



The Face of Fillmore

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With Memorial Day just around the corner, the Face of Fillmore would like to thank two of Fillmore's newest Eagle Scouts for their great contribution to our community.

Brothers Easton and Andrew Richardson, sons of George and Shelly Richardson, have organized a great data base of information about the Fillmore City Cemetery. I asked Andrew just what his role was in the project. He said that he and his dad took pictures of all of the headstones and his brother Easton sorted them and linked them to the information about who was buried in the cemetery. Before the pictures were taken, they cleaned each headstone and trimmed the grass around it, according to city officials. I asked Andrew how long the project took and, typical of young people today, he was very truthful about this. "Longer than we expected," was his candid answer. The project actually took from May until September to complete.

The information they have collected and the pictures they took can be accessed through the Fillmore City Website.

Go to www.fillmorecity.org. Click on Fillmore, Utah's First Capital. After the site comes up, put your cursor on "City Services" and a drop down box will appear. Click on "cemetery". Click again on "Cemetery Registry". The next page to appear tells about how Easton and Andrew matched up names of the people buried in the cemetery with pictures of their headstones. A list of the alphabet appears below. Click on the first letter of the last name of the person you are looking for. An alphabetical list of deceased persons whose name begins with that letter comes up along with their birth and death dates and often their parent's names. Click on the last name of the person you are searching for and a picture of their headstone appears.

The headstones often contain important genealogical information. Knowing what the headstone looks like will also help a person more easily locate it in the cemetery.

Inside the front gate of the cemetery to the left is a kiosk with a list of people buried there and their location, as well as a map. When locating a grave, be sure to find the number of the section and look for other close-by graves that may help you find your way. It is also good to note that the blocks in the cemetery are not large at all. It is easy to walk right by the grave you are searching for.

Lisa Crosland at the Fillmore City Offices can also be very helpful in answering questions about the cemetery and those buried there.

A special thank you as well to Rustin Brunson who is the current sexton of the cemetery grounds for the excellent job he does on one the most beautiful cemeteries in the state.

