

# TRACKER



## TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DEBUT DOWNLOADABLE WALKING TOUR AT APRIL PROGRAM

Have an hour or two to spare on a lovely day in Terrace Park? Then it's a perfect time to take your own personal walking tour of Terrace Park, its treasures and its fantastic history and stories...with a little help from the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Beginning in May, anyone will be able to download an audio walking tour of Terrace Park from the Terrace Park Historical Society website ([tphistoricalociety.org](http://tphistoricalociety.org)) to any MP3 player. And if you don't have your own MP3 Player, you'll be able to check one out from the TPHS offices in St. Thomas.

On Sunday April 28, there will be a TPHS program in the Terrace Park Elementary library about the new walking tour. We'll play a sample of the tour and show you how to download it or check it out. We'll also have some of its creators there to explain how the tour

was developed.

Refreshments and social will begin at 3:30pm and the presentation will take place from 4-5pm.

Please join us and be one of the first to experience your

own personal guided tour of Terrace Park!

(If you aren't able to make the April 28th meeting, look for more information on the downloadable tour in the May Village Views.)

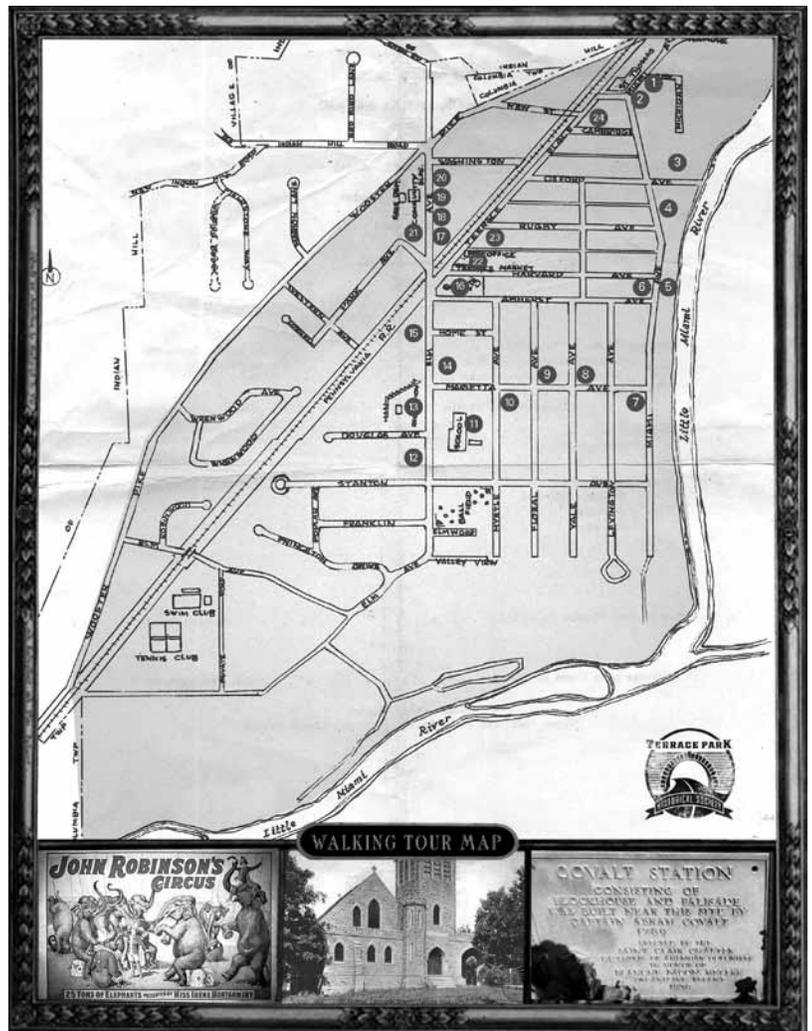
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### SAVE THE DATE

**April 28, 2013**  
**"Walking Tour of Terrace Park"**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming program on Sunday. Social 3:30 p.m. and program begins at 4:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Terrace Park Elementary School. Parking lot off of Myrtle. Free and open to the public.



## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Members,

Spring is finally here! It is a wonderful opportunity to capture the beauty of our community with all the blooming flowers and



trees. It certainly reminds us of what a very special place Terrace Park is. And, speaking of special, we want to be sure to thank Lynne Mileham, Patti Normile and Jeff Megowan for the wonderful program they presented on Treasures of Terrace Park held on March 3. It was our first opportunity to host a program at the new TP Elementary School library and we had a fabulous turnout! Lynne and Patti spoke about the Terrace Park Market and the Post Office and the interesting histories of them both. Jeff entertained us with stories about the Edgewater Community which at one time had a recreational club, cottages on stilts and was the summer destination for many to enjoy the Little Miami River. They gave such interesting presentations and we are so grateful to have gained even more history about our cherished Village.

