

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

<http://wchsutah.org>

Utah's Dixie History Preservation

GALA

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Fall is right around the corner and the WCHS is reinstating our annual Gala.

The WCHS Gala will be held on October 25, 2025 at the Dixie Academy Ballroom, 86 South Main Street, St. George, Utah. Tickets are available through Eventbrite. Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to learn more and purchase tickets. Get your tickets early because seating is limited and through reservation only. (See next page.)

At the Gala, we will be honoring several individuals for their service and contributions in preserving our history and heritage in Utah's Dixie. There will also be a silent auction with artwork and other items. For those in attendance there will be a prize drawing.

It will be a memorable evening, so mark your calendar and purchase your tickets while they are still available. I look forward to seeing you at the Gala!



Chad Bennion,
President

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Jesse Stocking

You are invited to attend



**Washington County
Historical Society**

Utah's Dixie History Preservation

GALA

FUNDRAISER DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 AT 6PM

Dixie Academy Ballroom

**86 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ST. GEORGE, UT 84770**

PLEASE RSVP BEFORE OCTOBER 20TH

TICKETS: \$92 PER PERSON

DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL OR BUSINESS CASUAL

Scan QR Code or Visit: www.rebrand.ly/wchsgala



COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBSITE COMMITTEE



GEORGE CANNON, CHAIRMAN



For those who are new to the Washington County Historical Society and who haven't become proficient with using the WCHS website, here are some basics to get you started. The website can be found by going to <https://wchsutah.org> or just wchsutah.org. Adding a bookmark on your computer and an icon on your cellphone will make frequent access a lot easier. The WCHS QR code can also be used to go directly to the website.

The home page works equally well on a computer or a smaller screen such as a cellphone. The rest of the website is not currently optimized for small screens, but most of the information on the website can be seen on those devices.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBSITE COMMITTEE - CONT'D



The photo changes every 5 seconds to show a randomized selection of old photos. It makes an interesting screen saver or something to look at while waiting for some event.

The search box allows you to enter a word or phrase and search for all instances of those words on the WCHS website. This is a Google search so all the rules for doing a Google search apply.

The four icons below the search box take you directly to:

- 1) The WCHS online calendar. This calendar is intended to give you information on all events of historical interest going on in Washington County. It is a good idea to check it regularly for things that might be of interest. And you can help by reporting events that should be on the calendar but are not.
- 2) The WCHS Facebook page. This page is a work in progress.
- 3) The WCHS YouTube page. This is a place where we have and continue to add videos of historical interest. This also is a work in progress.
- 4) A work in progress page. This is used for testing during the ongoing development of the website.

The names horizontally above the photo are pull-down lists with links to places of particular interest on the website. Be aware that on smaller screens, the horizontal list is replaced by an icon with three horizontal bars. Clicking on that icon will display all the links in the various lists.

In addition to these standard features, announcements may be added onto the end of the home page.

For other tips on using the website, see <https://wchsutah.org/index-history.php> or go to the INTRODUCTION link in the HISTORY pull-down list.

The WCHS booth at Peach Days
in Hurricane City was beautiful!
Several people stopped by to chat.
Thank you, Linda Shogren, Teresa Orton, and
Melanee Olsen, graphic designer, for your
efforts in making sure our booth was
attractive.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

David H. & Wilhelmena Cannon Statues Update

by Dr. Richard Whitehead, Project Manager

The two life-sized bronze sculpture pieces of David H. & Wilhelmena Cannon will be placed in the courtyard plaza of the new city offices under construction on 100 South. **It is projected by the city that the dedication of the new city complex will be January 17, 2026.**

The purpose is to honor the women and the hardship and challenges they faced as they were “called” by Brigham Young to move here and settle this area, now St. George. The Wilhelmina and David H. Cannon family was one of the 309 families sent here in December 1861 to meet those challenges and establish a community. One day during some of those hardships, “Willie” as she was called, told David of her discouragement and desire to return to Salt Lake City. She challenged him to find one thing of beauty among this desert landscape infested with snakes, scorpions, tarantulas and unbearable summer temperatures.

