



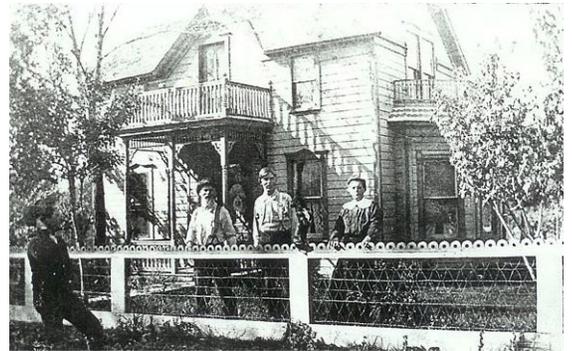
The Face of Fillmore

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Historic homes highlighted in the Face of Fillmore fall into two major categories: those that have been modernized with the basic conveniences but have kept their old-fashioned design and those that have been enlarged and modernized to the point of changing their original look a great deal. This week we will look at a home that really fits in neither one. Instead of being added on to, this one was made smaller.

The original Seguire home is located on 410 South 100 West. It was built in 1901 by Joseph Seguire and his son Herb. When it was first built it was occupied by their family, Joseph and his wife and sons Herb and Harley and perhaps other members of the family.

It was constructed of adobe faced with wood siding. In its original state, it had a beautiful veranda leading out from the upstairs over the front porch surrounded by a railing. The flat roof of the bay window also had a railing. There was gingerbread trim not only on the house, but also on the wooden fence on two sides of the corner lot. Joseph and Herb did all of this gingerbread trim themselves by hand. The bay window was added on after the house was finished because Mrs. Seguire thought the front room was too small.



Some time later Joseph Seguire built the home across the street to the east and the Seguire family moved into it.

In 1948, Raymond and Laura Wilson bought the original home. Raymond was very conscious of heating costs and decided to remove the upper floor in 1950 so the home would be more efficient to heat. This is the only instance I have found where an older home in Fillmore was actually made smaller. It appears he was really ahead of his time in trying to heat more efficiently.

Laura Wilson was an accomplished artist even though she had had no formal training. Her family still has many of her drawings and paintings, including one of the original home.

Raymond and Laura raised a family of four children in the home – Ray, Ron, Laverne (Jolley) and Joyce (Johnson).

Laverne tells that one of the best things about the home was the large amount of property it sits on. They always raised a large garden and yard and raised a variety of farm animals. She also remembers fondly relaxing in the swing on the north porch.

After their parents passing, Laverne bought the home and used it for a rental. More recently it has been purchased by Hal Coleman who lives across the street in the newer Seguire home and rents the Wilson home.