You also won't want to miss our next program on April 28th when Tricia DiMichele will unveil The Walking Tour of Terrace Park. She has worked diligently on creating both an educational and entertaining walking tour and will give us a sneak peek into what it is all about! Steve and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mary

## MEET BETSY AND BILL

Thank you little white squirrel...for the Holloways! If you do not know Betsy and Bill Holloway then you must have at least seen this very special couple, in their 80's, who walk the village loop almost every morning. They have been living in Terrace Park since the 60's, raised their two boys, John and Bob, here and have been involved in many village and St. Thomas Church activities. They are both lifetime members and on the founding Board of the Terrace Park Historical Society. Also, both became Emeritus members in June 2010. An oral history was done with the Holloways in July 2012. Below are a few interesting excerpts from that interview. The entire oral history interview is available in the archives. More of this transcript is in the May 2013 issue of Village Views.... It is important to note the transcripts are taken from the exact spoken word and not necessarily like the interviewer would write.

SUSAN (the interviewer): When and how did you discover Terrace Park and why did you move here, Betsy?

BETSY: The real estate agent's name was Geri Morgan...and Bill had gotten in touch with her and I came down for a week and she took us around all sorts of places...Montgomery, Mariemont, Madeira...every place but we didn't see anything...nothing we really liked. We were staying at the Mariemont Inn and one morning when she picked us up, she said would you mind if I ran past my house, I forgot something? So we drove into Terrace Park and she stopped at her house.

Bill asked why we had not seen Terrace Park. She said there was nothing available right now. As we were driving around a little white squirrel ran across the street in front of the car and I just knew this was where we wanted to live. Bill said to Geri 'well let's find a place here.'

BILL: We had moved already eleven times in our married life. So we knew the game and I just told Geri, get on the phone and find somewhere. She did... she found this house. So we added on because it did not have enough space. It had a great finished basement. We liked  
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Betsy and Bill Holloway

## HELP EARN \$\$ FOR TPHS

Kroger donates money to non-profit organizations as part of their Community Rewards Program. Last year, TPHS earned over \$65.00 in just three months. We have until April 30, 2013, to sign up as many TPHS

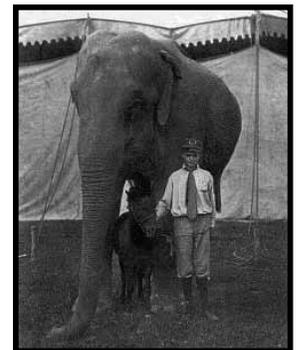
members as possible. Every dollar you spend at Kroger adds up to donation dollars for TPHS. If you are interested in helping us, please call the office at 248-1777 for more information.

## TPHS WANTS Your old home videos!

(Actually borrow.)

For a video record of great and sometimes lost treasures of TP.

Recently a short film clip of Tillie taken in TP around 1930 was discovered when some great old home movies were being converted to video. It's a video of Tillie and children who lived on Amherst.



Call: 248-1777

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cu4msQHBalo>

## A FEW MORE MEMORIES.....

Mary Lou Rawnsley Eycke, a longtime TPHS member who currently lives in Raleigh N.C., read about the March 3 program in the Tracker. She sent this letter to two of the presenters, Lynne Mileham and Patti Normile, filled with her recollections' of the Market and the Post

Office. Mary Lou and her sister Virginia Rawnsley Fenton have been incredible memorabilia donors and resources for TPHS. Both are the daughters of Bonnie and Ellis Rawnsley. For those of you who are new to the Village, Ellis wrote *A Place Called Terrace Park*.

Below is her letter:

March 6, 2013

Dear Lynne and Patti:

I read with interest the article in the "Tracker" about the talk you were to give for the "Treasures of Terrace Park" program on March 3 and regret that it was not possible for me to provide you with the following tidbits of information earlier. It amounts to my recollections of the post office and Terrace Market. By way of introduction, I am a member of the Rawnsley family, grew up in Terrace Park graduated from TPHS in 1949 and left the Village in 1957. Our home was located where the Emergency Services Building is now located.

Recollections of the Post Office are brief so let's start with them. There was no delivery of mail at that time and everyone had boxes inside the building. The Historical Society has our mail box door in its collection as you made already know. Mrs. Droscher grew a sweet potato vine in a large jar which eventually, covered most of the space in the lobby area of the building. She also owned the Cincinnati Times Star paper route and I delivered it to her customers for a while. The advantage I enjoyed was she collected the fees for the paper from her subscribers when they came to get their mail. This spared me having to collect them.

I began working as a part-time clerk at Louie and Elsie Bosch's store when I was 14. That was the earliest age at which one could get the required work permit. I worked there, mostly on weekends, until I graduated from UC in 1954. He paid me 25 cents an hour and then took 1 cent from my earnings for Social Security. This seemed a funny thing for him to do at the time but one much appreciated now.

The practice at the time was for customers to tell the clerk what was wanted and the clerk would chase around the store to get the requested item(s). It was possible for customers to charge their groceries. This required the clerk to write down each item and its price on the sales slip and add the prices 'by hand' so to speak. Grocery bills were generally paid at the end of the month. Mother was a charge customer. Her bill ran around \$100 a month. There is an order tablet from the store in the TPHS collection.