David answered the challenge and brought her home some beautiful Sego Lilies he located one day returning from his work. That act touched Willie’s heart and she, like so many others, renewed her commitment to stay and settle this great area. You can view a tale of their story as depicted on a former TV series, Death Valley Days. Go to YouTube on your computer and type in “Death Valley Days, the Sego Lily Story” and you can watch a Hollywood version of the story.

The project needed \$115,000 to create these beautiful statues. Anyone is welcome to contribute, but descendants of David and Willie and other early Cannon settlers would find great satisfaction in supporting this project, recognizing their ancestors. Donations can be made by check or online by clicking here: <https://washcouthistory.org/donate>



COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

The monthly meetings are for WCHS officers, members, and any others interested in Washington County history. It is an opportunity to hear about what is going on with the WCHS and to exchange ideas with others who have similar interests.

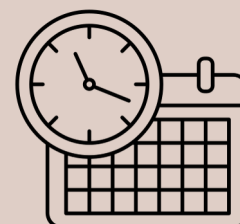
Meet in the downstairs meeting room of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) McQuarrie Memorial Museum, 145 North 100 East, St. George, UT. For more information, check the website at <https://wchsutah.org>, or e-mail info@wchsutah.org, or call and leave a message at (435) 275-7409.

Washington County Historical Society Community Meetings Schedule

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon



This and previous editions of the WCHS Newsletter can be found at
<https://wchsutah.org/documents/documents.php#wchs-newsletters>

A comprehensive list of future historical events in Washington County can be found at
<https://wchsutah.org/calendar.php>



"St. George Main Street, 1932." 1932 Dixie (Salt Lake City: Stevens and Wallis, Inc., 1932), 90, Utah Tech University Library Digital Collections, <https://digital.library.utahtech.edu/items/show/694>.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION – ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM



Submitted by Loren Webb
Oral History Program Coordinator

The mission of the Washington County Historical Society Oral History Program is to interview individuals who have made significant contributions to Washington County in the areas of agriculture, business, culture, education, government, health, and religion. The goal of the Program is to preserve the histories of these individuals and make them available to the public and future generations. It is exciting to hear their voices and listen to their stories.

As of August 1, 2025, eight oral history interviews have been conducted this year. Transcripts have gone through the final editing process and all eight transcripts have been submitted to the Washington County Library Oral History Collection, to the Washington County Historical Society website, and all but one transcript from the eight persons interviewed, has been submitted to Utah Tech University Special Collections.

The interviews include: Gary Esplin, on April 15, 2025, former St. George City manager who was one of the longest serving city managers in the United States, and is a lifelong resident of St. George.



LaRue Dannelly, on April 29, 2025, lifelong resident of Enterprise, Utah and former Enterprise High School English teacher and co-owner of the Cottonwood C-Store in Enterprise, .

Kent Perkins, on May 5, 2025, former St. George City Leisure Services Director.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION – ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (CONT'D)



Ralph Lamoreaux, on May 6, 2025, private title company abstractor in St. George for 30 years. Mr. Lamoreaux, 94, passed away on July 29, 2025.

James Kelly Mountford, on May 27, 2025, a member of the family-owned Washington County News (weekly newspaper) and later Classic Printing in St. George.



Robert (Bob) Nicholson, on May 14, 2025, former St. George City Community Development Director.

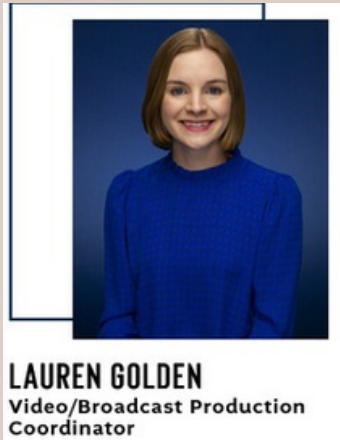
Kerry Kastler Burt, on June 12, 2025, former president and CEO of Dixie Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, former Chief Development Officer with Intermountain Health Care Southwest Region in Institutional Advancement, former St. George Planning Commission member and later chair, former Washington County Planning Commission member, former Spectrum Writer's Group member, and Development Coordinator for Conserve Southwest Utah.



