

Green Acres Notes

Aired from September 15, 1965 to April 27, 1971 (170 episodes)

Green Acres Barn Location | Lost location FOUND! Video by Stanley Foss

Green Acres barn former location is in Thousand Oaks, California at was at one time the Albertsons Ranch. The location is near the intersection of Bluebell Road and Fairmont Road.

Knute Kiley's home (First drive by home in opening credits) is located at the corner of Creston Road and Laguna Del Campo in Paso Robles California

Episode for class: A Star Named Arnold Is Born - Part 2
Episode aired April 10, 1968

Mister Ed makes a cameo appearance in this episode. While Bamboo Harvester (the original Mister Ed) was alive, Pumpkin (a second Palomino) was always on set during filming and posed for most of the publicity shots. The four-year-old was even trained to "talk" like Bamboo Harvester. Pumpkin was trained in the same way that Bamboo Harvester was, including learning all of the same tricks in case Harvester ever had to be replaced. As part of this training, Pumpkin was always on set, where he learned to be relaxed around the commotion and cameras that come with shooting a show.

Pumpkin stood in for many public appearances. One noted appearance was during the Hollywood Christmas Parade. Harvester had to be on set early that morning, and since the parade happened towards evening, the trainers were worried that that would put undue stress on the horse. Pumpkin stood in instead, with no one the wiser. He performed perfectly in front of a massive crowd.

For the rest of his career, Pumpkin went on to be filmed in many different television commercials and even starred on other shows such as *Green Acres*. Of note, Pumpkin starred in the Snak-Pak commercials as a talking horse, and then in *Green Acres* as "Mr. Fred."

General Service Studios

Stage 1 - Petticoat Junction

Stage 2 - I Love Lucy (first two seasons)

Stage 4 - Beverly Hillbillies

Stage 5 - Green Acres (The Adventures Of Ozzie and Harriet)

Stage 6 - Mister Ed

Stage 7 - Petticoat Junction Shady Rest water stop, Hooterville Depot, General Store

Stage 8 - Perry Mason Season 3 and 4

Eddie Albert (Oliver Wendell Douglas) - born Edward Albert Heimberger was a circus trapeze flier before becoming a stage and radio actor. He made his film debut in 1938.

He changed his name while he was singing on radio with a trio. The announcer kept introducing him as "Eddie Hamburger". As a result, he dropped his last name and adopted his middle name as his last.

His television career is the earliest of any other American performer. It began years before electronic television was introduced to the public. In June of 1936, he appeared in RCA/NBC's first private live performance for their radio licensees in New York City.

He turned down the lead series roles in *My Three Sons* and *Mister Ed* in order to actively pursue his movie career.

Albert was very disappointed when *Green Acres* was canceled at the end of the sixth season, due to the infamous "rural purge" of American television network programming (particularly on CBS). . Included in the purge were all three of Paul Henning produced country comedies, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Petticoat Junction* and *Green Acres* .

Later, he starred in the popular 1970's television series *Switch* as a retired police officer, Frank McBride, who goes to work as a private detective with a former criminal (played by Robert Wagner) he had once jailed.

For contributions to the television industry, Eddie Albert was honored on February 8, 1960 with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame located at 6441 Hollywood Boulevard.

Eva Gabor (Lisa Douglas) - Her older sisters were Magda Gabor, an actress and Zsa Zsa Gabor, also an actress and socialite.

She appeared in films and on Broadway in the 1950's, in films such as *The Last Time I Saw Paris*, starring Elizabeth Taylor and *Artists and Models* with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

In 1953, she was given her own television talk show, *The Eva Gabor Show*. Throughout the rest of the 1950's and early 1960's, she appeared on television and in movies.

Gabor played the same character (Lisa Douglas) on three different series: *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Petticoat Junction* and *Green Acres*.

Gabor appeared as Aunt Renee in the fourth season of *Hart to Hart*. In 1983, she reunited with Eddie Albert on Broadway as the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina in *You Can't Take It With You*.

She was awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for her work in television at 6614 Hollywood Blvd. in Hollywood on October 23, 1984.

Quotes from Eva Gabor:

"All any girl needs, at any time in history, is simple velvet and basic diamonds."

"Marriage is too interesting an experiment to be tried only once."
(She was married five times)

Hank Patterson (Fred Ziffel) - intended to be a serious pianist, but wound up as a vaudeville piano player. By the end of the 1920's, he moved to California where he entered the movie business as an actor. His earliest known screen work was in an uncredited appearance in the Roy Rogers' Western film *The Arizona Kid* in 1939.

Patterson played recurring or different roles in television Westerns, including the role of Hank Miller in 33 episodes of *Gunslinger*. Additionally, he appeared on *Have Gun-Will Travel*, *Death Valley Days*, *Tales of Wells Fargo*, *Maverick*, *Cheyenne*, *Wagon Train*, *Daniel Boone*, *The Virginian*, *The Rifleman*, *Bonanza*, *Lawman* and *Bat Masterson*.

By the time Patterson was working on *Green Acres*, he was 77 years old and almost completely deaf. The producers loved his portrayal so much they worked around his hearing impairment by having the dialogue coach lying on the floor, out-of-shot, tapping Hank's leg with a yardstick as a cue to speak his line.

Hank Patterson is the Great-uncle of actress Téa Leoni.

Oscar Beregi Jr. (Boris Fedor) - did not start acting until he was 40 years old. Beregi had a major recurring role as gangster Joe Kulak on *The Untouchables*. He also appeared in *The Twilight Zone*, *Thriller*, *Hogan's Heroes*, *The Monkees*, *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, *The Wild Wild West*, *Batman*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Get Smart*, *Bat Masterson*, *The Lucy Show* and *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*

Among his film roles were *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *The Incredible Mr. Limpet*, *My Fair Lady*, *Ship of Fools*, *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex** (**But Were Afraid to Ask*) and *Young Frankenstein*.

In his spare time, he was a successful breeder of Komondors, which are large, white Hungarian sheep dogs.

Jonathan Hole (Clerk) - was an actor whose career spanned over 65 years. From his early days on the vaudeville stage and in legitimate theater, followed by radio, television and feature-length films, his career continued up to the 1990's.

Among his numerous television roles were appearances on *Dragnet*, *Burke's Law*, *Green Acres*, *Maverick*, *Perry Mason*, *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*, *Batman*, *The Real McCoys* and *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Peter Leeds (Ted Sweitzer) - worked with hundreds of well-known actors such as Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Milton Berle, Carol Burnett, Red Skelton, Jack Benny, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin and Johnny Carson.

Leeds also did voices for animated television and film, including *The Nine Lives Of Fritz The Cat*, *The New Yogi Bear Show*, *The Jetsons* and was the narrator of *The Quick Draw McGraw Show*. He was also on the CBS radio program, *The Stan Freberg Show* along with Daws Butler and June Foray.

He also appeared on Broadway in the first cast of *Sugar Babies* along with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller in 1979.

Arnold The Piggy (Arnold Ziffel) - Arnold the Piggy was played by four different pigs in the 6 seasons of Green Acres, from 1965 to 1971. The first Arnold the Piggy was a male pig, the next three were female (sows). The character Arnold Ziffel was always portrayed as male.

Arnold the Piggy's performances in Green Acres won him an Emmy for "Best performance by an animal" and three Patsy awards, the animal kingdom's Oscar. As a result, he had his own personal makeup artist, hairdresser, costume designer, groomer, and bather. He also wore a different outfit in every show.

All the pigs who played Arnold Ziffel in Green Acres were owned and trained by Hollywood animal trainer Frank Inn.

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