



The Face of Fillmore

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At 150 West Center in Fillmore sits a home which I loved to visit in the early days when we were new residents of town. The street where it is located is lined with homes that tell of the early days of the Face of Fillmore. The home was owned when we first came by Edith Callister, who was then serving as the Stake Relief Society President. She was a real go-getter and a perfectionist in all she did. Her home reflected this attitude. It was beautifully decorated with plush carpeting, ornate furniture, sheer pastel draperies and a stunning grand piano which occupied nearly half of the living room. I loved to go visit, as you were made to feel just as important a guest as your surroundings were elegant.

Edith loved to garden and her old fashion English garden in her backyard was filled with a huge variety of colors and varieties of plants and flowers. Her love of gardening extended to other spots in the community. I remember pulling weeds with her at the North Park early on summer mornings. While I enjoyed her friendship, this was not exactly what I had in mind.

Edith's husband Duane was killed in World War II and she raised her small children in this home on Center Street. She tells in her own words about the home.

"On September 23, 1955, I purchased property at 150 West Center in Fillmore, Utah from Clinton Day. The first personal deed to this land was awarded James Huntsman July 15, 1871."

From Stella Day's *Everything is Relative* we read:
"The James Huntsman family crossed the plains and lived in Salt Lake for one year before being sent to Fillmore by Brigham Young in Oct. 1852. They lived in the old Fort, then later James built an adobe house at what is now 150 West Center Street."

In the early twenties when the adobe house was faced with brick, a bathroom and kitchen were added. Some changes were made in 1955. One change was that the utility door that was located in the gable above the front door was paneled over. At the same time the front door frame was replaced. The living room has the original window and door frames.

In the yard the lilac and locust tree east of the house may well have been planted by its original owners in the 1800's.

The present owner of the home is Richard Hare.

