



**Biltmore Earl Bee, E-90%**

3-2 305 21,040 4.3% 895 DHIR  
4-2 305 22,270 3.9% 867 DHIR

father, who ran in the Cherokee land race in 1893. Purchased for the young sire sampling program at Select Sires when he was four months old, for the highest price Select Sires had ever paid (at that point) for a color breed young sire, his first proof—in January 1988—included 35 daughters in 26 herds. He dominated the ranking lists of A.I. sires—for production and key functional udder traits—for the next several years, earning his own feature issue of the *Jersey Journal* in October 1994.

Today, (December 2014) we find **20,985 daughters in 2,406 herds in "Sooner's" proof**. In addition, to those proof daughters, review of AJCA records credits "Sooner" with 1,289 registered sons; the December 2014 genetic evaluations present **262 of those sons with proofs calculated, having sired a combined total of 117,959 daughters** that are providing performance data for genetic evaluations.

Biltmore Earl Bee was also the dam of three daughters born at Community Jersey Farm in the years following the birth of "Sooner." As of December 2014 a total of 375 direct female descendants of Biltmore Earl Bee, bred in herds from California to the east coast, have been registered, to the twelfth generation coming forward.

Her daughter, CJF Duncan Queen Bee-ET, sold to Biltmore Farms in the 1987 All American Sale, with 78 direct female descendants of "Queen Bee" carrying the Biltmore prefix registered to date. Among the most promising of these is **Biltmore Visionary Bee 3555**, a springing heifer in the eighth generation forward from Biltmore Earl Bee, with A.I. interest expressed in the calf she is presently carrying.

At Community Jersey Farm, 71 direct maternal descendants of Biltmore Earl Bee have been registered with their CJF prefix. In the third generation forward from Biltmore Earl Bee, **CJF Duncan Bee Babe**, sold in the 1990 National Heifer Sale to Cedarcrest Farms, Faunsdale, Alabama, where she milked well and was an effective ET donor dam. Among her descendants sold by Cedarcrest to other breeders, one line has bred forward especially well, with **MFW Renegade Baron, E-90%**, bred and owned by Andrew Mason of Chestertown, Maryland. She is ten generations forward from Biltmore Earl Bee, and now has two sons in the genomic young sire program at ABS Global. It is interesting to note that Biltmore Earl Bee herself was ten generations forward in direct maternal descent from Biltmore Signal Bess Jane, 1951 and 1952 U.S. National Grand Champion.

The genetic impact of "Sooner" was succinctly described by Ellis Woods in the October 1994 *Jersey Journal*, when he said "Sooner came along and changed the Jersey breed at a time when it needed changing. He gave the Jersey cow large volumes of high protein milk with functional type, changing people's minds about how the Jersey cow could milk!" We suggest that it is time to recognize "Sooner's" dam, **Biltmore Earl Bee**, as the cow having the greatest impact on the breed's focus to breed profitable, functional cows, suitable for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, by changing the dairy industry's perception about how a well-bred Jersey cow can milk.

As preparations were underway for the October 1982 Biltmore Farms Lifetime Opportunity Sale—when the milking herd and some heifers were sold, with younger heifers retained for building the Biltmore Farms herd of the future—**Biltmore Earl Bee** caught the eye of those involved in preparing the sale cattle. She had the most voracious appetite in the milking herd—spending more time at the feed bunk than any of her herdmates—while her first lactation record in progress stood out in the sale catalog.

She topped the sale, selected by Ellis and Lenna Woods of Community Jersey Farm, Gage, Oklahoma, who had picked her out from the catalog, looking for a cow from which they could start a new foundation bloodline in their herd. Carrying service to Briarcliffs Soldier Boy when sold, "Bee's" bull calf, born February 25, 1983 in Oklahoma, was named **Soldierboy Boomer Sooner of CJF**, a name chosen by Lenna Woods to honor her



**MFW Renegade Baron, E-90%**

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Owned and bred by Andrew Mason, MD

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