Save the date! Our annual Theodore Turley Temple & Family History Day is Saturday, April 8th.

**Saturday Morning:** We encourage LDS family members to attend temple services wherever they reside. We will not arrange organized brunches as we have in the past. If you are in the Salt Lake area, those wanting to participate in a sealing session officiated by Richard E. Turley, Sr., can do so at the Salt Lake Temple. The session starts at 10 a.m. You should arrive at the temple 30 minutes early.

**Saturday Afternoon:** Family members will meet at the Family History Library in downtown Salt Lake City at 2 p.m. in the main floor classroom A. Two of our family researchers, David R. Turley, Jr., and Mary Ann Clements, will present recent findings about Theodore Turley and his descendants. Afterwards, interested family members can visit the Salt Lake City Cemetery to see the new headstones paid for by our organization.

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**ORGANIZATION PLANNING MEETING**

The Theodore Turley Family Organization is meeting Friday March 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ensign Stake Center church building (located at 135 A Street, Salt Lake City, UT) on the lower floor, west side of building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Do you have a research question you would like to ask the extended family? Send in your question to turleyfamilyorg@gmail.com by August 10, 2017 to be shared in the next newsletter.

**THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY WEBSITE:**

www.turleyfamily.org

Please send newsletter contributions to Hilary Turley at hnturley@gmail.com.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Turley Family!

As one chapter ends, another begins. It's intimidating following in Natalie Tanner's footsteps as president of this fabulous organization. All of us are grateful for Natalie's efforts over the last few years. Under her leadership we started an annual tradition honoring Theodore Turley's April 10th birthday with an organization-wide activity. Natalie also went above and beyond with putting together the Beaver/Minersville family history tour last September, and it's fun to read her report in this newsletter. Of course, Natalie continues to be active in the organization and is already planning our next TTFO trip to San Bernardino this fall!

Other new officers installed at last October's meeting include Luana Rogers as President-Elect, and Janet Packham as Secretary (replacing Tony Turley). All of our officers (old and new) work hard for our organization, and we are so very grateful for the many family members continuing to fill leadership roles and serving as family group representatives.

The biggest news, of course, is our Turley Temple and Family History Day coming up on Saturday, April 8th! Many of Theodore Turley's descendants are LDS, so we encourage those members to participate in temple services Saturday morning wherever they reside. Those in the Salt Lake area may want to attend a sealing session at the Salt Lake Temple officiated by past TTFO president Richard Eyring Turley, Sr. Details are at the top of this newsletter on page 1. ALL Theodore Turley descendants, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend a special presentation at the Family History Library in downtown Salt Lake City on Saturday afternoon. There, David Turley and I will be presenting our newer family history research. David works closely with Rick Turley on the Theodore Turley Papers project, and we are so excited to have him share that research!

In other news, our fundraising effort for the Turley headstones was a success! Two headstones were installed last fall at the Salt Lake City cemetery for Turley family members, and we've included photographs. There is already a request for another headstone fundraising effort, which David Turley describes later on.

Thank you all for your submissions to the newsletter. It's so fun to learn about our extended family members. We also love see the accomplishments of our talented relatives! (Obviously, it's a family trait. 😊)

On a more serious note, we'd ask that you consider making a donation to the organization. Since we don't charge dues, those tax-deductible donations are all we have to run our organization and fund special projects. In the last year, all funding was provided by less than 2% of our membership. Donations, no matter the size, can be made via mail (see address on last page) or PayPal (sent to turleyfamilyorg@gmail.com).

Again, thank you all for your support in keeping the family ties strong. I'm sure Theodore would be proud!

Mary Ann Clements, President
(Mary Ann – Doug – Marion – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)

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IRENE BRINKERHOFF ARNOLD (1930 ~ 2017)

Irene Brinkerhoff Arnold of Ketchum passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at her home in Ketchum. She was 86 years old. Irene was born December 30, 1930 in Woodruff, Ariz. to Levi and Rhoda (Turley) Brinkerhoff. She grew up and attended schools in Woodruff and graduated from Holbrook High School.

She married Jack Winston Arnold on Sept. 30, 1950 in Woodruff. They lived in Gainesville, Texas where Jack worked in the oil fields. They moved to Duncan, Okla. until he entered OU Pharmacy School in Norman, Okla. in 1960. After Jack graduated in 1964, they moved to Tulsa. In 1976, Jack and Irene came to Duck Creek. They built their current home in Ketchum in 2000. They really enjoyed living in the Grand Lake area.

Irene was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Grove Ward. She was a member of TOPS in Cleora, and even served as the secretary. Irene loved to cook for Meals on Wheels in Ketchum. Anyone who knew Irene, knows that she loved plants. She loved to garden and her home was filled with plants and flowers. One of her favorite flowers was the sunflower, but it was said that she loved “anything that grows.” In addition to gardening, another love of Irene's was porcelain dolls, which she collected and made with her daughter Rhonda. Irene also enjoyed sewing, putting puzzles together and spending time with her family.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Lila, Elna, Lavern, Thelma and Arlene; and three brothers Ferrin, Darrell and Dono. She is survived by her husband, Jack; a sister, Carma King of Mesa, Ariz.; three daughters, Vicki Irene Clark and husband Rich of Franklin, Tenn., Rhonda Gayle Damron and husband Dusty of Spavinaw, Okla., and Lisa Diane Smith and husband David of Claremore, Okla.; a son, David Michael Arnold and wife Michel of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. (Irene – Rhoda – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

Field Trip Report – Beaver, Utah September 23-24, 2016


Follow this link to view a comprehensive slide show prepared by Carolee Pyper: Smilebox Presentation
Our first stop on the trip was in Fillmore, Utah at the Territorial Statehouse. The museum there has an old photo book that belonged to Francis Lyman, son of Amasa Mason Lyman. Included is an original photo of Theodore Turley! David Turley arranged for us to view it, and he also provided a high quality print that he made from the scanned image. This was a very exciting kick off to our trip.

From there we continued to the Fillmore cemetery to view Amasa Lyman’s headstone and gravesite. Amasa and Theodore were close life-long friends. Additionally, Amasa was married to Priscilla Turley, Theodore’s daughter.
We then continued to Beaver. Our first stop was to view and tour the William Greenwood home located at 190 S. 100 W. Prior arrangements were made with the homeowner who graciously allowed our group to tour the entire home—inside and out—and take unlimited photos. She and her family are life time residents of Beaver and she was excited to learn more about the original owners, William and Ann Greenwood, parents of Sarah Greenwood. Sarah was the first wife of Theodore’s son, Isaac. It was very exciting to be in this beautiful home.

After a delicious lunch at Maria’s Cocina, we visited the Beaver Territorial Courthouse. This beautiful building, located at 90 E. Center Street, was completed in 1876 and is now a museum run by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. The building was the site of many historic events including the sentencing of John D. Lee and the incarceration of notable outlaws such as Matt Warner. The DUP has filled the building with interesting artifacts, photos, and documents related to the settlement of Beaver County. The director, Bonny Ames, and her other assistants were gracious hosts to the group. They provided a detailed tour of the building and a short presentation regarding people and events that were connected to the Theodore Turley family.

