



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore's home this week is located on the west side of Main Street across from the North Park. While silent now, its rooms have rung with the laughter and chatter of families for over a century.

Built in 1883 by a Mr. Duggins, it was originally occupied by him and his family, followed by Joseph Trimble in 1893. Then it was sold to Otto Trient and his wife. It was sold to George Greenway, Mrs. Trient's father, in 1894, then to E.R. Keen and back to Mr. Greenwood in 1898. It has remained in his family ever since, being presently owned by Georgia Hare, a great-granddaughter.

Upon first reading this, it would seem a very brief and simple history, but a deeper look into the people reveals a most interesting story of love and loss, of happiness and disappointment. These are not just names but real people whose story can stir a range of emotions from all of us reading it.

Written here with the permission of Georgia Hare, I would like to share bits and pieces of her grandmother's life history, not only for my reader's enjoyment but to gain a lesson – that of keeping a complete personal history while details are still clearly remembered.

Georgia Greenway Brunson Day was born September 24, 1895 in a little house that stood where the Wagons West Laundromat is today. Her father crossed the plains in a handcart company, leaving England to join the Saints in America. While on the trek west he met Elizabeth Bradfield and they were married on July 4, 1866 while crossing the plains. They settled in Deseret, where he helped guard the fort during the Black Hawk Indian War. After the Indian problems were settled, he built the brick home at the present Steve's Tire Location, where the Don Turner family lived for many years. He raised cattle and bought nearly all of the lots north of the bridge in Fillmore.

When he decided to go to California and search for gold, his wife left him and both later remarried.

George lived alone for years during which he had a meat market and general store. In 1893 he met his second wife – Miss Annetta Steel. She had come from England to join her sister Lizzie Steel Ashman who married John Ashman and was living in Nevada. There she met John Bottomfield whom she married and they had five children. He was a prospector and took off one day, never to return. Later on she met Georgia's father and they were married. The seven members of the new family moved to the adobe house on north Main at the Wagons West location. Then little Georgia was born and was her father's only natural child. Selling the meat market some time later, Mr. Greenway took up farming and moved his family into the home now owned by Georgia Hare.



After graduating from eighth grade, Georgia moved into the James A. Kelly home and worked as a housekeeper to supplement her family's income. There she met Wilford Brunson, who was working on a new home Mr. Kelly was building. They were married August 5, 1914 at the home of his parents, who also hosted a reception for them. Wilford went to Elsinore to work in the sugar factory and later to Idaho Falls to do the same. In the spring of 1916, they moved in with Georgia's parents to help take care of them. There they raised their family of five children. Mr. Greenway died in 1920 but his wife stayed on, living in part of the home for several years until 1939 when she passed away.

Wilford worked in the Mohave mines in California for a time and also for the BLM. They started a chicken business, which proved successful, and he was able to be home in Fillmore. He passed away in 1950. Georgia married Clinton Day in 1959 and he passed away in 1973, just two months after his son Erwin. Georgia remained in the home as long as her health would allow and has since passed away.

Georgia has set a great example for everyone reading this. The portion of her story you have read is but a small section of the very detailed history she has left that will be of great value to her family in the years to come.