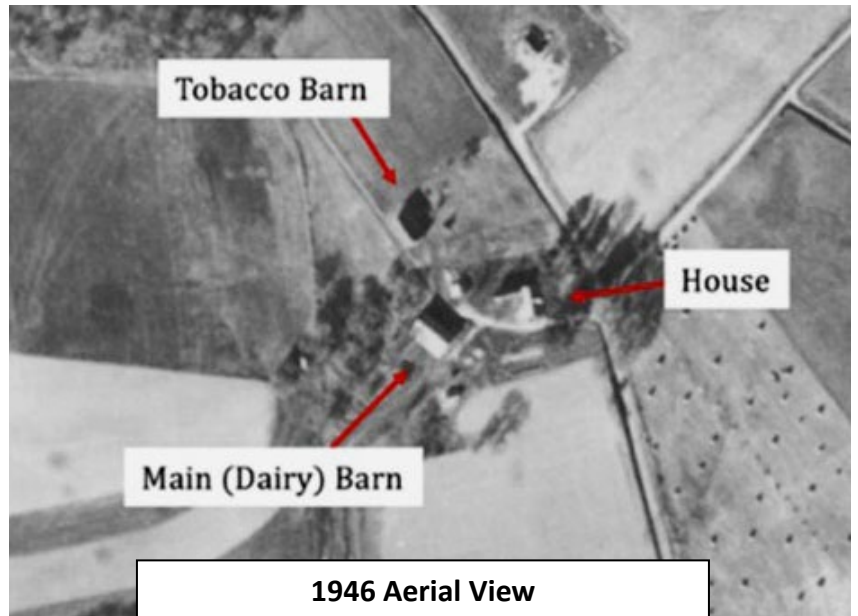


Eusebius Barnard Bank Barn

The Barnard property included a large bank barn, built in stages throughout the 1800s. The basement level would have had a rubble stone foundation. Farm animals (3 horses, 2 working oxen, 16 cattle, and 6 swine) would have been kept in the lower level in pens in 1850. The upper level would have been timber frame with wooden siding. The entrance was likely from the hill behind the house. Wagons would have been brought into the barn to unload crops such as hay, corn, straw, and grains into various areas across the barn floor. Trap doors located in the floor were used to lower material down to the animal pens below. The barn roof was a simple gable shape based on aerial photos. There was an extension or overshoot on the west side of the original barn. A shed was extended onto the rear of the barn creating an ell. The roof was originally clad in wood shingle and later reroofed with slates. The rear extension of the barn had roof ventilators. Chester County tore down the old barn when they purchased the property in 1957.



While metal detecting around the lower barn foundation in 2025, volunteers were curious about what was under all the weeds. The next day they came back and started to clear the front portion with rakes and clippers. This area held the cow shed portion of the barn.

What was revealed was beautiful with the air of an old archeological site. One item looked like a cement mushroom lying on its side. This was apparently the base to a post. After looking at the other side of the foundation, clearing was determined to be difficult as it was filled with tall weeds and lots of poison ivy. Luckily, the township stepped in and quickly cleared the rest using heavy equipment.



It was suggested that the area would make a great flower garden. Drought tolerant perennials and flower seeds were planted. Below is the garden one year later in 2026.



As part of the project, an old wrought iron and wooden bench was donated to Barnard Station. One of the Board members replaced all the rotted wood. The bench was positioned under the giant maple tree next to the foundation garden. Visitors can now sit on the bench, relax and enjoy the serene view.