Our next stop was at the Beaver County Recorder’s office where we were able to pour over public land records. The group spent several hours and identified the location of various family members land holdings.

Our evening was capped off by a lovely private dinner at the Timberline Restaurant. Following dinner, David Roche Turley provided a wonderful presentation. For those not familiar with David, he is the nephew of Rick Turley. David has been working closely with Richard on a number of Theodore Turley related projects. As part of David’s remarkable presentation, he
provided a binder to each attendee with fascinating information that he and Richard have been working on. Carolee Pyper also displayed many old photos. Group members were able to help with previously unidentified family members. One of the most exciting photos was an original of Isaac Turley and his family. Most in the group had only seen copies of this rare photo. Since our trip, David Turley has been able to restore the Isaac Turley photo and high quality scans are now available to everyone!

Saturday we met at the Beaver Mountain View Cemetery and visited the gravesites of Theodore Turley and Ruth Jane Giles Turley. Mary Ann Clements, Christy Smith, David Turley and others offered comments about the grave placement and their lives. Natalie Tanner read biographies of William and Ann Greenwood at their gravesites. Luanna Rogers, David Turley, and Janet Packham provided information about Edward and Mary Ann Tolton, parents of Isaac Turley’s second wife, Clara Ann Tolton.

After leaving the cemetery, we drove by the Edward Tolton home located at 210 W. 400 N. The home looks very similar to the Greenwood home as they used the same builder and native black rock stone from the quarry north of town. We also visited and took photos of the Samuel Dennis White home located at 315 N. 100 E. Their daughter, Lucy Hannah White married William Jordan Flake in Beaver prior to their eventual settlement in Snowflake, Arizona. There are a great number of beautiful, pioneer era homes and buildings in Beaver with over 100 listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Next up was a side trip to Minersville to explore the Turley history there. Along the way, we stopped at a second home of Edward Tolton just west of Beaver. Another gracious owner granted permission to tour the home and adjacent barn which was built by Philo Farnsworth. Special thanks to David Turley for making this highlight possible.

Our final stop as a group was at the Minersville Cemetery where Carolee Pyper showed us the gravesites of Frederick Turley descendants. We also saw the grave of Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner. Mary was notable for having saved pages of the Book of Commandments during a mob attack on the printing press at Independence Missouri in July 1833. She and her sister gathered pages and hid in a cornfield until the mob passed. Her daughter, Elizabeth married Theodore’s son, Joseph Orson Turley.

Some of the group continued into Minersville to view the historic Rollins / Lightner home and then to Milford and the ghost town of Frisco.

Special thanks to Carolee Pyper and Sharon Gray for being our resident photographers, and to all the attendees for their contribution in making this a truly enjoyable and memorable event. We all came away having learned many new things, feeling enriched, and looking forward to another visit to Beaver. We packed a lot into two days with plenty left unseen. Hopefully others can take an opportunity to visit these interesting Theodore Turley family sites.

Natalie Tanner, natalie.tanner@yahoo.com
How to get there on your own...

Thanks to Mary Ann Clements for creating these maps to accompany the field trip!
San Bernardino Field Trip – October 2017

Please join us for our next field trip to San Bernardino, California and the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. More details will follow, but we are planning to go in late October 2017. We will likely spend Thursday and Friday in San Bernardino and Saturday at the Huntington Library which houses numerous documents and records about the establishment of San Bernardino related to Theodore Turley’s time there.

Some books of interest to prepare for the trip (and even if you can’t make the trip) are:

- *Into the Jaws of Hell*, by Tom Sutak
- *San Bernardino*, by Edward Leo Lyman
- *The Overland Journey from Utah to California*, by Edward Leo Lyman
- *Amasa Mason Lyman*, by Edward Leo Lyman

This time period and location were a fascinating part of Theodore Turley, Church, and California history. I hope you will enjoy learning about it and hopefully be able to join us in the fall.

Natalie Tanner, natalie.tanner@yahoo.com

Aug. 11, 2016

Hilary: I really appreciate the work you are doing and the content of the recent newsletter. It is great to connect with my relatives and ancestors. Phoebe and I completed one year on a service mission with BYU-I Pathway. It was a great experience and we have about 20 students who completed the first year and then moved on to an online degree program with BYU-I including one of my daughters-in-law. We are planning to return to be ordinance workers in the Seattle Temple.

We have moved from Vancouver, Washington to sunny Sequim, Washington on the Olympic Peninsula. Sequim is in the rain shadow of the Olympic mountains with only 16 inches of rain per year and very mild winters. We would welcome any visitors that come our way.

Mark & Phoebe Turley met.mark@gmail.com
(Mark – Lawrence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)
Aug. 11, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently visited Nauvoo this past June with my family, and while we were there, we discovered that had recently been an archaeological dig performed at the Turley home site led by the Community of Christ. There were a number of artifacts from the site that were excavated and are being stored in the basement of the Joseph Smith store. I took a quick photo of some of these artifacts (see the attached photo).

Just thought I would pass the information on to the Turley Family organization. I’m one of probably many direct descendants of Theodore Turley through Isaac Sr. and Isaac Jr.

Curtis James, 928-533-3772 james61c@erau.edu
(Curtis – Mary – Viola – Isaac – Isaac – Theodore)

Sept. 15, 2016

Dear Carolee,

Thank you for taking care of so many projects. I enjoyed the recent letter and family news. The enclosed check is for the newsletter and the balance for any special projects you feel most important. I don’t have the stamina to join the Turley family on the 23-24th trip, but may (?) be able to attend the meeting on Sept 30th.

Best wishes to all,
Valerie Knettle
(Valerie – Ivis – Esther – Isaac – Theodore)

Sept. 26, 2016

-----THANKS SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL "TURLEY" OUTING!!!--

I received a call back from my brother, Milton Turley, about 3:00 p.m. after we were some 15 miles out of Beaver. Here is some info I wish I had thought to get earlier:

1) Isaac Turley homes in Beaver: He built a home for Sarah Greenwood and Clara Ann Tolton. They are 1 block west and approx 2 blocks north of the William Greenwood home. The home Isaac built for Sarah had two narrow windows in the front with decorative Brick Arches on top. When the home was remodeled and a large single plate glass window put in, the decorative arches were left in place. Clara Tolton's home was just north of that. They are on the West side of the road on NW corner. Milton has pictures of the houses and he thought they were posted on memories, but I can't find them (which doesn't mean they aren't there!). There are photos of the 2 Greenwood homes on memories under William Greenwood. The brick one is south off Main Street just coming into Beaver.
2) Ivan Turley's grandson, Tom Bartlett, moved to Beaver. His father-in-law bought the Isaac Turley home that housed Sarah Greenwood. Tom Bartlett helped his father-in-law remodel the home. They found documents and papers which further established the house had once belonged to Isaac Turley. Tom Bartlett lived out in Greenville area.

