The Iron Gate Inn first welcomed patrons in 1922, but the history of the building itself stretches back to its construction in 1875 by Admiral William Radford, whose wife, Mary, planted the wisteria that still canopies our garden patio. Later, in 1898, General Nelson Miles, a Civil War veteran and Secretary of the Army, built the Spanish-style horse stable which now houses our dining room and kitchen.

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) purchased the entire property in 1916 and continues to use the townhouse as its international headquarters.

Over 88 years of nearly uninterrupted operations, The Iron Gate has seen dramatic changes in its home city, but has itself remained largely the same—a gracious refuge from the tumult of daily life in the nation’s capital.

In November 2013, Neighborhood Restaurant Group reopened the Iron Gate after a careful restoration. At its helm, Executive Chef and Partner Anthony Chittum is using the finest local products to reinterpret Greek and Italian cooking traditions, writing the next culinary chapter in the history of this unique landmark.