Lots of stock came in bulk. For example, cookies arrived in large boxes and were transferred by hand to a display case of wood and glass which was divided into 6 to 8 sections. Eggs arrived in a 36 dozen 'crate' and were hand loaded into cartons of a dozen. Even dog biscuits came in bulk and kids would sneak one or two to munch on. Cereal was displayed on the highest shelves which required a retriever to get a box of it down. There was a tall, white, round freezer box and a freezer which housed 2 1/2 gals of ice cream (hand dipped for cones, quarts, etc.) near the back of the store. The candy and check out counters were in the front of the store.

Helen and Durward Hughes continued employing me after they bought the store from Louie. They introduced the delivery of groceries to customers who phoned in their orders. The Hughes' four door Nash car was used for deliveries. Their store was particularly known for the good meat which it carried. Durward each fall bought a half of a prize winning steer from the Fair.

During WWII grocery items like bananas, soap powder, cigarettes and bacon were limited in quantity available to grocery stores. When these arrived at the store, they were quickly secured in the storeroom and then carefully doled out to steady customers --- ones who tended to do their major shopping there. Also, we had books of ration stamps to deal with. These were issued to individuals and families by the government and were necessary for the purchase of limited products.

And, the narrow cement walkway behind the store lead to the outhouse. Vague recollections allow that the outhouse had continued use throughout the time the Hughes' own the building.

Memories have a way of going to far off pastures once the gates to them are opened but, for now, will be limited to the topics of your talk. Suffice it to say, growing up in Terrace Park was the 'most wondrous of things a child could do!'

Thanks for 'listening.'

Sincerely  
Mary Lou R. Eycke

## MEET BETSY AND BILL

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that, and I liked it because I knew I was going to be traveling a lot and the boys could ride their bikes around the village...they were safe... Betsy was safe...I had peace of mind about being gone.

SUSAN: So when you moved to Terrace Park...you tell me some of your early impressions of the Village, whether of its people, church, community...how did you feel?

BETSY: Well, everyone was very nice.

SUSAN: And how old were the boys when you moved here?

BILL: Bob was three and John was six.

BETSY: We were real happy that the school was right down the street and people were awfully nice to us... friendly. Bill was gone a lot and it wasn't like we were alone. We did have a little dog. I was impressed with the friendliness. And, of course a lot of the people we met were people who had lived here "forever" so they knew what it was like.

And, the dog was here before leash laws so he could run in the neighborhood.

SUSAN: So do you have any thoughts about the early starts of the historical society? Certainly...the village has an interesting history...its families...the environment.

BETSY: To me I think one of the most interesting things were the people...the families and their histories.

SUSAN: Any other changes, Betsy?

BETSY: Just being here and watching the trains going up and down. Some people who lived across the tracks...and I don't know who they were...

but they knew the engineer on one of the trains so when that particular train would be coming up the track the woman would get out on her deck and wave a tea towel or something, and he would shoot the whistle. One day...I knew pretty much what time the trains were coming through...and one day I heard one and it was...I thought this is not the right time for a train, and I looked down and it was the Barnum & Bailey Circus train going up the track. I loved watching that.

### DID YOU KNOW?



Martha Ann Tarkington, nicknamed "Tark", was the first women's physical education teacher at Terrace Park School.... hired in the 40's?

The pole for the big top tent of the Robinson Circus has its home in our museum?

Our archives have folders on all TP families?

TPE School memorabilia such as desks from the 30's, clock and bell from the principal's office, drum major costume from TP high school, and original costumes from the Robinson circus are housed in our Gallery/Museum?

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## RED HATS VISIT CREATIVES GALLERY & MUSEUM

What a fun and busy day Thursday April 18 was at 100 Miami Avenue! Dressed in purple and wearing their red hats we hosted a tour for a local group of Red Hats at St. Thomas Church and TPHS Creatives Gallery. The ladies first enjoyed an informative tour of the Church with special thanks to Sarah (Winky) Skinner, church historian. Then down the steps the Red Hats came! The first item catching their eye was the quilt created by the 2008-2009 4th grade T.P. Elementary school kids. The office was temporarily returned back to a classroom (as many remember it) and the ladies were entertained by Steph Jones with a bit of history of T.P. from Ellis Rawnsley's book, *A Place Called Terrace Park*, followed excerpts from the *TP With Love* DVD. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed the presentation with two of the ladies having grown up in T.P. Then off to the Gallery to appreciate the diverse talents of many local artists - carpenters, potters, weavers, painters, egg artistry, authors, photographers,

miniatures', etc. and historical items from the Robinson Circus, TP School and village. Lynne Mileham answered question and delighted them with stories on items in the room as everything has a history! The ladies continued their days explorations as they traveled on to Milford for lunch and an afternoon of shopping! This group of lovely ladies were from the Western Hills area and were so fun and interesting to share an afternoon with. Remember us for your groups outing as will be sure to roll out the red carpet for you!

