

# Case-Barlow Farm

## *We Have Come Along Way*



If you go back in history to Wednesday, October 9, 1996 the Hudson Hub-Times's headline read:

### **“CBBF buys historic Case-Barlow Farm”**

“The Case-Barlow Farm has changed owners. The farm was purchased by Case-Barlow Bicentennial Farm, Inc., for different uses for the community and surrounding areas.” Our non-profit organization announced this historical event at the Hudson Heritage Association annual “Taste of History” event on the evening of October 6th. Hudson Heritage Association's support of \$35,000 to this preservation effort was crucial to the success of the organization being able to obtain the property. The family home of 5 generations, the barn, outbuildings and over 4 acres had been bequeathed by Don Barlow to The First Congregational Church of Hudson. At that meeting Don Barlow said, “I was pleased with the purchase and I really want to see it (Case-Barlow Farm) restored and made useful to the community”. During the next few years, the CBBF organization worked hard to obtain donations from city residents and signature grants. Fabric-centers of America donated \$10,000.00, Little Tikes Co. donated \$ 15,000.00 and other generous citizens combined for approximately \$100,000.00 to help in the purchase of the historic homestead. Throughout the next years, fund raisers and events were successful and the additional funds (\$90,000.00) was raised and the mortgage to The Congregational Church of Hudson was completely satisfied. Restoration efforts began and continue today and will continue in the future.

The massive barn, dating to 1890, the house built in 1831 and a few outbuildings are all that remain of what was a 400-acre farm founded in 1814 by the Case family.

Today as you stop by you will find the house basement has been stabilized, the wiring & plumbing updated, city water and sewer were added, the rooms once again charming and refurbished as they would have been in the 1800's, the yard supporting a “farm garden”, the original corn crib foundation has been rebuilt, and, of course, the large bank barn with its new roof overseeing everything on the property.

In the last 16 years, so much has been accomplished, so many friends, both adults and children, have enjoyed the farm with its Fall Harvest fest days, school trips, activities, parties and meeting. This endeavor to save Case-Barlow Farm for future generations has been a wonderful success. With your help and generous donations, restoration projects continue to improve the facility. We have come so far, the future is exciting!

## *CBF Receives Gifts*

Throughout the years, CBF has received many generous donations of wonderful historical items. The generosity and thoughtful consideration of each gift helps to ensure that the farm will continue to fulfill its mission in the areas of restoration and preservation. Donations are most appreciated and guarantees that history will be preserved for the future. Watch future newsletter for other items that have also been generously donated.



Antique apple press & large spinning wheel, wooded butter churn & school desk given by Diane Hickey. Wooden egg collecting crate, wood shovel & wood rake plus antique wooded paddle for apple butter making donated by Scott & Barbara Brubaker. Robin & Mark Kirk donated the large copper apple butter cooking kettle. Thank You so Much!

## Preview Night Added to the 2nd Annual Doll House & Miniature Room Exhibit

On behalf of the Doll House Exhibition Committee, many thanks to all who helped support a wonderful new tradition at CBF. Displays were not limited to dollhouses--homes, shops, vignettes, jewelry and more--each unique display was shown in miniature.

Both a Preview Night and Toy Train Room were added this year. Preview Night Patrons were treated to the exhibit in a candlelit atmosphere while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, wine, a raffle, a silent auction, and a door prize mystery hunt which made this a charming evening. Trains, toys and a magical holiday tree brought back many happy memories of childhood treasures. The farm house took on a winter wonderland feeling and transported many guests back to an old-fashioned ambience of how parties might have felt in the mid nineteenth century.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and contributors for giving their valuable time and resources to Case-Barlow Farm. Finally, this event would not have been possible without the willingness of the doll house owners to allow CBF to display their precious keepsakes. The many volunteers who gave their valuable time, talents, resources and cookies were invaluable. And thanks to the many who came to CBF last November and December to enjoy the exhibit.

What delightful new treasures will appear next year? The committee can hardly wait...if you have anything to share, please let a committee member know or email with details.

Congratulations to our raffle and silent auction winners: Gabi Kempton, Brenda Vallen, Barb Wise, Kathy Cubera, Diane Kempton, Bill Carroll, Carla Gasser, Ruth Studer, Meigs Adams, Pat Belby and Barb McDonald.



