

73½ South Professor Street P.O. Box 455

Oberlin, OH 44074-0455 Phone: 440-774-1700 Fax: 440-774-8061

Website: www.oberlinheritage.org
E-mail: members@oberlinheritage.org

For Immediate Release: August 14, 2013

Contact: Elizabeth Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or e-

mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Autumn History Walk in Westwood Cemetery

Enjoy stories of some of Oberlin's most intriguing residents of days gone by, amidst a colorful backdrop of fall foliage, on the "**Radicals and Reformers History Walk**" through Westwood Cemetery hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Saturday mornings in September. The guided history walk will be offered Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11:00 a.m. Advance reservations may be made at www.oberlinheritage.org or by calling (440) 774-1700.

The guided one-hour tour promises a pleasing balance of Westwood's scenic landmarks and stories of some of the many spirited men and women of Oberlin who simply refused the status quo. Find out which resident was remembered as "gentle, soft-spoken, tolerant and yet nobody's fool." Visit the headstone of the man who escaped from slavery (twice!) and later served on the Oberlin village council.

Tour admission is \$6 per adult; history walks are FREE to OHC members, college students, and children under 18 accompanied by an adult. (The guided walks are recommended for children ages 9 and up.) Participants gather near the Westwood Cemetery entrance (455 Morgan Street) to begin the historic journey. Parking is available along the paved pathways within the cemetery.

The Westwood Cemetery history walk is the fourth in a series of community neighborhood walks developed by the Oberlin Heritage Center. Two others in the series, the Scholars & Settlers (Tappan Square) History Walk and the Freedom's Friends (Underground Railroad) History Walk, have been offered weekly throughout the summer. Each of the Heritage Center's guided walks, including a Soldiers & Civilians (Civil War) History Walk, may be arranged for groups by appointment from April through the end of October.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit www.oberlinheritage.org or contact Liz Schultz at the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or by e-mail at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.