came to North Fork bringing their daughters, Edith and Eva Winscom with her. In 1890 Mr. Hill had to give up. He developed a bad case of rheumatism, sold out to Charles and Mace, went to Saratoga Springs, Wyoming and died there.

"Jim Mace (Spotswood Melvin Mace) married Edith Winscom and Griffith Kermode married Eva Winscom. Kermode was from the Isle of Man and after he located here he sent for his sister, Georgia Kermode. She married William Winscom. Charles Winscom married a North Park girl, Minnie Sudduth, who lived on the upper Canadian in North Park, Col. Of all these former young

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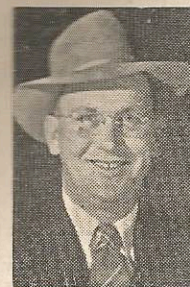
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English people: Jim Mace, Charles Winscom, William Winscom and his wife, Georgia Kermode Winscom are dead. Griffith Kermode lives in Mississippi, Edith Winscom Mace Hallisey lives in Ft. Collins, Colo. and Eva Winscom Kermode Osier lives in Walden, North Park, Colo."

There is little doubt that the early environment of Jim Mace and the influence of Charles P. Hill had a good deal to do with the forming of the sterling character that was portrayed throughout his life.

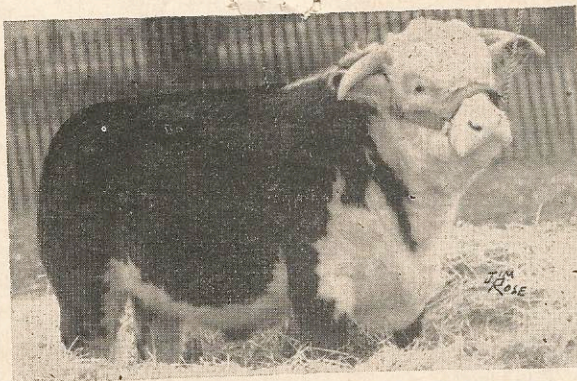
In North Park, Mace went into partnership with Charlie Winscom who looked after their interests, Jim Mace taking on the managership of the big commercial cow-outfit belonging to James Freeman Bush. He left every Monday morning with a team and buggy to make the rounds of the different cow camps of this big spread arriving home Saturday afternoon.

Jim Mace and a partner by the name of Joe Lawrence arrived at High River, Alberta in the fall of 1902, bringing with them a carload or part of a carload of registered Hereford yearling heifers and the bull calf **Hamilton**, 2131 by Hesiod. These cattle were all purchased from Lowell, Barrel & Dr. Dewitt of Denver. An old time Colorado rancher told me he remembered the Dr. Dewitt cattle, and as he expressed it, "They were awful good cattle." The partners trailed up the north side of the Highwood River to the south side of the Big Hill, and lived that winter in a tent at the Stock Association's, North Fork branding corrals, where there was a good spring. They corraled their heifers every night.

That winter they chose a location directly south of where they were camped in a bend on the north side of the middle fork of the Highwood, about three miles below the old Bar U ranch. Lawrence homesteaded north of their ranch and built a house there.

With no capital but plenty of ambition, Jim Mace started the herculean task of building up the outfit. A man of rather small stature, he was a veritable dynamo of energy. Logs had to be cut and hauled from the hills for his house, barn, blacksmith shop and sheds, corrals built and his land fenced. He once told me that he had done practically all the work himself and to accomplish it he had worked practically every daylight hour. I remember my father saying that it was almost unbelievable the amount of work Mace got through.

It would be hard for the present generation to realize the hardships that he underwent in maintaining his purebred herd. At the same time he started, Shorthorns or Durhams as they were frequently called, were the favorite. I understand that it was not until after the hard winter of 1906 & 07 that the marked superiority of the Herefords, due to their hardihood and rustling ability, started them on their steady march to the position they have long since held as the leading beef breed in Alberta. When he first started in, no one seemed to want his bulls. He had great difficulty in getting fifty dollars a piece for them. To make matters worse his partner decided to go back to Colorado and Jim Mace had to buy him out, which was a financial hardship for him to do. He had borrowed all he could from the bank,



**Comprest Lad 3 E**, reserve Junior Champion bull at Toronto, 1951 — sired by **Comprest Lad 6th** — sold at Sale of the Stars to E. H. Himmelman, La Harve, Nova Scotia, for \$2,100.

