

Fall 2010



Case-Barlow Farm



Save the Date: Sunday, October 3rd, 1-5 p.m.
Our Annual Fall Harvest Fest is Coming!!!

Plans are bigger and better than ever for a wonderful-fun packed day for children & adults.

There will be something for everyone. You will enjoy "Crazy Rhythm" as they sing and play guitar and fiddle throughout the day and then you can dance along with the "Western Whirlers" square dancing club. There will be hay wagon rides generously provided by Jack Grace and pony rides with the Portage County 4-H "Crazy Critter" group. Returning this year will be barred owls, hawks and a screech owl presented by "Birds in Flight Raptor Center". New this year will be basket weaving with Laura, broom and rope making with Terry, a bread making demonstration with George Hoy of the Inn of Brandywine Falls plus a special cameo appearance of Susan B. Anthony, portrayed by Belinda Wing, President of League of Women Voters of Hudson. Shawn Petries will bring his portable forge and create items of a blacksmith/farrier. Be sure to stop and watch Tracy Shea create pottery on her wheel. There will also be demonstrations for chair caning and seat weaving. 4-H students will provide a petting area of small farm animals and the Alpacas of Whistler's Glen will be present. The children will be able to experience "olde fashion" farm chores, including sawing a huge



log with a 2-man saw, washing and hanging clothes out to dry, making butter plus weaving a rug. Our wooden cows will stand still for everyone to try their hand at milking (don't worry--it is really just water.) Of course, the games of our great-grandparents will be played, bobbing for apples, 3-legged race, tug-of-war, dress a scarecrow and many more. For the little tots, Little Tikes large play toys will be there for them to enjoy. You will want to be sure to visit our historic 1831 Case-Barlow Home, the Questers will provide tours and the history of the families.



Demonstrations of lace making and quilting will be in the farm house along with a display of antique quilts to view. Emory will once again display and play his beautiful antique music machines for all to hear. Crafts will be available for the children to make and take home. Don't forget the cookie walk--always a hit! Be sure to register for the raffle prizes. Our famous hot dogs cooked on the grill along with snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. Admission is \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (ages 2 through 18 yrs) and toddlers under 2 are free.

This year we are showcasing the fun of art in each of us. We are having board members and local artists paint or decorate stepping stones that will be sold during the day of the Harvest Fest. We are also asking anyone who would like to paint or decorate a stepping stone to call Sean Hettinger, at 330-603-5405 to make arrangements to pick up a stone or piece of slate and start painting. We will have all of the Stepping Stones on display at the Fest and they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The stepping stones tie into one of our crafts that will be at the Fall Fest. Attendees will be able to decorate and paint their own river stone to take home and place in a flower garden or create their own pet rock.

Plan to come early and stay the entire day--you will run out of time before you run out of activities!!

2010 Membership Drive

There has never been a more exciting time to become a partner with one of Hudson's fastest growing cultural amenities. Thanks to continued support from many of you, Case-Barlow Farm has come a long way since being incorporated as a 501c3 organization in 1996.

Our membership drive, lead by Julie Kodatsky, has been a great success this year. We have accepted over 100 memberships to date.

Remember, in order to maintain the Farm's ongoing operation, quality programs and continued improvements, our membership dollars form the core of our funding support. We are reaching out to both past and prospective members within the community and beyond as we strive to expand our base and raise awareness of the history treasure that is Case-Barlow Farm.

A basic membership for just \$30.00 includes a 1 year subscription to this newsletter and a promotional window decal. Additional levels of \$100.00 and \$200.00 donations includes a commemorative engraved brick for the farm's walkway plus discounts on rental of the farm.

For those of you who have not sent in your membership forms, it is not too late. Please send your generous donation to Case-Barlow Farm, P.O. Box 2143, Hudson, Ohio. Or join us at the Fall Harvest Farm where you can complete your membership form in person.

Questers Acquire Field Bed

With the floor in the Master Bedroom soon to be refinished, the newly acquired Field Bed will be put in place. The turn tapered head post indicates that the bed was intended for a tester frame with bed hangings. Bold turnings, well executed rope carvings and inverted cup leaf carvings distinguish this Sheraton bed. Fabrics and coverlets from the 1830's period are being researched by the Questers for use on this bed.

Small "rope" holes bored at an angle through the rails also indicated that a "sacking bottom" was originally used. The term "sacking bottom" refers to a rectangle of sail cloth with eyelets that correspond to the pegs in the rail, it provided a smooth surface for the bed tick. This bed consists of three woods: birch posts, pine headboard and poplar rails. The Master Bedroom will be completed and open for public viewing by May 1, 2011 to be in compliance with the rules of the International Quester Grant. Funds provided by this grant were used to purchase this bed.



