

Cleanup Day at the Barnard House – April 18, 2010

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A REAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD “STATION”?

HERE’S YOUR CHANCE!!

CLEANUP DAY

POCOPSON TWP. AND KENNETT UNDERGROUND RR CENTER
AT THE BARNARD HOUSE

FUTURE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AND UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 (RAIN DATE APRIL 25), 1 - 4 P.M.

We’ll tidy up the yard and rip out carpets, plumbing, etc.,
so please bring a rake, hoe, wrench, putty knife,
screwdriver, or your toolbox.

PLENTY OF EATS FOR ALL WORKERS IN THE LATE AFTERNOON

AND WE HEAR THERE’LL BE A VISITOR FROM THE SOUTH,
LOOKING FOR HELP!!!

Directions: Rt. 52N, left onto Wawaset Road near the Pocopson Home,
.2 mile to the Barnard House on the left (across from the Pocopson Home’s rear driveway)

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Fifteen years ago, Pocopson Township organized a volunteer clean-up day to begin a big project - the deconstruction of the Eusebius Barnard House duplexes. According to township minutes “Over 50 volunteers, including members of the Longwood Fire Company and Kennett Underground Railroad Center participated in the site clean-up, landscaping and limited demolition in preparation for renovation of the house.” Volunteers removed the duplex kitchens including cabinets, appliances, sinks and plumbing. Both upstairs bathrooms had the toilets, sinks and tubs removed. Linoleum and carpets covering the wood floors were taken out. Paneling was stripped away from the walls. The drop ceiling in the kitchen was taken away and the closed doorway between the two kitchens opened to restore the original layout before the duplex was created. Later the second duplex staircase was also removed.



Chester County owned this property from 1957 – 2008. They had turned the historic house into a duplex in the late 1950s for use as a rental property for county employees at the Pocopson Home and the Chester County Prison across the street. Pocopson Township took ownership of the property in 2008. Initial plans were to upgrade the house for use as the Township building, along with displays for the Kennett Underground Railroad. After many years and discussions, the Township decided to construct a new building on the site of the nearby tobacco barn. In 2021, the non-profit Friends of Barnard Station received permission to restore the first floor of the Barnard home for use as a Heritage Center and in 2022 it was accepted to National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network To Freedom.



