

Summer 2015



# Case-Barlow Farm

*Fall Fest- Coming Soon - Sunday, September 13th 12 noon to 5 p.m.*



Excitement is in the air, CBF Annual Fall Fest is almost here. There will be something for everyone. New this year is Outback Ray. His amazing animal show is fun, exciting and very educational. Ray will bring an assortment of birds, reptiles, snakes and also cute and cuddly animals. He will be meeting everyone and showing his friends between 1-4 p.m. They are all trained and handled daily to ensure safety for you.

Also new this year is "Just Desserts", a competition for desserts. There will be both a youth and adult category. You may enter as many desserts as you wish. Entries must be received between noon and 2:00 pm in order to be judged. Watch the Hudson Hub for complete details.



Violin music will be provided by Brennady Barnes and Deb & Rob Davenport will showcase the dulcimer & guitar. Favorites such as the hay wagon ride, horse rides, alpacas, farm animals including a pot belly pig, Throcky the donkey, a mini horse, bunnies, mini goats and ducks will be waiting for you. Every farm had a dog and dog house. Paws and Prayers Pet Rescue will bring adoptable dogs while we are showcasing a Hudson Eagle Scout project of replicating the Barlow's dog house.



Win a live gold fish at the penny toss to take home. Hunt and find all 6 items on the scavenger hunt and enjoy an old fashioned candy stick. Cookie walk, face painting, apple bobbing, games and crafts will all be available for your enjoyment. Don't miss the Left Turn Only Maze or the fire engine, antique cars, and trucks.

Tours will be offered in the farm house. A quilt show will be showcased on the 2nd floor while old fashion crafts including chair canning, seat weaving, bread making, rug hooking and more will be found on the first floor of the farm house.

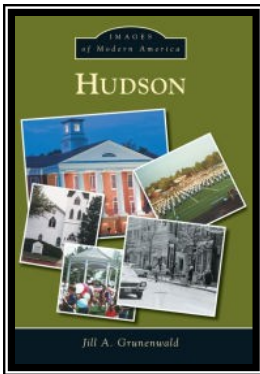
When the "hungries" arrive you will be able to purchase hot dogs, cookies, snacks, ice cones, drinks and, of course, the famous Case Barlow Farm Root Beer floats.

## *The Barn Bank is Rebuilt and Unique Cistern Exposed*

Hope you have had time to stop by the farm and see the finished land bank on the barn and discover the unique cistern. When work began last August to repair the north foundation wall, a huge water cistern was unearthed. The cistern, built about 1890, is constructed of red brick and mortar. It is double walled, barrel-vault style and was used to water the animals in the barn. The cistern is very large measuring approximately 19 feet (length) x 7 feet (height) x 6 feet (width). Remember the Cases built each brick by hand! Through a generous donation of a friend of the farm, the work was completed before the snow came and then this spring the ground bank was raked, top soil and grass seed added. A garden and walk way around the silo is in the planning stage. Be sure to stop by and discover this unique cistern when visiting the Farm Fest on September 13th.



## Images of Modern American: Hudson



The Learned Own and Case-Barlow Farm recently welcomed local author Jill A. Grunenwald for a book signing of her new book *Images of Modern American: Hudson*. The new book showcases Hudson's legacy through text and vintage color photographs. Commenting on CBF, Grunenwald writes:

"The Case-Barlow Farm operated under 5 generations of the family, starting with Chauncey Case in 1814 and ending in 1995 with Donald C. Barlow, who took over the farm in 1941. At the one point, the property was comprised of over 418 acres, which included land on the other side of the road. In 1957, Barlow sold the land south of the road to General Motors. That land, combined with the property that was once Mid-City Airport, became the GM Euclid Plant.

"Along with the barn, other buildings that once stood on the farm included a sugarhouse, smokehouse, privy and chick coop. The road right in front of the farm was originally called Kent Road but Summit County decided to honor the family in 1947 by renaming it Barlow Road."

Jill A. Grunenwald was born and raised in Hudson. She graduated from Hudson High School in 2000. As a teenager, Grunenwald worked at the Hudson Library and Historical Society, and she credits that experience for her eventual decision to become a librarian. Grunenwald holds a BFA in creative writing from Bowling Green State University and an MLIS from the University of Kentucky. She currently lives and works in Cleveland.

