

Home of Warren Campbell and Mary Eliza White Campbell Maxwell  
Located at SW Corner of 545 East 2600 North  
One Block West of the Stake Center - North Ogden, Utah  
By Clejo Campbell Knight (Daughter of Donald Campbell)

The Warren Campbell home was first built and owned by Nephi Lorin Campbell, who owned a strip of land on 2600 North on the West side down to Washington Blvd. Lorin sold his property to Warren Campbell and Frank Campbell and moved to Preston, Idaho.

Their last son, Donald, added an apartment on the northwest side of the old home. Donald also built a home directly west of the old home. As Donald and Florence approached retirement he built a duplex just south of the original home. The duplex went to Donald's daughter Suzan and was sold sometime after Florence (Donald's wife) died.

Warren and Mary Campbell were blessed with 14 children in this home (Cyrus, #13 died in infancy). Some of the first children were born in Liberty. We've been told that at one time there were beds in an upstairs room over the south part of the home. Grandma Mary told us how she slept 4 children crosswise of the bed to make enough beds for all of them.

Grandma Mary kept a beautiful flower garden around her home with which she used to decorate many graves each year. Families used to gather together on Memorial Day and many used to come to Grandma's home later where they ate together and enjoyed renewing acquaintances. Grandma's house was kept immaculately clean. When she got older her daughters would come to help with spring housecleaning. Her yard and garden were always weed-free and enjoyed by many. In her large yard there were also raspberries, gooseberries, and blackberries to pick, in addition to a large garden from which many stomachs were filled. There were fruit trees - prunes, peaches, apricots, and white, bing and lambert cherry trees near the home. Two large black walnut trees were on the east side of the home until Donald (her 14th child had to cut them down). Many of us can remember the fence around the east and north sides of the home. Grandma told us of Indians coming up to the fence which she felt as a protection to her. Grandchildren can remember some old chicken coops and sheds for cows, horses, pigs, chickens, etc., which were later torn down. (We cried no tears with the loss of the 2-holer.)

The rock-walled cellar is still solid. It now provides space for furnaces and water heaters. Grandma had huge pickle crocks. On the shelves were canned raspberries, blackberries, currants, peaches, pears, cherries, vegetables, all kinds of jams and jellies and bottled meat. Clejo and Julia (Donald's daughters) can remember how grateful her parents were when living there during the depression because they all ate well out of the cellar. Food was also shared with those who came to the door hungry.

The old shanty on the south was used as a wash house. Florence used to do her washing there also until after the home was remodeled. They she did her wringer type washing on the south porch.

Donald remodeled the old home three times. The first was to make a nice kitchen for

Grandma on the north side and an inside bathroom. On the south side Donald also added a bathroom. Grandma and Uncle Charley used to walt from their part of the house through the living room where all the quilts were quilted, to the northeast bedroom (the one in which Grandma Mary died). We all loved the chiming clock high on the east living room wall. We didn't love the pink wall paper cleaner we rubbed on the walls to get the coal smoke off the walls

The second remodeling was done when Donald returned from Nampa, Idaho. Grandma wrote to Donald and asked him to return to live with and care for her and Uncle Charley Maxwell in return for the home and property. Grandma just kept the remodeled area on the north as Donald needed more room with the addition of Suzan and Clark to their family (6). Donald lowered ceilings, upgraded heating, and added a nice big plate glass window on the east side. The third remodeling came after Grandma and Uncle Charley's deaths. Donald made an apartment on the north and added a small bedroom underneath where the porch used to be and extended the north wall to make a larger living area. The old shanty on the south is still used for storage. New furnaces, water heaters, were also added.

Ruth and Blaine Kendell lived in the south apartment for several months after the Second World War was over (about 1945/6. Ruth can remember Martha Brown (Jay's Mother) also living there for some time.

We loved Grandma and enjoyed her stories of the early days. We got excited when she had quilting bees for the many quilts she made for her children and grandchildren. We use to lie on the floor under the quilt and watch the magic take place. We would keep needles threaded for Grandma's sisters, daughters, and friends who were quilting. We would help a little to serve the lunch which was always provided. It was a great time to visit for Grandma Mary and her loved ones. We all have her beautiful quilts to cherish and tell stories about today.

The original well is still running and furnishes water to the two apartments. The home is presently owned by Cindy and Terry Venable (Don and Clejo's daughter), as well as the home Donald build in 1951 just west of Grandma's home.

I (Clejo) remember our days of living in this home as happy days. Grandma Mary was very special to all of us. She was loving and kind to all. I loved sitting at her side as she pieced quilts, made aprons, crocheted and tatted. She was patient and loving and answered all questions. She taught us the importance of doing things right. She has always been someone we have looked up to as an example - never a complaint with her large family and long hard days. Her testimony was very strong. I can still see her walking up the hill to church with her purse, scripture, in her Sunday dress and hat. I treasure the memories of his very special Grandmother, Mary Eliza White Campbell Maxwell, living in this special home forever.