



## Oberlin Heritage Center August 2022 Gazette

### Vintage & Vintner 2022



Join the Oberlin Heritage Center **Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** for an evening of picturesque views, good company, and delightful drinks at Quarry Hill Winery. Plenty of seating is available indoors and outdoors. Tickets are \$40 per person and include two drink tickets for a glass of wine, a beer, or a non-alcoholic drink, as well as hearty hors d'oeuvres. Guests will also enjoy live acoustic music and several raffles. Proceeds from this special event support the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation. Attendees can also hear a history of the winery, which was founded in 2005. **To register, please visit our website [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org)**

*Photos: provided by Quarry Hill Winery*

### Upcoming Events

#### August's History Walk: Oberlin Women's History

*August 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 11:00 am*



This July, OHC is offering our ***One Step More: Oberlin Women's History walking tour*** on Saturdays at 11:00 a. m. This tour highlights struggles for women's rights in Oberlin's past as well as the important local figures who led the fight.

In 1834, John J. Shipherd pledged Oberlin's commitment to "the elevation of female character" through education. Little did he know, there was dynamite in that promise, and women carried the matches. Hear stories of powerful Oberlin women including Lucy Stone, Marianne Parker Dascomb, Adelia Field Johnston, Mary Church Terrell, and Lucy Stanton Day, and learn how they used Shipherd's promise to shape what it meant

to be a woman in Oberlin and in the United States. Note: this tour begins at the Flagpole on Tappan Square at the corner of College and Main Streets.

Admission is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended. To register, please visit our website [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org)**

*Photo: Portrait of Lucy Stone c. 1840, Library of Congress*

## Stan Miller Memorial

*Saturday, August 20, 3:00 pm*

There will be a memorial for Reverend Stanley Miller held at the George A. Abram Memorial Pavilion behind McDonald's on South Main Street at 3:00 pm on August 20th.

The service will include a keynote by Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle and also remarks from Stanley Miller's son, Stanley Miller, Jr., as well as community representatives Darryl Q. Tucker, Reverend David Cann, Reverend A. G. Miller, Jeanine Donaldson, and Melanie Satterfield.

Thank you to the individuals and organizations who made this program possible, including the presenters listed, Rust United Methodist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C., the City of Oberlin and Ian Yarber of the Recreation Department, Lorain County Racial Equity Center, Elyria NAACP Unit, Oberlin Heritage Center, Tim Williams, Oberlin Rotary Club, and Oberlin Weekly.

In the event of rain, the event will be held at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. and the location change will be confirmed on their website ([firstchurchoberlin.org](http://firstchurchoberlin.org)).

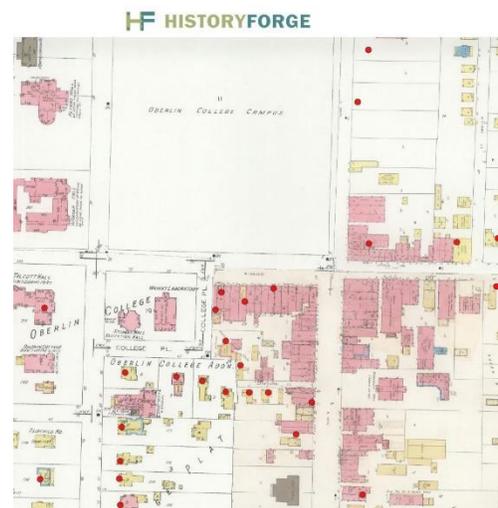


## Comparing & Contextualizing Oberlin's 1940 Census in HistoryForge

*Zoom Presentation - August 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

Join Ohio History Service Corps member Erin Robichaud as she shares OHC's exciting progress on HistoryForge, a database that plots census information onto interactive map layers. Come ready to compare employment, divorce, and home ownership statistics from the 1910 & 1940 censuses. Erin will also discuss the cultural context and controversies surrounding the 1940 census – such as how the Great Depression influenced census questions and impacted Oberlin residents – and depict the enumerators who originally collected census data by hand.

This 45-minute Zoom program is open and free to the public, but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3a3YPhc>.



Since last fall, OHC volunteers have worked hard to transcribe, review, and publish the 1940 census to HistoryForge in addition to the 1910 census. OHC would like to thank all the individuals who made this database a possible research tool for the Oberlin community: **Anita Buckmaster, Judy Cook, Mary Anne Cunningham, Ann Fuller, Lynn Gagyi, Marissa Hamm, Kathy Jaffee, Steve Johnson, Suzanne McDougal, Cathy Meints, Patti Pitts, Joshua Rhodes, Prue Richards, and Mary Rowland.** Thank you!