### Calling All Shoppers

Case Barlow Farm is partnering with Amazon Smile Foundation. The foundation has donated millions of dollars to more than 50,000 organizations.

It is easy--when you go on-line to place an order from Amazon.com, go to Amazon Smile first 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 each time, it is ready for you. For some of the items that you order, Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price. CBF will receive a direct deposit to our savings account. It is so simple to do and will help fund CBF.



## CBF Welcomes Three New Trustees And Two New Advisors

We are so pleased to welcome three new members to the Case Barlow Farm Board. They come with enthusiasm and ready to share their talents.

\*David Dorson (Trustee) has been hard to miss at the last few Farm Fests as he has shared several of his unique vehicles such as the bright yellow Willys CJ jeep or WWII ambulance. Dorson's grandfather bought a farm in Ashtabula County in 1914. David grew up there and now owns and operates the same farm. In between, he has worked off the farm as well, most recently as a Physics teacher at Western Reserve Academy.

\*Julie Lindner (Trustee) is a 23 year resident of Hudson. She and her husband, Scott, have two children. Georgia a HHS graduate and student at Ohio State and Ben, a sophomore at HHS. She works part time as a City Planning Consultant and is an active volunteer at the Hudson Schools and several community organizations.

\*Charlie Robinson (Trustee) came to Hudson in 1966 and is a graduate of Hudson High School. He received his degree in Botany from Kent State. He and his wife, Susan, own and operate Robinson Lawn & Garden Center. They have two children and two delightful grandchildren.

\*Barbara Warner and Marti Young (Quester Advisors) share a position representing the wonderful Questers. Questers is an international organization whose purpose is to study antiques and promote the preservation of historical landmarks. The three Hudson chapters have been and continue to be very active in researching, decorating and caring for the CBF house.

\*Barbara Warner helps at CBF in so many ways. She is an active member of the James Ellsworth Quester Chapter as well. When not at the farm, she likes to travel and volunteer for Newborns in Need. Barbara has a rich knowledge of history in general and Hudson in particular as she taught American History at Hudson High School.

\*Marti Young is President of the James Ellsworth Quester Chapter in Hudson. In her spare time she enjoys bowling, reading and traveling with her recently retired husband, Lou. They also love to visit their three grandchildren in Virginia. Marti and Lou have been Hudson residences since 1988.

### Help Needed

The Farm is in need of adult and student volunteers to help with the Case Barlow Farm Fall Fest. Setup is Saturday morning, September 12th and the event is from noon until 5 pm on Sunday, September 13th. We will be using Sign Up Genius to let people know what volunteer slots are available. Please email Julie Lindner at [lindnerj@yahoo.com](mailto:lindnerj@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive the invitation from Sign Up Genius. Doing so will not commit you to work the event, but will enable us to send you the details so you can consider it. The Fall Fest is CBF's largest fundraiser--please join us!

## Reminiscences of Summers by Franklin Barlow



"Summer on the farm was the time we really enjoyed, however, in spite of all the hard work which it entailed, as soon as school was out we would state pestering Dad to put up the tent. Somewhere we had acquired a pretty good sized wall tent which Dad would set up in the yard. It was big enough to accommodate three cots which we three boys would set up and sleep on throughout the summer. It made us feel as though we were quite out in the wilds, especially during thunder storms. Also we were at least slightly removed from our folks and were relieved of any sanitation problems as obviously our chamber pot was unnecessary! I can assure you we did not go to seed, however. Mother performed a daily inspection and woe be unto any of us who neglected to make up his cot neatly each morning.

"Seeding the corn, wheat and oats was normally done during the school year so we were not involved in these tasks. The only thing normally planted during our vacation period was the garden and our potatoes. I remember endlessly cutting potato seeds, trying to cut as many seeds out of each potato as we could while still assuring at least one "eye" in each seed.

"Summer, of course, was when our oats and wheat were cut, shocked and threshed. This was mostly men's work however, though when I got older I did more than a little shocking. This was not easy work and was very hard on the hands and arms as the wheat, especially, was encased in sharp husks, very irritating to the skin. Of course we love the threshing though, especially after Charlie and his helper had gone home and we could go out and sound the whistle on the traction engine until the steam in the boiler was exhausted.

