



The Face of Fillmore

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The house of interest this week for the Face of Fillmore has been in the Scottorn family for all but the last decade of its existence. It is located at 350 North First West. From the appearance of the beautiful yards and fairly modern looking home, it difficult to tell that it is actually one of the older homes in town.

Timothy Scottorn, Esq. and his sister immigrated to this country from their native England in the mid-nineteenth century. She arrived in Fillmore in 1858 and he came sometime between that date and 1861, at the age of seventeen.

I was immediately fascinated by the “esq” behind his name, thinking he may have been an attorney as that abbreviation is often used for that designation, but found out that he was somehow involved with royalty in England, which he had to renounce in order to become a US citizen.

In 1866, Timothy married Sybil Frink who came from a pioneer family. Her brothers were among Brigham Young’s advanced party. Timothy and Sybil had five children only two of whom lived to adulthood.

According to Daughters of the Pioneer’s records, Timothy designed and or built the home on First West about 1885, although, not only is that date in doubt, but the fact that he was the original owner. It is thought to have been built by someone else and remodeled by him. When he finished with the home (whether building or remodeling) it had two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs and was built of native brick.

Sybil Scottorn was a midwife. When her son John Enoch was only five years old, he traveled with her to the mining town of Frisco, where she delivered a baby girl – Amy Laver. Twenty years later, John Enoch and Amy were married.

John and Amy lived in the Scottorn home with his parents until the time of their death. There they raised their five children Ruth, Gyppe (Virginia), Jack, Frink, and Fred.

Gyppe’s unusual nickname came the very day she was born. The men at the home had been hoping for a baby boy and when the baby girl came, John said he had “been gipped”, thus giving her an unusual nickname and she carried the rest of her life.



Following the passing of John, Amy and her two children Ruth and Frank lived in the home until all of them had passed away in 1968.

When Fred's son Terry returned from serving his country in Japan in 1970, he and his wife Takako moved into the home. Their expertise at gardening has made the yards at the home a show place for everyone to enjoy. They also did much to improve the inside of the home. The couple lived there until their new home was built just to the south in 1999. The older home was then sold to Julie Johnson Petersen, who is the present owner.

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