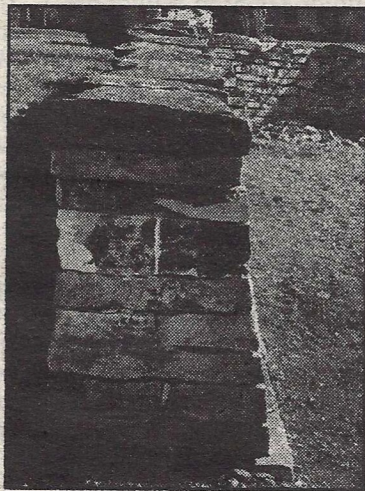


Repair To Stone Fence And Retaining Wall At Grimm-Schultz Farmstead Begins . . .



Neil Rippingale, Scottish master drystone craftsman, and now a U.S. citizen after teaching the ancient craft for over 20 years in America, surveys the fence and retaining wall built in the 1880s at the Grimm-Schultz Farmstead on old K-10 Road near Volland. Neil prepares to assist Instructor Luke Koch of Cottonwood Falls in leading an introductory workshop in stone repair with the assembled group of participants sponsored by the Dry Stone Conservancy of Lexington, Kentucky.

Since gaining listing in the National Register of Historic Places in October 2020, the Grimm-Schultz Farmstead has worked on a plan to restore the iconic fence in front of the property and a means to address



the contributing buildings on the 18.5 acres including a wash house, corn crib, horse barn, hay barn, loafing shed, and the remains of a spring house on the property. The project list seems long and somewhat overwhelming now, but the Farmstead has stood the test of time with protection from the Leland and Cindy Schultz Family and their forebearers until a recent ownership change. The Schultz Family stays active in the restoration process.

To give readers an idea of the restoration to the stone fence or retaining wall, here is a photo of the wall after repair to the eastern end. These pictures tell a story beyond words. The hope is to continue the repair over several years to include the entire length. There's the saying at the Grimm-Schultz Farmstead: "no stone leaves the land". This is because the stone was mined from the Farmstead.

Photos: Colby Taylor, grandson of Leland and Cindy Schultz.