## Upcoming History Events

*Save the Date!*

**September 23 through October 8** - OHC is partnering with the Oberlin Public Library to host the guest exhibit "Celebrating 100 Years of Latino History in Lorain," which was created by the Lorain Historical Society. All are welcome to the opening program the evening of Friday, September 23. The exhibit will be available for viewing during open hours of the Oberlin Public Library.

**September 10** - OHC is participating in the statewide Ohio Open Doors initiative which highlights the history and unique nature of some of Ohio's most treasured historic places. Visitors can enjoy free self guided tours of the Monroe House and explore the Little Red Schoolhouse 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**September 17** - The Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society's annual meeting will be on Saturday, September 17. Watch for details.

**September 24** - OHC's annual Root Beer and Yesteryear event will be Saturday, September 24. Enjoy games, music, antique demonstrations, self-guided tours, and a historical re-enactment. Volunteers needed for Root Beer and Yesteryear. You can sign up by emailing [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) or calling (440) 774-1700:

- Set-up 11:30
- Info table - 12:30 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:30
- Popcorn table - 12:30 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:30
- Root Beer Float table 12:30 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:30
- Schoolhouse games 12:30 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:30

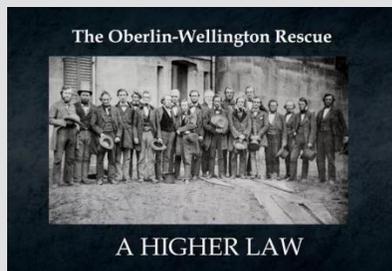
**November 11** - OHC Trivia Night

# News From OHC

## WEOL at OHC

The radio station WEOL recently hosted their "Celebrate Oberlin" morning show in the Monroe House's front parlor and interviewed OHC's own Executive Director, Liz Schultz, about the history of the Heritage Center, some of Oberlin's historic buildings and landmarks, and OHC's role within the Oberlin community.

To listen to an audio clip of this interview you can visit the WEOL Website at <http://weol.northcoastnow.com/2022/07/21/7-21-22/> and click on the Liz Schultz hyperlink.



## Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Documentary

Two Ohio filmmakers are producing a new documentary about the dramatic Oberlin-Wellington Rescue that will focus on a retelling of the rescue of John Price from slave catchers who abducted him in 1858. He was freed by a rescue party of white and black Oberlin and Wellington residents who helped him escape to Canada, an act which violated the Fugitive Slave Law. These rescuers were then arrested and tried by the federal government while being held at the Cuyahoga County Jail.

The filmmakers have already interviewed several Oberlin community members and historians and are raising funds that will help them complete this documentary. You can view their trailer and donate by visiting their GoFundMe page, <https://bit.ly/3zxY9sS>.

## Members Update & News from the Second Floor



OHC is doing some maintenance on the Little Red Schoolhouse. Pat Ives has been repainting the front siding of the Little Red Schoolhouse as well as its front door over the last week.

Meanwhile, our Leadership Lorain County Intern, Lauren Sands, has been working on the repainting of the *Little* Red Schoolhouse, OHC's Little Free Library, located just in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse along the path that runs East to West through the OHC grounds.

In other news, our staff and interns underwent a fire extinguisher training exercise overseen by the Oberlin Fire Department and coordinated with Fire Chief Bob Hanmer and Assistant Fire Chief

Mike Streator. The exercise included instructions on the different types of fire extinguisher as well as the best techniques for handling the extinguishers and using them effectively.

OHC would also like to welcome our newest members KayEllen Sharp and Steven Rice. We appreciate your support!

## Also of Interest:

### Cassie Chadwick: The Female Wizard of Finance

Ohio History Connection recently published an [article](#) about the life and crimes of Cassie Chadwick, one of the most notorious con artists in American history.

She is best known for a string of largely successful frauds in which she posed as the illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie using forged promissory notes to secure large loans from banks throughout the Cleveland area. It is estimated that she stole \$633,000 (the equivalent of \$20 million today) throughout her many scams.

Chadwick is particularly connected to Oberlin history because the Citizen's National Bank of Oberlin loaned her a large sum near the end of her grift and the bank was forced to close after the fraud was revealed. In a twist of fortune, this fraud led to Andrew Carnegie deciding to build the Carnegie Library that is now part of the Oberlin College campus.



*Photo: Cassie Chadwick in 1904. John S. Crosbie. The incredible Mrs. Chadwick: The Most Notorious Woman of Her Age. Photograph. New York: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1975. Cleveland State University. Michael Schwartz Library. Special Collections. Image: Cleveland Memory*

### Lorain County History Happenings

Every Saturday - Sandstone Village Garage Sales in Amherst

August 13, 9:30 a.m. - Friends of Westwood Cemetery cleaning



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