Hike back into history at Woodburn Historical House

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PENDLETON — Recent discoveries at Woodburn Historic House, Highway 76, across from Tri-County Tech. College, Pendleton, are shedding new light on how the former plantation's farm was operated. The foundations of the horse barn, the blacksmith's shop, and an 1880's bunkhouse have been uncovered, as well as a portion of the old quartz road, below ground cistern and horse trough, the ruins of the creamery and calving barn, and several mounting blocks.

To give area residents an opportunity to walk the historical trail, the Pendleton Historic Foundation is offering a guided trail tour on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Tour participates will also go through a replica of a slave/tenant farmer cabin that has been built near the "big house," as well as the 1850s carriage house. Admission is $3. Anyone wishing to tour Woodburn Historic Home may do so at 11:30. Admission to the house is $6 for ages 11 and over and $2 for ages 5-10.

The half-mile round trip walking trail is an easy walk going down, but, a moderate hike traveling back up, so sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended. To enhance the experience for tour participants, pictures taken at Woodburn during the 1880s will be used throughout the tour.

The Historical Trail Tour is part of the Pendleton Historic Foundation's extensive educational mission. Other tours coming this fall include: 19th Century Architecture and Technology (Oct. 29); Mourning Traditions and Customs (Nov. 3); Ashtabula and Her Furniture (Nov. 18); and Christmas at Ashtabula (Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9).

The Pendleton Historic Foundation (501c3) owns and operates two antebellum style historic homes – Ashtabula and Woodburn. Both homes are currently open for guided tours. For tour hours, more information on educational events, volunteering, or to schedule a special tour or event, call (864) 646-7249 or visit www.pendletonhistorcfoundation.org.