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and in desperation he went to a Presbyterian minister and that good soul lent him a little money at thirty per cent interest. He went short of grub in the house so that he could buy a little grain for his bulls.

In those days the politicians had not yet thought up any vote getting social security theories, to weaken anyone's fortitude. It was a case of paddle your own canoe and Mace sure paddled, with the result that he did a whole lot towards developing the beef-cattle industry in Southern Alberta to its present high standard.

Come what might in the way of disappointments and hardships, the staunch spirit of this outstanding man and one might almost say, super-breeder of Hereford cattle, never wavered. Through years of experience gained on the Colorado range, he formed his opinions of what a Hereford should be, and no fad, fancy or fallacy ever changed them. To my belief, no other breeder in this coun-

try has hewed so true to the line, or in other words, no one else has bred as good cattle so consistently through the years as did S. M. Mace.

His cattle stood four-square, on straight heavy-boned legs, entirely on their own merits. He never had a fitter on the place, a reliable ranch hand, who would keep good prairie hay in the feed-racks, give them their rolled oats and keep the water holes open, was all he asked for. Any bull that did not do well on this diet was castrated. In the summer time the young bulls were turned out on grass. When these bulls were sold and turned out they went to work.

In searching for one word that would best describe most of the characteristics of the Mace cattle, I decided to use the word "heavy". They were heavy hind-quartered, bodied and boned, heavily muscled, were encased in a heavy but pliable hide, covered with a heavy curly coat of silky hair. These qualities with

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plenty of breed character thrown in, made them a type seldom seen elsewhere and to any one that knew them, never to be forgotten.

The records show that Mace and Lawrence took their first bulls to Calgary in 1906. They were sired by **Hamilton**. The first bull in their string was called **Lord Highwood**. This bull was awarded the Championship and sold for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to Hal Fitzherbert a neighbor of Mace's. This was the first sale put on by the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association. As a small boy I remember Mr. Mace and his bulls stopping the night at my father's place about half way between the Mace place and High River.

The second bull used in the herd was **Beau President 2nd**, born in 1908, by **Beau President**, selected by A. L. Weston of Denver. Following, was **Beau Weston Stamp**, by **Beau Gomez**, bred by H. D. Cornish of Osborne, Missouri. The first progeny of this bull showed up in the Calgary Bull Sale in 1917. Next in line was the great breeding bull **Bonnie Lad 29th**, by **Bonnie Brae 15th**, calved in Nov., 1915 and purchased from A. L. Weston of Littleton, Colorado. No doubt purchased at the same time was **Perfection 5th**, tracing from the original **Perfection**, from John Coder of Elwood, Nebraska. This bull was also born in 1915. After these two, from A. B. Cook of Townsend, Montana came **Panama 59th** by **Cubas Panama**, born Sept., 1922. Then **Braemores Image** calved in Jan., 1923 and purchased from Walter L. Yost of Kansas City. Mr. Mace next bought **Superior 57th**, a son of the twenty thousand dollar **Superior Mischief**, in the P. J. Sullivan sale. This bull, born in July 1925, was out of a daughter of **Beau President**. His last purchase was **Beau Baldwin 30th**, by **Beau Blanchard 155th**, calved in Oct., 1928, and bred by the Baldwin Hereford Ranch at Pleasanton, California.

A history of the Mace cattle would most certainly be incomplete without a partial record of what the blood did in other herds. In the early 20's a clever, resourceful young man by the name of Arthur Crawford-Frost with plenty of ambition and limited capital, decided to embark in the Hereford business. He very wisely went to Jim Mace for advice, and made no mistake when he started in 1923 with the purchase of three heifers. He acquired over a period of eight years, forty seven head of Mace-bred females, all of which were personally selected by him from the Mace herd.

To mate with these cows he purchased from Fulsher and Kepler in Colorado, **Prince Domino 9th**, a son of the Register of Merit Sire **Prince Domino**. The conformation, substance, ruggedness and scale of Mace cows coupled with the affinity of blood, great spring of rib, and good handling qualities of **Prince Domino** the 9th, started Arthur Crawford-Frost on the road to fame and fortune, making Hereford history in Canada and the United States. Arthur recently told me that a bull calf out of a cow sired by **Reginald**, a Mace-bred bull, after winning the Junior Championship and Reserve Grand Championship at the Calgary Exhibition in 1949, stood second in a strong class of thirty at Denver where he sold for ten thousand dollars to a Wyoming rancher, started the chain of events that led up to his selling most of his breeding

herd to a Wyoming syndicate this summer.

