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## Not on My Watch: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858

Watch history unfold right before your eyes in a compelling performance of “Not on My Watch: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858” presented Sunday, October 16 at 3 p.m. at the House of Zion Fellowship Hall (81 South Locust Street) in Oberlin. Costumed performers from the Kelton House Museum and Garden in Columbus share this original dramatic narrative that tells the story of John Price, a fugitive living in Oberlin, who was captured by federal marshals intending to return him to slavery. The actions of local anti-slavery townspeople and students eventually freed the young man, while the rescuers’ defiance of the law and their subsequent imprisonment and trial brought the country to the brink of war. The one-hour presentation is created from accounts drawn from Nat Brandt’s book, *The Town that Started the Civil War*. This free community event is co-hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and members of Oberlin’s Mt. Zion Baptist Church. All are welcome; doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Kelton House ([www.keltonhouse.com](http://www.keltonhouse.com)), located in the Town Street Historic District of Columbus, Ohio, is historically documented to be a place fugitive slaves could find shelter on their journey to freedom. The museum interprets urban life and the decorative arts in Columbus during the second half of the 19th century, largely through the collection of the Sophia and Fernando Cortez Kelton family. The organization operates as a service of the Junior League of Columbus.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is widely recognized as a model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization. For more information about this program or the Heritage Center’s full calendar of tours, history walks, and community programs, please visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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