

Case-Barlow Farm

"Big Red" Is Getting a Facelift

Thanks to generous donors and to recent fund raising events, "Big Red" is being renovated and getting a new life.

Built in the 1890's, the large bank barn has seen many good days but has also stood through wind and rain storms, hard winters and scorching sun. During the past century, the bank barn has had many repairs to its siding including State of Ohio license plates, odd pieces of metal and boards that were used to cover holes and rotted wood. Sugarcreek Builders has been hired to replace much of the siding with hemlock boards that have been specifically milled to replicate the original siding. The boards were cut last fall and have been air drying in Pennsylvania to use on the barn. Sugarcreek Builders will begin around the end of June to install the new boards. They are also going to



repair the large north and south barn doors so that they function once again. Many of the old windows are being saved; some new trim is being added where needed and all will have glazing added. Soon thereafter, the painters will arrive and stain the entire barn. Once again "Big Red" will stand proud in the fields of CBF!

Western Reserve Academy Volunteers Flexed Their Muscles



CBF is looking much better thanks to the many willing volunteers on WRA Service Day. The WRA volunteers spent their day at CBF moving mulch, pulling weeds, trimming bushes and cleaning debris. The spring cleanup of winter debris, some from many winters ago, was truly needed. Robinson's Lawn and Garden Center filled their truck and hauled away the debris. Robinson's also donated topsoil and mulch to dress up the gardens and yard. Some of the WRA volunteers helped create a walking grounds brochure.

The CBF Green Thumbs, Ned & Lynn Kendall, Ann Ingling, Tom & Debbie King, Laura & Ben Siow, Toni & Larry Watson and Charlie Robinson, have been equally busy in the picket kitchen garden. They have prepared the gardens and are seeing each section mature - medicinal, dye garden, kitchen

and culinary and heirloom gardens. Not to be missed is their large vegetable garden.

Save the Date- Sunday, September 9 -- 12 noon to 5 pm

The Fall Harvest Fest at Case-Barlow Farm is returning for its 20th annual year!

Plans are underway for this year's fest. New this year is the Wood Shop Committee at Laurel Lake who will be demonstrating and interacting with the guests to use and experience old-fashioned hand saws, planes and various tools used on the farm in early days. Also participating will be the 19th Ohio Light Artillery civil war unit along with Sue Wheeler, a civil war musician and vocalist. During the American Civil War, music played a prominent role on both sides of the conflict. Music was a diversion away from the bloodshed and tensions that came with fighting.

Favorites of the past years will return for your enjoyment: they include *Ride'em & Rope'em*, *Hudson Hoppers*, *Feed the Pig*, hay wagon rides, horse rides and many farm animals. Also *Birds in Flight Raptor Center* will showcase rescued wildlife birds and *Herps Alive* will be an interactive reptile and amphibian experience not to be missed. Our famous hot dogs, ice cones and root beer floats will be ready for you when the "hungries" arrive.

So mark your calendars today!



Farm Club Easter Egg Hunt



The Federico Family enjoyed hunting for hidden eggs at CBF Farm Club Easter Egg Hunt that was held for members on Saturday, March 31. You can join in the fun next year by becoming a member of CBF. Join online or call 330.650.0591 for more information.

Case-Barlow Farm Accepts Grants

The Seniors and Youth Partners in Philanthropy (SAYPIP) Board generously gave CBF a grant for improved signage and informational brochures for the gardens. The SAYPIP Board consists of Seton Catholic School eighth grade students along with residents of Laurel Lake Retirement Community who work together to learn about philanthropy, grant making, allocating money and community services. The year-long program culminates with the request for proposals and distribution of grants to worthy organizations within Hudson. These grants are generously funded by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Case-Barlow Farm also received a grant from The Hudson League for Service that will be used to help defray the cost of repairing and painting the farmhouse windows this summer by Twin Lakes Painting. CBF Trustee Gary Smith accepted the grant from HLFS member Lynn Schmidt.



Memorial Day Parade

Case-Barlow Farm was honored to participate in Hudson's Memorial Day Parade this year with our historic wagon.

