

# Green Gate Block Walking Tour set for April 10

St. George Historic Preservation Commissioner Lynne Cobb and Historical Landscape Architect Susan Crook will lead a walking tour of the Green Gate Village block, the third in a series of four walking tours sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS).



The free tour on Saturday, April 10, 2021, begins at 11 a.m. Meet at the Zions Bank mini-park at the corner of St. George Boulevard and Main Street. RSVP on [SignUpGenius](#) by clicking on the link or by hovering your iPhone or Android camera over the QR code included with this article to open the link to SignUpGenius.

Participants should wear walking shoes, dress for predicted weather, and wear a mask for COVID compliance, despite the governor lifting the mandate. Participants will learn unique bits of history about historic buildings on this block and their current use.

The Advenire Hotel at *25 West St. George Boulevard* is a 4-story boutique hotel opened in January 2020 with 60 rooms. CityView St. George west of the Advenire offers mid-rise downtown apartment living with secure parking and a host of other amenities.

Closet Revival, *79 N. Main*, is a clothing boutique that has been in operation for about two years.

St. George Co-op Mercantile Building (Bear Paw Cafe), *75 N. Main*, was completed in 1876. The Bear Paw was started in 1998 by the Pizzuto family who still own it today.

Hometown Lenders, *61 North Main*, has been at this location since 2017. It also serves as the offices of Mission Firefly, a non-profit organization that digs water wells and builds schools in Guatemala.

MoFaCo (Modern Farm and Artisan Co-op), *55 N. Main*, is in the front part of this building, with 6Bit Creative LLC, in the back. The Garden of Edith florist shop operated for many years in this building.

Nathan Watkins opened Wide Angle Gallery at *51 N. Main*, in 2003.

Main Street Antiques, *49 N. Main*, sells antiques that are 60 years old or older.

Forever Young Fine Jewelers, *41 N. Main* was owned and operated by Jeremy Young, a former employee of McArthur Jewelers, who bought out Tom (Jr.) and Allison McArthur in 2016. Jeremy and his wife Megan owned and operated the jewelry store until Jeremy passed away in 2018. Megan Young is the sole owner today.

Arts to Zion, representing local artists, and Dixie Watercolor Society, share the front office space in the building at *35 N. Main*.

Twenty-Five Main Café, owned by Jason and Lori Legg at 25 N. Main, has been opened since 2010.

Prado Real Estate, 21 N. Main, is the primary tenant in this building constructed in 1873. City Wide Loans/Vanguard Title Insurance Agency is also in the building, with a separate entrance at 15 N. Main.

Gold Ore Store, 7 N. Main, is a precious metals store, opened in 2012 by Greg and Melodie Neel.

Annie Whitney owns Annie's Vintage Garden at 3 N. Main.

One Hot Grill of Dixie, 14 W. Tabernacle, features hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian beef sandwiches.

Green Gate Village is a unique collection of eight pioneer and early Victorian St George homes (circa 1862-1881), some of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. When Dr. Mark Greene and his wife Barbara were crowded out of the restored Heinrich Gubler House by friends and paying guests, they bought the Orson Pratt-Richard Bentley House in 1981 to restore as a family retreat. A year later they bought the Joseph Bentley House and Judd's Store and granary from Thomas Judd to prevent their demolition. These buildings and the 1917 Joseph Judd bungalow at the southwest corner of Green Gate Village are the buildings original to the site.

Descriptions of the buildings at Green Gate Village follow.

Judd's Store, featuring vintage candy, bottled soda, and fresh-made sandwiches, is located across the street from the Woodward school. It has been a favorite place of every kid in town since 1911.



Judd's Store, date unknown. Photo: Antone & Cornelia Nisson Estate

Orson Pratt/Richard and Elizabeth Bentley home. In 1862, the Pratt family built the large (for the times) house directly north of the public square where the St. George Tabernacle and Woodward School would be built. This home is currently used by "Scout Cloth" store. Preservation Utah holds a Preservation Easement on this home.

Joseph and Margaret Bentley Home. William Oscar

Bentley completed this house in 1876 for his bride-to-be, Mary Ann Mansfield. Today the house serves as the Chef Alfredo Italian Restaurant.

Charles and Mary Tolley cabin. Currently occupied by “Twisted Silver” store. The Tolley cabin was originally built on a small family farm in Nortonville, near Nephi.

Thomas and Mary Judd Home/George and Victoria Miles home/Green Hedge Manor. Currently occupied by Cedar Pointe Homes. This house, built by Thomas Judd in 1872, originally at 238 South 200 East, was located in the midst of huge old mulberry trees and behind a tall untrimmed tamarack hedge surrounding most of the city block.

Orpha Morris House is currently “Signature Scents.” This house was built in 1879 for Orpha Morris on the corner of Main and 200 North, across from the St. George Opera House. The Greenes saved it from demolition by moving it to Green Gate Village when the new post office was built. Unfortunately, the truck moving it broke an axle when it went over the curb in line with the new foundation, jarring the unreinforced masonry house into a pile of rubble. After the time and money already spent on it, the Greene’s salvaged the materials and rebuilt the house at Green Gate.

The Christmas Cottage is occupied by “The Barbers of Green Gate.” The cottage, originally located behind Andelin’s Gable House Restaurant (206 E. St. George Blvd), is an original pioneer house.

Carriage House and Granary building, occupied by “Cosy House and Gift,” is a long rectangular adobe brick building divided into two sections.

Judd Bungalow, *94 W. Tabernacle*, is now The Book Bungalow. Thomas Judd, Sr., built this home in 1917 for his family.

William and Hettie Bentley Home *46 N. 100 West*. Today, Carmall’s Cottage Antiques and Home Treasures occupies this home. The home was built in 1923 by William Oscar Bentley, Jr, who married Hettie Bentley.

Benjamin and Alice Pendleton Home, *60 N. 100 West*, was adapted for reuse as the CityView Leasing office. Benjamin Franklin Pendleton was called by Brigham Young to come to Dixie as the community’s blacksmith. To build this home, Pendleton, mixed his own adobe on the site where Dixie State University now stands.