



The Face of Fillmore

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This week's Face of Fillmore is a continuation of the story from two weeks ago about the cabins at the Territorial Statehouse State Park.

We often see the same plans used for more than one home these days, but even in pioneer times that same thing happened.

The east cabin at the park has a double. Found at 185 West 200 South, this log cabin is still in use as a home and has been continuously since its building in 1867. Modern conveniences have been added but the basic look of the home has changed little in nearly 150 years.

Built by Thomas Dearden, the cabin was home to him and his wife Charlotte Davies Dearden, as well as their ten children: Joseph, Susan, Charlotte, Isabell, Thomas, Ann, Ester, Henry, Fanny, and Albert.

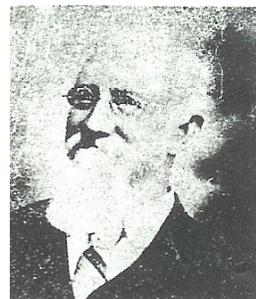
Thomas emigrated from England with his wife, her parents and family. Shortly after entering the Salt Lake Valley, Henry Davies, Thomas's father-in-law, was called to build a sawmill in the Cottonwood area of the valley. Thomas went along to help out. Upon the completion of this mill, they were called to go to Springville and build another one. Then a third call came. This time it was to Millard County and to build a sawmill in White Pine Canyon. Logs from this one were used to build the cabins. This sawmill was significant because it was the first steam-powered sawmill in the county. Its production was short-lived, as a sudden storm flooded the site and washed the sawmill down the canyon. Only the boiler was ever located.

Years later the home was sold to a nephew, Hilman Davies. He and his wife raised their six children there.

The home now belongs to Catherine Davies, a great grandniece of Thomas and Charlotte Dearden. It is unusual for a home to remain in the same family for so many years.



Charlotte Davies Dearden



Thomas Dearden

