

Martin and Esther Walter Home

775 North 300 West
Mapleton, Utah



The Martin and Esther Walter home was constructed in 1910. The property passed through several hands before being sold to Esther's father, William Jordan, in 1907. The 10-acre parcel on which the home sits was a gift to Martin and Esther on the occasion of their marriage. At a later date, Martin and Esther purchased an adjoining 9-acre parcel to add to their farm.

Shortly after his marriage to Esther, Martin proceeded to build a barn and some sheds on the home site. This construction included a granary and a wash house. These buildings were considered very fine, and the farm became quite a showplace. During this time, the Walters lived south of the property in the old Jordan house with Esther's brother Fielden Jordan, and his wife. The two young couples cared for the elderly Mr. Jordan.

After the death of William Jordan, Martin and Esther began making arrangements to move to the property with their newborn son Bill. They contracted with Lewis Whitney of Springville to build the home, which consisted of four rooms with a pantry and a large closet. The house was made of cream brick with cream-colored wood trim inside. Two large front windows provide a view of the beautiful mountain and of the sunrise each morning.

Spanning the front of the house is a spacious porch. Flowers and bushes were planted in the yard and a nice easy path was made to the fields. The irrigation ditch that brought water to their crops still passes this home. Many wonderful, young families have lived in the home since that time to the present day, including Clark and Katie Wiscombe, who in 2001 modernized the bathroom, updated the lighting, and replaced the flooring. The Walter home should stand for many more years to come.

Interview Bertha Walter Scott
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