3) This Tom Bartlett, who was a Stake Clerk at the time they were trying to locate Theodore Turley's gravesite in order to place a "FAITH IN EVERY FOOTSTEP" headstone, was a huge help to the committee and to my brother in getting ready for the event. He worked with the mayor, looked into records, etc. In the particular plot, they knew one person of the 6 buried there was a MARY WANT. She had been a caretaker for Theodore Turley at the end of his life. When Tom Bartlett shared with the mayor of Beaver the story of Beulah and John Heward, the mayor directed them to place the commemorative headstone on the plot and they didn't have to pay for the plot. Milton said he worked with a very elderly woman from Beaver, a Sister Tanner, and also a Sister Yardley helped as they worked on this project. Sister Tanner remembered seeing a headstone for Theodore Turley and Ruth Ann Giles as a girl, but said it had toppled over and been destroyed. These wonderful women have since passed away. Bro Yardley still alive, but very elderly.

4) Beulah Turley Heward and her husband John Heward were searching to find the place where Theodore's family were buried. They were aged and not in great health. County said records prior to 1870 had been destroyed by fire. John and Beulah went to the Cemetery and each took 1/2 of the cemetery to walk through. Beulah walked and prayed and walked and prayed until she felt she couldn't go on any more when she cried out very loudly, "Grandfather, where are you??". She heard an answer "I am here". Her husband John heard her loud cry and came to see what was the matter. As she repeated her story, the "I am here" was repeated again and John heard the voice that time. (As remembered from Beulah telling the story to Milton Turley) (I will see if we can get Richard or Ernest Turley's phone number and see if they have a written account. Beulah was much affected by this event, and I heard her tell a short version of it at the Headstone placement and dedication event)

5) Milton thinks that there may be an original copy of the letter sent to the Greenwood's upon Sarah's death by Isaac Turley. It was in the "Treasures of Truth" book of Floyd Turley. (I just looked on "memories" on Family Search and that letter is transcribed there)

I wish we had decided to attend the reunion earlier and that I had asked Milton for information, for I knew he had talked about going to the Isaac Turley homes in Beaver with our parents, Floyd and Olive Turley, years ago and had recently been there. I had forgotten just where he said it was.

Thanks for a delightful weekend!
Christine Smith hal.christy@gmail.com
(Christine – Floyd – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)
Dear Family and Friends,
I have been in the process of writing the Life History of our parents, Theresa Turley Wagner and Edgar L. Wagner and am ready to take it to the printers. Just wondering if you or any of your family members would be interested in a copy of this book. I would just like to have an idea of how many to order, you are not obligated in any way. Think about it and maybe ask your family if they would be interested and please let me know soon. The printer said that it would average $35.00—$40.00 depending on how many we order. This has certainly has been a labor of love and has taken me years to finally complete it.

My Mother Theresa died in child birth at 37 yr. old, I was 16 yr. old at the time. My siblings were 12- 9 -6 so we have done our best to try and remember what our life was at the time of her death. I was prompted to contact her brothers and some friends back in 1985 so did have some information other than our own.
Hope this finds you all well and happy.

Love, Carolyn  W. Lunt  luntcarolyn@comcast.net
(Carolyn – Teresa – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

David,
I was talking with my brother Milton S Turley who lives in Mesa, Arizona, and he says there are a few things you may be interested in for the book. He received all the stuff my parents, Floyd and Olive Turley, had when they died except for alot of stuff that Richard Eyring Turley got from my mother some years prior to her death in 1990 or so.

1) There is an original letter written by Isaac Turley to the Greenwoods in Beaver about Sarah Greenwood's death.

2) There is a note about Theodore Turley inventing an octagonal barreled gun in 1850, which had an amazingly accurate shot. This was found in a box of items that Ella Mae Judd gave to my father, I believe, when he was made President of the Turley family organization sometime around 1960 or so.

3) My father, Floyd Turley, had in his possession 2 guns. Once was a 30-06 and one had an octagonal barrel (32-40) or something like that. He gave these guns to his grandson Kenneth Karges who lives in Holbrook, Arizona. Milton is wondering if he got the guns from Kenny and took them to SLC if there is a "gun expert" who could verify when it was made approx, and possibly who made it??? I think Kenny wants to keep the guns for now, but I haven’t spoken to him personally.

4) My father alleged that when his father was chased out of Mexico by Pancho Villa in 1912, that he (Hyrum Turley) and his oldest son rode horseback and tried to keep the Villa gang from getting their cattle or catching the "train" that had the women and children on it until they could get to El Paso.
5) Richard Heward is back from his mission in Nauvoo. He is the son of Beulah Turley and John Heward. He said there was a lot more to the story than I mentioned at the reunion. He said they saw 3 young boys on very old bicycles who rode up and talked to them and then told them that their grandparents were buried in that unmarked plot of ground. They turned to look again at the lot in the Beaver Cemetery and turned back to speak to the 3 boys but they were gone in just a second or so. Richard told Milton that Beulah was very affected by the events of that day and had written up the account. He had just gotten home, but thought his sister would be able to find a written account by their mother of that event. I do remember hearing Beulah tell part of the story informally at the reunion in Beaver when they placed the Faith in Every Footstep monument in the late 1990's.

Anyway, my brother is having computer problems and cannot send or receive emails at the moment. He is trying to get a new computer set up. His phone number is 602-762-3712, and he lives in Mesa, Arizona. He lived very close to my mother in her later years and knows much more about the family and genealogy than any of the rest of us. He is a sealer in the Mesa Temple and is often there doing temple work, but would love to talk to you if you have any of these things you might be interested in for the Turley book.

Thanks for all the work you and Richard are doing.
Christine Smith hal.christy@gmail.com
(Christine – Floyd – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)

Dec. 11, 2016
Hilary,
I was told that the Turley newsletter of May 1997 has an article by Beula Heward (?) about the inspiration received to locate Theodore’s grave in Beaver. Do you have a copy of the newsletter or of the article? If so, I would appreciate receiving a copy. I couldn’t locate this one in the newsletter archives.

Thanks,
Kay Lovell klovell7@comcast.net
(Kay – Louise – Ida – George – Isaac – Theodore)

Editor’s reply:
Hi Kay,
I just checked all the files I have of historical newsletters and I don’t have one from May 1997. I only have 2 from that year and I read through both the Jan 1997 and September 1997 newsletters, but they do not include anything from Beulah Heward or background on the grave location. My archives are a combination of all the old newsletters that my parents had, that Ann Lewis had, and that the last 2 newsletter editors kept: Mark Turley and Ella Mae Judd. Is there someone else that might have hung on to a copy?

