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# Doors Open Lambton County

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## CHARLIE'S PLACE

4082 Nauvoo Road  
Alvinston, ON

Saturday, September 29, 11am-5pm  
Sunday, September 30, 11am-5pm



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Visitors to Charlie's Place (the former Annett homestead) will see an interesting variety of buildings including: a completely restored early Canadian home; an old creamery moved from the community of Walnut (corner of Petrolia Line and Old Walnut Road) currently used as a drive shed; a state-of-the-art chicken coop, typical of what was found on Ontario farms in the first half of the twentieth century; and a magnificent barn that originally housed work horses, several hundred cattle, and sheep.

The barn is 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. It is as large a structure as was built in the late nineteenth century - a work of art and truly beautiful to behold. The barn has been kept as Charlie left it. A barn quilt graces the front of the barn and is named The Nauvoo Trail as it depicts the lush green fields and the trail (Nauvoo

Road) which is one of Lambton County's earliest roads that connected early travelers to Lake Huron to the north and Lake Erie to the south.

Charlie's Place is a hundred acre farm. The front sixty acres are workable and the back forty are home to a multitude of wildlife, including deer, wild turkeys, Blue Herons, and others. Brown Creek winds through the back forty acres and springs of fresh water from the banks of the creek keep the animals hydrated. Visitors are invited to enjoy this pristine place and they are encouraged to remember and respect the early pioneers who cleared the land in order to provide for their families.

### **Heritage Significance:**

Charlie's Place is a well-known farm that has been a local landmark for more than a century. It was the home of the Annett family and once knew the sounds of children and gave rest to the family.

The house was built by George and Margaret Annett in 1876. Charlie Annett became the last member of the Annett family to welcome visitors to his home. Everyone knew him and enjoyed to visit and so the farm became known as Charlie's Place.

The Annetts were well-known for their beautiful Clydesdale horses, some brought from Scotland. Today the barn is empty of animals but the current owners, Carolynne and John Griffith, have marked it with a barn quilt.