

## MEETING MR. JIMMY DUNN

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Jimmy Dunn of Elberton, Georgia, with his English Shepherd.

I got a chance to meet Jimmy Dunn and his Guy Wilson dogs earlier this year. What a kind and jolly man who loves his dogs and they in turn are

loving, loyal companions. Jimmy told me the story of how he came about carry on the Guy Wilson line.

Mr. Wilson had a friend, Theron Ward, who also was Jimmy Dunn's father-in-law. They all lived on the same road in the Georgia countryside called "Guy Wilson Rd". Jimmy and his wife live in a brick house next door to Theron Ward. When Guy Wilsons died Theron Ward took over breeding his dogs.

Jimmy shared with me how Guy Wilson's English Shepherds were well



Duchess, pure Wilson lines, was bred by Theron Ward, Jimmy Dunn's father-in-law.



Jimmy Dunn's dog, Duke II, produced some litters with Duchess.



King II (left) and his father, Duke II (right).

Wilson's dogs were mostly known to be black and white. The sable and white were not as popular.

When Theron Ward died, a man named Bill Corley took most of his dogs, Jimmy kept a handful of males.

At the time of my visit Jimmy had 4 males and one old black & white female "Duchess" (PR Ward's Duchess) who is the last of his father-in-law's, Theron Ward's, English Shepherds. Jimmy said she's about 13 now and likes to stay next

door at Mr. Ward's home. She had a lot of white on her face but seemed to get around just fine. She came over to check us out then went back over the house.

Duchess and Duke II are the parents to three of the males Jimmy had: Buddy II (sable & white), Butch (black & white), and King II (sable & white). Duchess and Duke II are also the parents to my male "PR" Porter Cyrus Jim (Dance). I could definitely see the resemblance in his build and his temperament too. All the dogs greeted us when Jimmy came out. Friendly dogs, you could see the love they have for Jimmy.

On my trip I was also able to meet Buddy who is Dance's full brother, and Stacy Atkinson's Jeb who is out of Buddy and Panda. We also got to meet Stacy's other English Shepherds and their goats.

One thing that stood out to me from this visit was the many uses the English Shepherd was desired for. Many of the homes they lived in were homes in the country and had little or no livestock. Some were farmers who raised crops or had a few head of cattle or sheep. The dogs were primarily wanted for protecting the prop-



Buddy II (left) and Buddy (right) are sons of Duchess and Duke II.

erty from thieves, to keeping wildlife out of the crops, and or protecting the livestock from predators. They were also desired for their loyalty, intelligence, and companionship.

Thank you Jimmy Dunn and Stacy Atkinson for your information, stories and hospitality.

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Stacy Atkinson's Jeb



Jimmy Dunn and Connie DeBusschere enjoying the company of Jimmy's English Shepherds.