



The Face of Fillmore

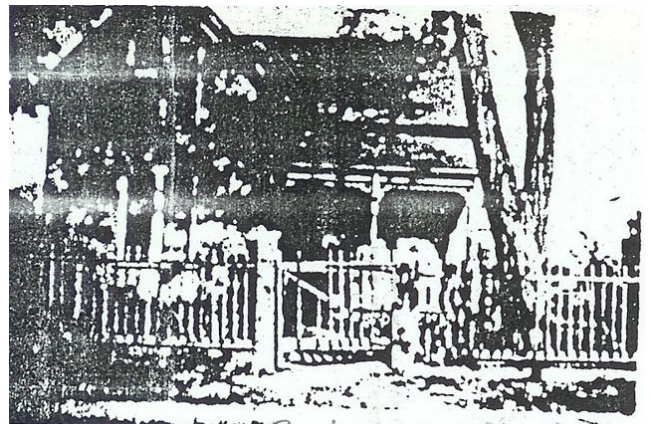
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In the late 1860's, Reuben McBride designed and built the home at 135 South 100 East. It still is a very neat looking home and has always been one of my personal favorites of the older homes in town.

Originally the home was built of red brick with a sandstone foundation. In later years, the home was painted, the latest time white and then siding was added to make it more attractive and reduce maintenance.

The home has seen many other changes. As you can see from the pictures, the shape of the roof has been drastically changed since it was first built. The picket fence and large trees have been removed and an attractive hedge added along the sidewalk. Several additions have been made to the home, as well as modern improvements, but the old Victorian style is still visible to keep the historical nature of the home alive.

The original owner, Reuben McBride, has an interesting pioneer background. He was born at Chester, Washington County, New York in 1803 and married Mary Ann Anderson in 1833. He and his family resided at Kirtland, Ohio, from 1836-1848, where he was given the assignment of overseeing church interests there after the departure of the main body of the Saints in 1838. He migrated to Utah in 1850 and returned to Kirtland in 1851 to lead the remnant of Church members in Kirkland to Utah the next year. He settled at Fillmore in 1852 where he lived until his death in 1891.



One important event relating to L.D.S. church history is described by William Clayton, Joseph Smith's secretary. He wrote, "On the 8th day of November, 1841, the font (of the Nauvoo Temple) was dedicated by President Joseph Smith at 5 o'clock in the evening. After the dedication, Brother Reuben McBride was the first person baptized (for the dead) under the direction of the president. He was baptized by President B. Young."

After Reuben and his family had lived in their new home in Fillmore for nearly twenty years, he deeded it to his daughter Mary Ann. Ten years later it was sold to John Carling and then it became part of the McBride family once again as Alice McBride Callister became the owner. Just three years later in 1899, two owners are recorded, Susan Lyman and Francis Lyman. The Lyman family occupied the house until 1934, when it was purchased by Millie Callister, who sold it to her son Grant in 1958. In 1966 it was bought by Darwin Hunt who is the present owner.