Memorial Day was first widely observed in May 1868. The celebration commemorated the sacrifices of the Civil War and the proclamation was made by General John Logan. Following the proclamation, participants decorated graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers. In years since World War I, the day has become a celebration of honor for those who died in all American wars, as well as those who are veterans and current members of the US military. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday.



CBF Farm Club Members



The screen was up, popcorn in boxes and root beer and lemonade was cold, all ready for the Farm Club members to arrive and enjoy Family Movie Night on Saturday, June 16.

Don't miss the upcoming Family Farm Club events:

- *Hudson Fireworks, special seating at dusk
- *Create Ghost Gardens - October 6
- *.05K Turkey Tot Trot - November 17
- *Santa in the Barn - December 8

You can still enjoy these upcoming events by becoming a member!

Seed Swap

Ever wish you had room to plant that WHOLE package of seeds when you only wanted a couple of plants? So what do you do with all the extra seeds? Or maybe you wanted to try something new this year? Check out the brand new CBF Seed Swap. Take some seeds or leave some seeds. In addition, if you have extra plants in your garden and would like to share or have a request for something, write a note and perhaps you can match up with a neighbor. The Seed Swap Box can be accessed at any CBF event.



Early Days at Case-Barlow Farm

On May 23, 1814, Chauncey and Cleopatra Case set off from Granby, Connecticut to farm the virgin land purchased from the Connecticut Land Company. Their unsprung covered wagon was pulled by 2 horses with a milk cow tethered behind. Chauncey and Cleopatra, who was 6 months pregnant, walked with their 5 children: Laura, Chauncey, Clarinda, Parintha and Lora.

"Arriving in Hudson on the 4th of July, the family stopped at Zina Post's Inn on the Cleveland-Pittsburg Road. The Cases and Posts knew each other from living in Connecticut. Post had first settled in Cleveland, but he and his family suffered from the miasma (a disease caused by noxious vapors) in the area and traded that property for an extensive acreage in Hudson.

The Case's purchased 160 acres four miles south of town,. Upon their arrival, David Hudson had built a shell of a log house ready for them. The family immediately started clearing the land for farming.

Grace Goulder Izant writes in her book *Hudson Heritage*: "according to the lively reminiscences of their son Lora, a blanket did duty for a door. For windows, holes were bored through logs which could "slide back and forth under cleats". Lora described proudly how his father built an eight foot long "fireplace of cobble head stones laid up with clay mortar." Local clay combined with sticks made the chimney and clay was put in the holes between the logs.

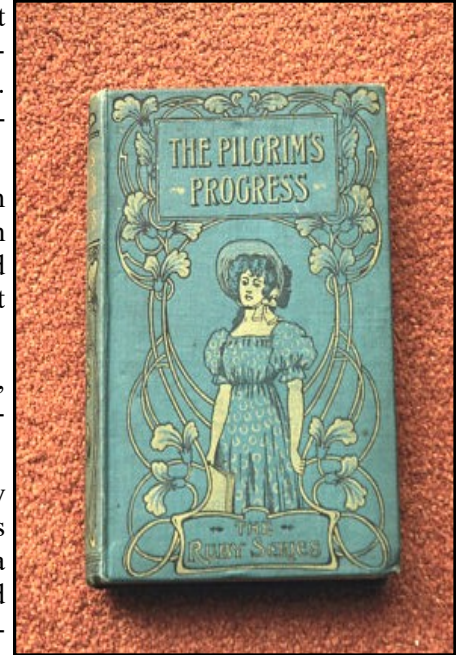
"The house was completed just in time to welcome the new baby, Edward. There were to be four more children in the family."

"Money was scarce but not food, Chancey was an expert hunter, had no need to go beyond his own woods to bring in all manner of meat for his big family, hearty fare like bear or raccoon to be roasted or, for a more delicate menu, quail and partridge snared by wheat and trapped in a net. The birds were made into broth with dumplings by Cleopatra."