Frank Collicutt of the Willow Springs Ranch, The P Burns Ranches, W. M. Parslow, Charlie Turner and Manson Campbell of Stavely were some of the better known breeders who used Mace herd sires to advantage in their breeding programs. Manson Campbell bought a bull from Jim Mace, named **Kruger**, sired by **Perfection 5th**, which he used and took to the Calgary Bull Sale as a four year old for re-sale winning Grand Champion of the show with him. Tom Hughes after they acquired the ranch, had the Grand Champion Bull at the Bull Sale in 1936 and 1937, the Reserve Grand Champion in 1939, all sired by **Beau Baldwin 30th**, Mr. Mace's last importation.

The ultimate in a purebred animal is the beef steer it can produce. Tom Hughes showed the Grand Champion steer at Great Falls in 1936 sired by a son of **Beau Baldwin 30th**; the Grand Champion carload of fat cattle at the Toronto Royal in 1938 were sired by the same bull. Numerous Grand Championship carlots at Calgary, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon Feeder Shows were sired by Mace bulls. Many herd bull prospects bred by Jim Mace were not utilized in registered herds but were bought for use by commercial breeders and many a cowman, who has turned his last steer, at one time stated that the Mace bulls were by far the best that were ever turned loose on the range.

To Mr. Mace as with many of the old time ranchers, ranching was more a way of life than a money making scheme. He would often sell a good bull fairly cheap to one of his friends, when he knew he could have got more money for it in Calgary. Several years he sold his entire output at private treaty at the ranch, but when he did sell at the Calgary Bull Sale he quite often had the highest average price.

The years rolled on and took their toll of his wiry frame. Plagued with neuritis in his arms he realized that his working days were about over, yet he was loathe to disperse the herd that he had worked so hard to create.

About this time there came to the High River district, from the cradle of the breed in Herefordshire, England, two boys steeped in Hereford history, namely Jim and Tom Hughes, sons of Allan Hughes of the Wintercott Farm,



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a well known British breeder of Herefords. Several of the ancestors of **Anxiety 4th** were bred on this farm. The herd was inherited by Thomas Edwards in 1845, and transferred to his nephew, Allan Hughes in 1881. From 1857 to 1912 the Wintercott cattle were consistent winners in the English shows. Some of the cows in the Mace herd traced back to **Leonora** a noted Wintercott show winner of eight Championships, and said by an authority of that time to be about the best cow in England.

To S. M. Mace it seemed a heaven-sent opportunity to place the herd in



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capable hands. So in 1932 the ranch and cattle were turned over to the Hughes Brothers. These young men were exceptionally fortunate to get in on such a setup. Besides buying a first rate herd and a well-equipped ranch, they inherited with it something that was worth as much as the cattle and ranch put together. "The Mace tradition for straightforwardness, integrity and square dealing." For generally speaking, no matter what a registered animal or a registered herd appear to be on the surface it is actually not a bit better than the integrity of the men that bred and raised it.

About four years ago I was at the Banning Lewis Ranch at Colorado Springs. The first thing Raymond Lewis asked me, "was Mace still alive?," After Mace sold out, he and Tom Hughes took a trip to Colorado and visited this ranch. Previously the Banning Lewis outfit had a show herd out and had done very well, winning several firsts with different heifers at various shows. With justifiable pride, Raymond Lewis led his visitors into a tree shaded paddock where the show heifers were running. He pointed out three or four heifers naming the shows they had won. Mace before leaving Alberta had looked through his Hereford Journals and had seen the pictures of the heifers. Lewis's statements did not jibe with what he remembered he had seen and he politely told his host that he thought that he was wrong and gave his idea of it. Raymond Lewis told me he could hardly believe his ears and went in search of his herdsman. It turned out that Mr. Mace was correct in every instance.

Mr. Mace was a good supporter of St. Aidens Anglican Church at Pekisko. He was held in such high esteem by the Crawford-Frosts that he was asked to be God-Father to their eldest daughter, Constance. He was present at the organization meeting of the Alberta Hereford Breeders' Association in Calgary on April 11th, 1917 when fifteen breeders voted to form the Association. He was nominated for president as also was Simon Downie of Carstairs and in the ensuing ballot was defeated but upon the motion of Frank Collicutt and by acclamation became Vice-President. The record is incomplete from 1917 until November 6, 1924. Older breeders, however, state that S. M. Mace was President of the Association for several years during this period. At the 1924 meeting S. M. Mace was made a director of the Association and retained that position from then through 1933, the year of his retirement. In 1927 he was made vice-president but the minutes reveal that at every nomination meeting it was S. M. Mace who moved the presidential nominee motion. He was elected director of the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association for 1927, 1928 and 1930. For many years he was Hereford director on the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association and was President of that body for 1919-20.

