

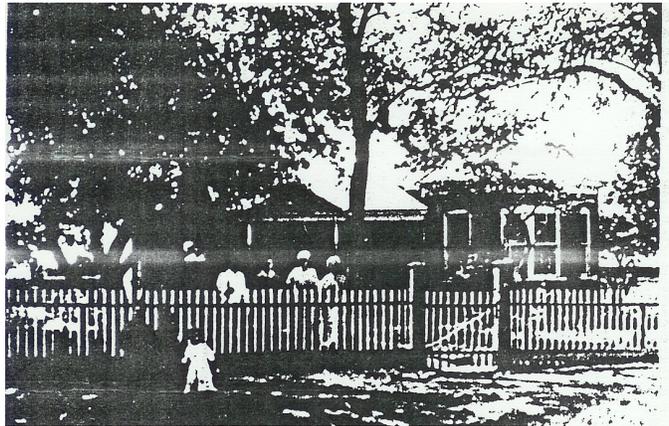


The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore points out the amazing preservation of a pioneer home at 160 East Canyon Road which had its beginnings several decades ago, but has been remodeled to look many years younger. This home is beautifully landscaped and decorated for the harvest season, and a real tribute to what taking good care of your property can accomplish.

Built in the 1870's by John Newton McBride, Jack McBride's great grandfather, the home was constructed of brick with a sandstone foundation. It was originally just two rooms but has been added onto as the need arose. In recent years, an attractive two car garage has been built just west of the house.



Following John McBride and his family living in the home, his son William Newton McBride and his family moved in. They lived there for almost forty years, then William's son, Newton and his family became the owners. After Newton passed away, his widow sold the home to John Orullian who a few years ago sold it to Larry and Jean Shuppe.



The McBride Lumber Company began in the backyard of John Newton McBride's home and grew into one of the major businesses in the area. John's son, William Newton (Jack), is given credit for actually beginning the business in some reports. This truly became a family business. After Jack's passing, his son-in-law, William B. Shaw, operated it until the oldest of Jack's four sons, Newton, was old enough to take over. Newton's brothers Gene and Charles helped manage the business. In January 1926, land was purchased on the southwest corner of Main



and First North for a store, which was remodeled in 1947 and is still in use by the present owners. The location of the lumber yard changed as the business grew.

The first sawmill was located in Meadow Creek Canyon. The lumber was cut there and hauled by team and wagon into the lumber yard in Fillmore behind John's home. Later on the saw mill was dismantled and moved into Pine Creek Canyon, southeast of Fillmore. Another move took the saw mill into Paradise Canyon near the top of Sand Rock Ridge. Logs were cut on the mountain, brought down Pine Creek to the Jack Payne Hill and then down Maple Hollow, which is the canyon just south of the lower part of the Sand Rock Ridge Road. One can only imagine the difficulty of transporting logs out of the steep Paradise Canyon and on down other steep inclines into Fillmore. The boiler pictured here is a remnant of those logging days in Paradise.

