



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore would like to point out one of the most historical dwellings on Main Street. Located across the street to the east from the Millard County Courthouse, the rock structure is now part of a business and although the façade has been remodeled, the original dwelling is easily recognizable.

Construction began in 1858 and was completed in 1861 by Joseph Robison from a design drawn by his wife Lucretia. It is the oldest rock home outside of the fort and was built about half a block south of the southwest corner of the fort, where the couple had lived for four years.

The two-story home was built of the same sandstone which was used for the Capital Building. This sandstone was brought from the canyon east of town and was put into place by Edwards and Perry, the stonemasons. Each of the original rooms in the home has its own fireplace.

Lucretia Robison taught school in one of the upstairs room, with her own children and group of neighbor's as the students.

Some years later a lumber addition added to the rear of the building and a two-story porch with fancy woodcarvings was added to the front. Hans Hanson and his sons, John George and Alert, did the carpentry work. The inside stairway leading to the second floor was put up with wooden pegs, which reportedly were still there and have held up the stairway with no sagging, though they have seen a century and a half of traffic.

The home as owned by the Alonzo Robison family for many years. In 1932 Alfred Robison, a grandson of Joseph, built the first "tourist court" in the Fillmore, making it one of the longest running businesses in the state. The main office was (and is) located in the old stone structure with guests staying in cabins nearby.

The present owner, Shawn deWolfe, tells us that many tourists stop, not to stay, but to have a close-up look at the old stone building and hear about its past. Some well known visitors include Jon Huntsman, Sr. and Hugh Downs of 20/20 fame.

Mr. DeWolfe also explained that his hopes for the future include demolition of the modern additions to the building and restoring the home to its original beauty. The Face of Fillmore applauds him for those plans, as they would certainly add to the revival of the historical past on Main Street, which has been planned by the Fillmore City Main Street Beautification Committee.



The pioneer home of Joseph and Lucretia Hancock Robison

