



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore would like to spotlight a uniquely decorated home at 185 West 100 South owned by Doug and Kathy Jolley. The Jolley's have made wonderful improvements to the exterior of the home and the yards since they moved into it in 1982. They painted the house a soft green with darker green trim. The couple painted the original wood scroll work on the beautiful bay window on the west of the home in contrasting colors to highlight the ornate wood work done by the original builder. This type of decoration is often seen on Danish homes. Mr. Jolley is the art instructor at Millard High school and his talent and that of his wife really shows here.

Kathy and Doug have also done extensive work to the yards, adding many flowers and shrubs, as well as a grape arbor. Summer is really the best time to drive past, when everything is in full bloom.

They have also added a garage within the past year in the same architectural design as the home, adding space and eye appeal. Built to look like a carriage house, it houses both a garage and a workroom above.

This home was built by Hans C. Hanson, a native of Denmark, who came to Utah at the age of 12. His father, Hans Christian Hanson, was educated and apprenticed to a noted architect and learned construction carpentering and designing, Hans became an expert craftsman who could build a house and then design and build furniture for it. Some of the furniture he designed and built is on display at the Territorial Capitol Building. His brother Martin worked with him on the home.

The construction of the home is interesting to note. It was built by framing up forms on each side with 2 X 8 lumber standing on end 16 inches apart, then filling it with rock and cement. This was also done with the upper floor, making it very well constructed. The original home consisted of two large rooms downstairs and two upstairs. The back was a lean-to. The building was later stuccoed on the outside.

In 1875, Hans, his wife and nine children moved into the home. It stayed in the family until 1953. The Hans C. Hanson family would rent out rooms to students who came from surrounding towns to attend high school until school bus service began.

Hans Hanson was called on missions to help build Cove Fort, the St. George Temple and the Manti Temple, leaving his wife to care for their family in Fillmore. He built many other buildings including the county courthouse and the first co-op in Fillmore.

In the 1940's Thelma Wilcock and her two daughters purchased the home and tore off the back part and built two cinder block rooms off to the south of the building. It was also occupied by Lillian Rowser for several years in the 1970's and 1980's. Many others have lived there over the years as well.

Doug Jolley, the current owner, has been a great help to the East Millard Company of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in drawing a map of the older buildings in Fillmore for their brochure "Walk into the Past in



Fillmore”. These brochures are available at the Territorial Statehouse Museum as well as at the North Park Tourism Booth. The buildings on the map are each a small sketch of the actual building making them easily recognizable in person. We appreciate his efforts in helping point out the past faces of Fillmore.