Sue Stout Cox, on June 24, 2025, Tuachan Center for the Arts Board member, former Shakespearean Festival (Southern Utah University) Board member and former Dixie College/Dixie State College Advisory Board member.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION – ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (CONT'D)

Thank you to Lauren Golden and James Farnsworth who provided all of the equipment and technical know-how to produce every oral history interview taped at the Community Education Channel studio on the Utah Tech University Campus.



Since 2021, 25 individuals have participated in the WCHS Oral History Program. All but one of the interviews were conducted at the Community Education Channel Studios in the Jennings Communications Building at Utah Tech University. Many of those interviews have been posted on the CEC's YouTube station. All of the transcripts from those 25 interviews were transcribed by Susan Mower of St. George. Of the 25 oral history interviews, 15 were men and 12 were women (one of the interviews was with a couple, the other was two women representing a religious organization).

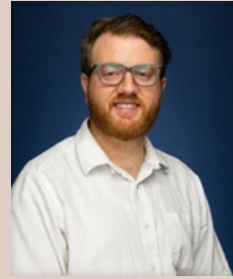
The idea for an oral history project began by working with interfaith leaders in the St. George area in the spring of 2021 when then WCHS President Loren Webb, with assistance of WCHS Oral History Program member Jesse Stocking and Videographer Mike Gardner, set up an interview with retired Community Baptist Church leader, Alex Wilkie, who had been involved with leading his religious congregation since the early 1960s. It was felt that an important voice of Protestant history in Washington County would be lost without having some way to preserve the history of that religious community.

Hence, the idea took root for a Washington County Historical Society-sponsored oral history program that is not limited to interviews with interfaith leaders but also to interview persons of specific historical interest in the county. Interviewees are chosen based on significant contributions they have made to Washington County. Interviews are scheduled and conducted by Loren Webb, WCHS Oral History Coordinator, and/or other WCHS Board members. The future plans are to continue the Oral History Program and to expand the opportunities to share these valuable stories.

To read oral histories on the WCHS webpage, [click here](#).

HISTORIC PRESERVATION - HERITAGE COVE DIGITAL EXHIBITS

Submitted by Trevor Cox
Visiting Assistant Librarian
Heritage, Culture, and Regional History
Utah Tech University



HERITAGE COVE DIGITAL EXHIBITS

I'm excited to announce that the final digital exhibit was published this summer for the Heritage Cove Digital Exhibits. The collection of exhibits is hosted on Utah Tech University Library Digital Collections and covers various topics on the history of Utah's Dixie region.

There are eleven main topics (with additional subsections, whose titles and subject matter are expansions of the topics on the Heritage Cove Monument on the university campus. The exhibits contain quotes, images, and sometimes short videos with all research meticulously cited to help you dig even deeper into topics.

Follow the links below to start your journey:

To check out the digital exhibits, start at the landing page: <https://digital.library.utahtech.edu/exhibits/show/heritagecove>

To learn more about the Heritage Cove Monument: <https://utahtech.edu/heritage-cove/>

Heritage Cove Digital Exhibits Subjects

First Peoples: a history of the Southern Paiute in southwestern Utah

Manifest Destiny: Early explorers and the first Euro-American settlers

The Name "Dixie": Early LDS towns and identity and a brief history of the use of the name "Dixie" in southwestern Utah

Dixie Spirit: Struggles, self-sufficiency, grit, and tourism in Washington County

Music, Literature, and the Arts: How music and dance contributed to community and belonging for the Southern Paiute, early LDS settlers, and Silver Reef. Also includes influential artistic works from the past and Washington County's continuing artistic tradition.