Dec. 11, 2016
I have a copy of the Red Book up to 1978. Is there a digital copy of this book anywhere? I would like to send a digital copy to all my brothers and sisters. Any help and or assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Branden Turley branden0077@hotmail.com
Jan. 26, 2017
Hello my name is Julie Ann (Irons) Hatch, I am a descendent of Marjorie Frost Marshall Sandquist (Pearl Turley Frost). I ask to be placed on the list to receive the Turley family news letter as well I would be happy to help with any and all needed information from our side.

Julie Ann Hatch tnj051185@gmail.com

Feb. 5, 2017

Thanks you for all you do. The Newsletter is always awesome.
Marie Dugger marie.dugger@gmail.com
(Marie – Lawrence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Feb. 7, 2017
Tucker Dell Griner, Stacey Plumb, Erlene Plumb, Leora Turley, Alma Rueben Turley, Isaac Turley, Theodore Turley is serving in the Spokane, Washington Mission. He is now in Orofino, Idaho. It is now warm 30 degrees. Elder Griner is looking forward to taking male cards through the temple on his next transfer. He has wonderful companions and enjoys the work. He participated in missionary work before missionary age and has always wanted to serve a mission. Enclosed is a picture. Hope you are able to use it. This is Robert Dell, Tucker Dell and Stacey Plumb Griner, when Tucker was ordained a priest.

Erlene Plumb eplumb1109@gmail.com
(Erlene – Leora – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)
Thank-you to everyone who donated for the Turley headstones! We were able to raise the necessary $1,300 to install headstones for two previously unmarked Turley graves in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. One is for a plural wife of Theodore, Mary Clift Turley, and the other is for Theodore’s son with Ruth Jane Giles, Alvin Hope Turley. If you are visiting the Salt Lake Cemetery, we hope that you will stop by and see the new additions honoring members of Theodore’s family. We’ve included maps and directions to help you locate the graves.

**Directions:**
The Salt Lake Cemetery is northeast of downtown, close to the U of U campus. The cemetery main entrance is located at the intersection of 4th Ave and N St.

**From I-15:** take the 600 S exit and go eastbound to 700 E. Turn left (north) and continue to South Temple. Turn right (east) and continue to N Street. Turn left (north) and continue until you get to 4th Ave. The cemetery main entrance will be on the northeast corner.

**From I-80:** take the 700 E exit and go northbound to South Temple. Turn right (east) and continue to N Street. Turn left (north) and continue until you get to 4th Ave. The cemetery main entrance will be on the northeast corner.
The cemetery has its own grid system, and the Turley graves are located just SW of the intersection at 280 N and Center St. Once through the main entrance, continue north on Main St and take a right at 280 N. Park at the large trees just before you get to Center St. From there, walk directly south about 30 feet.

Updated Biographical Data for Alvin Hope Turley
Alvin Hope Turley was born November 13, 1855 in San Bernardino, California. He was the youngest of all Theodore Turley's children, and his mother was Ruth Jane Giles, Theodore's fifth wife. Theodore and Ruth were married in Salt Lake City in June 1850, shortly after the death of Mary Clift Turley. Ruth had a son from a previous relationship, Joseph Orson Turley, who was adopted by Theodore. Ruth and Theodore went on to have two more sons together, Jacob Omner and Alvin Hope.

As a young child, Alvin was part of the evacuation of the San Bernardino Mormon colonists in late 1857/early 1858. Theodore and Ruth thereafter settled permanently in the Southern Utah town of Beaver, where Alvin was raised. Theodore Turley passed away from mouth cancer in August 1871. In Amasa Mason Lyman, Mormon Apostle and Apostate: A Study in Dedication by Edward Leo Lyman, we get a better understanding of what happened next:

In September, Theodore’s only surviving widow, Ruth Jane Giles, moved from Beaver to Salt Lake City, probably to obtain medical care for her fifteen-year-old son, Alvin. Almost a year later, in May 1872, a Mr. Levi brought the severely ill Alvin to the Lyman home in Salt Lake City, where his mother and Maria [Amasa M. Lyman’s first wife] nursed him assiduously. He died just a few days later on May 23. Amasa, who had exerted himself to obtain proper medicine for the boy, telegraphed the news to his aunt, Sarah Turley Franklin, at Beaver; then wrote to Alvin’s older brother, Omner, then working at Beaver County’s Star District mining camp; composed an obituary for the Tribune; and arranged for Alvin’s burial at Salt Lake City. He probably also conducted the funeral services but did not mention it in his diary.

According to the Salt Lake Death Register, Alvin succumbed to Typhoid Fever on May 29th (not May 23rd as reported in the Lyman biography), and was buried in the Turley family plot in the Salt Lake cemetery next to one of Theodore’s plural wives, Mary Clift Turley.

Alvin’s death noted in the Salt Lake City death register. This first part shows Alvin’s ward (Beaver), his name, his parents (Theodore and Ruth), birth date (Nov 13, 1855), and birth city (San Bernardino).

Alvin’s death record continues on to the second page, showing Alvin’s birth state (California), death date (May 29, 1872), cause of death (Typhoid Fever), attending physician (Dr. Nelson), and burial plot.

Mary Ann Clements
(Mary Ann – Doug – Marion – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)
THEODORE TURLEY PAPERS

The project to gather Theodore Turley’s papers is going well, and Ann Lewis, David Turley II, and Rick Turley Jr. are continuing to work on it. Here is a preview of the cover.

ANN SMITH TOLTON – HEADSTONE FUNDRAISER

To my wonderful extended family,
I spend a great deal of time in the Salt Lake Cemetery. Aside from the numerous famous and infamous individuals buried there I personally have a host of ancestors. One of my ancestors, Ann (Smith) Tolton, is buried there. She is my great-great-great-great Grandmother. As I searched for the location of her grave I discovered that her plot was not marked with a headstone. With the help of the front office I was able to find the exact location of her plot and would now like to begin the process of placing a marker/headstone there.

Isaac Turley, son of Theodore and Frances Amelia (Kimberley) Turley, married Clara Ann Tolton, Ann (Smith) Tolton’s granddaughter. While Ann is not a direct relative to you all as she is to me and many of your fellow readers, her connection to the Turley’s makes this an advantageous avenue to raise funds for her headstone.

The leadership of the Theodore Turley Family Organization has allowed me to request this via the newsletter as well as use their non-profit status to make any donations tax deductible. All donations for this project should be marked specifically for this cause. No other funds previously donated to the organization will be used. Any excess, if there is any, will be used for future projects.
We are seeking $650 to cover the costs of a permit to place the headstone, a headstone, and installation. If all of her descendants donated $1.00 each we would have enough to place this marker multiple times over. Any donation is gratefully accepted. To start the donations I am pledging $50.00 here.

11 March 2018 marks the 150 year anniversary of her death. From what I can tell from the records she was very poor at the time of her death. She was buried in a gifted 1/2 portion of a plot. I would like her to have a marker prior to this anniversary to thank her for the pathway she opened for her posterity.

