



The Face of Fillmore

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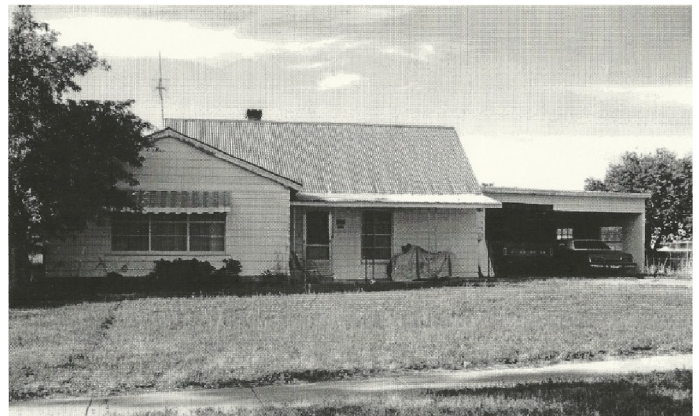
The Face of Fillmore this week includes a detailed history of one of the homes in town, thanks to meticulous notes kept by the owners over the years. Reading these has inspired me to keep a notebook of dates and changes to the home we built over thirty years ago, while they are still available. This may someday prove valuable, if only for a newspaper column.

The home at 340 West 100 South is presently owned by Marc and Joan Caldwell, but was for most of its existence, the property of Clarence and Madeline Wade.

The property itself changed hands a number of times, even before there was a house built on it. It was first owned by Joseph Robison, then John Powell, Hannah Barrows, Joseph Rowley, William Cummings, Carl H Day, Vivian Wade and then to Clarence Wade on May 27, 1936. The original home in the picture was built about 1935 and was there when Clarence bought the property. He and Madeline lived there most of their married life and then it was deeded to Marc Caldwell on February 2, 1994.

The William Cummings family lived in an adobe home on the lot. After Vivian Wade and Dora Trimble were married on December 5, 1928, Vivian bought the home and lots and made payments to Carl Day. Vivian had his brother, Clarence tear down the old adobe home. Vivian bought a two room home from Peter Lorenzo Brunson, who had built this home on land he had homesteaded in Pahvant. Vivian paid Mr. Brunson some money on the home then he gave haircuts to the Brunson family to pay the balance. He had the home moved from Pahvant to Fillmore and put it where the adobe one had been. George Bear helped move this home and did carpenter work on it. Vivian moved away from the home in 1935 after the death of his wife, Dora.

At the time that Clarence bought the city lots, there was a two room home that faced south, a shed over a root cellar northwest of the home and an outhouse of logs. The walls of the home were built of wood lath and plaster and the



floors were wood. The walls were covered with wallpaper and the floors with linoleum.

The larger west room was the kitchen and the smaller east room was the bedroom. There was an unfinished attic used for storage.

After World War II, the homes in Topaz were sold. Clarence and Sam Wade bought one. They divided it between themselves. Clarence added this onto the two room home. In the 1950's, aluminum siding was added to the exterior of the home as well as an awning on the south to cover the porch.

This was the home of Clarence and Madeline Wade for 56 years. They lived there from 1937 until their deaths. Madeline passed away in September 1986 and Clarence seven years and two days later. While living in the home, they became the parents to eight children.

Thanks to Madeline for the careful notes she took to preserve the history of this home.

