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## **How to Be a Good Ancestor**

### ***Oberlin Heritage Center Repeats Popular Workshop***

Are your family pictures jammed in a drawer or in albums but unlabeled? Are your albums archivally safe? Is the family bible the only place your ancestors' names are listed and even that is out of date? Will your descendants open a closet and find a special wedding gown or quilt, but not know whose it was or why it's special? Are the old family letters in a shoe box in the attic? Are you thinking about writing or taping the stories of your youth and of other members of the family who died before your descendants were born? If you answered "yes" to any of these, then you need to attend the popular introductory workshop "How to be a Good Ancestor: Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, Photographs, and Artifacts" presented by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street). Sessions are led by Oberlin Heritage Center Collections Assistant Prue Richards and Librarian/Genealogist Pat Holsworth.

The workshop will be given in two parts, and participants may register for the entire day, or choose to attend only the morning or the afternoon session. Part I will address proper care of artifacts, documents, textiles and photographs, and will run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Part II continues from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and provides guidance on preserving family histories, genealogy, and oral history. Lunch with the presenters takes place from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. All participants will receive a folder of resource materials to take home with them.

Pre-registration is required. There is a fee of \$55 for the full day (\$50 for Oberlin Heritage Center members), which includes lunch and an optional 30-minute individual follow-up consultation, to be scheduled at a later date with one of the instructors. Those who choose to attend Part I only or Part II only will pay \$35 (\$30 for Oberlin Heritage Center members). If you wish to add lunch to one part or the other, the cost is an additional \$10. Those who wish to attend may register online at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org), or may prefer to download a printable registration form and mail it or drop it off in person at the Oberlin Heritage Center's main office in the Monroe House, 73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin (parking is available off of West Vine Street). Checks (made payable to the Oberlin Heritage Center) and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover) are accepted. Reserve space soon as the workshop is limited to the first 25 participants. For more information go to [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or call 440-774-1700 or e-mail [ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org) (Pat Holsworth) or [history@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:history@oberlinheritage.org) (Prue Richards).

The Oberlin Heritage Center is an award-winning history museum, historical society, and historic preservation group, located 35 miles west of Cleveland in Lorain County, Ohio. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums, and is one of the nation's first organizations to be designated a *Preserve America Steward* by the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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