



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week points out an interesting phenomenon that happens every summer in my life. It can be related in a round about way to keeping Fillmore's history alive.

As we traveled on a series of mini-vacations to Idaho with a side trip into a lesser-visited corner of Yellowstone, Flaming Gorge, and the high peaks of the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, I found myself buying postcards to send to friends and relatives.

Collecting them is a great way not only of remembering past excursions, but of saving a record of the past, as places change their faces. The pictures are fascinating as places change, but the messages written on them are reminders of past events. It is also interesting to note the change in postage rates from just one cent to the present 28.

One resident of Fillmore has taken postcard collecting to a new level. Mike Winget, former Mayor of Fillmore, has an unusual collection of early postcards of Fillmore, as well as other memorabilia. Pictured here is the oldest and his favorite, showing Main Street as a dirt road. The picture was taken at South Fork corner looking southeast. Just for the fun of it, I stood in the same location and took the other picture. There has been quite a change, with more to come as the Main Street Beautification Project continues.



Mike began collecting these postcards about ten years ago and realized after a time what an important piece of history he had in his possession. His collection, while not a large one, is most impressive because of its content.

The Face of Fillmore has change drastically over the years, and Mike has the postcards to prove it!