Thank you!
David Turley, davidrturley@gmail.com

**MISSIONARY & MILITARY TRACKER – CURRENTLY SERVING**

**NORTH AMERICA**


Kathryn Hess Williams, Seminary & Church Institute Service Mission, presently serving (Kathryn – Louise – Lawrence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)


Caitlin Turley, Toronto Canada Mission, presently serving (Caitlin – Mark – Anthon Jr. – Anthon Sr. – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)


Mellonie & Larry Grohman, Randolph Training Center, presently serving (Mellonie – Barbara – Ernest – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)


Natalie Pyper, Florida Tallahassee Mission, April 2016 – October 2017 (Natalie – Carolee – Barbara – Frances – Frederick – Frederick – Theodore)

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA


EUROPE & ASIA


FAMILY NEWS from CHARLOTTE TURLEY BUSHMAN FAMILY

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT


BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

When I am someday gone - when life as we have come to know it is done for me, and I have moved on to another way of being - when our meetings and our sharings are all past, and the great parting has come, I so hope you can feel, with me, how very good it has all been.

I hope you will know there are no sorrows, no regrets, that I have moved forward with the same sense of peace and anticipation with which I met all of life's transitions. These transitions have all been hard, because I have loved deeply, dearly - places, scenes, fragrances, seasons, persons. And to leave is wrenching to my soul. But it is a superlative pain that only reflects how good, how dear, how gentle and marvelous are those things and persons now missed.

When I am gone, most of all I hope you will know that life was not too hard, too pained, too discouraging - that it never once seemed overwhelming to me. Please don't spend much time on my illnesses, my difficulties, the disappointments and the pain. Don't ever let that overshadow and obscure the splendor and the glory of life as it was always felt and known by me.

Know that I enjoyed the same warmth of the sun, the same cooling, refreshing rain, the same hope with the new buds of spring, the same mystery at the night stars as did those who had less of any of these difficulties, as those who knew less pain.

Know that I watched and felt the growings and the becomings, the honorable struggles and the sweet knowings as did those who parented the children of the world. I had my own special moments with young, trusting, shining eyes. I too had some hugs and some holdings. I knew some sweet, sacred sharings of little hurts and triumphs. I too was a repository of confidences and hurts. I never knew the joy to look upon my own offspring, but I did walk closely with the children of others and I am sure they knew I cared.
The pills and the pain - the restrictions and the fears. They were a part of life for me. They were a constant, a concern, a conflict, a burden. I could have wished to be more free - to be more fully my unlimited self - to have soared without heaviness and worry. But, that same pain touched me for good. It made me recognize those who would be with me through it. It brought me a special dignity in the eyes of those who loved and understood. And it brought me a very special love for those who were able to be just the same to me as if all had always been well. Even my doctor, who cared as much for my poetry as for the follow up on the last medication.

Please don't miss seeing and feeling the happiness and the beauty with which life as I have known it has been filled. Please remember how all those who loved me heaped love and tenderness, flowers and poems, songs and love notes upon my doorstep. The love letters, the calls of remembrance, the reaching out to bless and to comfort me never ceased. It wasn't necessary to have it from everyone all the time. But some power greater than us all seemed to keep the gifts and the words of love and encouragement and support everlastingly repeating, re-echoing, reminding me that I am not alone.

I didn't ever get to Russia - but I knew and loved the Russia of literature in a most delightful and rich way. I didn't know how to talk about music and musicians, but I knew the records that would infuse me with new energy when I needed it. And I let myself sit and write the spirit journeys on which music always carried me.

Please know that I have truly lived. Maybe not by the standards of those who have lived wider, richer, healthier, more importantly, in more far-reaching ways, but nevertheless I have lived. I have known life. I have been at home in this world. I have triumphed. I have spent myself. I have received the best of life's gifts, and they were not given by obligation nor requirement. They were free gifts and I have always held and treasured them.

I have known friendship and the friendship and love I extended and learned how to offer was taken - maybe not always, but it was received and valued in enough ways for me to be wonderfully repaid for any efforts, for any tryings, for whatever I tried to give.

What opportunities have come to me. What views of life. I have sat in so many homes and listened to the interchange of persons to others, of family and of friends. I know from inside the ways of persons, families, communities. I have observed struggle, and I have known sacrifice in others which couldn't ever have words. I have seen love shining in eyes, not only for me but for needing children, for bedraggled, unkempt and unsuccessful parents, for those who haven't even the courage and confidence to make a request or to hope for notice. I have had the unequalled opportunity to know humanity stripped of any decoration, of any covering at all. I have looked in many eyes and been told more by open looks, by undisguised feeling, than has ever been said in the most potent writings or the most eloquent verbalizations. I have reached the highest pinnacle of being not only at home with life but having others be at home with me. I have mattered. I have been trusted. I have touched and been touched, over and over, until it flowed as naturally as streams of water. I have loved life. I have loved being Donna.

DONNA LEE TURLEY LIFE SKETCH

Donna Lee Turley, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, teacher, counselor and friend passed away on July 20, 2000 in Mesa, AZ. Donna was born in 1932 in Joseph City, AZ to Margaret and Wallace Turley. Her family
included an older sister, Ella Mae, and later a younger sister, Loreine, and eventually two younger brothers, Alan and Wayne. When she was born her family lived in Woodruff, AZ before moving to Mesa, AZ in 1943. Donna loved her Aunts and Uncles and cousins she grew up with in Woodruff. One of her essays recounts playing under a quilt that Relief Society sisters were working on and listening to their conversation. She looked forward to having a family but was denied that opportunity.

Donna graduated from Mesa High School in 1949 and went on to attend BYU. After graduating from BYU in 1953 as a home economics education major, Donna began her lifelong teaching career at Snowflake High School. That same year her father, Wallace, was called on a full time mission to California. Donna and Ella Mae, who was then married, helped their family during the two years their father served as a missionary in California.

Donna accepted a teaching position at Dixie College in St. George, UT in 1955 and became a dorm mother. Donna always wanted to serve a mission. In 1958 Donna accepted a call to serve a full-time mission for the LDS Church in the New England States. However, the cold and snow took a toll on her health from which she never fully recovered. She returned home to Mesa early and then when she was not permitted to return to the mission field, she took a position teaching and counseling at BY High School in Provo, UT. While there, in 1965-66 Donna took a leave of absence to attend the Merrill Palmer Institute in Detroit, MI, as part of her graduate studies leading to a Masters Degree in counseling from BYU.

