



The Face of Fillmore

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Driving slowly along through the Face of Fillmore, I find myself peering to the interior of blocks where some of the most interesting buildings still stand. The most impressive of these are the old wooden barns. The early settlers of town had many of their own livestock: cows for milking, chickens for the eggs and assorted others that needed daily attention from their owners. The most convenient way to do this was to have them close at hand for the chores needed on a frequent basis. Thus old corrals, chicken coups, granaries and barns went up all over town.

One of the most well-kept is located just behind Terry and Takako Scottorn's home on First West. It has been neatly preserved and provides a rustic-looking backdrop for the orchard section of their yard.

This barn was probably built by Don Brunson who lived with his wife Grace in a small home in the same spot where the Scottorn's built their new one. Don and Grace's daughter Ada Bedout lived in the red brick home on the corner to the south. Don built several outbuildings on the property so it is safe to assume he built the barn, as well.

Don had two brothers here in Fillmore. Wells Brunson who lived in the home where Leon Sylvester lives and Neldon Brunson who lived on Canyon Road just off Main Street. Their father was Arthur Brunson who lived in the Michale and Maria Anderson home at 115 East 100 South.

Neldon's daughter Sara Ellen Stevens tells of her early memories going to visit her Uncle Don. She remembers especially helping bottle feed his baby lambs.

Another interesting barn, or at least half of one, is found on the Gene and Karen Lund property on Fourth West. Part of the barn is still standing, giving us an idea of what the entire building must have looked like when it was first built and for many years thereafter. This barn housed dairy cows and the little brick building near it was the creamery. The home and property were once owned by Bill Manhart and even before that by the Rogers' family. It is unclear exactly who ran the dairy.

The barn was used for many years to store hay, but during



a 75 mile an hour wind event about a decade ago, half of the barn blew down.

Another rustic looking old barn stands in the center of the block behind Frank and Pat Davies home at 265 South First East. This barn was built by Frank's Uncle Adrian Davies for another uncle and aunt, Eldred and Esther Robison who lived in the brick home where Larry and Sue Paxton now live.

Many places in town contain these old barns. Take a close look in the center of the blocks for more of these picturesque relics of the past.