The Wright Brothers and Oberlin: A Mutual Adoption

While many people know that the Wright Brothers were from Dayton, Ohio and made their famous first flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, fewer know they had strong ties to Oberlin, Ohio as well. Norman Craig, Oberlin College Emeritus Professor of Chemistry will trace Wilbur and Orville’s Oberlin connections in a free, public program hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:15 p.m. The talk is prompted by the recent bestselling biography of the Wright Brothers by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough. Professor Craig’s presentation includes the key role of the “Wright Sister,” Katharine, who graduated from Oberlin College and later served as a College Trustee. All are welcome to the event which takes place in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive.)

Norman Craig received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College in 1953 and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1957. He taught in the Oberlin College Department of Chemistry from 1957-2000; following retirement he has continued to remain active as a researcher and lecturer. Craig received the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Heritage Guardian Award in 2010 for being a dedicated community leader in the preservation of Oberlin history.

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