

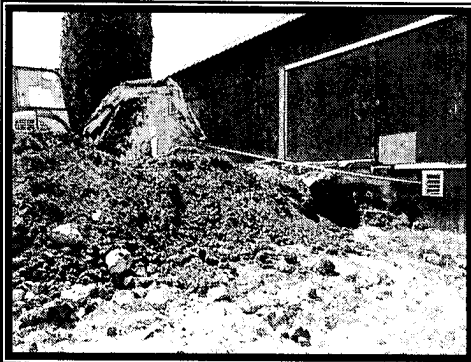
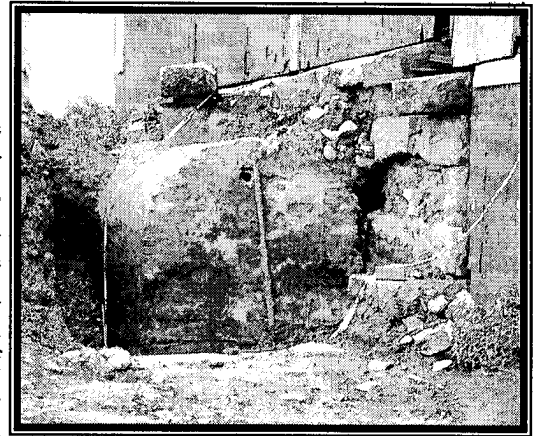
Summer/Fall 2014



Case-Barlow Farm

Uncovering History at the Farm

In our last newsletter we spoke about the clearing of the lower level of the 1890's barn in order to repair its foundation. The contractors came with their equipment and began moving the huge sandstone foundation stones (weighing about 1/2 to 1 ton each) and removing the large boulders and rubble that composed the bank. On day 2 of the work, they discovered the top of a cistern and proceed very carefully to unearth the cistern. What a surprise was discovered. Built right next to the barn's sandstone foundation is a huge brick cistern. Cisterns, an ancient technology for the collection of rain water, were quite common for homes and barns throughout the late 1700's and 1800's. Using the roof as a rain collection surface, gutters and downspouts delivered water to the underground cistern. Ours is made of hand made bricks, made water tight with an exterior and interior parge coat of hydraulic cement which the farmers made themselves. It is a barrel vault design, double brick wall, about 19 feet long, 8 feet high and about 7 feet wide, it is believed to have held several thousands gallons of water. The water was piped from the cistern into the lower level of the barn to water the live stock.



Remember CBF was a huge dairy farm with many cows and horses. Historical archivists were invited to the farm and declared that they have never seen one so large or wonderfully made as the one at CBF. But they also pointed out that the barn is one of the largest barns in Summit County and it would need a large cistern to accommodate the large working farm. Henry Case was a very capable farmer, He kept acquiring parcels of land and by 1883 he had accumulated over 418 acres. So imagine how many cows and other farm animals were on this property. This very large barn was needed for his prosperous farm.

It will soon be decided how best to preserve the cistern while allowing everyone to view this important historical find. See for yourself this unique piece of history while at the Annual Fall Fest, September 14th.

CBF's Fall Fest on Sunday, September 14th 12 noon to 5 p.m.

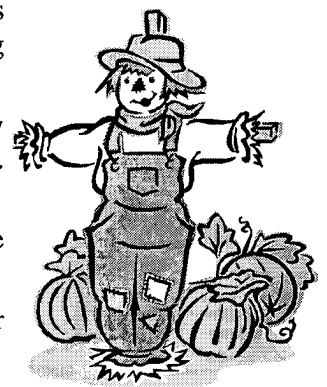
Excitement is in the air, planning is under way for CBF Annual Fall Fest. There will be something for everyone. Hay wagon rides and pony rides, plus two wagon trains will be pulled by garden tractors to carry the tiny tots throughout the farm. Pitch the Peat will provide music and the Western Whirlers will return with square dancing demonstrations for all to join. There will be smiles from ear to ear as everyone enjoys petting Throcky the donkey, the alpacas, pot belly pigs and a variety of small farm animals. Crafts will be offered for young and old to make and take home plus "old fashion" games will return. Plastic duck races will thrill everyone and new this year is pitching pennies for real gold fish! General Ulysses S. Grant & General William Sherman will be making special appearances this year in celebration of the 150th Civil War anniversary.

The farm house will be busy showcasing the domestic chores and handcrafts of the early settlers and farmers, including weaving, tatting, bread making, rug hooking and much more. Beautiful quilts will be displayed, some made over 150 years ago.

Yummy grilled hot dogs, Case-Barlow Root Beer, ice cream floats, cookies and more will be waiting for you.

Admission price includes all activities, crafts, hay rides, exhibits and more. Grub available for purchase. Adults \$7.00, Children 3-18 years \$5.00, and toddlers 2 years & under Free

Mark your calendar today and be sure to join us for a great day!



