

A STARK BEAUTY

The soft glow of winter sunlight across the Folger Howell Farm reveals a landscape that has changed little since it was first plowed by the family in 1848. Thanks to Ohio's Tecumseh Land Trust, the view will be protected for future generations. Land trust volunteer and Howell descendent, Julia Cady, along with her brother and sister, donated a conservation easement on the 450-acre farm in 1995.

Fifth generation descendent Branson Pyles lives on and manages the farm for the family partnership. He also operates Howell Farm Lodging, where overnight guests enjoy three meticulously restored houses and views of restored prairie, hardwood trees, crops and wildlife.

"The Howell farm is an exemplary blend of working land, wildlife habitat, forest, and agritourism," says land trust Executive Director Krista Magaw. "It embodies all our goals—we're proud to play a role in protecting such a special place." 

