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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Westwood Cemetery History Walk

Enjoy stories of some of Oberlin's most intriguing residents of days gone by, amidst a colorful backdrop of fall foliage, on the "**Radicals & Reformers History Walk**" through Westwood Cemetery hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on two Saturday mornings in September. This enlightening guided tour will be offered September 10 and 24 at 11:00 a.m. Advance reservations may be made at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or by calling (440) 774-1700.

This 90-minute historic journey 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 tour. 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 (Abolition/Underground Railroad) History Walk and One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk, were offered regularly this past summer. Each of the Heritage Center's guided walks, including the Scholars & Settlers (Tappan Square) History Walk and the 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.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700.

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