



## The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore has changed over the years as old homes have been renovated. A prime example of this is the home at 65 West 400 South where Ted and LaNon Fowles live.

The original home as seen in the early photograph was begun in 1882. I believe it was originally built and occupied by Gabriel Riley Huntsman, then sold to Rufus Day around the turn of the century.

Rufus and Lucinda (Louie) Baldwin Day were married in October 1898. The picture was taken about 1902 with their sons Noble and Evan standing in front of the house. They had other children as well – Zina, John, Burt, Newel, Vernon, Maxine, Velma, David and Naomi. When Louie’s sister Pearl Jackman died at the time her twins were born, Rufus and Louie raised them as well. This home was full of love and young ones, and holds many happy memories for the Day children.



Velma wrote, “Father often teased mother about him marrying a lot of other ladies and her marrying only one man. But, that was during the time he held the office of Justice of the Peace. Many marriages were performed in our living room. And it didn’t matter what time of the day or night, mother always was sure that the living room was cleaned and shined and prettied up the wedding. It was

always a thrill to have a car stop outside and a couple come into the house and ask if father would marry them. Some of the times the couple would let us stay in the room and watch the wedding. That was a thrill for a group of small children.”

Rufus was Millard County Treasurer for two years, taught school in Leamington and Holden, was county clerk and became the first cashier for the newly organized state Bank of Millard County. He was Justice of the Peace, served on the county school board, and was very active in the L.D.S. Church all of his life. After leaving the bank he made his living farming.



Today the home is occupied by Ted and LaNon Fowles. LaNon's parents, Melvin and Noma Rowley, bought the home 66 years ago, and Ted and LaNon bought it from them. At some point in the home's history, it was also owned by a Rogers family.

A great amount of work has been done to the home through the years. A porch was added to the original log structure in 1888. The front section of the home, which includes a bay window, was added later and the entire home was bricked in 1906. The front portion remains much as it was when LaNon's parents lived there, while an additional 56 feet has been added to the back for more living space, as well as a garage to the southwest. The yards are especially beautiful as the Fowles' spend much time and effort keeping them in perfect condition.

This is a great example of what was once a simple, basic house becoming an attractive addition to the Face of Fillmore.