

Aaron Johnson Home

70 West Maple Street
Mapleton, Utah



The ground that this home was built on originated on the homestead granted to Edwin Lucius Whiting May 15, 1876. The chain of title was transferred to Daniel Payne, John C. Whiting, and Aaron Johnson. Aaron Johnson built the house and lived here with his family for about four years. He sold the property to Mary Ann Waterman, John Murray, R.W. Llewellyn, then sold it to Lee and Ida Diamond with enough additional ground to equal 3.69 acres.

Grace Llewellyn Hancock, daughter of the R.W. Llewellyn's wrote the following history of the home:

I am delighted to tell you about our old home. We had trees of all kinds and a good vegetable garden. For buildings, we had no inside bathroom, so the toilet was an outside one. We bathed in the tin tub in the kitchen in front of the old cook stove. There were three bedrooms upstairs and one downstairs. The parlor living room, kitchen and pantry were on the ground floor, and a cellar under the kitchen. We had the first electric lights and telephone in Mapleton because the linemen lived at our house when the lines were brought there. During the flu epidemic father had to quarantine every family that had it. He went to every home every day to see if they needed medication or groceries and took it to them. Mother went to Vanes Confectionery in Springville and bought 10 or 15 gallons packed in ice and salt to make ice cream. It was put in our cellar. She didn't make any money, just enough to pay for the ice cream. It was sold for five cents a cone and banana splits for forty cents, with nuts and strawberry topping, chocolate, or pineapple. She did this so the children could have a treat.

The Diamond's moved into the house during the depression. The home has had very little change over the years.

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