



## The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore welcomes to our community a new family in an historic home with a story similar to others we have heard in the past and would love to hear more of in the future. It is of young parents, anxious to raise their children in the small town atmosphere of Fillmore.

The new owners of the home on the corner of First West and the Flowell Road are Troy and Amy Crosland. Troy is the son of Blaine and Jan Watts Crosland who have many family ties in Millard County. Blaine was born in Delta but moved as a youngster to Kemmerer, Wyoming, where he grew up. He met Amy through his missionary companion he had served with in Sydney, Australia. After their missions were completed, the companion met Amy's sister and introduced Amy and Blaine. She is originally from American Fork.

Troy and Amy lived in Utah Valley until recently, where he was an administrator at the state hospital. With three small children, four-year-old Jill, two-year-old Matt and five-month-old Jenna, the Crosland's decided they wanted to raise their children in a small town and decided Fillmore was just the place for them. Troy is now employed as a registered nurse at the Fillmore Community Medical Center.

The home the Crosland's have recently purchased was built in 1861 by a Mr. Morrison, who lived there with his family.

From 1865-1867 it was owned by G. Russell Rogers and his wife Lydia. They had five sons: Joe, Orrin, George, Andrew and Emery.

From there it changed hands several times and was rented by several families.

One family that occupied the home during the 1930's was the family of Bill and Freida Hare. Avon Shaw, one of their daughters, remembers that at that time there were two rooms upstairs in the home and two on the main floor with a steep stairway leading from the



entryway to the second floor. She also pointed out that that did not include indoor plumbing. Avon's younger sister Lila was born in the home in 1937, but she only lived a few months and died of pneumonia, as did her sister Blanche.

The story of Blanche and her twin brother Blaine's birth is extremely unusual. Blaine was born on the family farm a few miles west of Fillmore. After his birth, the mother's labor stopped and she was transported, bed and all, in a pickup truck to Fillmore, where Blaine's twin sister Blanche was born two days later at the home of the family nurse.

In about 1940 Lenore and Arnell Jackson completely renovated the inside of the house. The upstairs banister came from the old Millard County Courthouse, which was torn down about that time.

In 1947 the home was sold to Andrew Rogers' daughter Lenore Holbrook. An addition was added to the back of the house in 1955.

In recent years Don and Thora Wilcox and their family have lived in the home. They added the gingerbread trimmed porch sometime after this 1986 photograph. With the huge yards to care for, it became too much for Thora, so the home was sold to the Crosland's.

It is refreshing to see the interest younger couples have in preserving the history of our community through the older homes they choose to live in.