



Face of Fillmore

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This week the Face of Fillmore looks at the property at 240 South 200 West, where a lot of building and remodeling has taken place since pioneer times.

Edward (Ted) Davies was born in England in 1854 and his wife Augusta Borregaard was born in Denmark in 1860. Both families joined the LDS Church and immigrated to the United States on sailing ships, then by train. Coincidentally, both were assigned to the mule train led by John R. Murdock from Florence, Nebraska, to Salt Lake City and both were assigned by Brigham Young to settle in Fillmore within the next few years.

Edward's mother was in poor health after the move to Fillmore, so a young Danish girl in the neighborhood, you guessed it, Augusta Borregaard was asked to come in and care for her. Edward was immediately attracted to her and she to him and the couple was married on April 22, 1879 by her father, Christian Peter Borregaard, the Justice of the Peace.

Soon after their marriage the couple moved into their new one-roomed log cabin built on the lot at 240 South 200 West that year. The cabin has since been moved to the Territorial Statehouse State Park and is the cabin on the east.



The original log cabin now at the Territorial State Park



The brick home built for Edward Davies in 1904

In this cabin twelve children were born. Three of the children died of diphtheria and one was still-born (Peter, Estella, Randal and Blanch). The other eight are: Edward Jr. born July 30, 1879, married Carrie Hanson; John Henry, born May 2, 1881, married Ellen Robinson; Sarah Ann born March 20, 1886, married Axel Anderson; William Borregaard, born October 23, 1889, married Ann Smith; Elmer, born July 5, 1892, married Virginia Smith; Rosia Bell, born June 11, 1897, married Dallas Rogers; Fontella, born January 16, 1899, married Melvin Robison; and Arvilla, born August 23, 1900, married Harold M. Loomis.

Edward made a living for his family as a freighter in western Utah as well as parts of Nevada, as well as driving

the hearse for funerals in the area. He also served as water master for years, overseeing the project of piping water from Copley's Spring to all of the homes in Fillmore for culinary use. Augusta served the community by taking care of the sick, especially expectant mothers, and the couple also by preparing bodies for burial as there was no mortician at the time.

In 1885, the Davies' added a lean-to kitchen of their home and a sandstone room with a large cobblestone cellar underneath that was used to store the family's food supply.

In about 1904, the family moved the log room farther back on their property and built four brick rooms against the rock part of the building. Brick masons for the project were Wise and Lewis Critchley. Jessie Milgate did the plastering and Martin Hanson Edwards did the carpentry. In 1924, a more modern kitchen was added by Edward Davies and his son Elmer.

The home was purchased by Dallas and Rose Davies Rogers from Edward, her father and again remodeled. One phase of this project saw the stairway being moved from the front room to the hallway in the south side of the house.

The home has seen many different families live there among them Millard and Linda Scott, Preston Day, the Todd Monsen family and Tilden and Kelly Swallow. While living there Todd Monsen made some dramatic improvements to the home, creating the attractive home we see today.

At the present time, Burke and Jen Davenport and their family are enjoying living in this home that has seen a great deal of Fillmore's history in its time.



The remodeled home as seen now