

Summer 2019



# Case-Barlow Farm

CBF Celebrates 21st Year of Fall Harvest Fest on September 15th  
With Old Fashioned, Tech-free Fun on the Farm!



The Fall Harvest Fest at CBF returns on Sunday, September 15, offering attendees the chance to experience good old-fashioned farm fun in this unique festival which celebrates the historic Case-Barlow Farm. The event offers activities for all ages along with demonstrations and of course food from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Children will enjoy the chance to meet small farm animals including chickens, goats, pigs and bunnies. Throcky, a special family-friendly donkey, will also be on hand. Birds in Flight Raptor Center will proudly display rehabilitated wildlife birds, and an interactive reptile and amphibian experience with Herps Alive will thrill all. Pony and horse rides for children will be provided by local 4-H groups. And all attendees are sure to enjoy a hay wagon ride for the entire family!

Learn how to dip a candle, wash clothes the old-fashioned way, churn butter, shell and mash corn and make crafts to take home to friends and family. Games will include mazes, an old fashioned 3-legged race, tug-a-war, yellow duck races, Ride'em and Rope'em, Feed the Wooden Pig, Apple Sling shot, cookie walk, apples on a string, face painting, pumpkin bowling, High and Low Striker, and so much more.

In addition, the 19th Ohio Light Artillery will display a Civil War encampment, Arborist Curt VanBlarcum, Stone Mason John Burnell, Blacksmith Shawn Petries, and Windsor Chair Maker Richard Grell will all be at the Fall Harvest Fest demonstrating their trades.

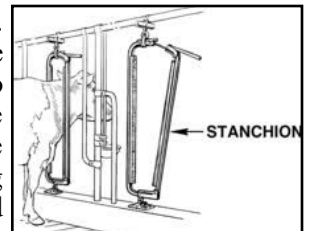


The Case-Barlow Farm's historical farm house, with its period furnishings, will be open for tours and will be filled with demonstrators showing the domestic chores and handcrafts of the early settlers and farmers. Beautiful quilts, some made over 150 years ago, will also be on display. CBF's famous hot dogs, ice cones, root beer floats, cookies and more will be ready to feed those hungry "farm hands" when meal times arrives. The Fall Harvest Fest allows kids to be kids experiencing outdoor fun, without the need to be plugged into technology.

Admission is \$8.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child (ages 3-18 years old) and toddlers (2 years and under) are free. Refreshments are sold separately. This is CBF's major family event and fund raiser and all proceeds from this event will support the Case-Barlow Farm. If you would like to volunteer to help on September 15, please call 234-380-0806. For more information, visit [casebarlow.com](http://casebarlow.com) or call 330-807-1877.

## Big Red's History

Built in the 1890s, "Big Red" was the third barn built at CBF. The first barn was small and stood across the street where the industrial buildings are today. Today's barn consists of two levels: the upper level was used to store the feed and hay while the lower level housed the cows and horses. The farmer would harvest the wheat and hay in the fields, put it on their large wagons and then drive up the earthen bank directly into the upper level of the barn, allowing them to pitch the hay quickly into the storage areas. Green or damp hay or wheat could overheat and cause fires. The wood siding, consisting of tongue and grooved boards, dried out and shrank over time, thus allowing ventilation for the slow drying of the stored products. The original plaster is still retained on the walls of the granary.



Beginning with a single cow brought from Granby, CT. in 1814, hundreds of cows were cared for by the Case and Barlow families. Don Barlow had 2 favorite cows named Bessie and Bossy. Every cow had a stanchion in the barn where she stood while being fed and milked two times a day.

## 2nd Sunday Open Houses, Great Successes!



Rick Smith, Jr. a professional illusionist and card thrower entertained the crowd at CBF's June 9th Open House. As always, the Open House is a free event to the public. More than 150 attendees enjoyed the magic of Smith and also enjoyed tours of the historic house and farm. Hot dogs, root beer floats and an afternoon of fun topped off the day.

