

For Immediate Release:

**Rich Abolitionist History of College Hill
Presented Through Living History Tours**



July 23, 2013—Cincinnati, OH—The neighborhoods of College Hill, North College Hill and Mt. Healthy will host an event featuring living history tours on September 21, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom: Living History Tours* is an event for patrons of all ages and will focus on the rich abolitionist history of Hamilton Avenue in the 1820-1860s.

During this event, attendees may tour 10 sites and learn the history of each through living history characters and/or re-enactments stationed at each stop. The 10 sites include:

- 1825 Free Meeting House in Mt. Healthy which was the site of Liberty Party Conventions in 1840's
- Mt. Healthy Christian Church which split over the issue of slavery
- The 1832 Cary Cottage at Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired was the home to Alice and Phoebe Cary whose poetry was published in the abolitionist *New Era* that also published *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- Laboyteaux-Cary Cemetery at Galbraith and Hamilton in North College Hill where revolutionary war veterans are buried.
- The mural of College Hill history
- A drama about the Escape of the 28 through College Hill in 1853
- Religion and abolition on the Hill at College Hill Presbyterian Church
- Colleges on the Hill at Children's Hospital
- Zebulon Strong house now Six Acres Bed and Breakfast.

- Wesleyan Cemetery where John Van Zandt and US colored troops are buried.

This event is part of a year-long celebration of the College Hill Bicentennial.

“Celebrating the 200th birthday of College Hill this year opened up new interest in researching more about the abolitionist roots of College Hill and the surrounding area. We now have quite a story to tell about the interracial underground railroad and its activity here in College Hill.”

Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$12 day of the tour. Children under 18 are free if accompanied with a ticketed adult. Tickets will be sold starting August 15th at Market Side Mercantile 4170 Hamilton Ave, College Hill Coffee Company, 6128 Hamilton Avenue and the Covered Bridge Antique Mall , 7508 Hamilton Avenue.

The tour on September 21st at 10:30 at Twin Towers Senior Living Community, 5343 Hamilton Avenue in College Hill, College Hill Presbyterian Church at 5742 Hamilton Avenue or the Mt. Healthy History Museum with a historical documentary outlining the abolitionist history of the area. You will receive a map of the tour with background information on the sites.

There is a shuttle bus between the College hill sites and food will be for sale at Six Acres Bed and Breakfast as well at the restaurant along Hamilton Avenue.

For more information, contact Diana Porter at (513) 225-7368 or visit www.hamiltonavenueroadtofreedom.com.

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