



Face of Fillmore

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A drive down Main Street in Fillmore during a quiet time of day when there are few cars parked along the street gives one a picture of the way the stone benches dot our Main Street. These benches are purchased by families and groups who want their names left as a part of Fillmore's heritage.

On September 24, 2010, the placing of the first stone bench was quite a family event for the Joe Warner Family. It is located on the sidewalk in front of what was then the Warner Motor Company that Joe had owned for years. It is interesting to note that the bench sits along what used to be the west wall of Old Fort Fillmore, especially since Warner is one of the original family names in Fillmore.

The benches are made of stone similar to the Territorial Statehouse, quarried in the canyons east of town. The actual stones for the benches were taken from the old Noah Bartholomew home which was once located just east of Main Street and north of 100 North. The home sat on the edge of the hill with an impressive view of the little valley below where part of the fort was located and the mountains beyond. The rocks from the home were donated to the city by the Paxton family, who owned the property.

Since that first bench, mention has not been given to those who have donated benches, but I thought it might be interesting to do that from time to time.

One of the newer benches sits in front of the American Legion Hall and was placed there by the family of John and Julia Jackson. It is an appropriate spot for the family since all three of their sons were in the military. John, himself, grew to adulthood between World War II and the Korean Conflict, thus never joining, but John and Julia's three sons all did. Cleve was in the Army, Wayne in the Navy and Mick in the Air Force. Their youngest child was a daughter, Teri.



John and Julia are long-time residents of the area. He grew up in Flowell and she was Julia Barkdull from Meadow. Following their graduation from Millard High, the couple married and soon moved to Ely where John worked for Kennecott. After a few years, he was hired by Toble Construction Company. Some of the work he did as a crane operator was right here in Fillmore. He was the crane operator who helped build the old gym at the high school.



Thanks to those who have helped preserve Fillmore's history by adding theirs to Main Street.