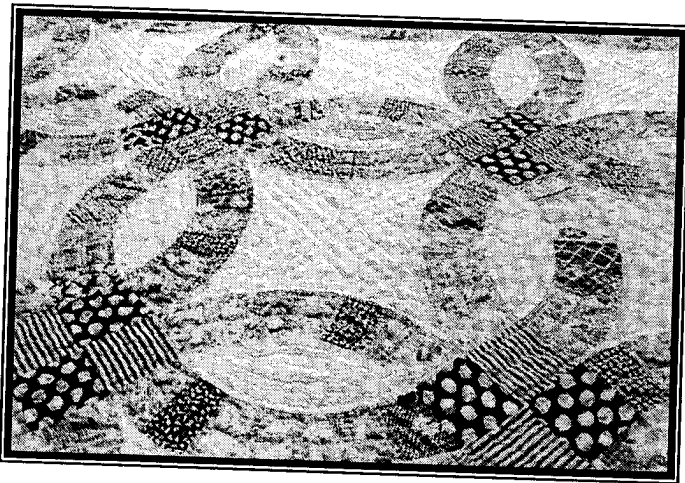
What is Salsify?

Our heirloom garden is dedicated to Cleopatra Case, so this year we concentrated on root vegetables that might have gotten her through the family's first winter in Hudson. In addition, she probably grew beans for drying, as it also was an important staple two hundred years ago.



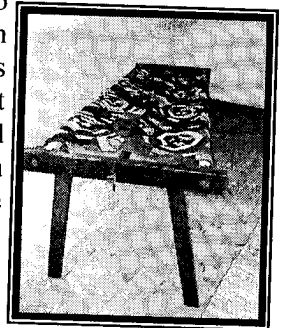
We are trying some unusual varieties of beans, turnips, beets, carrots and radishes; but an early heirloom vegetable that we were unfamiliar with and excited to give a try is the Sandwich Island Salsify. This pre-nineteen hundred plant is also known by many as a "vegetable oyster", however, it tastes nothing like an oyster. The tapered roots average eight to ten inches long and one inch in diameter and have a creamy white skin and white flesh. The upright grass-like leaves can be eaten and taste much like the bottom six inches of a leek. Salsify can be boiled, mashed or fried like a potato and is delicious in soups and stews. We planted it this spring, it should grow all summer and fall, until the first frost brings out its flavor.

This unusual heirloom vegetable may be one that you want to experiment with in your own garden.



Early 1900's Quilt Frame

The Twinsburg Historical Society graciously donated to CBF a wonderful quilt frame now on display in the farm's textile room. A typical frame consisted of four sturdy lengths of wood. Two strips would be long enough to hold at least the width of a quilt and it would have heavy cloth attached along the length. The ends of the quilt would be basted or pinned to this cloth. The other two pieces of wood would hold the first two apart so that the ends of the quilt could be rolled tightly leaving a nice firm area for the quilters to do their stitching. When one section was completed, the quilt would be rolled presenting a new section to be quilted. Our frame is built with a stand on each end making it very sturdy and easy to use.



The American Quilt - Its history and importance

The American flag is a quilt top. Or, at least, it could be. Betsy Ross probably didn't think of her flag as a quilt, but it has all the hallmarks of one: cotton fabric, contrasting colors, a distinct geometric design—in other words, patchwork. Quilting for domestic use was not a popular pursuit in America until about 1830 when mills in New England began producing cotton fabric that had previously only been available as an import. With less expensive materials at hand, American women were now able to produce a practical, affordable domestic necessity. American quilting hit a high watermark

from 1830 to about 1870, but there was more to come.

Most of the quilts made by our ancestors were for practical purposes, but decorative quilts soon became popular as well. The makers were creative and thrifty, using scraps from used-up clothing, feed sacks, dyed and undyed cloth (muslin), and sometimes wool, linen or other fabrics. They did everything by hand. They devised hundreds of designs and shared them with their friends, and even published them in newspapers. They formed quilting bees, which served an important social need as well as a utilitarian one. They loaded their quilts into covered wagons and ventured west. Fathers and sons went off to war with quilts. Daughters were given special wedding quilts when they got married. Babies were welcomed, friends were gifted, and the number and quality of quilts a bride brought with her to her new home became a standard by which the local ladies estimated her suitability as a wife.

The popularity of quilting has ebbed and flowed from the late 1800's to mid-1900's, but the American Bi-Centennial in 1976 was a watershed year. Interest in creating commemorative quilts soared. At about the same time, the rotary cutter, a replacement for scissors similar to a pizza cutter, was introduced for accurate fabric cutting, and enabled the maker to produce the end product much faster. Quilt shops sprang up, selling top quality fabric and other materials and tools. By about 1995, quilting was contributing about \$8 billion a year to the US economy.

So what's the current status of the great American quilt? Design software. Internet forums. Increasing recognition of quilting as an art form, with important quilt shows in many cities across the country. Quilt museums. Auctions that have garnered as much as \$264,000 for a single antique quilt. More men involved in designing and making quilts. TV shows dedicated to quilting. And, as always, lots of people who just want to keep warm when the weather gets cold.