Enjoying the Preview Night Party are JoAnn & Paul Lewarchick, Nancy Waite & Diane Herendeen

### Case-Barlow Farm House Will Open with Regular Hours

A long awaited dream to have CBF open on a regular basis is planned for the spring of 2012. Tours of the farmhouse hosted by knowledgeable docents will allow the public to learn about the history of the Case-Barlow Farm. If you are interested in helping provide information or in becoming a docent, please contact CBF by phone 330.650.0591 or email to [casebarlow@aol.com](mailto:casebarlow@aol.com). We will let you know when training dates and times have been determined.



### CBF Writing Club Visits the Hudson Library

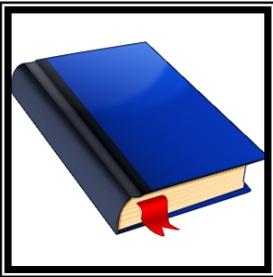
Case-Barlow Farm invites girls ages 10 to 15 years old to join the Creative Writing Club. The group meets twice a month at the historic farmhouse from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants may share their writing with others, play writing games and learn more about the craft of writing. Please call CBF for information. Last month, the group had a tour of the Hudson Library Historical Society from Archivist Gwen Mayer. She shared several journals in the collection and demonstrated that one can learn about life from journals and encouraged each girl to begin a journal of her own. Hattie Case Barlow recorded wonderful memories of the life on the farm in her diary. See the next page for excerpts from her diary, describing life in 1897.

### Questers Refurbishing Hired Hand Room

Thanks to the generosity and researched knowledge of the James Ellsworth Quester Chapter of Hudson, another second floor bedroom in the farmhouse is being renovated. It will be furnished to reflect the life of Clayton Eugene Woodworth (1888-1973) who worked as a hired hand on the farm through three generations of the Barlow family. Clayton, who was born in Windham, Ohio, was a cousin of Belle Barlow (nee Fenn) and lived at Case-Barlow Farm most of his life. We are excited and look forward to the completion of this room.

### Rental Opportunity

The Case-Barlow Farm is meant to be used by everyone in the community for 21st century events, even though the house is being restored to 1831. Some recent rentals include graduation parties, private dinners, music recitals and bridal/baby showers. If you would like to plan an event for the house or the yard and gardens, please call 330.650.0591 for details.



## A Few Excerpts from "Diary of Hattie Case Barlow 1897"

Hattie recorded some wonderful memories of her life on the farm in a diary which was found at CBF a century later. (Spelling and quotes are exactly as written in 1897.)

Jan. 18. Monday. Snowed hard this a.m. but clear this p.m. The men to haul logs came this p.m. Cold & windy. I ironed this p.m.

Jan 20. Wed., Stormy. The choppers and Mr. Kyle came back this a.m. I had to put up teir dinner today. Frank & Will are sorting our apples.

Jan. 21. Thursday. Put up dinner again today. They finished at Mr. Stone's this p.m. Frank went up to Cleveland to Enger Bro's. Will help me pare apples. Put up 14 quarts. He had to do all the milking.

Jan. 22. Friday. Stormy again--good sleighing. The wind blew so they could not cut, so they and Mr. Kyle went home this a.m. The teamsters are hauling logs. Frank was up with two loads. I finished Baby's dress and put up 5 qts. Apples.

Jan. 25. Monday 20 degrees below zero this a.m. The other teamster came back.

Jan. 28. Thursday. They are putting up ice. We went up to Clara's this eve.

Jan. 30. Sat. Alfred Collins spent the day with Henry. He read stories to him all the forenoon. Harry & Allie were down this p.m. Will & his sister and Baby had a sleigh ride this p.m. The choppers went home. Flora Robinson was down and staid to tea.

Feb. 1 Monday. A pleasant day. The clothes dried outdoors. Julius & Karl Scott came this eve. With a small load of young people. We had maple sugar, hickory nuts and popcorn.

Feb.6. Sat. A very rainy day. The wood cutters went home right after dinner. Jim came down & he & Frank put up the sawdust on the ice.

Feb. 8. Monday. A stormy day. I brung up the first boiler of clothes before breakfast. Baby seems a little better & Will too. He went up to see the doctor. Mark helped milk this a.m.

Feb. 9. Tuesday. It seemed hard to work today. I did the ironing & hung the meat in the smoke house. Jim brought theirs down and helped me. Charley helped with the chores. Frank is about sick. He went up to see the Dr. after supper

Feb. 12. Will, Henry & I went to Darrowville to the "Musical Flower Garden". It was very pretty.