How Does your Garden Grow? Hudson Montessori School Garden

The students of the Hudson Montessori School, North House have partnered with CBF for several years as part of their micro-economic unit. The students have learned to plan, care for and use their garden products.



The garden contains herbs, berries, squash, sunflowers and vegetables. In addition, this year the students have expanded by adding popcorn. The "Great American Sunflower" project has stressed the need for bees. The students are installing a beehive along the natural corridor that lines the garden. The Montessori students have been under the supervision of David McNees and Pat Ludick for the past few summers. This year, David and his family



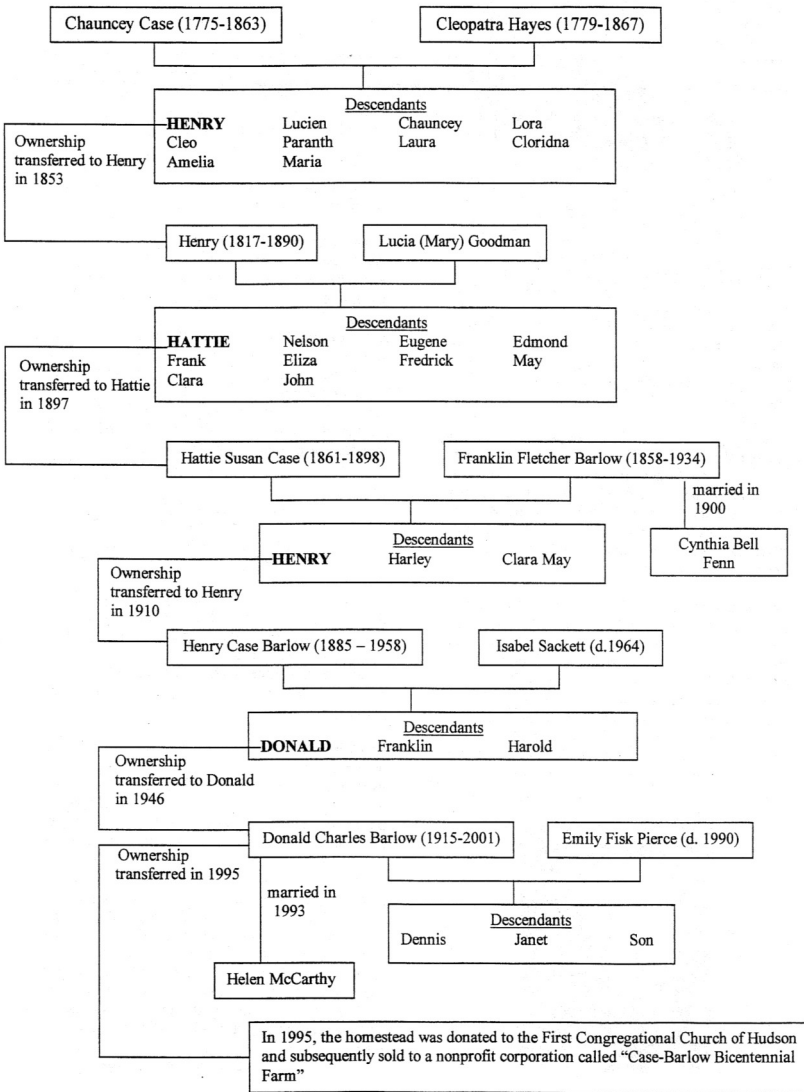
moved away from Hudson and the students continued under the capable hands of Pat Ludick. These students have continued to be committed with their relationship to the farm-and we are pleased to have them with us.

Thank you!

Rental Opportunity

The Case-Barlow Farm is available to be used by anyone in the community. The restoration is taking the home back to the year 1831 for 21st century events. Some recent rentals include graduation parties, private dinners, music recitals, distance learning video presentations and public events. If you would like to plan an event for the house or the yard & garden, please call 330-650-0591 for reservations and details.

A FAMILY TREE OF OWNERSHIP OF CASE-BARLOW FARM



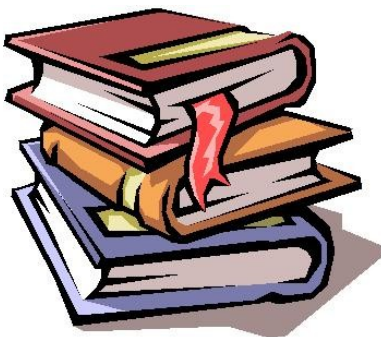
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Throughout its history, the house was always occupied by members of the family. A Case daughter, Harriet, married Franklin Barlow and the house passed to their offspring. After 5 generations of Cases and Barlows, Donald and Helen Barlow donated the homestead to the First Congregational Church of Hudson in 1996.