Mr. Mace lived with the Hughes Brothers and their sister, Nancy, for a time. He then moved to Okotoks where he owned a house. From there he went to Calgary and lived a rather secluded life, latterly living near his old Pekisko ranch friends, the Gardners, who were very good to him. He died at the Holy Cross Hospital on May 5th, 1944. His body was cremated and the ashes buried in the High River cemetery near his

youngest daughter, Roxana, who passed away on Dec. 12, 1912 at the age of twenty. The death of his daughter was a great tragedy in his life as she had lived with him a number of years on the ranch.

And so passed on a true cowman of the old school, one who, when all things are "considered and weighed" was probably one of the world's "Great Breeders of Hereford Cattle". His motto might well have been:

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But how you played the game."

### Missoula Hereford Sale

The Missoula Hereford Association's "Top-Cut" sale sold 70 head on February 4th for \$94,520 to average \$1,350; 58 bulls grossed \$77,895 to average \$1,343 and 12 females grossed \$16,625 to average \$1,385. The Grand Champion Bull, placed by W. J. Edgar of Innisfail, Alta., and consigned by Curtice Herefords of Stevensville, sold for \$5,500 to Lloyd S. Rue of Broadus, Montana. and the top-price female, also a Curtice Hereford, sold for \$3,000 to W. V. Bennett of Chico, Calif. The Grand Champion female, consigned by Clarence Hagen of Stevensville, sold for \$1,650 to Wesley W. Stearns of Plains, Mont.

On Feb. 5th the Missoula Livestock Auction Company sold 375 head of range bulls and heifers for \$191,725; the top 10 bulls averaged \$1,355 and the top 6 heifers \$830. The top-price bull, consigned by Robert Marshall of Bozeman, sold for \$2,500 to Tom McCormick; second highest, consigned by Monforton Herefords, sold for \$1,950 to Warren Perry of Charlo, and the third highest priced bull, from Curtice Herefords, went to J. G. Lister of Armstrong, B.C., for \$1,500.

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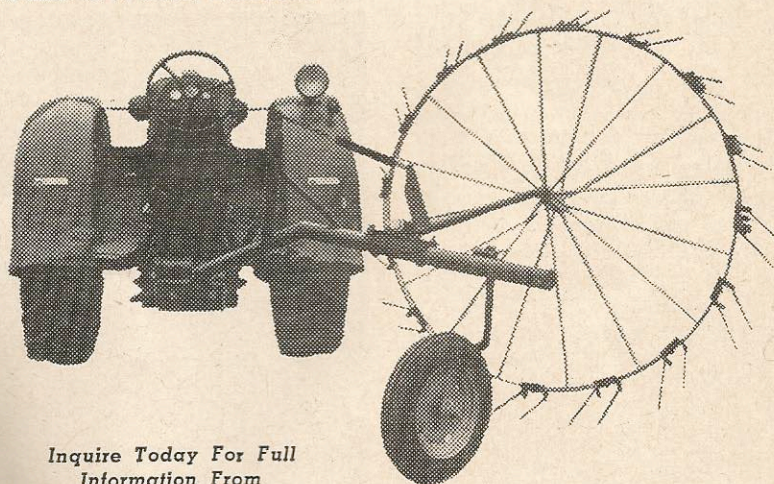
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disposed of his holdings and he, his wife and daughter Myrna will leave in March for Marysville, B.C., to take over his new 5,000-acre ranch there.

The purchaser, J. Bulman, of Kamloops, B.C., himself a rancher, has taken over Burton's properties including a lovely home in town and a feed lot six miles west of town — one unit of the ranch property was owned formerly by the Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.

Mr. Burton was among the originals who imported Brahman bulls to cross with native cows and further crossing with Highland cattle was tried. He has been an enthusiastic sportsman, many times having won the North American calf roping contest. He was manager of the Claresholm Stampede for some time, was a member of the W.S.G.A. for many years and for one term a director.

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