

ARIZONA TRADITIONS

Excerpted from "100 Years 100 Ranchers." Words and photos by Scott Baxter.

More than a dozen years ago I came up with an idea to see if I could photograph 100 different Arizona ranchers whose families had been ranching continuously in Arizona since 1912 or earlier. I wanted to tie it in with Arizona's Centennial for 2012. The first few years were comprised of research, some photography and travel to meet many of the ranchers I would later photograph. In 2008, I applied for Legacy Project status with the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission. "100 Years 100 Ranchers" was granted Legacy Project status in September 2008.

Shortly after, I sought out the help of the Arizona Cattlegrowers Association. Members "Doc" Lane, Steve Brophy, Bas Aja, and president Tom Chilton were very helpful in making the ranching community aware of the project.

After 12 years, 65,000 miles of travel, and 15,000 film exposures, I finished photographing in August 2011. It was the history that initially interested me, but it was the people I met and photographed that really hooked me. This project did not change me as a photographer; however, it changed the way I have lived my life, raised my kids, and looked at the future. This was a good deal for me.

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Katie Meyer Cline with her daughter, Sarah, Flying UW Ranch. Pinal County, near Winkelman. Arizona ranching family since 1875.

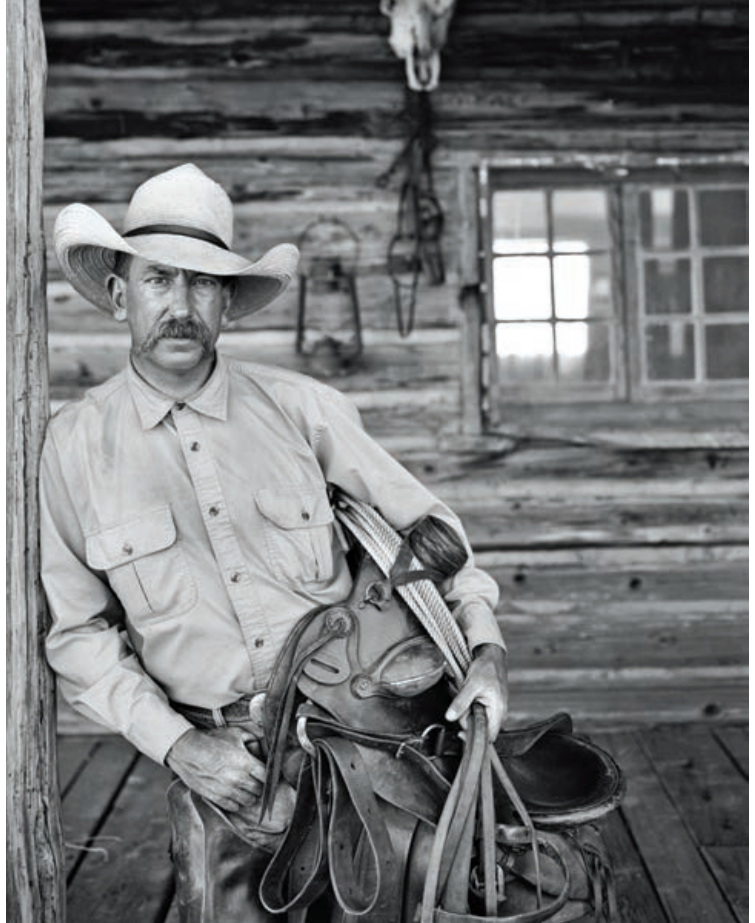




Brantley Baird, Rock Art Ranch, Navajo County, southeast of Winslow. Arizona ranching family since 1876.



Kathryn Maye Orme with her sisters, Lauren Virginia Orme (left) and Mallory Royce Orme (right). Orme Ranch, Yavapai County. Arizona ranching family since 1874.



Casey Murph, H Bar Y Ranch, Navajo County, near Holbrook. Arizona ranching family since 1904.



John King, King's Anvil Ranch, Pima County, south of Three Points/Robles Junction. Arizona ranching family since 1895.

"100 Years 100 Ranchers," printed and bound in Phoenix, Ariz., is a first-edition-only print run of 2,000. It is 224 pages with the foreword by photographer Jay Dusard and introduction by Dr. James Burns, executive director of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg. The book is available online at Amazon.com, through the publisher, Prisma Graphic of Phoenix (www.prismagraphic.com), or ordered directly from photographer Scott T. Baxter, via www.100years100ranchers.com, email scott@100years100ranchers.com, or 602-999-9119. This 14"x10" hardback is \$75 plus S&H (plus sales tax for Arizona residents).