The East Falls Historical Society

Presents a New Walking Tour

THE JOHN DOBSON WALK

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Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

\$15 Admission (\$10 EFHS Members)

No one was more important to the town known as Falls of Schuylkill (now East Falls) then John Dobson, one of the two brothers who created the immense Dobson textile mills, which employed thousands of "Fallsers" over many decades. Dobson also became a major landowner in our area. On this tour our guides will relate the life of Dobson, from childhood mill worker in Oldham, England, to wealthy manufacturer, real estate magnate, and builder.



We will see structures he built along Ridge Avenue and on the 3400 Block of West Westmoreland Street, surviving sections of the sprawling Dobsons Mills, a house from his estate, and more. Participants will also learn about some architectural styles found in East Falls.

The tour will occur on Saturday, October 21 at 10 am, meeting at the southeast corner of Midvale and Ridge Avenues (Le Bus corner). No registration is needed. The tour goes on unless there is heavy rain.

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