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St. George is a beautiful town surrounded by red rocks that draws people from all over to see how this middle-of-nowhere town came to be so popular. Between 1857-1858, the LDS church set up experimental farms here, eventually leading to the town to be incorporated in October 1862 by 309 families. Because of the Civil War, President Young decided to create a Cotton Mission since supplies would be limited, which involved many settlers from the south who knew how to grow cotton. Because of this, the city's nickname became "Utah's Dixie." Filled with Latter-day Saint history, you'll discover some unique spots to visit here like Dixie College, the Tabernacle, and Thomas Judd's Store!

1. You know Eric is involved when you see his 'comical hands' in a well.
2. A favorite item Eric likes to place in his paintings is the wren and swallow birdhouses.
3. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints St. George Temple was the 3rd temple being constructed but the 1st one finished in Utah and the oldest operating temple.
4. The St. George temple was dedicated on April 6, 1877.
5. This little place called Thomas Judd's Store opened in 1911 as a general merchandise supply and is the oldest ongoing business in St. George. Today it's a favorite spot to get iconic candy you love!
6. When the St. George Tabernacle opened in 1876, it served the public as a work building, church services, and court hearings. Today it hosts many public events, including concerts!
7. Dixie College was established September 19, 1911.
8. The Woodward School first opened its doors in September 1901 and is named after George Woodward, who served as a chairman of the school board during construction.
9. The Orson Pratt House was bought and restored in 1981 by Dr. Mark Greene, who eventually bought other buildings and created the Green Gate Village, known today as a bed and breakfast type of inn.
10. The Seven Wives Inn Bed and Breakfast is actually two neighboring homes, with this one being built in 1873.
11. The other Seven Wives Inn is a house next door that would host some of the early presidents of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
12. The Augustus P. Hardy House—built in 1871—is where vigilantes broke into the sheriff's home in order to kill a suspect of murder.
13. Ancestor Square is actually 12 separate buildings all historic to St. George.
14. Old Courthouse took ten years to build from 1866 to 1876.
15. The St. George Opera House—built in 1880—was originally used as a wine cellar.
16. St. George, Utah was named in honor of Mormon apostle George A. Smith, also known as the "Potato Saint" because he urged early settlers to eat raw, unpeeled potatoes to cure scurvy.