



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week compliments Jonathan and Thalia Chavez for the extensive work they have done on their home at 70 East 100 South.

As many of you will remember, just a year ago the house caught fire while the family was away. Coming home to the rubble of the horrible fire was certainly an unpleasant and upsetting experience for this young family, but they went right to work to rebuild the damaged portion of their home. Living elsewhere for several months, enough work was completed a few months ago for them to move back in.

After the fire much of the brick, especially on the east side, could not be used again. The heat had caused the brick to crumble and it was unsafe for construction. The Chavez's decided instead to use stucco and have painted the home in attractive shades of brown and tan. The original gingerbread was saved and will be repainted to once again add this historical flavor to the home.

Originally the home was constructed of locally-made brick by a man named Peterson in 1871. Ornate gingerbread framed the porch and windows, giving it a really attractive look that was popular at the time it was built.

I was able to find out little details of the history of the house, other than the people who had owned it over the years. In 1871, it was purchased by Henry Noyes. In 1896 John Jackson bought it and sold it to Nephi Anderson in 1909. In 1915 Parker Robison bought the property and sold it to Olis Walsh in 1937. After that it was owned by Martha Bushnell, Vaughn Taylor, Richard Baker and then Olev Robison. Olev married Arnold Ashhurst and they lived in the home during the 1990's, doing many improvements to the home. They added a sunroom on the south and a bathroom upstairs, among other changes. Olev died in 2002 and her children became the owners. Five years ago Mrs. Robison's children sold it to Jonathan Chavez who is the current resident.

