Form 10-300

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Typed all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

Barber, O.C., Barn #1

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Anna Dean Farm Barn #1

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

115 Third Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Barberton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

13

STATE:

Ohio

039

SUMMIT:

13

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

District
Site
Structure
Object

X Building

Public
Private
Both

Public Acquisition:

□ In Process

□ Being Considered

X Occupied

□ Unoccupied

□ Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:

□ Yes:

X Restricted

□ Unrestricted

□ No

PRESENT USE

(Chose One or More as Appropriate)

□ Agricultural

□ Government

□ Park

□ Transportation

□ Comments

□ Commercial

X Industrial

□ Private Residence

□ Religions

□ Other (Specify)

□ Educational

□ Military

□ Museum

□ Scientific

□ rented as

storage

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER’S NAME:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pamer

STREET AND NUMBER:

365 Portsmouth Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Barberton

STATE:

Ohio

039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Summit County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

High Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Akron

STATE:

Ohio

039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

□ Federal

□ State

□ County

□ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
The O.C. Barber Barn #1 was built as a tri-towered cattle barn, measuring 285' x 125', and is made of concrete block and red bricks, reinforced with steel. Typical of all the O.C. Barber Farm Buildings, it is a combination of French Colonial characteristics and Mrs. Barber's own ideas.

The towers, actually silos, are grouped - two on the west facade and one on the east facade. The identical west towers are 40' high and 30' distant. Between them was built a two-story living area for farm workers. This section has a large central wall dormer. The east tower, 60' high, is located visually between the two west towers. The most ornate of the three, it has a gracefully arcaded upper portion. The conical, red tile roofs of all three silos have bracketed cornices.

The tower grouping is located 92 feet from the north end of the barn and 122' from the south end. The south portion is a projecting 3-bay section, 44' wide with a hipped tile roof and a central wall dormer. There is a full basement the length of the building. Both east and west facades have regularly spaced brick panels, 10 feet from the ground and running to the roofline. Beneath each section of brick is a door and window or two windows. This permitted the removal of cattle from the stalls and the circulation of fresh air. Both north and south ends have large sets of doors to permit the loading of hay into the loft.

The red tile gable roof slopes at a 40° angle. Both east and west sides have 6 dormers and there are four evenly spaced cupolas on the ridge.

The inside consists of one huge room. The main floor once housed the cattle and had metal stalls. The upper level, or loft, is high ceilinged and has large hardwood beams, giving a somewhat church-like appearance.

The building is little changed. Lightning has dislodged a number of roof tiles and some of the arches in the east silo are crumbling. The owner has tried to do some repair.
The Anna Dean Farm was the vast estate of Ohio Columbus Barber. O.C. Barber was born in Middlebury (now east Akron), Ohio in 1841. By the time he was fifteen years old he was peddling matches for his father's match business in Akron. Soon O.C. Barber took management of the Barber Match Company. The match business was so successful under O.C.'s auspices that he decided to build a new plant. At this time, due to a tax squabble with Akron, he founded a new city, and with characteristic modesty, named it Barberton. Here he relocated his match industry. By then he was president of a number of companies and organizations. Included among them were Akron's City Hospital (which he started), First National Bank, Diamond Match Corporation, Sterling Boilerworks, and the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

In 1905, Mr. Barber began to build the world's greatest farm in Barberton. He named it Anna-Dean Farm after his daughter, Anna, and his son-in-law, Dean. He succeeded in his dream. A 300 foot long brick and steel barn housed cows, a turreted structure housed horses, and the mansion was the finest in Ohio, reflecting the fine qualities of architecture that Mr. Barber perceived during his many trips to Europe's capitals. There was a "pork palace", flour mills, colt barn, bull barn, 13 acres of greenhouses full of fruits and vegetables, an iron-glass conservatory, gatehouses and a four-rail steel reinforced concrete fence surrounded the 3,000 acres.

Barn No. 1 was the first of the silo barns. It's three towers were the first structure to be built on the Anna Dean Farm. It was finished in 1909 and on the SE corner of the building there is a date stone with the initials OCB above it.

After Barber died in 1920 his farm was divided into sections. In 1952 No. 3 barn burned, and in 1967, No. 2 barn also burned. The fires were termed arson. Eventually the creamery and No. 1 barn were sold to Paul Pamer in 1944, the present owner. At the present time the barn is used by the United Insulation Company as a warehouse and district offices.

In 1965 the mansion was razed and today and few of the Barber buildings are left today to show the splendor of yesterday. The architecture and stone work will never be duplicated, and it is hoped the remaining
Barber, O.C. Barn #1
8. Significance (con't)

structures can be saved.

The owners of Barn No. 1 have considered razing it to give way to a senior citizens high-rise under the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's F.H.A. #236 program. It is hoped that by placing the Barber Barn #1 on the National Register that public interest in the building will allow it to be saved and that an adaptive use, such as a museum, or even a warehouse, can be found for it.

O.C. Barber wanted the Anna-Dean Farm to be a bright spot in a dirty industrial town, and Barberton has nearly managed to obliterate his dream.
2. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Freudenheim, Milt, "They Still Gasp Over O.C. Barber, the Man Who Started a City," Akron Beacon Journal, 1951.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: CODE COUNTY CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen Kelleher
James Cuizan
ORGANIZATION
DATE: Jan. 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: 706 Wisteria Dr.
4647 Fifth Street, Canton, Ohio
CITY OR TOWN: Barberton
STATE: Ohio
CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

______________________________
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date
ATTEST:

______________________________
Keeper of The National Register

Date

GPO 931-894
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   AND/OR HISTORIC: Anna Dean Farm Barn #1

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: 115 Third Street
   CITY OR TOWN: Barberton
   STATE: Ohio
   CODE: 039
   COUNTY: Summit
   CODE: 153

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
   PHOTO CREDIT: Bob Kamenar
   DATE OF PHOTO: June 1972
   NEGATIVE FILED AT:
   Bob Kamenar, 138 1st. St. N.W., Barberton, Ohio

4. IDENTIFICATION
   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.: East facade, looking northwest showing east tower and south end doors.
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   DATE OF PHOTO: Nov. 1972
   NEGATIVE FILED AT: Steve Kelleher, 706 Wisteria Dr., Barberton, Ohio

4. IDENTIFICATION
   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
   West facade facing Third St.

Looking south, showing the tower on the east facade.
Barber, O.C., Barn #1
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115 Third Street
Barberton
Ohio
030
Summit

U.S.G.S. (7.5") Akron West Quadrangle
1:24000
1958

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.
(Release on Receipt)

Columbus -- The O. C. Barber Barn #1, 115 Third Street, Barberton, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, U. S. Department of Interior.

The barn, erected in 1909 by Ohio Columbus Barber, Akron's "match magnate," was a part of his vast Anna-Dean Farm. The brick and block structure, measuring 285 by 125 feet, has three towers (actually silos) and a steeply-pitched red tile roof. It was erected to house cattle.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

The Register designation is designed to focus national public and official attention on important landmarks and to help guarantee their preservation. No change of ownership or administrative responsibility is involved in the Register entry.

Information about the program is available from Daniel R. Porter, director, The Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

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National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Barker, OC, Barn No 1
County: Summit

☐ Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
☐ Multiple Property Nomination form
☒ Photograph(s)
☐ Photograph(s) (copies)
☐ USGS map(s)
☒ USGS map(s) (copies)
☐ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)
☒ Correspondence
☒ Other news clips

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