Garden Guests From
Mayfield Village
Garden Club

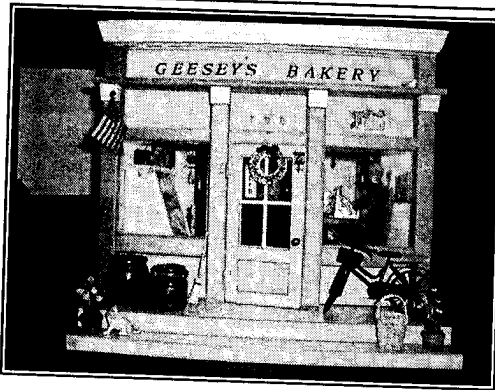
July 16th, 15 members of the Mayfield Village Garden Club toured the CBF heirloom garden. Hudson Questers gave a tour of the house to the guests before they headed downtown Hudson for lunch. Prior to leaving they marveled at the newly discovered cistern and stated how very special our farm is, with the land and buildings, for they do not have anything to compare to CBF. The Quester docents were Marti Young, Diane Herendeen, Dotty Colhan and Meigs Adams.



CBF is looking for a few items to put on display. Do you have:

- *A WWI uniform
- *Items for the milk house
- *Case & Barlow family items

5th Annual Doll House Exhibit



Old and new, big and small, they are all different than any of the previous years and the dollhouses and room boxes will be back at the farm house. We have many doll houses and room boxes scheduled for set up in mid-November. On the second floor you will enjoy Toy Trains and the Land of Lego's.

Imagine a candlelit evening with holiday music, food and wine in the farmhouse decked out in holiday greens and decorations, this awaits you at the preview night party. You will need reservations if you would like to enjoy seeing all the displays in their holiday splendor before the exhibit opens to the public. The preview party will be held on Sunday, November 23rd from 5 to 8 p.m. The tickets are available for purchase at \$50.00 per person by calling the farm at 330.650.0591.

Holiday raffle tickets are available for purchase and some of the doll houses will be for sale. Dates for this year's doll house exhibition are: November 28,29,30 & December 7, 14 & 21 One o'clock to four o'clock each afternoon.

Support the 2014 Annual Membership Drive Campaign

Case-Barlow Farm is alive today with events that bring friends, families and organizations to this wonderful property. Thanks to continued support from many of you, Case-Barlow Farm has come a long way since being incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) organization in 1996. This year promises to bring excitement to the farm. We are now looking forward to raising the funds necessary to side the barn and hopefully, soon, being able to open the barn to you and your families.

Our annual membership campaign is in full swing, you should have received your 2014 Membership form in the mail. We ask that you take time out of your busy schedule to fill in the form and mail your donation. Please join us in our effort to preserve a precious resource of Hudson's historic past while enriching the lives of area residents today and for years to come. Your membership continues to form the core of support for Case-Barlow Farm. Remember-all memberships are tax deductible!

If you did not receive your Membership form, you can go on line at www.casebarlowfarm.com and obtain one or call the farm at 330.650.0591 and we will be happy to mail a form to you.

"There is a church-like feeling when in the barn. To walk onto the threshing floor of the barn and look up at the light streaming through the siding of the great structure can only be described as inspirational."

Please help us save and restore this wonderful barn and Case-Barlow Farm to its former glory. Send in your membership today.



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Chef Brandt Evans Presents
Dinners at CBF

Chef Brandt Evans, of the Blue Canyon Restaurant in Twinsburg, remembers the wonderful times he and his brother spent with Don Barlow on the farm. He recalls that the time spent on the farm was a major part of his growing up. They helped Don in the fields, on the hay wagons, picking beans and everything else a young boy could do. He

fondly remembers packing a lunch and eating in the hay loft and being treated to home made lemonade by Emily Barlow. Not only did they have a wonderful time, but Don Barlow paid then 10 cents an hour!

Now Chef Brandt along with his Pura Vida Team are inviting you and others to enjoy "Dinners at the Farm". Chef Brandt Evans and his team are creating a special four course wine dinner for you at the Case-Barlow Farm, Saturday, August 23rd. All food will be harvested from local farms in Northeast Ohio, and will be served family style on platters in the newly restored wagon barn. They are also planning a fall clam bake with all the trimmings! Information on the clam bake will be announced later.

Evans is one of Ohio's top chefs. He has received numerous accolades since 2002 following the opening of his first restaurant. His love for the culinary arts began at age 16. He trained at the Culinary Institute of American and worked in Manhattan. Driven by a passion for food, he is committed to expanding the flavors of any dish beyond the plate with his custom Blue Canyon wines. He travels around the world to personally pick and blend fruits that compliment several of his signature dishes. He is always striving to produce the most tantalizing experience for the taste buds. Returning home to the area, Evans now lives in Hudson with his wife and family. <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/pura-vida-by-brandt-evans-presents-dinner-on-the-case-barlow-farm-tickets-12242921909>

Historian
Tom Vince
Visits CBF

The 200 Years on The Farm was the topic for the "Moment on Hudson History" segment on the May edition of A Good Day in Hudson hosted by Frank Youngwerth. The Hudson Cable Television show can be seen anytime on your computer or other digital devise by going to: hctv.pegcentral.com Although public access shows are not there, most shows produced by HCTV are available on demand.