

James Newland Wiscombe Home
310 West Maple Street
Mapleton, Utah



James Newland and Nellie Weight Wiscombe moved into their new home in March of 1923, located in Mapleton on what is now known as “310 West Maple.” James (always called Jim) was born March 11, 1880 and Nellie’s birth date was March 6, 1886, both being born in Springville. The twelve acres of land on this corner had passed in ownership through several owners before Jim and Nellie bought it from the Benjamin Blanchard family. Jim and Bell Lee were drivers of horses who pulled equipment to dig out the basement, then later to fill in soil for the front porch. Brick was hauled from Provo Brickyard in two wagons; the horses being driven by Jim, his eleven-year-old son, Joe, and a nine-year-old son, Elmer. Cement was made by hauling soil down from the Nielsen Gravel Pit, up by the Strawberry Canal.

Bill Russell was builder of this house and Pete Hansen did all the painting. During the building of the house a terrible wind storm blew the south side brick wall down, which required the task of rebuilding. On the main floor, there were three bedrooms, a large bathroom, a kitchen, a closet for tin storage, a double front room extending across the east side of the house and also a long front porch. A basement with two finished bedrooms, a large laundry and shower room as well as a fruit room, made the home delightful to live in. A well was dug on the south side of the house and an electric pump was installed under the basement stairs, making water available for various outlets inside the home.

Don and Lena Korth rented this home for a number of years, as well as others doing so. A grandson, James Elmer Wiscombe and his wife, Sue, bought the home in the early 1970’s. Some additions and remodeling have taken place. There is now a fireplace in the north end of the “parlor”, with a large window added on the south end of the living room. Also, another bathroom and laundry room on the north side. A family room in the basement adds much to the activities of family and friends, as well as other changes and additions.

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