Black Ridge and the Sugarloaf: A history of the "D" on the West Black Ridge and the Sugarloaf (aka Dixie Rock)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION - HERITAGE COVE DIGITAL EXHIBITS (CONT'D)

Heritage Cove Digital Exhibits Subjects

University Changes and Growth: A history of Dixie College/Utah Tech University, including its foundation, various changes, and growth

Struggle to Thrive: Major challenges faced by Dixie College in its lifetime and the importance of community support

Student Life: Images, quotes, and videos highlighting student life, clubs, and programs at Dixie College/Utah Tech University

Original Campus: Images, quotes, and maps celebrating the original Dixie College campus on Main Street in St. George, Utah.

Then and Now: Images and quotes highlighting rapid growth and changes to Washington County, including aerial photography comparing 1960 to 2025 and contemporary recreations of historic photographs and paintings.

"St. George Main Street, 1932."

1932 Dixie (Salt Lake City:
Stevens and Wallis, Inc.,
1932), 90, Utah Tech University
Library Digital Collections



"D Hill," April II, 2015,
Dixie State
University Photography

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION – FIELD TRIP

WCHS DRIVING/WALKING HISTORICAL TOUR IN VIRGIN, UTAH, DRAWS 38 PARTICIPANTS

Submitted by Loren Webb,
WCHS Board Member and
Field Trip Coordinator



A Washington County Historical Society-sponsored driving/walking tour of 10 historic homes and public buildings in Virgin, Utah, drew 38 participants on Saturday, Sept. 13, according to WCHS Field Trip Coordinator Loren Webb.

The two-hour tour was led by Virgin, Utah Town Historian Lenny Brinkerhoff, a long-time resident of the upper Virgin River Basin community, who shared with participants her extensive knowledge of the town's buildings, people and culture.

Historic homes visited included:

- William Haslem log cabin/Blueford Beams, 100 W. about 45 South
- Sylvester Earl Home, 34 S. 100 West
- George and Alice Parker Isom home, 85 West Main
- Old Town Square consisting of the Old Church House and Old School House, 75 S. Mill Street
- Old Jail behind the Old School House, no address listed
- Old Hotel/Henry Cornelius Hotel, no address listed
- Jepson Home, 130 East Jepson Street (100 South)
- Old Stucco Home, 69 East Main
- Jake Lee Home, 47 N. Main (corner of East Main and North St.
- Owen Isom home/Silas Jennetty Wilcox, no address listed

Virgin was first called Pocketville because of a pocket of alluvial soil on the bank of the Virgin River, about 20 miles west of Zion National Park in Washington County, Utah.



SUP President Brad Allen views the William Haslem log cabin, the oldest building still standing in Virgin, Utah during a WCHS sponsored field trip of historic homes in Virgin. Photo by Loren Webb

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION - FIELD TRIP (cont'd)



Virgin, Utah Tour Guide Lenny Brinkerhoff tells the history of the William Haslem log cabin during a WCHS-sponsored tour of historic homes/buildings in Virgin. 9-I3-25, Photo by Loren Webb



Sons of Utah President Brad Allen views a historical marker in Virgin Town Square during a tour of historical homes on 9-I3-25. Photos by Loren Webb

Attendees to a WCHS field trip listen while Virgin, Utah Town Historian Lenny Brinkerhoff shares details about the historic Old Church House in Town Square, Sept. I3, 2025. Photo by Loren Webb



Participants in a WCHS field trip in Virgin, Utah, tour the Old Church House, erected in the fall of I867. Photo by Loren Webb



Interior of Old Church House, Virgin Town Square, featured on WCHS tour of historic homes and buildings in Virgin, Utah on Sept. I3. Photo by Loren Webb



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION – FIELD TRIP (cont'd)



Tour participants listen to Lenny Brinkerhoff, (rear center) talk about historic buildings on town square in Virgin, Utah during a WCHS field trip, 9-I3-25. Photo by Loren Webb

The Old School House in Virgin Town Square during a WCHS field trip, 9-I3-25.

Photo by Loren Webb.



WCHS Board member Maureen Parks was among the many participants who came to see historic homes in Virgin, Utah, during a WCHS-sponsored field trip to the community.