"Haying was another matter. It went on for most of the summer for no sooner were we finished (we thought) when the second crop was ready. Cutting the hay with the sickle mowers was considered too dangerous for boys to do. Once cut and dried out, however, I used to spend hours on a side delivery rake which rolled the hay into windrows, ready to be elevated onto the wagons, or hay racks as they were called, by our hay loader. This was a simple conveyor arrangement, towed behind the hay wagons which picked up the hay off the ground and delivered it to the workers on the hay racks."

## Johnny Appleseed & CBF



John Chapman was born September 26, 1774 in Massachusetts. In 1792, 18 year old John persuaded his 11 year old half brother to go west with him. They lived a nomadic life until their father brought his family (wife & 10 children) to Ohio in 1805. Shortly after, John began his orchardist apprenticeship under Mr. Crawford, thus inspiring his life's journey of planting apple trees. The popular image is of Johnny Appleseed spreading apple seeds randomly everywhere he went. But in fact, he planted nurseries rather than orchards, built fences around them to protect them from livestock, left the nurseries in the care of a neighbor who sold trees on shares, and returned every year or two to tend the nursery. Many of his nurseries were located in the Mohican area of north-central Ohio, including the towns of Mansfield and Lisbon.

Johnny was never married. He left an estate of over 1,200 acres of valuable nurseries to his sister. He purchased the southwest quarter (160 acres) of section 26, Mohican Township, Ashland County, Ohio, but he did not record the deed and lost the property. The financial panic of 1837 took a toll on his estate. Trees brought only two or three cents each as opposed to the "fippenny bit" (about six and a quarter cents) that he usually got. Some of his land was sold for taxes following his death in 1845 at the age of 70, and litigation used up much of the rest.

The 2015-2016 Membership Drive will showcase CBF's apple orchard with donations creating a split rail fence at the north boundary line of CBF's apple orchard, a recent Eagle Scout Project. Applications will be available at the Farm Fest and will be mailed to your home in September

## House Doctor Visits CBF

Thanks to a program sponsored by Hudson Heritage, the City of Hudson and the Ohio History Connections State Historic Preservation office, Hudsonites were offered a Building Doctor Clinic. The building doctors Jon Vmir and Mark Epstein hosted a seminar at Barlow Community Center discussing guideline for renovation projects and ways to solve some of the most common problems of buildings dating from 1800 to 1955. Several representatives from CBF attended the workshop.

The next day, Vmir visited CBF and gave his opinion of what ails the farmhouse. The 200 year old patient has lovely bones, but has some old age issues such as deteriorating and shifting support features. And of course, the normal day to day wear and tear items such as painting and loose gutters that need constant upkeep. The Building Doctor program was made possible in part by a grant from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund.

Check the Hudson Heritage Association website for a list of helpful Do's & Don'ts for old homes.



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### Supporting CBF in So Many Ways



Thanks to everyone who has given time and artifacts supporting the mission statement to foster for future generations an appreciation for the spirit and heritage of its builders.

Ron Swiantek took on the daunting task of the gardens. Rabbits, rain and no rain challenged his efforts but Ron persevered

and has the gardens looking good.

Many wonderful donations have come to the farm including:

From Carol Stanislaw: many things including 2 kerosene lamps

From Connie Price: a box of bottle caps and antique bottle capper

From Jane Noble: several crocks and a butter churn

From Mark LaBelle: a computer and software for CBF operations

From Judy Maupin: a small Victorian child's bed

From Barbara Warner: a donation to replace the exterior cellar doors

Richard Grell repaired and restored the antique gullt convex dining room mirror.

Curt VanBlarcum for the Empire and Ida Red semi-dwarf heirloom apple trees he planted along the driveway.

And a special thank you to Bruce LaPierre for repairing the broken doorsill, installing shelving in the cleaning closet for the Cleopatra's Cleaning Crew and for always willing to help with carpentry jobs.

### Farm to Table Dinner Delights

Forty friends of Case-Barlow Farm enjoyed the Farm to Table Dinner on Saturday, August 1st.

Chef Brandt Evans and his crew from Pura Vida in Cleveland, served a family style dinner featuring locally sourced foods. Carr + Custy provided beautiful music for the guests on the back porch of the farm house. Barn tours and house tours preceded dinner; the yard was set with long tables featuring arrangements of freshly picked flowers and navy bandana tablecloths.

The weather cooperated beautifully, and the event was another successful evening at the

