

MEET THE CASE-BARLOW FAMILY

Most of us has thought about leaving our mark in history by being a part of a time capsule, but one of the residents of Case-Barlow Farm found a unique way to time travel. In 1950, Mayor Henry Case Barlow became an important part of history when he helped to create a time capsule that included a letter to the future Mayor of Hudson at the beginning of the new millennium, 2000.

In an article that appeared in the Hudson Hub Times in December of 2000, "The time capsule was opened by the Summit County Historical Society this year. The capsule, constructed of copper and buried in a vault under the porch of the Perkins Stone Mansion was successfully opened with all of the contents intact, Leianne M. Heppner, Curator of the Summit County Historical Society."

The letter read in part: "To the Mayor of Hudson of the Year 2000 A.D. – Dear Mayor: I have been invited to join with others to write a letter to be opened 50 years from now, telling of plans, growth etc., of the time. The population in the 1950 census is 1,536... I can not fully account for my being Mayor of Hudson for I did not



Henry Case-Barlow – Date unknown

completed College training and lived on a farm quietly for over 50 years on Barlow Road where I trust my Grandchildren are. Nothing would be of greater delight to me than to know that this is a free country in which you live and that you are not subject to strict regulations as are in England now. May God bless you and may the American flag still float "o'er the land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Very sincerely, I am H.C. Barlow, Mayor"

Interestingly, Mayor Henry Barlow had vision, but he could have never envisioned that his beloved Farm would become a proud historical site that seeks to preserve the heritage and spirit of farm life.

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H.C. Barlow, Mayor

Henry Case Barlow was born on December 22, 1885 in North Loup, Nebraska to Franklin Fletcher Barlow and Harriet (Hattie) Case Barlow. His early childhood was spent on his parents small farm and then later his parents took up homesteading on 320 acres. Henry said

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Farm Life at the Turn of the Century

Recently, a treasure found its way back to the Farm. It was a manuscript called "Reminiscences of a Hudson, Ohio Farm Boy" written by Franklin S. Barlow in 1983. Here are some interesting excerpts from his journal.

Franklin writes, "Summer on the farm was the time we really enjoyed, however, in spite of all the hard work which it entailed. As soon as school was out we would start pestering Dad