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## **Heritage Center Invites You to Celebrate Lucy Stone's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Oberlin Heritage Center is throwing a birthday party for one of Oberlin College's earliest and best known female graduates, abolitionist and women's suffragist Lucy Stone (class of 1847). The event takes place at the Little Red Schoolhouse on **Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** with birthday cake and plenty of 19<sup>th</sup> century merriment! Brief remarks will be offered at 4:15 p.m., including excerpts from one of Stone's speeches, presented by Jen Graham.

Lucy Stone's legacy has been an inspiration to women's rights advocates far and wide in the two centuries following her birth. Many know of Stone's protest against unequal laws applicable to married women when, in 1855, Stone married Henry B. Blackwell, yet retained her maiden name. The term "Lucy Stoner" continues to this day to be synonymous with women who do not change their names upon marriage. Local "Lucy Stoners" are especially encouraged to stop by the Heritage Center's salute to Stone and join in a fun photo opportunity.

Jen Graham graduated with high honors in history from Oberlin College in 2012 and boosted her career in public history as an Ohio Local History Corps/AmeriCorps member at the Oberlin Heritage Center during the 2013-2014 year. Since then, she has continued to work in northeast Ohio in the fields of historical interpretation and education with positions at Hale Farm and Village, the Cleveland History Center, and the Cleveland Metroparks. Jen is particularly passionate about women's history and created the Heritage Center's "One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk" during her time with the organization.

The Heritage Center's Little Red Schoolhouse is located at the organization's historic site at 73½ South Professor Street, in the back of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music parking lot and just south of the Bertram & Judith Kohl jazz studies building. Free parking for visitors is accessible from 20 West Vine Street. For more about the Oberlin Heritage Center and a calendar of upcoming events, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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