



Face of Fillmore

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The people of Fillmore have always been very resourceful, putting to good use the building materials they had at hand, and, in many cases, recycling them. We have seen a large number of previously used buildings, moved to Fillmore or to a different location in town and reused. For example, dozens of buildings from Topaz Internment Camp were moved the Fillmore. Some were used as homes and others as businesses. Additionally, some are easy to spot while others were remodeled extensively and look very different from what they did originally.

This week the Face of Fillmore takes a close look at an interesting and unusual case of moving a building to Fillmore.

Sometime in the latter half of the 1800's, a railroad depot was built in the town of Leamington. Years later, it was abandoned and sold to a man from Fillmore named Gerald Carling. Because of its size, it was more building than Mr. Carling needed for his family's home, so the depot was cut in half. Both halves were transported by railroad to Fillmore using an old steam engine to pull the two. Upon arrival at the railroad depot west of Fillmore, the sections were then loaded onto a large truck and delivered to their destinations.

One half of the depot became the south section of what used to be the Peterson Machine building at 175 West 200 South. This part was left basically in its original condition. There is still evidence inside of days gone by with graffiti and signatures from the 1800's.

The other half of the depot became the Gerald Carling family home at 330 West 200 North. It was remodeled into a comfortable home for the family pictured here in about 1957: Left to right in the back are brothers Duane and Ron along with sister Gerry. In the front is another brother, Bruce, with parents Gerald and Persus and brother Randy.

Duane tells an interesting side note, "When we built a stairway into the attic, in addition to be covered with several inches of west desert dust, the attic contained a trove of telegrams, brass watch fobs, and other RR ephemera, which would be worth big bucks today. We took it all to the dump."



Back section of Peterson Machine



Gerald Carling Family

Lemington RR Depot

The construction of the building was substantial with unusually thick walls, which was evident in the window openings and other places.



Bill and Crystal Alldredge home

In recent years, the home has seen extreme remodeling, and has changed owners. Zeff Maycock, the brother of Clark Maycock, bought the home from the Carling's and eventually sold it to Duane Maycock, his nephew.

For a time, it was a rental. One couple who lived there was Scott and Shirley Stephenson who spent time in the house as their new one was under construction.

Presently the home is owned by Bill and Crystal (Quarnberg/Maycock) Alldredge. This modern-looking, attractive home gives no clue that it was once a railroad depot.