"The ingenious Chauncey, fashioned bricks from the clay at hand, built a big oven heated "by nice dry wood burnt to an ash inside it." After removing this with broom and shovel, Mrs. Case tested the temperature with her bare arm. If she could hold it in the oven until she counted to twenty, it was ready for her bread. The children ate from trenchers and wooden bowls carved out by their father. The parents used a set of pewter dishes, cherished relics of the Connecticut home.

"Lora's uncle, Gideon Case, and his large family arrived, settling to the north of Chauncey's farm. Soon a room to serve as a school house was added to Gideon's log cabin. When Lora Case was six, he was sent to this school. Joseph and George Darrow's children also attended. All the families had large numbers of children, making a sizeable enrollment. Miss Lydia Rice was the teacher. Like all schools of that time, the main purpose was to enable the children to read the Bible. Children indoctrinated early in Calvinism chanted "In Adam's Fall, We sinned all." The curriculum was up-to-date enough to include Noah Webster's new speller. Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* was often used in the early schools, the children enjoying the narrative probably skipping over the moralizing. The teacher had to have good penmanship and the pupils generally wrote legibly. Discipline was a strict no-nonsense variety, enforced by a good birch switch. But it is pleasant to think the severe prodding of New England schools lost something of its severity in the New West.

"From flax grown in their own fields and wool from their sheep, Lora's sisters spun while he quilled (wound thread on a bobbin) and "my mother wove. She made linen cloth bleached white for our Sunday shirts and woolen cloth for coats for all of us."



"To care for the babies that followed each other in quick succession, Chauncey fashioned a large triple cradle big enough for three of the littlest children to sit in and rock the current baby, an efficient arrangement for keeping four small youngsters out of the way of their hard-working mother.

The Cases lived four miles from Hudson but were faithful attendees at the little log church on the green. In winter they traveled by sled with a tin box of hot coals brought along as a foot warmer for the women."

Grace Goulder Izant, a long time resident of Hudson, was an Ohio writer who wrote for the Plain Dealer Magazine and published several books on Hudson and Ohio history including *Hudson's Heritage* a chronicle of the founding and the flowering of the Village of Hudson, Ohio. Grace died in 1984 at the age of 91.

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Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events

Stop by for a minute or for the afternoon from 1-4 pm, tour the farmhouse and learn about What's Growing at Case-Barlow Farm. All Second Sunday Open Houses are free; no reservation required.

Sunday, July 8 - Step Back to Life circa 1860

- Learn about the part that Case-Barlow Farm played in the Underground Railroad.
- Book Signing by author Veronica Hughes, author of *Beyond the Monument: Civil War Soldiers of Twinsburg, Ohio*. Readers will learn the life stories of 225 soldiers from 14 to 71 years of age and the families they left behind.
- Book Signing by author Laura Freeman, Gatehouse Media reporter and author. Her series of historical romance novels *Impending Love and Capture* takes place during the Civil War period.
- Western Reserve Community Band Lawn Concert will be playing music of the era. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.
- Garden tours, seed swap and garden sales.

Sunday, August 12 - A Summer Afternoon

- Western Reserve Big Band Concert.
- Summer Games.
- Garden tours, seed swap and garden sales.

Hope to See you at Our Opens



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Summer fun and shopping go hand-in-hand. Case-Barlow Farm has partnered with The Amazon Smile Foundation. It is easy; when you are ready to place an order on Amazon, first go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and enter Case-Barlow Farm, Hudson, Ohio as your choice of charity. Then simply continue to place your order. You can also save CBF so that anytime in the future when purchasing, it is ready for you. Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price of some of the items that you order at no cost or effort on your part. It is simple to do and it will help fund CBF. **We thank you in advance for thinking of CBF!**

How About a Party or Picture?

CBF is the perfect location for your party, wedding or any event. This unique venue, in the restored century home, will enhance your very special event. Use the historical parlor and fireplace or antique kitchen stove setting for your family photo, anniversary pictures, wedding announcements, or your upcoming Christmas and holiday cards. Contact the farm for details and to save your date! 330.650.0591