As a result of her time at Merrill Palmer and the influence of one of her dear professors, Clark Moustakas, Donna published a book of reflections and personal essays entitled Mosaic of My Self. In 1968 Donna went to the Redwood City School District in California as a school psychologist. She spent the next 24 years in Redwood City and Cupertino, CA until she retired in 1992. For most of those years Donna was the gospel doctrine teacher in her ward. While Donna was working in California she completed a doctorate in counseling psychology from ASU. While Elder Jeffrey R. Holland was the President of BYU, Donna was selected to receive an outstanding alumni award. Donna had been one of Pat
Holland’s young women teachers while she was living in St. George. She was lifetime friends with the Hollands and with Bruce and Marie Hafen, who she also taught and loved in St. George. When Elder Hafen spoke in General Conference in April, 2004, three years after Donna had passed away, he spoke about Donna and her example of giving her best:

"My friend Donna grew up desiring to marry and raise a large family. But that blessing never came. Instead, she spent her adult years serving the people in her ward with unmeasured compassion and counseling disturbed children in a large school district. She had crippling arthritis and many long, blue days. Yet she always lifted and was always lifted by her friends and family. Once when teaching about Lehi’s dream, she said with gentle humor, “I’d put myself in that picture on the strait and narrow path, still holding to the iron rod but collapsed from fatigue right on the path.” In an inspired blessing given just before her death, Donna’s home teacher said the Lord “accepted” her. Donna cried. She had never felt her single life was acceptable. But the Lord said those who “observe their covenants by sacrifice ... are accepted of me.” I can envision Him walking the path from the tree of life to lift Donna up with gladness and carry her home.

Elder Bruce Hafen: “The Atonement: All for All”, April 2004

Donna returned to Mesa in 1992 to be near her elderly parents and her family. Her father died shortly after she moved to Mesa and her mother nine years later after Donna had sacrificed so much to help take care of her in her last years. After returning to Arizona, Donna supervised graduate students in the counseling practicum program at ASU. She spent her life in loving service to her friends, students, family, Church and anyone in need. Countless people have been the recipients of gifts of Donna’s sewing, cooking, particularly her pinwheel and cowboy cookies, and her thoughtful listening and counseling. She passed away July 20, 2000 in Mesa.

A note by Donna’s little brother, Wayne:

Donna was a guiding influence in my life. I remember many Christmases waiting expectantly for her to arrive home. She brought with her the spirit of Christmas. She introduced me to books and ideas I never would have otherwise known. She made shirts for me and taught me to sew. We cooked together and she taught me to make her famous pinwheel and cowboy cookies. She made a suit for me when I got married and lacked money to buy a new suit. We went on trips together and I went to visit her in Detroit and in Cupertino several times. She introduced me to her friends and made me feel welcome and important. Visiting her in California were some of the happiest times I can remember. Donna was always generous. The last few years of her life were difficult with her increasing health problems and caring for our mother who required constant assistance. Donna was faithful to the end. I believe she is now in a better place and able to receive all of the blessings that our Heavenly Father has for her.

(Donna – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)
RICHARD E. TURLEY JR. TO LEAD CHURCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Published April 26, 2016 at LDS.ORG

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has appointed Richard E. Turley Jr. as the new managing director of the Church’s Public Affairs Department. Brother Turley replaces Michael Otterson, who had previously announced that he would retire on August 31 of this year and has served as the managing director for the past eight years. Brother Turley is currently serving as assistant Church historian and recorder for the Church, a position he has held since March 12, 2008.

Brother Turley also served for eight years as managing director of the Family and Church History Department, overseeing the Church Archives and Records Center, the Church History Library, and the Museum of Church History and Art.

“We are thrilled to welcome Rick Turley to the Public Affairs Department and look forward to serving with him and benefitting from his leadership, knowledge, and experience,” said Elder Von G. Keetch of the Seventy and Executive Director for Public Affairs.

(Mormon Historic Sites Foundation Honors Richard E. Turley Jr.)

BYU NAMES NEW TITLE IX COORDINATOR, by Carri Jenkins
Published Jan. 13, 2017 at BYU.EDU

Tiffany Turley, the manager of BYU’s Women’s Services and Resources, has been named as the university’s new Title IX coordinator. [This position was] established following the recommendations by the Advisory Council on Campus Response to Sexual Assault, which completed a study of the university’s response to sexual assault in the fall. Previously, BYU’s Title IX coordinator had multiple responsibilities in addition to Title IX...

“We are grateful to have people as qualified as Tiffany ... to fill these positions,” said Student Life Vice President Janet S. Scharman. “Our first priority has always been to provide for our students a positive, safe and supportive environment. We believe that the addition of a new Title IX coordinator and a victim advocate is a significant step in ensuring that this will happen.”

Over the years, Turley has volunteered and served with programs, charities and organizations that support...
empower women. She has been involved with the Rape Recovery Center in Salt Lake City on a variety of projects, and she is a certified crisis counselor through the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault. In her role at BYU, she has been actively involved in creating and implementing prevention, awareness and educational outreach programs on women’s issues.

“I believe Tiffany is uniquely qualified for this position, in part because of her leadership in overseeing the programs and services of BYU’s Women’s Services and Resources Office,” said Scharman. “Additionally, she herself is a survivor of sexual assault. She has a clear understanding of all aspects of Title IX and has become a passionate advocate for women and those impacted by sexual violence.”

Turley explained in a recent Q&A that through her training and experience she better understands the complexities of sexual misconduct and the need to treat each victim respectfully and individually. “Having been through these experiences myself, I feel I’ll be able to effectively empathize with victims and reassure them of the importance of obtaining professional help that will allow them to endure and ultimately heal from their trauma.”


THERESA TURLEY WAGNER LIFE SKETCH

Glimpses of her life edited by her children – Carolyn, Beth, LeRoy and Arnold

Theresa Turley, daughter of Edward Franklin Turley (Isaac/Theodore) and Ida Elizabeth Eyring, was born on March 21, 1909 in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Theresa passed away on December 13, 1946 in Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, Mexico and is buried there. Theresa joined a family consisting of three older brothers, Vernon, Clarence and Eyring. The second child of the family was a girl, Ida, who died at age three so the boys thought it was a real treat to have a baby sister. Older brother, Clarence recalled “…when Theresa arrived she was an answer to prayer, and what a darling she was. We simply loved every hair of her beautiful head and we nick named her Tettie. That was her endearing name until she was grown.”

Theresa wrote, “In 1912 at the age of three years, it was recommended and the call was given for the people to leave the Colonies (on a special train made up to go as far as Ciudad Juarez and then cross into the United States of America. This was due to the Mexican Revolution and the danger of Pancho Villa and his bandits.) They responded and shortly after arriving in El Paso, Texas, which is a very faint recollection of mine, Grandma Eyring, (who lived with us in Colonia Juarez) Mary Bommeli Eyring, left for Ephraim, Utah to stay with her daughter Louise Thompson.”
The family remained in El Paso for two years and “...we were glad when the time came in September, (1914) to go back to our home in the Colonies in Mexico after the Exodus. I was five and a half years old. There were many interesting events, which followed up to the time that I was 9 or 10 years of age, revolutions, etc. There was the night when we sat up all night without a light, waiting for Francisco Villa to come and take us prisoners. It seemed that each Saturday, for a period of time, something dreadful and mysterious was happening.”

