



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week takes a close look at the home at 390 West 100 North. The property the house sits on has a history like many others in Fillmore, being deeded by Ulysses S. Grant to Fillmore's mayor Joseph V. Robison. From there ownership went to a series of residents, many of which were relatives. Ownership of homes was almost like reading a family's genealogy.

Joseph V. Robison deeded the property to Benjamin H. Robison, his brother in 1875. From there it went to Benjamin's widow Susannah in 1893.

Frank Carling bought the property in 1913 for \$1100 and sold it to his son Russell the same year for \$600. Again in 1913 it was sold, this time to Newel K. Warner.

Newel was credited with building the existing home on the property nearly 100 years ago – in 1913. The two-story home was built of lumber and had hardwood floors. On the main floor, besides the living room and kitchen, there were two bedrooms with two more upstairs. Through the years, many improvements were made to the home including an enclosed service porch and out buildings. Later on a carport was added, as well as an aluminum awning over the front porch.



In this home Newel and his wife Mar raised their ten children: Myrle, Edith, Melden, Beth, Dick, Helen, Mary, Duane, Ray and Margene.

Newel Warner was a native of Fillmore, the son of Jedidiah Morgan Warner who married the daughter of Allen Russell, one of the first residents of our town. Allen's home was about three blocks to the east at 110 West 100 North.

In 1956 Newel and Mar sold the home to Winfred and Beulah Barry. Beulah was especially excited about the move since it was the first home she had ever lived in that had indoor plumbing and room enough for the couple and their three children, Norman, Cecil and Dixie.

Winfred Barry was originally from Missouri and came to Fillmore as part of the CCC's. Beulah was born here in Fillmore in the home belonging to George C. Viele which was located where Sunrise Engineering is now. Mr. Viele was a probate judge and an older fellow who needed some assistance. Hyrum and Alice Mace and their children family (Beulah's family) moved in with him to care for him in his advancing years.

Descendants of people mentioned in this column are connected to many of Fillmore's current residents. Tracing the "genealogy" of the homes is very connected to tracing the pioneer lineage of Fillmore's residents.