

THEN & NOW.....

Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee features monthly articles to spark interest in the heritage of our community.



**Photos
of the
Palmer home
(left)
and the
Kingston home
(right)**



This historic home is located at 6061 South 1700 West in Taylorsville. Alphonso M. Palmer Sr. (1847-1909) was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Utah in 1861. He married Mary Frost (1851-1922), a Salt Lake City native, in 1868. Both were converts to the Mormon Church. In 1885, Palmer bought 20 acres, including this land, and presumably built this house. Alphonso was a farmer and an expert blacksmith. He enjoyed musical affairs. The Palmers had twelve children between 1870 and 1894, most in Bennion.

One of their six sons, Alphonso M. Palmer Jr. (1877-1944), received title to this property after his father's death in 1909. This son was a carpenter and member of the Bennion Ward of the LDS Church. He married Edith Bennion (1875-1942) of Bennion in 1918. The house was a historic farmstead and the property included a 20' by 36' hay barn, a granary and a cellar.

In 1942, Everett D. & Roene McRae Wood purchased the property from the Palmers and moved into the house. Later, the Woods sold it to George McNeill who lived in the house in 1958. Then it was sold to Carl R. Syverson in 1960. In 1974, another change occurred with the owners being J.O. and Donna Kingston. Now, in 2011, the home is occupied by Leon and Laurine Kingston.

We invite the public to submit photos of historic homes or businesses for future articles. Contact Connie Taney at 801-266-2610, the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center at museum@taylorsvilleut.gov or Roger Barker at rbarker40@q.com.