



The Face of Fillmore

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When we think of rock monuments, we generally think of headstones in the city cemetery; however, rocks with writing on them are popping up all over the Face of Fillmore. This is a new trend that seems to have many purposes. These stones mark the address, tell the names of the owners, tell the history of the building or are in memory of someone who lived or worked there.

The first one I noticed in town was at the home of George and Nancy Young on the north end of First West. This marker is inscribed with a beehive and tells that this is Deseret House. The home was built as a replica of Brigham Young's house with some modifications. The stone at its entry hints at the family history as descendants of Brigham Young, as well as telling that it was built in 2006.

Jack and Linda Davies have a small square stone at the entrance to their log cabin with the picture of an elk and their name, welcoming people to their business.

There is no need to look for numbers on the home of Jan and Jeff Robison to make sure you have the correct address. They have a large rock in their yard with this information on it.

Two of the markers in that I have seen are memorials to those who worked there.

At the mortuary, there is a large stone telling about the lives of Arlene, Roy and Roger Olpin, who lived and worked in that building for many years. It has pictures of them and thanks them for their years of service to the community.

At the interagency fire station, a rock adorned with firefighting gear pays tribute to Spencer Koyle who lost his life in the Devil's Den Fire near Oak City.

One of the more recent additions to this collection is at the home of Cathi Adamson and Don Thomson. The couple has put in place a monument which tells the history of their home. It reads, "Huntsman-Nielsen Home. Built 1871. National Register of Historic Homes."

"Rock art" is certainly a great way to preserve the history of the buildings and the people who were residents of the Face of Fillmore.