Feb. 22. Monday. Will went to the train and Frank to boiling sap--the buckets were running over this a.m. No school

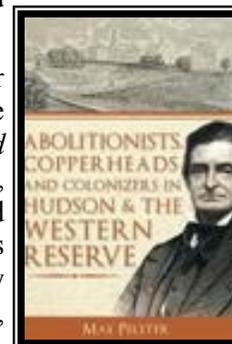
Feb. 24. Very Cold. Jim, Frank & I went to Akron today. Frank got a suit & overcoat, I a dress & cloak.

March 1. Monday. Cold. I hung clothes up stairs. We packed 11 gal. of syrup and sent to New Philado this a.m. Will took it up.

## New Book Cites Case-Barlow Farm

Hudsonite Mae Pelster has a book published recently entitled, *Abolitionists, Copperhead and Colonizers in Hudson and the Western Reserve*, describing the Hudson years from 1789 to 1862. According to the publisher, The History Press, the founders of the Connecticut Western Reserve laid the foundations of the communities to come that would reflect an idealized vision of human character in their sense of community, their emphases on faith that was tolerant of the beliefs of others and their appreciation of the importance of equal access to public education and democratic government."

Pelster quotes Lora Case as saying, "It was rare for fugitives to come through his own station near the town of Streetsboro, though his childhood home at the CBF frequently sheltered fugitive in the woods behind the house." According to James Caccamo's book entitled *Hudson, Ohio, and Underground Railroad*, "4 routes entered Hudson from the south and from the east (Randolph, Ravenna and Cuyahoga Falls) with only 2 exiting to the north and the northwest (Bedford and Cleveland)." As a junction, Hudson was second busiest station in Summit County. Pelster writes that Hudson's central location had made it highly suitable as a terminal on the underground facility and the foundational population of the town, fostered in the culture of the Western Reserve College, produced with hands and homes for working in support of the freedom of the Negro.



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*Time of sadness is really a time to remember ..... By Bob Porter*

The end of 2011 brought the sad news of the passing of two wonderful friends of Case Barlow Farm, MaryAnn Winders and Mayor John Krum.

MaryAnn found the time in her busy schedule of traveling, charitable activities, Hudson lunches, of course, her famous pastime of bowling to bring her merry band of gardeners to the farm to do the weeding of the flower beds around the house, barn and other out buildings. Truthfully, we are still not sure if they enjoyed weeding as much as they did sitting around a flowerbed on a sunny afternoon sharing stories and ongoing activities in their lives. Either way we appreciate their efforts and hard work. MaryAnn would often pull me aside and let me know that I had to get after the lawn crew to keep them from getting grass in the freshly weeded flower beds and then she would want a status update on our latest project. Finally, she always expressed her last comment "...you should move more quickly on getting the barn ready for public access and use." She enjoyed seeing and encouraged the progress on the farm buildings and grounds. Not sure what her bowling average was, but at CBF it will always be 300.

John Krum supported the farm from the beginning and was instrumental in obtaining some of the initial funding in the early years that kept the project going. As Mayor, he always attended the CBF Harvest Fest to meet the community members and most importantly judge the pie baking contest. His political prowess was put to good use as he selected one winner but made every pie maker feel that their skills at pie making were exceptional. He did seem to enjoy the pies! When he took up residence, with his wife Marcey, at Laurel Lake, he continued his community activities in many ways. One such activity that was special to us, was when he would take a busload of residents on his periodic "Hudson Trips", talking about various points of interest. He would always stop at the farm and ask one of the board members to meet him and give a brief talk, on the farms history and what the board was trying to accomplish, to his guests. John would be sitting up front in the bus with his microphone and made everyone feel they were touring Williamsburg or Hollywood.."If you look to your right, you will see Clark Gable..no I was mistaken, that is the recently completed historic garden at Case-Barlow Farm."

Many of us give to the United Way and various other major charitable collecting organizations. Did you know that you can direct your donation to Case-Barlow Farm? **100% of your donation** to CBF goes to keeping the farm as a viable part of Hudson. Your dollars provide funds for improving and restoring the buildings, helping with the maintenance, the utilities and the insurance for the farm.

CBF is governed and overseen by a volunteer board of trustees. There are no salaries paid at CBF.

Please remember CBF when you are making your pledge! Call 330.650.0591 for details.