Porch Stories were the theme for the July 14th Open House. From 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, the farm hosted a day filled with fun stories about the history of the farm along with a true story of how Eleanor Roosevelt is connected to CBF. The interesting stories were told by "The Wandering Aesthetics" and volunteer friends of



the farm. Walking tacos and lemonade were served. It was a beautiful day and proved to be fun for the entire family.

August 11th's Open House featured The Fire Truck Pizza Company, a real fire truck with a pizza oven inside. Free pizza was provided to the first 150 children, ages 12 and under. Live music by "The Bike", HHS jazz band members, and Ian Lane, The Singing Guitarist, provided a festive background. Children enjoyed climbing aboard vehicles provided by Hudson EMS and The Hudson Fire Department. Great fun and happy smiles were everywhere.

Thank you to The Kiwanis Club of Hudson for generously sponsoring the Case-Barlow Farm Second Sunday Open Houses this summer. They were widely attended and fun for the entire family. Stay tuned for the 2020 Open House schedule to be announced next year.

### Eagle Scout Created Arbor for Kitchen Garden



Robert Bradshaw of Hudson Boy Scout Troop 327 recently completed his Eagle project at CBF, adding a beautiful arbor and bench to the CBF Garden! The project earned Robert the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest

achievement or rank attainable in the BSA program. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. Eagle Scout requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges demonstrating Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. Robert researched, prepared engineered drawings for the project, had to raise the funds, and then presented it to the BSA Council for approval. Robert dedicated about 142 hours. CBF members and the community thank Robert for adding this beautiful arbor to the CBF garden. It will be enjoyed for many years to come.



### Hudson's Dairy Farms

Dairy farming was a large part of Hudson's agricultural history. The first home milk deliveries began in rural Vermont in 1785. At that time, the customers had their own containers and jugs that the milkman would fill.



The first patent for a milk container was issued in 1878. Not long after, in 1884, a version of the milk bottle was created. The "reusable" bottle was patented about 1900.

Hudson had many dairy farms, including 13 dairies that sold milk in bottles embossed with their names. Some of the bottles also had a code with letters and numbers, indicating where in the Cuyahoga and Summit counties they were permitted to sell their milk. CBF produced milk and sold it but never had its own bottles. Many of the dairy farms in Hudson also sold their milk for cheese. In 1867, Seymour Straight and his son, W.B. opened two cheese factories in Hudson and established the S. Straight & Co. Hudson's cheese was much sought after, being declared one of the finest of its day. It was sold throughout the East Coast. One of their factories was on the corner of Aurora and College Streets, now WRA's Hayden Hall. In the picture above are four different Hudson dairy bottles, quart and pint size dating from the early 20th century. The farms they represented are: Barbara Jean Farm, Mills Dairy, Farmdale Dairy and Ideal Dairy-B.



## "Big Red" is Looking Good

In 1814 Chauncey Case, his wife, and five children headed west in a covered wagon to the 150 acres that they had purchased from The Connecticut Land Company. A friend, David Hudson, built a log cabin on the property for them.

As the years went by Chauncey and his sons (they had a total of 10 children) acquired surrounding land to expand their dairy herd. By 1890 they owned 485 acres and needed a much larger barn for milking, feeding and hay storage. They built the large bank barn, currently on the Case-Barlow Farm property, to handle their growing farm. It is one of the largest dairy barns in northeast Ohio and is affectionately known today as "Big Red".

After the long wait and thanks to the generosity of many donors, including private and public grants along with private individuals, the huge bank barn at CBF is looking wonderful. Past restoration work on "Big Red" included: a new foundation where needed; main floor load supports, new flooring where needed; accessibility improvement at the bank entrance; new windows throughout; door repair and replacements; siding repair and replacements; gutter installation; new roof; exterior painted and stained.



Additional items that have just been completed include: large exhaust fans added to the barn's east and west side for air circulation; 4-ceiling fans, pendant lighting interior; security lighting on exterior; unique and rustic foyer chandeliers; beam up lighting to accent the historical design and quality of the barn plus beam sconces.

