



***Fort Langley National Historic Site built 1827***

### **Fort Langley - October 2019**

We braved the *Grave Tales* tour in October on a dark and cold night but it was well worth it. The century-old stories of fur traders, First Nations and gold prospectors was literally riveting, disturbing and spooky as we wandered down darkened streets to locations of mysterious deaths, madness and many stories of the struggles of the early settlers. It's not a wonder why

there is unrest and paranormal activity in many parts of town. The land was inhabited in the earliest years by the Katzie, Kwantlen and Matsqui First Nations. Fort Langley eventually became a major export port for lumber to the Hawaiian Islands. Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson Bay Company ordered the original construction of the Fort in 1827 and it was named after Thomas Langley, an HBC director.



Our expert guide and storyteller invoked an eerie atmosphere dressed in period clothing during the two hour tour as we crept along side streets and dimly lit alleys where we heard tales of murder, tragedy and violence. There have been reports of

apparitions wandering eerily in the graveyard, a First Nations ghost has been described with striking similarity by various people and ghostly children have been seen in the nearby park. The tour is truly chilling and enjoyable. We do intend to go back in the near future and spend the night in one of the tents. How will we do once the lanterns go out and we're left in the pitch black without the safety of a group? We will have to see. Meanwhile, we learned some enthralling history as we discovered the resident ghosts of Fort Langley's untold past.

