

# THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD COMES ALIVE!

A CONVERSATION WITH **KIMBERLY SIMMONS**

THE GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GRANDDAUGHTER  
OF **CAROLINE QUARLLS WATKINS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 5:00PM TO 7:00PM**

**BROWN STREET ACADEMY, 2029 N. 20TH STREET**

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**Caroline Quarlls Watkins**



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**Alice's Garden** is an urban agricultural project located on a two-acre parcel of land that was once part of abolitionist **Deacon Samuel Brown's** farm. In 1842, Deacon Brown was the first farmer to provide safe passage to **Caroline Quarlls**, who escaped from the plantation in St. Louis where she was enslaved. Events at Brown's farm led historically to the birth of the Underground Railroad in Wisconsin! **Brown Street Academy**, the oldest elementary school in the city, also sits on land that was part of Deacon Brown's farm, and the school was named after Samuel Brown to honor his courageous efforts. Caroline's story is one of courage and valor on the part of many, and eventually, she made safe passage through Michigan, on to Canada, where she lived out her life. The letters she wrote back to those who helped guide her to freedom are on display at the **Kenosha Civil War Museum**. You are invited to join us for a reception and conversation with **Kimberly Simmons** as she recounts the under-told story of her Great, Great, Great Grandmother, Caroline Quarlls!

This event is FREE and open to the public!