



Newsletter

JULY 2021

Message from the President

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Members and Friends:

Happy Summer to all!

It has been an exceptionally long year due to the Covid pandemic, but it feels like we are returning to normal and are fully on the road to recovery.

In January, we began what has turned out to be an increasingly successful series of **walking tours** to highlight the downtown St. George Historic District, along with holding **monthly lecture presentations** in the Pioneer Courthouse to share the amazing history we share in Washington County. Our **first field trip** sponsored by the historical society is scheduled for September to La Verkin.

The Washington County Historical Society is continuing to work with the City of St. George to locate an appropriate location in St. George City where the **statue of local historian Juanita Brooks** will be located.

We are also working with the Washington County School District to implement a lesson plan that can be taken into 7th grade classrooms throughout the school district beginning fall semester 2021. And, we are working to implement **school field trips** to the Pioneer Courthouse and the adjacent Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum for the upcoming fall semester.

On September 30, 2021, we will be holding our first Washington County Historical Society **fundraising barbecue dinner** at the Hela Seegmiller Farm in Little Valley beginning at 6 p.m. Look for upcoming details.

Loren Webb
President



Pioneer Courthouse

UPDATE

If you have not visited the Pioneer Courthouse, come take our **free guided tour** of the Courthouse building. Hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are introduced to exhibits provided by the four non-profit organizations housed in the courthouse: Arts to Zion, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Washington County Historical Society. A new exhibit has been set up to honor the William Carter Family.

The **Arts to Zion Tour** will highlight musical entertainers Desert Pulse, as well as artist Kimberly Jackson as she demonstrates her work live at the courthouse and displays several of her pieces.

If you missed the **Shootout by the Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang**, don't worry, we are working to get them back again. Monthly musical performances are scheduled in addition to lectures. Follow Facebook to keep informed.

We are always on the lookout for additional **volunteers** to help operate the Pioneer Courthouse. If you would like to help, contact us at 435-632-1215. If you are interested in helping to preserve and promote our county's history, please check out our wchsutah.org website for more information about our programs or go to our related websites:

www.stgeorgepioneercorner.com

[www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyHistorical Society](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyHistoricalSociety)

Thank you for your continued support,

Jeanine Vander Bruggen
Pioneer Courthouse Coordinator





Events of the Pioneer Courthouse

So many events have occurred at and through the Pioneer Courthouse over the past few months, focused on telling and showcasing the extraordinary history of this area. We express thanks to author Reuben Wadsworth for sharing his knowledge about local ghost towns; thanks to Susannah Nilsson for walking us through historic homes and buildings in Santa Clara; thanks to Jeanine Vander Bruggen for setting up the booth at the Washington County Fair, and author Loren Webb for taking us back in time to small town St. George.

Reuben Wadsworth presenting excerpts from his book ***Ghost Towns in Southwest Utah.***



Walking tour of Santa Clara in the historic Relief Society building.



Historic St George Live Tour bus making a stop at the Pioneer Courthouse.



WCHS booth at the Washington County Fair.



Washington County Historical Society president, Loren Webb, presenting excerpts from his book, ***Southern Utah Memories.***



Events of the Pioneer Courthouse

The Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang appeared on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the Pioneer Courthouse and DUP Museum. Watch for them each month on the 3rd Saturday.



Dixie Jam brought music into the Courthouse which included a lively chicken dance.



If you have photos from Courthouse events that you would like to see in the newsletter, please email images to pioneer.courhousesg@gmail.com



Judge Macfarlane made an appearance at the Courthouse in time to pass judgement on "a water rights violator" in front of a jury of his peers, Courtesy **Historic St. George Live**.



CALENDAR

Event	When		Where
Pioneer Courthouse	Monday Friday Saturday	11am-3pm	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Historic St. George Live	Thursday Friday Saturday	10 am	at the Art Museum 212 N. Main Street
Arts to Zion Studio Tour Free Self-guided Tour	July 1-5		see brochure
Arts to Zion Studio Tour Artist Kimberly Jackson See her at work	July 1-5 Except the 4th	11am-3pm	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Arts to Zion Studio Tour The Desert Pulse Musical program	Saturday July 3	12:30-3pm	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Shootout Enactment	Saturday July 17	10am and Noon	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Lecture Series Pioneer Day Remembrance by Jeanine Vander Bruggen	Saturday July 24	1 pm	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Lecture Series Sandstone Quarry Pathway by David Peterson	Thursday Aug 5	7 pm	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Shootout Enactment	Saturday Aug 21	10am and Noon	Pioneer Courthouse 97 E. St. George Blvd
Fundraiser Dutch Oven Dinner	Thursday Sept 30	6 pm	Hela Seegmiller Historic Farm 2592 S 3000 E

Check this out
www.stgeorgepioneercorner.com



PIONEER DAY Remembrance

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Saturday, July 24
1 pm
at the Pioneer Courthouse



St George 24 of July 1890s

PIONEER COURTHOUSE LECTURE SERIES

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HISTORIC ST GEORGE LIVE

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Learn bits of history.
Visit historic sites with a guide in a city shuttle.

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Come and Meet

The Carter Family

William Ellen James Ellen William Marion Eunice Harriet Samuel Isabella Willard Henry Jacob Sarah Harriet James Sophronia Adeline Wilford Franklin Milton Samuel Sylva Sophronia MaryAnn Austin

Who completed
the first road work
in St. George?

Who made
the first plow cut
in St. George?

Who sailed
across the Atlantic
at age 16?

NEW
DISPLAY
at the courthouse

Who at age 22,
drove oxen 900 miles
across Iowa, Nebraska,
Wyoming and Utah?

Who served a mission
to Quebec,
then a mission
to St. George?

Who lost
her four brothers,
mother and father
all before the age of 15?

EARLY ST. GEORGE

FOUNDING FAMILIES OF ST. GEORGE SERIES

VOLUNTEERS & DOCENTS NEEDED

guide tours
social media
organize events
write histories
write grants

@ the Pioneer Courthouse
call 435-632-1215

1907
in front of the St. George Tabernacle



10th ANNUAL

ARTS TO ZION TOUR

JULY 1-5, 2021

THE ARTS TO ZION TOUR IS A SELF-GUIDED ART ADVENTURE OF ARTISTS STUDIOS,
ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFUL RED-ROCK LANDSCAPE.

Please join the Arts to Zion TOUR for a weekend out and about
with the best artists and musicians in Washington County!

The Studio TOUR MAP

Printed Studio TOUR MAPS will be available at 35 North Main St., after July 1

★ EVERY DAY Artist Kimberly Jackson will provide demonstrations and display her art
at the Pioneer Courthouse from 11am-3pm

The Desert Pulse LIVE Music Tour

★ July 3 at the Pioneer Courthouse from 12:30-3 pm. FREE!

July 4 Kayenta and Springdale from 11 am to 3 pm

July 5 Silver Reef Cosmopolitan located in Leeds from 11 am to 1:30 pm

<https://artsto Zion.org/studiotour/>

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with your friends.

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Many thanks to George Cannon
for managing the Washington County
Historical Society website!