



Face of Fillmore

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It is always delightful to see a familiar home that I have driven by for years receive a face-lift. That is exactly what has happened on the northwest corner of Fourth North and First West.

This home had its beginnings most likely more than 100 years ago, judging from the ages of those who lived there. The exact date is not known.

The builder of the home was James Andrew Crapo.

James was born in Salt Lake City in 1865. The Crapo family were long-time residents of Massachusetts and came to Utah in the early days of the Saints arriving here. He met his wife Jane Rawson and they married in 1895 in Draper.

In 1911, the extended Crapo family moved to Alberta, Canada, to homestead. Later on, the group moved south once again, some settling in Idaho and becoming among those who introduced potatoes very successfully to the farmlands there. Some of the family continued on south and eventually settled in Millard County. According to the 1930 census, James, Jane, and their children settled in Fillmore. Here they raised their five children: Herald, born in 1901, Lila in 1902, Lawrin in 1905, Worthin in 1907 and Delbert in 1909.

Sometime in this time period, James built the home on Fourth North out of unfinished boards which are still part of the structure today.

The next generation of the Crapo family to reside there was the youngest son Delbert and his wife Syrelda Works. Here they raised their family of five children: Cleed, Shauna (Eastman), Kent, Trent, and Loy.

Delbert was a craftsman and a builder. He added on the east side of the home as a living room and added beautifully made cabinets to the kitchen area. In comparing pictures of the older frame home and the one remodeled by Delbert, you can see the use of the original section on the west. He also annexed an outbuilding on the north to use as a bedroom for some of the boys.



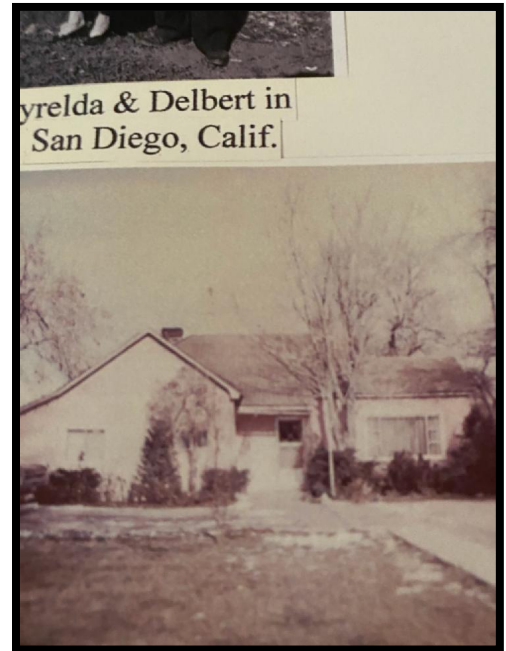
Older frame home built by James Crapo

Syrela added her talents as a decorator and homemaker as well as a green thumb when it came to gardening. Her rose garden was one of the most attractive in town.

After Delbert and Syrela passed on, the home was sold to George and Nancy Young who used it mostly as a guest house when they built their new home around the corner to the north. It has also been used as a rental for several families and individuals following that.

About a year ago Roman and Martha Rodriquez purchased the home and began a new chapter in its appearance. The home which had been known as the “pink cottage” for a few years was given a new coat of paint and white decorative trim and picket and lattice fences. Martha said the colorful flowers in the yard were a must for her and they are thriving. Syrela would approve. Martha told of plans for a Mexican style fountain in the center of the circular drive and the flowers she will plant there as well.

Thanks to those who make the traditional homes of the Face of Fillmore even more attractive with their tender loving care.



Remodeled home of Delbert Crapo



New renovation by Ramon Rodriguez