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Oberlin Heritage Center Welcomes New Museum Collections Manager

The Oberlin Heritage Center is pleased to announce the hiring of part-time Collections Manager **Maren McKee**, a recent graduate of the highly regarded Master's Degree program in Historical Administration at Eastern Illinois University (Charleston). McKee, who was selected from among more than 65 applicants for the OHC position, replaces former collections staff member Prue Richards who retired from the Heritage Center at the end of the summer.

Prior to her arrival at the Heritage Center, McKee served a one year Curatorial Technician internship at the State Historical Society of North Dakota (Bismarck). She also has done museum internships at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site (Lerna, IL), the Byron Museum of History (Byron, IL) and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum (Decorah, IA). She received a BA in History with a minor in Museum Studies from Luther College in Decorah, IA.

In the small world department, Maren also interned at the Lake Forest Lake Bluff Historical Society (Lake Forest, IL) with one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's outstanding former interns and a Museum Fellow, Laurie Stein, who now works as the Curator at the Lake Forest Lake Bluff Historical Society. As part of that particular internship, Maren researched and created a timeline commemorating Lake Forest, Illinois' sesquicentennial in 2011. The project received an award of merit from the Illinois Association of Museums.

At the Oberlin Heritage Center, McKee is responsible for all aspects of the museum's three-dimensional objects as well as its archival and library collections. The collections are the essence of the Heritage Center's ongoing work to preserve the community's history for education, outreach, exhibition and research purposes.

To learn more about the Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin's nationally significant history, or the OHC Resource Center/Library, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or make a reservation to enjoy the *Upstairs/Downstairs: Small Town, Big Stories* guided tour, offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Monroe House (73 ½ South Professor Street). For more information, call (440) 774-1700.

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