Photo by Loren Webb



The historic school house is directly behind this group of participants attending the WCHS field trip at the Virgin Town Square on 9-I3-25.

Photo by Loren Webb

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION - FIELD TRIP (cont'd)



Attendees at a WCHS sponsored field trip of historic homes in Virgin, Utah listen while Virgin Town Historian Lenny Brinkerhoff talks about the former Henry Cornelius Hotel.

Photo by Loren Webb



The Henry Cornelius Hotel was one of 10 historic homes viewed 9-13 by participants in the WCHS-sponsored field trip in Virgin, Utah.
Photo by Loren Webb

WCHS Board member Linda Shogren listens to Tour Guide Speaker Lenny Brinkerhoff as she explains the history of the Henry Cornelius Hotel in Virgin, Utah. 9-13-25. Photo by Loren Webb



HISTORIC PRESERVATION - LIBERTY VILLAGE



Submitted by Chad Bennion, President

(Photos courtesy of Chad Bennion.)

On September 13, 2025 the Grand Opening for Liberty Village occurred. Phase 1 was opened and the ground was broken for Phase 2. It is a terrific site and the actors who portray various historical figures are informative and fun to engage. It's a great place to visit! The address of Liberty Village is 2250 W Liberty Way, Hurricane, UT.

Enjoy the photos.



EVENT IN SEPTEMBER



Santa Clara's Annual Swiss Days Celebration is a cherished hometown festival celebrating the Swiss pioneer heritage! Since 1990, this beloved event has honored the Swiss pioneers who settled Santa Clara in 1861 and has grown into one of Southern Utah's most anticipated community celebrations.

Join us September 25-27 for three days full of festivities beginning with the community dinner and opening ceremonies featuring the introduction of the Grand Marshall, Volunteer of the Year, and Santa Clara Royalty.

The weekend continues with the popular 5K Run/Walk, hearty pancake breakfast, and the highlight—the famous parade traveling along Santa Clara Drive from the Jacob Hamblin Home to City Hall.

Enjoy continuous live entertainment including our free Friday night concert, browse local food and merchandise vendors, pioneer activities at Heritage Square, participate in family-friendly games, and visit the Red Rock Car Show at Canyon View Park.

Come celebrate community spirit and local history at this special Santa Clara tradition that brings neighbors together year after year!

For a full schedule of activities, [click here](#).



EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

SILVER REEF MUSEUM

Cosmopolitan Event

Saturday, September 27, 2025 - 10 AM

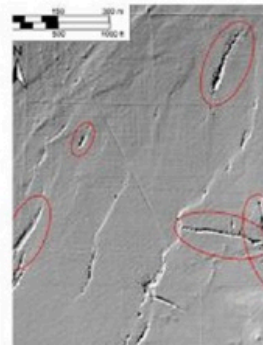


Using LIDAR to Investigate Faults, Fissures, and Scrambling Routes

By capturing incredibly accurate 3D maps of the Earth's surface, LIDAR has revolutionized the discovery and mapping of geological features. Tyler will demonstrate how the Utah Geological Survey uses LIDAR to better understand Utah's faults, landslides, and other important geologic features. Tyler will also show how LIDAR has helped him fall in love with Zion National Park all over again.

About the presenter:

Tyler Knudsen is a Senior Geologist with the Utah Geological Survey's Geologic Hazards Program in Cedar City, Utah. He holds a B.S. degree in geology from the University of Utah and a M.S. degree in geology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His primary responsibilities include identifying, investigating, and publishing information on hazardous faults, landslides, rockfalls, ground subsidence, and other potential geologic hazards in southwestern Utah. He has authored and co-authored several studies and maps on the geology and geologic hazards of the Cedar City-Parowan area, St. George basin, Zion National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Bryce Canyon National Park.



Reservations suggested:

<https://tinyurl.com/UsingLIDAR>

or call 435.879.2254 if you cannot register using the link or the QR code. Donations appreciated!

