**1. NAME**

**COMMON:**
Barber, O.C., Colt Barn

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Austin Drive

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Barberton

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**
14th

**STATE CODE:**
Ohio 039

**COUNTY CODE:**
Summit 153

**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
- Religious
- Other (Specify)
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNER'S NAME:**
Robert Gormley

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
640 Austin Drive

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Barberton

**STATE:**
Ohio

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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**STREET AND NUMBER:**
209 South High

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Akron

**STATE CODE:**
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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**STREET AND NUMBER:**

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**CODE:**
The Colt Barn, which measures 40' x 95', is the smallest of the Anna Dean Barns. It is constructed of concrete and red brick and has a red tile hipped roof and denticular cornices. The superstructure is of steel. Eighteen doors on the first story of the Colt Barn lead into metal stalls. There is a large rectangular barred window beside each of the doors. The stalls on the west side of the barn are connected but those on the east side are individual rooms accessible only from the outside of the barn. The second story has pairs of small rectangular windows along the east and west facades. There are six gabled dormer windows. The north and south facades each have two rectangular windows and a set of large double doors in each story. The larger pair, on the second story, open to permit bales of hay to move through the barn on a pulley track. There are two cupolas near the peak and the center bay of the north and south sides extends above the two side bays in a gable. The Colt Barn is located about 250 feet southwest of the Machine Barn and is in the best condition of all the Anna Dean Barns.
The 2000 acre estate containing the Anna Dean Farm was laid out in 1905 by Michael Alexander, who had been commissioned by Ohio Columbus Barber, a wealthy industrialist. Barber had moved his Akron-based Diamond Match company from that city in 1894 after being sued for non-payment of taxes. He founded a town near New Portage and called it Barberton.

The Anna Dean Farm, named for his daughter Anna and her husband Dean, was the fulfillment of Barber's dream to build the world's greatest farm. When it was finished in 1915, it contained twenty-three buildings including a forty-room mansion and twelve acres of greenhouse space.

The Colt Barn, completed in 1910, housed both colts and Barber's prized horses. The stalls on the east side were designed to make difficult the theft of a large number of horses at one time. Colts were kept on the west side of the barn. Barber died in 1920 and farm was divided up in 1926.

The Colt Barn, along with the Machine Barn, is one of the ten remaining Anna Dean Farm buildings and one of the last two on the area which was the main section of the farm. Three other farm buildings, Barn No. 1, the Piggery and the Creamery, have already been placed on the National Register. A nearby housing development, the Austin Estates, is growing rapidly and threatens to crowd out the Colt Barn. It is hoped that the owners might consider donating this area to the Barberton Parks Department for much needed park space if this building is placed on the National Register.
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

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Steve Kelleher

ORGANIZATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 706 Wisteria Drive

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 10 July 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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
### National Register of Historic Places

**Property Photograph Form**

**1. Name:** Barber, O. C. Colt Barn

**2. Location**

- **Street and Number:** Austin Drive
- **City or Town:** Barberton
- **State:** Ohio

**3. Photo Reference**

- **Photo Credit:** Steve Kelleher
- **Date of Photo:** November 1973
- **Negative Filed At:** 706 Wisteria Drive, Barberton, Ohio

**4. Identification**

- **Description:** View of north end of the Colt Barn. The doors below the loft doors provide access to the west side of the barn.

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- **Date of Photo:** May 18, 1974
- **Negative Filed At:** 706 Wisteria Drive, Barberton, Ohio

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- **Description:** North-east view of O. C. Barber Colt Barn, as taken from the brick driveway of Barn No. 2.
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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio Agencies

Control by USGS and USC&GS


Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Entire area lies within the Connecticut Western Reserve
Land lines established by private subdivision of the Connecticut Western Reserve
October 22, 1974

Mr. Robert Gormley
640 Austin Drive
Barberton, Ohio 44203

Dear Mr. Gormley:

I am pleased to inform you that the O.C. Barber Colt Barn, Austin Drive, Barberton, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the 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 and Administrator
Historic Preservation Office

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enclosure
National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

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

Name: Barber, OC, Colt Barn

County: Summit

_____ Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

_____ Multiple Property Nomination form

X Photograph(s)

X Photograph(s) (copies)

X USGS map(s)

X USGS map(s) (copies)

_____ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

X Correspondence

_____ Other __________________________________________________________

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