According to Franklin S. Barlow, "The farm for its first 125 years of existence was located on what was designated as "Kent Road". That part of the road west of Route 91 was called "Terry Road". In 1947, Summit County officially honored Henry Barlow and his family by changing the name of all the road in Summit County to Barlow Road.

Case-Barlow Farm, Inc. was organized to buy the property and incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. On the 4.2 acres there is a Farm house, Bank Barn, Carriage House and several outbuildings. The Farm is listed on the Ohio Historical Inventory and is designated as an official Underground Railroad site by the Friends of Freedom Society.

Creative Writing Club



The Case-Barlow Creative Writing Club welcomes girls between 10 and 14 years of age to join together to discuss writing, share their writing and learn about the art of writing. The Writing Club began 5 years ago and has had members come from all around the area including girls from Hudson, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Stow and Cuyahoga Falls.

In addition, adult mentors and guest speakers are always welcome. Please consider coming to visit to enjoy the fun of writing with the group.

For information about joining the group and meeting times, please contact Barbara Bos at 330.655.7658. New girls are always welcome and encouraged to join.

History of CBF Families

By Barbara Bos

In May of 1814, Chauncey and Cleopatra Case began their journey from Granby, Connecticut on May 23rd and arrived in Hudson on July 4th. The journey westward was in a covered wagon. The family numbered five children with one more expected in the near future. Their milk cow rounded out the group.

The family lived in a log cabin. A brickyard and kilns were constructed on the site to make the bricks for their new farmhouse. Lora Case wrote "My father began the house now standing on the old homestead. He made the brick and I helped carry them from the table where they were molded to the yard and then to the kiln and helped cut and draw the wood to burn them. I slacked the lime and sifted it and the sand with a small sieve, made and carried the mortar and my two brothers Lucian and Henry carried the brick for the three masons to build the walls which were two stories high. I made the mortar and carried it for the two masons to plaster every room in the house."

When the family moved into their new Greek Revival home it was reported to be the first brick house west of Pittsburgh. Bricks from the Case farm were also used for buildings at the Western Reserve College. A portrait of Lora Case painted by Avis Andreas is hung in the Front Parlor of the Farm House.

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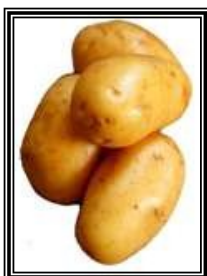
CBF Garden Group

By Connie Price

“When to dig potatoes?”

In our educational garden at the farm, we only have space for one or two plants of any particular species. One of the most fun and easy vegetables to grow in our climate are potatoes. This spring we planted Irish Cobbler and Katahdin heirloom varieties. Use of the “hill method” works best in our situation. We are fortunate to have rich, loose soil in all of the beds. Moving the soil up around the potato plant every week or so as it grows, is easy work throughout the summer.

Now the fun..... Was our work worth the effort? When the plants die back in late summer and the temperatures are not as hot, it is time to dig a sample. Potatoes can stay in the ground until there is a hard frost or a light freeze without harm. Dig into the edge of the hill with a “spading” fork lifting and shaking free the dirt from the potatoes. Sort your crop into two groups, putting all the small, thin skinned or damaged potatoes in one group for immediate use. In the second group, only the best can be put in a basket or burlap bag and stored in a root cellar or cool place for up to six months.



CBF Corn Crib

By Barbara Bos

Corn cribs date from the first quarter of the 20th century.

The corn crib provided storage for corn harvested on the farm. The ears of corn were stored in a well-ventilated space to keep them dry. Cows ate the corn, including the cob, as part of their regular diet.



The CBF corn crib originally allowed farm vehicles to drive through for easy loading and unloading. The western end has been blocked and boarded up, but looking from the east, one can easily imagine lining up a farm cart and driving right through.

The gabled roof has many layers of material including tires! Tires were placed on the roof to keep metal sheets and shingles from blowing off in high winds. Asphalt shingles and sheet metal are often seen on corn crib roofs, peeking out from the asphalt of the CBF crib are the original sawn cedar shingles. Look carefully and you can find remnants of a windmill used on the sides of the corn crib. We would love to restore this unique crib--perhaps this would be of interest to you also --call the farm to help us save our crib.