Because of the exodus Theresa was not able to start formal schooling until age seven and one half but caught up in time. She had the following teachers: Asenath Skousen Walser, Isaura Bentley Abegg, Hannah Elliott, Agnes Scott Bluth, and Ella Wall Jarvis. Theresa remembered, “During my first 2 years at the Academy, 7th and 8th grades, we seemed to have one big time, always making a joke of our studies and surely not getting much out of school. Guy C. Wilson Jr. was the youngest teacher I have had. He and his sister Elizabeth helped raise the standards of culture and make for a higher Ideal in Society. He was President and Vice-President the last two of my High School years.”

Younger brother, Harold, wrote these memories of Theresa:

“I have heard my older brothers relate to me how excited and pleased they were to get a sister. After she started walking, she had her older brothers for protection. They really guarded her from any kind of harm.

“It was a bit different as I remember growing up. The three older brothers were around very little and I had an older sister to protect me. She was very kind and considerate of me. She was also a tease, and used to rough me up a bit. It was because she loved her little brother. I remember she would wrestle with me on the dining room floor. Theresa was very athletic and well coordinated. For a long time, she would always get the best of me; pin my shoulders down and sit on top of me. The time came though, that I could begin to fend for myself. When I was able to be competition for her, the wrestling and scuffling stopped. She would remind me, that she was a lady and I was a boy.

“I recall how good she was at playing baseball and basketball. The boys her age in the neighborhood would always invite her to play with them because she could throw the baseball and catch it and bat it like the boys. In other words, she could compete with them. I remember three girls who were very athletic at that time and they would compete with the boys. They were my cousin, Pauline Turley, Leah Skousen and Theresa. They enjoyed competing with the boys, especially in baseball.

“Theresa took music lessons from Sister Cecil Young (Bishop Young’s wife). She was learning to play the organ, an old style pump organ. But she had a problem at home. Our Grandmother, Clara A. Tolton Turley, lived with us from the time I can remember and when I went off to college, she was still at our home. Her bedroom was next to the front room. The organ was in the front room and when Theresa practiced, Grandmother would complain. Theresa was limited as to when and how long she could practice. Theresa felt very bad about this and I can see why. It kept her from progressing in her music. We appreciated Grandmother for she did favors for us and of course, this was the only grandparent that either one of us could remember.

“My sister, Theresa, was a very kind and considerate person. She was very good in helping her Mother and there was a very close association and feeling between them. I recall when I first started going to the dances; Theresa would be very patient with me in teaching me to dance. I recall having a chance to dance with
all of Theresa’s chums (girls her age). They gave me a chance to learn from them. There was too much difference in our ages to have very much contact socially, other than the dances.

“She was a very good example to me and I loved my big sister very much. She was a senior in High School when I was a freshman. This is the year that I remember her the most. She was very popular with her peers and I certainly looked up to her as my big sister.”

We continue with Theresa’s personal history entry:

“It was during my Junior and Senior year that I kept company with one young man and thought for a long time that I had truly found my companion in life. But thru my attendance to my Church duties, such as Secretary of the YWMIA for two years and Bee Hive, Junior and Gleaner work, other habits came into play. When the decision was made to break off the romance, I was not so sure. But thru the influence of my mother’s prayers, and her faithfulness, faith and constant guidance in my life the right decision manifest itself very strongly and I was able to get on with my life.

“On September 1st 1927, I left for El Paso, to stay with my brother Vernon, his wife and baby. On September 12, I entered the International Business College, where I studied Business, Spelling, English, Arithmetic, Gregg Shorthand, and Type writing for ten months. I took the train at Ciudad Juarez two different times during my stay, and spent three different weeks, in all, with my folks in Mexico.

“My first permanent job was with the Juarez Stake Academy; working as Secretary of the Juarez Stake School Board and as a stenographer and book keeper. I also worked in the Book Store two hours a day and helped in the Mexican Dept. and kept the Study Room and Library two hours a day, receiving five hundred and eighty five dollars for the ten months. I indeed learned to admire and to respect Lucian M. Mecham while working that year. “Pres. Ralph B. Keeler wished me to accept the position the following year and I was quite undecided. But after promising to marry Edgar L. Wagner the fifth of November, and he not wanting me to work, because it would necessitate a separation because of his work, I decided against the job. Edgar worked as a salesman in the Farnsworth and Romney Store in Colonia Dublan, which was eighteen miles distant from Colonia Juarez.

“We were married on November 5, 1929, in the Mesa Temple at Mesa, Arizona. We spent a short honeymoon of eighteen days along the way of Virden, Safford, Thatcher, Pima, Miami, Mesa, Tucson and around by way of El Paso, Texas.”

Her brother, Harold, remembered, “I recall when she started going with a young man from Dublan. His name was Edgar Wagner. They courted for some time. She told me one day, that she felt that she had found the right man in her life, and that they were making future plans. This is when I felt a little bad in a way, because I was losing a sister, but after the marriage, I got better acquainted with Edgar and it then seemed like I got another brother rather than losing a sister.”

Back to Theresa’s account, “The first six months of my married life was spent living out of a suitcase, on the farm in Guadalupe, living with my in-laws. It seemed so nice to finally be able to paint and remodel a little house that we acquired in Colonia Dublan and live alone. We moved in on May 26, 1930.
“On October 23, 1930, a little 8 pound baby girl was born to us and of course, as always is the case, we could hardly decide on a good enough name. We decided to call her Norma Carolyn for no one in particular, (both liking people by the names and liking the combination.)

“On November 23 1932, a little 6½ pound baby boy was born, but no life permeated his body. It was later decided that it must have been the serious or first attack of Appendicitis, which must have started instant or true labor.”

Theresa struggled with appendicitis for about two years and the decision was made to have surgery. Theresa wrote “… So Edgar and I left for El Paso May 17, 1934, on the North Western Railroad, bound for Ciudad Juarez. I had my operation Saturday morning, 7:00 to 8:00 AM on May 19, 1934. The surgery was successful and I remained at the El Paso Masonic Hospital 8 days and then was taken up to the Roche Home at 1311 Elm Street, where I spent some time recuperating. At the time of the operation, I was 5 months pregnant, in due time another healthy dark haired baby girl was born on September 7, 1934. She was named after her two grandmothers, Clara Matilda Walser Wagner, and Ida Elizabeth Eyring Turley. We called her Clara Beth.”

Thelma Wagner Bluth, a niece, recalls, “I was seven years old when Uncle Edgar married Aunt Theresa. She was a beautiful lady, black hair and white skin; besides being beautiful she was very kind. In the seventeen years that I knew her, I never did hear her say an unkind thing to anyone, and goodness knows she would have had a cause to do so. She picked up after the group of us, that road from Guadalupe to Dublan to school. We would leave the horse and wagon at their place while we were in school. We always had blankets and coats that we would leave in her home. We would put them in a heap behind her kitchen door. This should have caused anyone to be upset. I can imagine the hay and dust we brought into her house each day, but she never complained. After we went to school she would shake out the blankets and coats fold them neatly and put them behind the door. When the weather was bad, she would have us come in and get warm before going on to school.”

