Form 10-300  UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Barber, O. C., Piggery or "Pork Palace"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
248 Robinson Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Barberton

STATE:
Ohio

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural
☒ Commercial
☐ Educational
☐ Entertainment
☐ Government
☐ Industrial
☐ Military
☐ Museum
☐ Private Residence
☐ Religious
☐ Scientific
☐ Transportation
☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Alexander Naumoff

STREET AND NUMBER:
519 Parkview Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Barberton

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Summit County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
209 S. High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Akron

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:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE:
5-22-73
The O. C. Barber Piggery is about 300 feet long, on a north-south axis. Like the rest of the Anna Dean Farm buildings, it is constructed of red brick and concrete block.

The building is two stories high and when viewed from a distance appears to be composed of three evenly spaced sections connected by long, recessed passageways; these contained the pig sties. The three main sections have concrete block first floors and brick second floors trimmed with concrete block. The sty sections have brick first floors, trimmed in concrete block, and concrete block second floors. The sties in the Piggery are the only sections of any Barber buildings that reverse the order, having brick on the first story with concrete blocks on the second.

There were 48 doors on the ground floor leading to the individual sties. Beside each door was a window, 48 windows for the sties and 122 windows in the entire barn.

The roof above the sties and the end sections is gabled, while the main, center section has a hip and mansard roof with four sides sloping up from all four walls. The entire roof is covered with red tile and each of the three sections had a cupola, while each of the sty roofs had five evenly spaced metal air vents. There is a large chimney on the east side of the roof of the center section and concrete dental work overhanging is found under each section of the roof.

There are three large sets of doors on the Piggery for hay loading, on the north and south ends and on the east side of the center section. While the east side of the center section was used for hay storage, the west side was occupied by the swineherd and his family.

The Piggery was altered in later years. A concrete loading dock was built on the northwest side of the barn next to the sty area. A large metal storage shed was added on the southwest side, next to the sty. These are the only major changes and both could be removed with minimal damage to the Piggery.

The cupola on the north section of the barn has been removed along with the metal air vents from the roof of the north sty section.

Even with these changes, when viewed from either the east or west, the barn is almost perfectly symmetrical, as were almost all of the Anna Dean Farm buildings.
The Piggery was the last Anna Dean Farm building erected by Ohio Columbus Barber, the "Match King."

Barber was born poor in Middlebury, Ohio, and his life exemplified the American rags-to-riches dream. After he took over his father's small match factory he mechanized it so that it could produce six billion matches a year. He further expanded by merging his company with 28 others to form the Akron-based Diamond Match Co., with himself as president.

In 1890 Barber, who because of Federal taxes ignored city taxes, was sued by Akron for $163,992 in back taxes. Outraged, he called in town promoter Michael Alexander and with John Robinson, George Crouse and Col. George Perkins as backers, laid out a new city near New Portage, Ohio. With characteristic modesty, Barber named it Barberton and moved his Diamond Match enterprise there in 1894. In 1905 he had Michael Alexander lay out a huge farm for him on 2,000 acres southeast of Barberton; he named it Anna Dean Farm in honor of his only daughter.

The Piggery was the last of 23 farm buildings to be completed in 1915. Even the 40-room mansion, ten years in the building, was finished before the Piggery.

When the farm was opened to the public, the Piggery was dubbed the "Pig Palace" by the people. But the following year (1916) the pigs were stricken with cholera and were slaughtered. Thereafter, Barber kept horses in the Piggery until he died in 1920.

Mr. Barber had willed the farm to Western Reserve College, Cleveland, but because of his lifelong practice of never paying bills until sued, there were several liens on the property and the college would not accept it.

In 1921 a group of World War I veterans organized Troop F of the 107th U.S. Cavalry and headquartered at the Piggery, where they subsequently sponsored many horse shows. The troop remained at the Piggery until deactivated in 1939.

(PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)
Barber, O. C., Piggery or "Pork Palace"

Significance (con't.)

The Piggery was not only a part of the farm of Barberton's founder, but it played a major part in a type of military operation that is no longer in existence, the horse cavalry.

The Barber Mansion, two large barns, and seven other buildings of the Anna Dean Farm have already been razed. Of the remaining buildings, Barn No.1, the last silo barn left, was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Piggery is actually a refinement of Barber architecture and was the last of his buildings to be built (1915).
9. 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: 4 acres

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen Kelleher
               Chris Vorachek

ORGANIZATION:

STREET AND NUMBER: 706 Wisteria Drive
                   62-37th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Barberton

STATE: Ohio

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 [ ]

NAME ____________________________

TITLE ____________________________

DATE ____________________________

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

______________________________
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE ____________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________

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Keeper of The National Register

DATE ____________________________

GPO 931-894
**United States Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**  
**National Register of Historic Places**  
**Property Photograph Form**  
*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

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**View of east side of the Piggery, taken from 2nd St., looking southeast. The barn is viewed in a northeast direction.**
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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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3. **MAP REFERENCE**
   - **SOURCE:** U.S. Dept. of Interior Geological Survey
   - **Quadrangle:** Akron West Quadrangle
   - **Series:** Ohio - Summit Co. 7.5 Min. Series
   - **SCALE:** 1:24,000
   - **DATE:** 1967

4. **REQUIREMENTS**
   - **TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS**
     1. Property boundaries where required.
     2. North arrow.
     3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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*Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio Agencies
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Photography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Taken 1957. Field checked 1958. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967
Pseudocylindrical projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone*
June 4, 1973

Mr. Alexander Naumoff
519 Parkview Avenue
Barberton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Naumoff:

I am pleased to inform you that the O. C. Barber Piggery has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior.

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.

Enclosed is a brochure explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations for recognizing the importance of, and the need for, the careful and sensible preservation of Ohio's landmarks. Your farsightedness will surely serve as an example to other individuals and organizations in this state.

Sincerely,

Judith Kitchen
Architectural Historian

JK/glk
enclosure
National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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

Name: Barber, O.C., Piggery

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

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