



Face of Fillmore

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The McBride name has always been synonymous with the word “lumber” in Fillmore. Since the earliest days of our community, lumber has been a necessary commodity to build the town. The first sawmill belonging to the family was located in Meadow Creek Canyon. The lumber was cut there and hauled by team and wagon into the lumber yard in Fillmore behind John McBride’s home on Canyon Road. Later on, the sawmill was dismantled and moved into Pine Creek Canyon, southeast of Fillmore. Another move took the sawmill into Paradise Canyon near the top of Sand Rock Ridge. Logs were cut on the mountain, brought down Pine Creek to the Jack Payne Hill and then down Maple Hollow, which is the canyon just south of the lower part of the Sand Rock Ridge Road. One can only imagine the difficulty of transporting logs out of the steep Paradise Canyon and on down other steep inclines into Fillmore. The boiler which is still located in Paradise Canyon is the only remnant of the logging days in that area.

When driving east on Canyon Road today as you pass the intersection with First East, you begin to see homes that were part of the McBride heritage.

In 2010, I wrote a column about John Newton McBride’s home at 160 East Canyon Road. This home was built in the 1860’s and has been remodeled and modernized as an attractive home. It originally began as two rooms but was added on as the need arose. One would never guess it’s age.

Following John McBride and his family living in the home, his son William Newton McBride and his family moved in. They lived there for almost forty years, then William’s son, Newton and his family became the owners. After Newton passed away, his widow sold the home to John Orullian who a few years ago sold it to Larry and Jean Shuppe. Mrs. Shuppe sold the home to Jaren Larsen and it is now owned by Joe Tarbet.

A few lots to the east on the corner is 190 East Canyon Road. This home was built by Hiram Roy McBride at approximately the same time. The house was built of red brick with a sandstone foundation. The basement was added later. One of the distinctive features was the front porch with its fancy posts and scroll work, still seen in the recent picture.

The second owner was John Carling who eventually sold it to his daughter, Angie. Superintendent of schools Mr. Maughan lived there with his family. Jack and Edna McBride who live in the house to the south, lived in Hiram’s home in 1958 while they built their new one. Phil Robison's mother Dora Robison lived in the home for several years. It was also owned



by the Lunt family who sold it to Jerry Hackwell. (It is possible some others owners were missed in this list.)

The story of romance at the McBride home borders on chaos in my opinion as we find that on November 1, 1862, Reuben and Mary Ann (Anderson)'s daughter Laura Abigail married William Clark Payne. On November 7, that same week, their son Hiram Roy McBride married Tamson Dame and just four days later on November 11, another son John Newton married Erma Kelly. One wedding in the family creates a busy time, but three must have been amazing.

The McBride Lumber Company began in the backyard of John Newton McBride's home and grew into one of the major businesses in the area. John's son, William Newton (Jack), is given credit for actually beginning the business in some reports. This truly became a family business. After Jack's passing, his son-in-law, William B. Shaw, operated it until the oldest of Jack's four sons, Newton, was old enough to take over. Newton's brothers Gene and Charles helped manage the business. In January 1926, land was purchased on the southwest corner of Main and First North for a store, which was remodeled in 1947 and is still in use by the present owners.

The McBride family were Americans from the very beginning of the country. The Reverend Daniel McBride was born in Saratoga County, New York in 1766, before the start of the American Revolution. The family had the reputation for being prominent in religious, civic, and national affairs.

The McBride's some decades later, probably in New York, joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and came west as many families did. Reuben was the first to come in 1850, living in Salt Lake with the family of Brigham Young. He returned to Kirkland the following year and took his family to Utah in 1852. He was soon sent to Fillmore to help build the statehouse, and the Fillmore chapter of the story began.

