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Heritage Center Offers FREE Memorial Day History Walk

Enjoy stories of some of Oberlin's most intriguing residents of days gone by, amidst a colorful backdrop of spring blooms, on the "**Radicals & Reformers History Walk**" through Westwood Cemetery hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Monday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m. This free Memorial Day event is open to the public and no reservations are needed.

The guided 90-minute 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.

Participants should gather near the Westwood Cemetery entrance (429 Morgan Street) to begin the historic journey. Parking is available along the paved pathways within the cemetery.

The Westwood Cemetery history walk is one of five in a series of community neighborhood walks developed by the Oberlin Heritage Center. Two others in the series, the Freedom's Friends (Underground Railroad & Abolition) History Walk, and One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk will be offered regularly through the upcoming summer. All of the Heritage Center's guided walks, including the Soldiers & Civilians (Civil War) History Walk and the Scholars & Settlers (Tappan Square) History Walk, may be arranged for groups by appointment through the end of October.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700.

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