



Face of Fillmore

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I receive many telephone calls that I enjoy but one of my favorite kinds is when one of my readers calls and says, “I know something interesting about your recent Face of Fillmore that you might enjoy knowing.” Just this week, I received one of those.

Jack Peterson called one evening to tell me more about the buildings that were once at the Deer Pasture before the Big Fire of 1942. He told me he remembers this blaze well. As a young boy he thought the whole world was on fire.

Following that event, the home discussed in the last Face of Fillmore was partially taken apart and moved to Fillmore. Jack told me that the garage located close by the home was moved all in one piece. It was relocated by the house on Second West and stayed at that location for quite a few years, until about 1962 when the forest service wanted to make some improvements to the lot and the extra building was in the way.

The garage was sold to Jack Peterson for a very reasonable price and saw its next move. It was raised on jacks and Jack drove a diesel truck underneath it to move it to its third location.

(Interestingly, the Peterbilt used to move the garage was the one Jack drove to Missouri with pieces of travertine mined west of Meadow. There the travertine was processed and later became part of the Oakland LDS Temple.) The new location for the garage was behind Jack and Mary Jane’s new home on Fifth South. Jack planned to refurbish it and use it for storage, but other projects took priority. The garage remained in its original state until a few years later when Chester Baker, Jack’s neighbor to the east, decided he could really use it for storage. Once again, the same truck and jack system was used, and the garage moved across the street where it is today.





A note of thanks to the many citizens and businesses of Fillmore for decorating for this favorite autumn season. Dozens of homes have Halloween and fall decorations out for everyone to enjoy. Street corners along Main having taken on a festive look with bales of straw, pumpkins and scarecrows. Thanks to Jack and Linda Davies, with help from the Millard High FFA, for their efforts to usher in fall in Fillmore in style.

