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The 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Anna Dean Farm and the 19th Annual Free Walking Tour – Sunday May 17, 2009

On Sunday May 17, 2009 at 1:30 pm, the Barberton Historical Society will host our 19th annual walking tour of O. C. Barber's Anna Dean Farm. The tour is FREE and open to people of all ages. This year's tour will encompass five of the remaining buildings on the Anna Dean Farm, the estate of Barberton's town founder, Ohio Columbus Barber. The Anna Dean Farm was considered to be America's Finest Farm from 1909 until Mr. Barber's death in 1920. Today only 8 of the original 35 buildings remain.

This year we will begin the tour at the Piggery at 248 East Robinson Ave. in Barberton and we will conclude our tour at the Brooder Barn, which has been restored and turned into a daycare facility.

We feel that our tour is fun as well as informative and families are encouraged to come and bring their children. Ample free parking is available at the O. C. Barber Piggery. The tour should take less than three hours, but will entail a lot of walking, fresh air and exercise. If you are not able to walk the area you can drive from building to building.

You are please asked, if driving, to begin your tour at the Piggery, where you can pickup a copy of our free hike and bike map of the Anna Dean Farm.

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Fact Sheet for the 19th Annual Anna Dean Farm Walking Tour

NEW FOR 2009: This is the centennial year of the founding of the Anna Dean Farm. Copies of "America's Match King" by W. F. Fleming will be on sale in the Piggery. We also have a new trail to follow on the tour and a new historic interpretive area to view. We also have a new sound system this year to make your visit more enjoyable.

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WHEN: Sunday May 17, 2009 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: The tour starts at the Piggery at 248 East
Robinson Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203

ADMISSION: The tour is FREE and open to the general public. Families are encouraged to come and bring along their children. Everyone is encouraged to bring their cameras.

WHAT: A guided tour of the historic buildings of the Anna Dean Farm. The tour will include interior tours of five of the Anna Dean Farm barns, as well as several restored and un-restored sites.

WHO: A program of the Barberton Historical Society, which this year is celebrating it's 35th anniversary.

WHY: To celebrate the centennial of the Anna Dean Farm and to expand the fun and understanding of Barberton's rich history.