

January Historical Society Field Trip

The monthly Washington Country Historical Society field trip will visit Green Gate Village on Saturday, Jan. 30. Located in the 100 West block of Tabernacle Street, the complex contains renovated and restored homes and other structures from the earliest days of St. George.

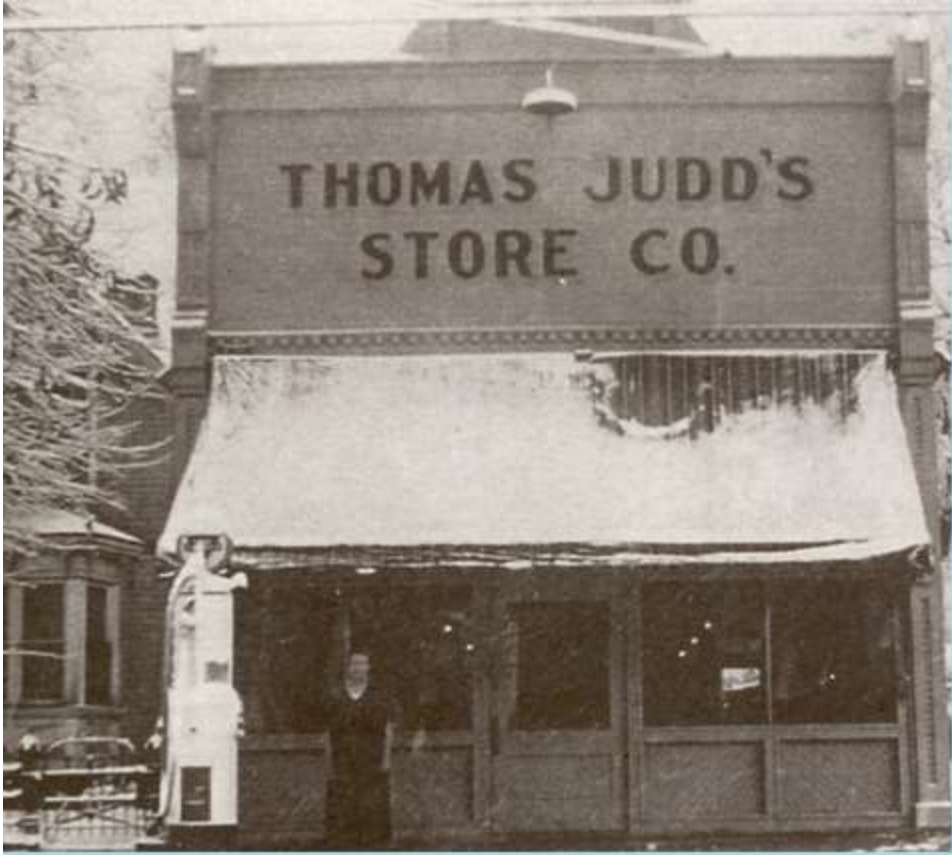
Two of the homes are on the National Register of Historic Places and three are protected by the Utah Heritage Foundation. According to the original pioneer map of St. George, the Village occupies 2 lots which were originally owned by Orson Pratt. His home is one of the structures original to the site along the homes of Joseph Judd and Joseph Bentley and the Judd General Store.

The site was eventually turned into a bed-and-breakfast complex and has hosted visitors to St. George for many years. According to the Washington Country Historical Society website (wchsutah.org), Green Gate was purchased by Ed and Lindy Sandstrom around 2002. The complex has recently been sold.

Participants in the Saturday field trip will have the opportunity to hear stories of the homes and their pioneer owners and to learn of the plans of the new owners to renovate the buildings into retail space. After the tour, Judd's Store will serve soup and breadsticks (cost: \$6) and tell visitors about their building and business. There is no charge for the field trip itself and all are welcome. Interested persons should meet in front of Judd's Store, 62 W. Tabernacle Street at 10 a.m.



Orson Pratt Home in 1983



Judd's Store in earlier times (notice gas pump in front)