



Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week takes a closer look at a home many of us pass almost daily but often pay little attention to. This home is located on Main Street just south of the dry cleaners.

The house was built in 1916 by Albert Parley Day who lived there until his death in 1928 and beyond that his wife Julia lived there until her passing in 1931.

Albert Day born March 6, 1852 in England to Richard and Elizabeth Smith Day. He died at his home in Fillmore August 17, 1928 after a long illness which caused him to be bedridden for the last 15 months of his life.

Albert was converted to the LDS Church in his native land and came to the United States with his brother George when he was a very young man. Their brother John came over a short time before them. Those of the family who were already over here, later sent for their parents and the other brothers and sisters, so the family was reunited here in Utah.



Albert and Julie Day on the porch in 1918



Albert Parley Day as a young man

Mr. Day came directly to Fillmore, where he helped to build up the community. He was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians during those early days.

He was married to Sarah Hannah Maycock in 1878 in Fillmore, the couple later going through the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. To this union were born nine children, five of whom have preceded him to the grave. His children included Sarah Alice, Albert Richard, Owen Glen, William Parley, Sidney Leonard, Olive Beatrice (Wilcken), Carl Homer, Melvina Amanda and Richard Carnell Day.

A few years after the death of his first wife, he married Julia Fletcher.

Albert was an industrious man, being involved in many fields of activity during his lifetime. He was a good citizen, taking a prominent part in the politics of the city and county. For some years he owned and managed a drug store here. At other times he was engaged in farming and stock raising. For a time, he owned a brick making business. He was also given credit for bringing culinary water to Fillmore

In 1913 Albert's son Carl Day sold the home to Carl J. and Helen Tomkinson Warner. Here they raised their only child Karma Warner Mathews, whose son Todd is currently a Fillmore resident.

Years ago, Karma wrote an interesting description of their home. "Mother and Dad purchased their first home, shortly after they were married. They bought it from Carl Day for \$1500.00. It was at 283 South Main in Fillmore. It was white wooden frame home with two bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and no bathroom. It had a large front porch, on the west extending across the whole width of the house. At first, we didn't have indoor plumbing, so we bathed in a tin #3 round tub and used an outhouse. My bedroom was located in the northeast corner of the house. In the winter it was very cold, so we heated a large rock on the stove and wrapped it in towels and put it in the bed to warm it. I dropped the rock one night getting it out of the stove and it went down the inside of the stove. We were never able to retrieve it."

"One time I painted my bedroom pomegranate red and had white plastic drapes with large roses. We had a large pear tree outside the back door on the east side of the house and I remember how much I enjoyed sitting on the back step on a beautiful spring morning and reading a book or the newspaper."

"Our neighbors on the south were Jack and Olive Wilckens, on the north Ray and Maxine Robison and Ashby and Marjory Robison. The Robison's ran the cleaners located in the building just north of our house."

Recently the home was purchased by Darby Hinton, who has many connections to Fillmore, including the fact that he is a Millard High graduate. He is the son of Arvid and Molly Hinton, the grandson of Bill and Lena Moyes and a brother to Joyce Frampton. He plans to restore the home as much as possible and retire there someday.



Present day picture of Albert Day home