There are still some additional items to be completed on the interior and work is continuing today. The Case-Barlow Farm trustees are quickly and thoughtfully working on these items. This winter the barn will be connected to city water and sewer lines and bathrooms will be installed. No longer will guests be tempted to use the "Historical Eleanor Roosevelt Outhouse!" "Big Red" will soon be ready for seasonal uses and rentals.



\*\*\*\*\*CBF historical home and grounds are now available to rent for your private family, business or community event. Please email: [casebarlowfarm@gmail.com](mailto:casebarlowfarm@gmail.com) for more information and to reserve your date for 2020.

## Case-Barlow Farm Receives Historical Donations



Joe and Sarah Adams, long time friends of CBF, have generously donated an antique cistern stone cover. Joe was a design landscaper in Hudson for many years. While designing landscaping to enhance the building addition to the Christ Church Episcopal on Aurora Street in Hudson, an old cistern was discovered. Having no need for it, the church sold it to Joe and Sarah. It is placed near the historic white silo at the rear of the barn and it will be landscaped in the future. This stone, with the silo in the background, is a perfect "photo spot", The Trustees of Case-Barlow Farm are so thankful that this unique piece of Hudson history will remain forever in Hudson.

The Adams also donated 2 large steel crucibles for use as planters. Joe explained that these steel crucibles were part of the Republic Steel Canton facility for melting and pouring steel into molds. They now grace the edges of the historical white ceramic tiled milk house.



Thank You—Sarah and Joe Adams

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### The Great Real Estate Lottery—by Grace Goulder Izant

“Following the two exploratory surveys, the Connecticut Land Company marked off the Western Reserve in townships and ranges, checkerboard fashion. The range lines ran east and west beginning at the Pennsylvania border. The company disposed of its land of these townships in a series of lotteries and drafts. The lotteries took place in Hartford and were repeated at various times in 1798, 1799, 1802, 1807 and 1809 until all the lands were sold. Until 1802, only the Western Reserve lands east of the Cuyahoga River were entered in the lottery. Hudson Township fell within this section.



“An entire township was sold at each drawing. To meet the price, a number of buyers usually pooled their resources. One of them then picked from a box of number certificate designating a specific township. The buyers could not select their township and, except for its designation on the land company maps, had little idea of its location.

“Hudson Township, officially Township 4, Range 10, was drawn by David Hudson, Birdsey Norton, and thirteen others. They paid the company price, \$12,903.23 and drew a township of 15,969 acres. David Hudson invested \$900.00, Birdsey Norton with Elihu Lewis \$300.00. Samuel Fowler whose share was \$1,546.77, did the drawing for the group. The largest single share was Ephraim Starr’s \$6,000.00; the smallest was the \$.03 invested by Stephen Jones. After the drawing, as was the case generally, the fifteen disposed of their portions or added to them by exchanging parts of their acreage with each other or by buying and selling other sections. Although Nathaniel Norton was not originally listed, in the end the two Norton brothers owned all of Township 4 except for Hudson’s \$900.00 share. According to a legal agreement signed by the Nortons on January 29, 1800, Hudson borrowed \$2,325.60 from them. The loan was to be repaid in full in seven years, the specified sum due would be \$4,320.00 including six percent interest. Consequently Hudson was entitled to one-fourth of the township’s 15,969 acres and, with his original shares, Hudson now owned close to 5,500 acres. Officiating from Connecticut, Birdsey was the chief executive, but the day to day management of the township and its affairs would be wholly Hudson’s province. In 1800, Benjamin Oviatt, Stephen Baldwin and Theodore Parmele, as a group, purchased one-eight share of the township. These new investors were citizens of Goshen, neighbors of Hudson and Norton’s. All were connected by blood or marriage to Hudson or Norton. None of the original Oviatt-Baldwin-Parmele group made the trip to Ohio, but they sent their sons and daughters to Hudson. The younger generations settled in Hudson and before long the village was housing many young Oviatts, Baldwins, and Parmeles from whom many present-day inhabitants are descended. “

\* Six percent interest rate in 1800 seems very high compared to today’s mortgage interest rates of 3.5%!