<http://silverreef.org>



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Arts & Museums

Silver Reef Museum
1903 Wells Fargo Rd
Leeds, UT 84746

EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

GRAFTON HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Grafton News — Fall 2025

Join us for upcoming Grafton events

**Annual Grafton Reunion
& Open House
Saturday, September 27
10 a.m.—1 p.m.**

The reunion will be held at the usual location, east past the church/schoolhouse and Russell home. In the event of rain, the alternate plan is to meet at the Rockville Community Center (43 E. Main Street). The grounds will be open from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. We encourage participants to bring their own lunch and camp chairs.

The event this year will be open house style. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. There will be no formal program this year. This will be an opportunity to meet and socialize with those who are descendants of Grafton residents but also those who have an interest in Grafton.



*The Russell Home and Mt. Kinesava during
“golden hour” | Photo courtesy of Sam El Halta*

Butch Cassidy 10k/5K on Saturday, November 9



*Butch Cassidy 10K/5K runners and supporters gather for
the awards ceremony at last year's race.
Photo by Reuben Wadsworth*

The Butch Cassidy 10K/5K race has been a staple in Springdale, Rockville and Grafton for over 40 years. Honoring the memory of the most famous movie filmed in Grafton, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, the race has always ended in Grafton. In addition to the race itself, the event includes a “Catch Butch” competition, a selfie contest, and a Butch Cassidy look-alike, among other additions. Some of the proceeds of the race go towards the Grafton Heritage Partnership.

We thank the race organizers for their continued support! To register, visit:
<https://www.raceentry.com/races/butch-cassidy-10k-5k-/2025/register>
or scan the QR code below.



Grafton Heritage Partnership has a new logo!

To create a united front — something to better represent Grafton — the Partnership, with the help of board vice president Jack Burns, has approved a new logo, which will be used in all publications, social media, etc. from now on.

Check it out on the left!



**Butch Cassidy 10K/5K
race registration**

EVENT IN SEPTEMBER (cont'd)

GRAFTON HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



Who owns Grafton's land?

Grafton board members regularly get asked what entities own Grafton's remaining buildings and surrounding land. Here is the run down of who owns the buildings:

Building	Owner
Schoolhouse	Washington County
Alonzo Russell Home	Grafton Heritage Partnership Project
Louisa Russell Home	Attiyeh Foundation
Ruby Rose Cabin	Attiyeh Foundation
John Wood Home	Attiyeh Foundation

Some might not realize that the Partnership's footprint in Grafton is more than just the buildings. The Partnership also owns pastureland surrounding Grafton, starting with the cattleguard closest to the town along the road coming in. Other landholders surrounding Grafton are the Attiyeh Foundation and Jeff and Shirley Ballard, both of whom have been integral allies in the preservation of Grafton.

Jeff Ballard and Bevin Johnson and their families do a great job of keeping the pastures watered and green. Some of this pastureland will require new fencing soon.

Grafton historic picture & tidbit

The picture to the left shows the last class taught in the Grafton Schoolhouse, the 1918-1919 school year.

Teacher (and photographer): Anthony Russell

Top row (l-r): Monroe Russell & Rulon Jones

2nd row (l-r): Louis Ballard, Afton Jones & Lula Ballard

3rd row (l-r): Merrill Russell, Edwin Ballard, Susie Jones & Juanita Russell

Recent artifact donation

Sylvia Sawyers, daughter of Lu Wayne Wood, a founding member of the Grafton Heritage Partnership Project, recently donated a desk once used in the Grafton schoolhouse, pictured below.

We sincerely appreciate her donation. We would appreciate any artifact donations or historic pictures any friends of Grafton could send the Grafton Heritage Partnership Project.



Please send all pictures, questions and inquiries to:

griftonheritage@gmail.com

griftonheritage.com

Donate to Grafton Heritage via Venmo!

An easy, convenient way to donate to helping preserve Grafton's future is through Venmo, via the QR code below. We appreciate your generosity!



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EVENT IN OCTOBER

October
Tours!

ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS...



Sign-up for Your Spot!



