

**The William H. Whiting and Stephan Paraskeva Home**  
589 North Main Street  
Mapleton, Utah



The property changed hands several times then reverted back to the Whitings, who sold it to Stephan Paraskeva. Mrs. Paraskeva has in her scrapbook the following history written for her by one of Mrs. Whiting's grandsons – unfortunately it was not signed.

It is possible that Ermel Morton was the writer:

“Oscar Newell Whiting married my grandmother, Lelia Tuckett, on December 13, 1899. The house was built the preceding summer, 1899. Oscar met my grandmother at the home of her father, John Tuckett Sr. on the west side of Mapleton, east of the Big Hollow (where the Holleys have built a more modern home). Grandmother and Oscar began living in the new house as soon as they were married. Uncle Will Whiting took over the ownership of the house after Grandmother Whiting died in December 1927. Aunt Marva, Uncle Will's second wife, had the house when it was bought. Grandmother and Oscar met in 1899 when Oscar went to John Tuckett's place to get gravel to build the new house, which is one of the earlier homes of Mapleton. The house has a rock foundation, probably from the quarry near the mouth of Maple Canyon. The pine lumber in the house came from Mapleton Mountain. The house was laid of red brick and trimmed in white fancy work.

The original plan of the house was much the same as the other nice homes of Mapleton. It consisted of a parlor, dining room, one bedroom, and a kitchen. It also had a large attic space. Two doors entered the house from the front porch. A storage area was added to the back of the southwest part of the kitchen in about 1910. One of the very old apple trees still stands behind the house on the west neighbor's yard (1992). Mrs. Paraskeva said when they first moved into the house there were vines and plants growing all over the outside. Vines were growing in the electric boxes, and through the house walls hundreds of wasps lived in the attic floor. The ceiling and walls had to be replaced. The bathroom was furnished with a toilet sitting on a box, and an old-fashioned porcelain bathtub, but unfortunately there was no running water.

The Paraskeva's have restored the home one room at a time. They enlarged the kitchen into the storage area and added a sewing room at this point also. By putting new beams in the ceilings to hold the extra weight and adding a staircase, they were able to convert the attic into three lovely bedrooms. Three layers of roof were removed and replaced. One door on the front was closed using brick to match the original. The Paraskeva's added beautiful leaded windows with special designed stained glass. Through patience and hard work this old house has been restored to service and beauty. The effort of the Paraskeva family is appreciated by all those who pass by. This structure is certainly a monument to Mapleton's Historic past.”

Possibly written by Ermel Morton for Mrs. Paraskeva  
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