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## Historic City Tour

### Admit One

**Saturday, May 14, 1983**  
**1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**



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**A Guide to St. George's  
Living History**

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### **1. ISRAEL IVINS HOME**

owned by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hughes  
187 North 100 West, St. George, Utah

This pioneer home was constructed by Israel Ivins, the community's first medical doctor. At the rear of the home, a little shop served as a drugstore and provided medicines and remedies for the community. Dr. Ivins also helped form the first city government and provided surveying for the town. The town of Ivins was named after him.

In 1978 this home was nominated to be on the National Register of Historic Sites.

### **2. JAMES McARTHUR HOME**

owned by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Flegal  
143 South 200 West, St. George, Utah

In the 1860's the Eyring family built the original home which stood on this same foundation as this home. Typical of many pioneer polygamous homes several additions and changes have been made to accommodate the larger families. Now this grand home boasts several more rooms than the original home had. Although it has been remodeled several times, the old fir wood floors still remain. Also look for the original molding. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Flegal.

### **3. BLAKE-SANDBURG HOME**

owned by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Jacobson  
135 South 100 East, St. George, Utah

This is another home built by Benjamin Fredrick Blake around the late 1800's. However, the Sandburg family lived there the longest. Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Jacobson, the home helps display many of their family antiques. Original tile frames the many fireplaces. Secret drawers were built to provide a safe place for valuables. In 1917 a "real kitchen" was added ... one with running water.

### **4. BENJAMIN FREDRICK BLAKE HOME**

owned by Mrs. Hazel David  
141 South 100 East, St. George, Utah

This house is of interest for its Dixie dormers, an architectural feature peculiar to Washington County in the 1879's. The Dixie dormer is characterized by its high side walls which have the same trim as the gables and eaves, making a continuous mitered fascia around the entire perimeter of the home. Now owned by Mrs. Hazel Davis, this home is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

## 5. ALEX MILNE HOME

owned by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Starr  
186 South 200 East, St. George, Utah

Although many people have lived in this pioneer home, Alex Milne lived there the longest, about 65 years. Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Starr, it has been restored to its original beauty. This thick walls are adobe and plastered. Ceilings are 10 and 12 feet high! Look for the rosette on the ceiling, made by the same craftsman that did the Temple and Tabernacle rosettes. The vestibule and winding stairway are features that add to the charm of this home.

This unique home is the last pioneer home left from the old town of Bloomington. The three room house was built in 1906. The grainery and celler were built of the same materials, rock and brick or "dobbs" from the Price City church which was nearby.

Extensive restoration has just been completed by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simmons. They are in the process of nominating this home to the National Register of Historic Sites. Once again this home is the pride of Bloomington. Look around at the remains of the old town while you are here.

## WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR

Concluding Tour:  
4:15 p.m. Central Plaza  
Ancestor Square

Award winning ANCESTOR SQUARE occupies one of the most historical blocks in the original layout of St. George. The first town well was uncovered during excavation while developing the Square and top priority was given to the historical aspects of the site.

The six restored buildings you will visit today include the oldest building still in use in St. George, **THE GARDNERS CLUB**, built by Joseph Johnson in 1867 and used then as a social hall for early settlers, meeting house - especially to develop improved agricultural methods and housed the first County Fair.

**THE HARDY HOUSE**, built in 1871 by Augustus Poore Hardy, Washington County's first Sheriff, features the famous Dixie Dormer. A bullet hole remains in one door from an incident involving vigilantes extracting a man from the jail-house and hanging him from a Cottonwood tree then in the Square.

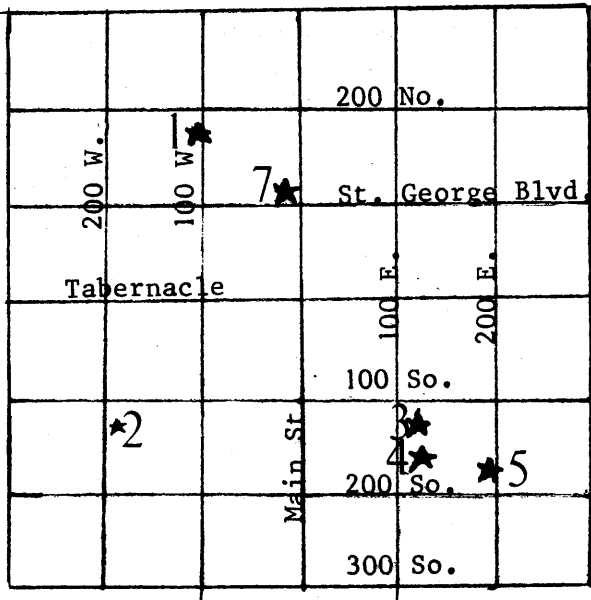
**THE JAIL HOUSE**, most likely built by Sheriff Hardy around 1880 was used as the County Jail until the new one was built in the late 19th Century.

**THE RED SANDSTONE BUILDING** will permanently house the world famous wood hand-carving of **SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS**. This building, although difficult to date exactly was built of left-over hand-carved sandstone from the construction of the Tabernacle during the 1860's.

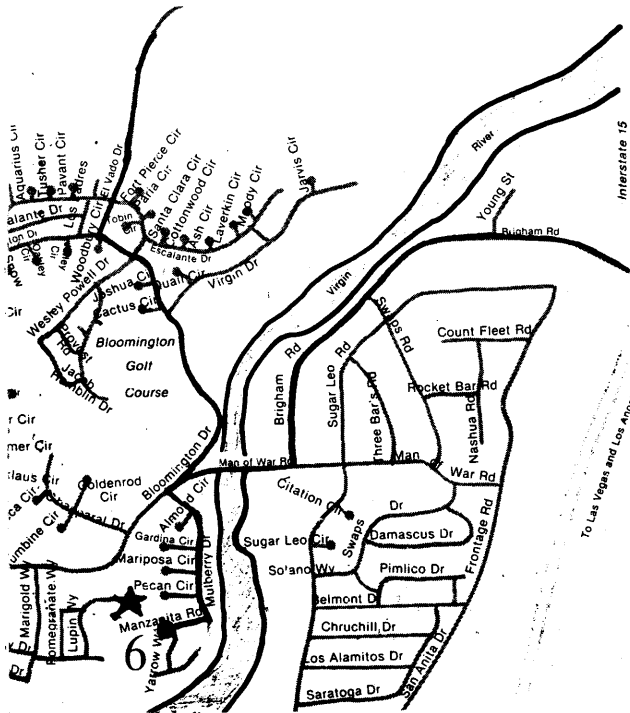
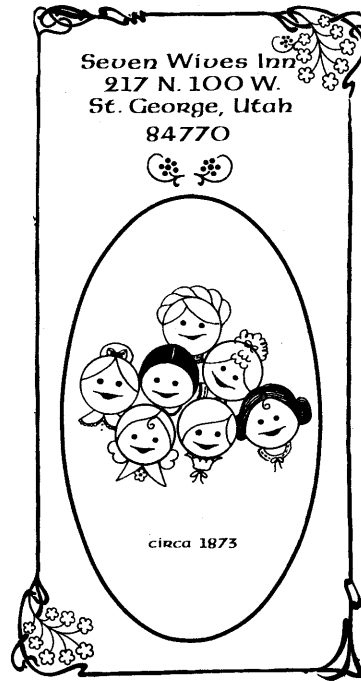
**THE GRUNDY HOUSE** built in 1901 reflects the Classical Victorian design.

**THE BURGESS HOUSE** built in 1916-17 by Joe Burgess is interesting as a transitional house.

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