



## The Face of Fillmore

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The home of Phil and Darlene Russell at 395 West 100 South is the subject of this week's Face of Fillmore. Residents know exactly which house this is because of the great holiday decorations displayed there, no matter which holiday of the year we are celebrating.

The home began as a one-room log cabin in Hatton in the 1800's. Its original builder is not known. In about 1916, lumber was used to construct additional rooms. This work was done by Dan Russell and Lafe Hallet under the direction of Hans C. Hansen who was Dan's maternal grandfather and Lafe's grand-father-in-law. Mr. Hansen was well-known in the area for his building. He built and lived in the Doug Jolley home spot-lighted in an earlier column.

During the flu epidemic of 1918, Lafe's wife Lottie died ten days after giving birth to their son Russell. Adeline Robison who owned the cabin had it moved from Hatton to Fillmore so she could live there and take care of Lafe and his infant son. She was a relative and second mother to Lafe.

Russell Hallett inherited the home from his father. In about 1950, he sold it to his cousin Phil Russell, Dan's son. Phil has lived in it ever since. He and his wife raised their family there and over the years have made many improvements to the home. Phil tells that at the time he bought it for a car and some cash, there was only one willow tree on the property. The couple has added several trees and other landscaping.

