

The Edward Harvey Perry Home

780 South Main Street
Mapleton, Utah



“Harve and Mary Ann’s first home was built on eight acres of land that he inherited from the homestead of his father, Stephen C. Perry. This house was begun in 1896, shortly after he married Mary Ann, daughter of William Price and Maria Jane Curtis Fullmer. The house was a two-room red brick house constructed from brick that came from the brick yard located on Ell Perry Fullmer’s eight acres. Later Harve bought a lean-to room from his brother, Hyrum and this was added to the north side of the house. The new home that they would build was right in front of this two-room house. Harve also bought eight acres of ground from Calvin Van Leuven on the north side of Mapleton where he had five acres of peaches. As the family grew the two rooms became crowded, and it was necessary to do something. Harvey made the mistake of talking to a building contractor, and as a result they were talked in to building a home that was beyond their ability to pay for. It was the largest house in Mapleton at the time. Three more sons were born to them in this home. The children were delighted with the new home. There was a big porch almost clear across the front of the house, where all the neighborhood children gathered to play. There were sliding doors between the parlor and dining room which made it very convenient to have plays. One room was used as the stage and the other for the audience, and the sliding doors were the curtains. As time went on it became increasingly more difficult to earn enough to make ends meet.

Finally the Perry's sold their home and Harvey went to Lost River Idaho to work. Harvey and Mary Ann had nine children. Five were born while they lived in the first little house and three were born in the new house. Mary Ellen Perry Binks bought the home from the Harvey Perrys. There were three bedrooms and a big closet upstairs with a living room and kitchen downstairs. Norris and Amanda Binks bought the house from Norris’ brother, Joseph. They added a garage on the north side of the house and added shutters to the windows and a roof over the front door. They also added a bathroom and later in their years in the house they made the upstairs bedrooms into an apartment, with the closet being converted to a bathroom. When Norris Binks lived in the house as a boy, there was no water in the house except from a pump at the back of the house, but later they were able to get the City water. The date I have on this house is 1904.”

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