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This interesting photo shows the former estate of John Carnegie, an important politician and businessman who owned the water rights beside the site that became Peterborough's Riverview Zoo. Carnegie's house, visible below the arrow, became the site of the Peterborough Waterworks in 1910. [Trent Valley Archives, Fonds 857]





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## Wicked Walk of the West – Eerie Ashburnham Tour



TVA F50 1.048 John Burnham family playing croquet at Engleburn, c. 1870s

Continuing the process of offering historical tours in this challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trent Valley Archives (TVA) announces the revival of the walking tour, *Eerie Ashburnham: Wicked Walk of the West* to take place on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-9pm.

This tour which begins at Driscoll Terrace on Hunter St. in East City, will bring alive the dark side of Ashburnham, also known as East City. Friendly and knowledgeable guides will lead you by lantern light through the streets, expertly weaving together the ghosts and the stories behind them.

From the hauntings at Quaker Oats in connection with the 1916 fire to the strange happenings at Engleburn, you'll be mesmerized by the experiences that many in the area have reported. As some have done on previous tours, you might even hear the "talking trees" on your walk near the Hunter Street Bridge.

Screening prior to the tour will be done and we expect attendees to adhere to appropriate physical distancing throughout the tour. While everyone is welcome, we encourage you to enjoy the tour with members of your circle.

TVA expects to offer more tours as COVID restrictions continue to ease, so be sure to check the website for up to date information on future tours which will include our other Ashburnham ghost walk, *Eerie Ashburnham: East Side Stories*.

Tickets are available on our website, [www.trentvalleyarchives.com/events](http://www.trentvalleyarchives.com/events) by reserving with Heather at 705-745-4404 or by emailing [admin@trentvalleyarchives.com](mailto:admin@trentvalleyarchives.com). There is a limit of 14 persons per tour including the guide to allow for social distancing; cost is \$20 per person and registration & payment in advance is required. The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.

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For more info about this media release, please contact Heather Aiton Landry at TVA, 705-745-4404 or [hdaiton@trentvalleyarchives.com](mailto:hdaiton@trentvalleyarchives.com) or Ruth Kuchinad, 705-295-2408 or [rkuch@nexicom.net](mailto:rkuch@nexicom.net)



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essential to our many successes.**

### Trent Valley Archives

Heather and Elwood discussed a few management and logistic issues related to her vacation, August 4-15, and to the next phase of our gradual reopening.

It was agreed that we would extend the July timetable for volunteers to August, except for the Tuesdays, when there would be no volunteers except for Elwood. Elwood would continue to do his monitoring activities Tuesday to Saturday (from current Monday, Wednesday and Saturday). Volunteers would come as they are scheduled by Heather. During the two weeks of the vacation, volunteers wishing to make changes should deal directly with Elwood.

Trent Valley Archives will be open to researchers beginning August 18, Tuesday to Saturday, by appointment. It is proposed that we could accommodate one researcher (or family members) at a time for periods between 10 am to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4. Appointments for the research times can be made directly by phone to Heather and Elwood (705-745-4404) or email [admin@trentvalleyarchives.com](mailto:admin@trentvalleyarchives.com)

This information will be announced in the Heritage Gazette for August and in a special edition of the newsletter and a press release using the newsletter copy.

It is understood that current pandemic protocols will be enforced. We have been emphasizing physical distancing and masks when it is not possible to maintain distancing. Beginning August 1, except for those with health issues, masks will be mandatory. We will continue our established sanitizing procedures.

After being used by researchers, documents used will be isolated for 24 hours except for the same user.

Also beginning August 18, our bookstore will be available without appointment but under tight conditions which include one at a time and physical spacing.