



Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore examines an interesting phenomenon this week that has happened all over town to many early homes. A large number of the 1800's homes were constructed of brick made in the local brickyards or sometimes in the yard of the home itself. This two-story design was flat on the front with gable roofs, as seen in the picture of this early home belonging to the Iverson family.

As the owners felt the need to change the appearance of their houses, they added porches (sometimes on both levels), dormer windows, gingerbread trim, wrap around covered porches and more. A wide variety of designs have changed the appearance of many of these early homes. This effort is still continuing as the remodeling bug bites the home owners.



One such home was built in 1882 by the Merrill family and is located at 20 East 100 South. According to Daughters of the Utah Pioneers records, it was owned for a time by Julie Merrill.

In 1901, it was purchased by Almon David Robison. One is led to believe this home was once one of the better homes in town as Mr. Robison was known to be a wealthy man. Almon held prominent positions in the community and in church, serving as Bishop of the Fillmore Ward from 1912 to 1917.

Almon lived in this home with his wife Adelia who interestingly enough happened to be his first cousin. The couple raised their three children there: Evangelyn, Hilda and

Dee.

Evangelyn married William Hans Rasmussen and moved into the home next door to her parents, where the couple raised their family. One of their children, Drew, still lives in that home.

A member of Hilda Robison Gaer's family still owns the home on the west where her parents lived. Currently, Hilda's grandson Robert Smith is the owner.

Behind the added-on screen porch, one can see the form of the pioneer era brick home with its dormer windows. These may have been installed when the home was being constructed or may have been added later on.

While the home is not currently being occupied, it and others similar to it are a reminder of our pioneer history and the sturdy homes our forefathers built.