Town Square:
10:00am 10/11/25



Green Gate Village:
10:00am 10/25/25



Ancestor Square:
10:00 am 10/11/25



Pioneer Court House:
10:00 am 10/18/25

Town Square Tour by Tom McArthur
Green Gate Village Tour by Susan Crook
Ancestor Square Tour by Loren Webb
Pioneer Court House Tour by Bruce Pickett



WCBS Tour Coordinator Loren Webb, lorenwebb1980@gmail.com



EVENT IN OCTOBER (cont'd)

The Washington County Historical Society is offering four walking tours of the St. George Historic District during the month of October. All four tours are free and open to the public. "Participants on each of the walking tours will gain insights into how these early pioneers lived and how they were able to build such fine homes and public buildings while living in a mostly barter-based economy," said Loren Webb, Washington County Historical Society walking tour coordinator. The tours are as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 11, Ancestor Square Block Walking Tour, 10 a.m. led by Loren Webb. Parking will be in the Ancestor Square parking lot, accessible off Main Street and 200 North. Meet in front of the bicycle stand near the front of Cafe Feel Love.

Among the historic homes that will be highlighted on this tour will be the Brigham Young Winter Home, the Anthony W. Ivins home, the Gardner Club Building and the Sheriff Augustus Hardy home.

Saturday, Oct. 11, Town Square Block Walking Tour, 10 a.m. led by Tom McArthur. Parking will be in the LDS Tabernacle parking lot with backup parking in the Washington County Library parking lot. Meet in the parking lot near the rear entrance to the LDS Tabernacle.

Highlighted buildings on this tour include the LDS Tabernacle, the Dixie Academy Building (Children's Museum) on the site of the original Dixie College campus and the Woodward Building, one of the earliest public school buildings erected in downtown St. George.

Saturday, Oct. 18, Pioneer Courthouse Block Walking Tour, 10 a.m. led by Bruce Pickett. Parking will be in the Pioneer Square parking lot (the parking lot for the Pioneer Courthouse and the DUP Museum). Buildings to be highlighted on this tour include the Pioneer Courthouse, which originally had three jail cells in the basement, along with county offices on the second floor and a courtroom/classroom on the third floor. The old J.C. Penney's store and the first St. George fire station will be featured on this walking tour. Meet in front of the Pioneer Courthouse.

Saturday, Oct. 25, Green Gate Village Block Walking Tour, 10 a.m. led by Susan Crook. Parking will be in the LDS Tabernacle parking lot. Participants will need to use the crossing walk next to Judd's Store or use the Main Street crossing walk. Meet in the plaza area between Judd's Store and the Orson Pratt/Bentley home.

Some of the buildings to be featured on this tour include the old St. George Coop Store, the Wadsworth Building, the Bishop's Storehouse, Judd's Store, which is the oldest business in continuous use today in St. George, along with the Orson Pratt home, which was home to one of two of St. George's earliest leaders.



EVENT IN OCTOBER



3rd Weekend Event

Saturday ~ October 18, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

Native American Interpret Petroglyphs



Patricia Kent

Come experience the testimony of Jesus Christ as recorded by an ancient people in stone and light on a hillside in Southern Utah. Patricia will be sharing with you her latest research on the Virgin River Anasazi, their incredible culture and the message they left for all of us.

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McQuarrie Memorial Museum
145 No. 100 East, St. George, UT
Phone (435) 628-7274

Events supported by grants from:



EVENT IN NOVEMBER



3rd Weekend Event

Saturday ~ November 15, 2025~ 10:00 AM

PIONEER EDUCATION



KATHLEEN BROEDER

Kathleen Broeder is the Special Collections Librarian at SUU. She is a Professor and has taught at Utah Tech University. She will be talking about Dixie's Education history.

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EVENT IN DECEMBER



3rd Weekend Event

Saturday

December 6, 2025 10:00 AM

MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR HISTORY



Jon Green will talk about his experience with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the history of the choir

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McQuarrie Memorial Museum

145 North 100 East, St. George, UT

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