In 1937 Edgar found employment in the American Smelting and Refining Company in Chihuahua City and the family lived there until 1944 when Edgar moved them back to Colonia Dublan where Edgar had purchased the tannery, leather shop, and general store of Orrin Romney known as Compañía Industrial de Dublan. During this time, two other children were born to Edgar and Theresa, Edgar LeRoy Wagner, Jr., born on May 26, 1937 and Howard Arnold Wagner, born on March 19, 1940. Edgar was called as Dublan Ward Bishop in December 1944 and two years later Theresa passed away in child-birth on December 13, 1946. The baby girl was still-born.
Oldest daughter Carolyn wrote the following: “Our Mother had the reputation of making the ‘Best Taffy Candy’ in town. It would melt in your mouth. I remember watching her string the soft, very hot mixture with her hands, pulling it back and forth until it was cool and airy and it was then spread on the table to finish cooling. Then using the handle of a table knife, she would crack the long strings into pieces. It was no easy task to make the kind of delicious taffy that she made. Her hands would be red from handling the hot mixture. I have never seen or tasted taffy like that since my childhood.

“One day I received some exciting news from my friend Ethyl Taylor. My Mother was expecting a baby! My Mother had confided to Ethyl’s mother, Rhoda Taylor, about her pregnancy. The baby was to be born in December of 1946. I asked her about the baby and she then told me about expecting a baby, and acted so shy about it. I was so thrilled and excited!

“Friday, December 13, 1946 was a sad day! Our Mother was 37 year old when she passed away from complications of childbirth. The baby was stillborn, a beautiful dark-haired baby girl. Bro. Wilford Farnsworth and Dad administered to our mother two times, but she just began to fade away. I remember Mariar Hardy, who was the midwife, came and told me that Mama was dead. I went into the bedroom and saw the grief stricken face of my Dad and the doctor, E. LeRoy Hatch who was standing at the chest of drawers, with his head in his hands, and the tears running down his cheeks. He later talked to doctors in El Paso and they determined that our Mother had hemorrhaged internally.

“Our Mother and our beautiful baby sister were buried together in the casket. The baby lay in the crook of her Mother’s left arm. It was a sad and traumatic day in the lives of her children. Carolyn was 16, Clara Beth 12, LeRoy 9, and Arnold 6. Our lives were changed forever.

“Special permission was granted from the Mexican Government, to hold the body over for two days so that Theresa’s brothers and their wives could arrive to attend the funeral.

“The body was placed on wooden planks on sawhorses in the bedroom, with bottles of ice all around her body. The casket had to be brought in through the bedroom window and taken out the same way. “Uncle Harold E. and Aunt Ireta P. Turley and Uncle Vernon and Aunt Winifred R.Turley came from El Paso, Texas, Uncle Eyring and Aunt Louise R. Turley traveled from San Antonio, Texas and Uncle Clarence and Aunt Anna T. Turley (arrived from) Colonia Juarez along with Grandmother Ida Elizabeth E. Turley.

“I will never forget the large crowd at the funeral service, which was held on Sunday December 15, 1946 in the afternoon, after the Church services in the morning, and all the Mexican people who came and shook our hands. Dad had many friends and many whom he had helped financially. One of the songs that were sung was, ‘Some Where, Some Time, We’ll Understand.’ It was hard for me to understand, why a Mother could be taken away from her family, and why Heavenly Father needed her more than we did. Theresa was buried in the Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, Mexico Cemetery. My Dad, Edgar LeRoy Wagner, died 8 September 1986 in Brigham City, Utah and was buried in the Brigham City Cemetery.”

Theresa’s mother-in-law Clara Matilda Walser Wagner said “Theresa was one of the most unselfish persons I knew. There was no selfishness in her at all. She was very thoughtful of other people. In my opinion she was just as ready to meet her Maker as anyone ever was.”

Harold concluded his memories of Theresa with, “Theresa and I were always very close. It was a great loss to me, as well as her family, when she died. It was very hard for me to accept that such a young woman had to
die, and especially to leave a young family of children and a husband. I have always had a very close feeling for Theresa’s children.”

Theresa’s brother Clarence wrote in his account: “On the 13 December, 1946, I went to Dublan to meet the train, to pick up my wife Anna, and daughter Lucile who were arriving by train.” While in town someone came to him and said Theresa had just passed away. He continued, “I could not believe it. She was the picture of health and when I saw that beautiful lady laid out with her infant child also laid out in the fold of her arm, I could have shed buckets of tears.

“Then I thought of our Mother who was at home in Colonia Juarez expecting a call to go down and be with her, my heart did break. I would have to go for her and be the one to break the heart-rending news, which of course I did. She was struck as if in a trance. That poor soul had lost the one great joy in her life. Her Theresa was gone! Mother would not be caring for her and the baby. She stood the shock better than I had anticipated. I drove her to the Wagner home and accompanied her to Theresa’s side. What a tragic heart breaking meeting. I shall never forget the pangs Mother endured. I think I know, as I also was grieving deeply.

“As I have said, Theresa, I believe was loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted wife, a warm loving Mother a good housekeeper and cook. It was my delight to be invited into their home; in fact I had a standing invitation.”

A December 13, 1946 journal entry by Theresa’s mother, Ida Elizabeth Eyring Turley, reads, “Theresa took sick early this morning; and they sent for Dr. Roy Hatch; he worked with her, but at last had to take the baby with instruments and it was dead, a baby girl. Theresa just faded away; she did not have strength to rally, and died about 2:00 PM. It was a terrible shock to us all. The Doctor could not tell what the matter was. She had been so well and happy, expecting her baby; and the family was so anxious to have a new baby. We do not understand why a mother is taken from her children. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

“She was always a comfort to us from babyhood, so I am thankful to have had her association for this long. She was a very thoughtful person; always had a smile for everyone; she was a thorough Latter-day Saint, always ready to do anything she was called on to do in the auxiliary organizations.

“If someone failed, she was ready to help. I do not know of anyone better prepared to go than she; but oh how we will miss her.” Theresa “… certainly looked beautiful (in the casket), her clothes were neat and nice, and her coffin was beautiful. There was such a sweet heavenly influence around her that it was hard for me to leave her side.

“The people of Dublan were very thoughtful during Theresa’s death and burial. I will always remember their kindness.”

In her summary of the year 1946, Ida wrote, “Now, Dec 13th, we are called to mourn the passing of our beloved daughter, Theresa, and her little babe. We cannot see why it should be; cut down at the age of 37, leaving her husband and 4 children, and her mother; she was so useful in the Church. Only our Heavenly Father knows; we must trust him.”

(Theresa – Edward Franklin – Isaac – Theodore)
THEODORE TURLEY: A BIOGRAPHY by Richard E. Turley, Jr.

[This is another in a continuing series of newsletter articles that together will make up the first rough draft of a biography of Theodore Turley. The draft will undergo considerable revision before being published in book form. I invite all family members to read it critically, make suggestions, and offer additional information for possible inclusion. Please send all comments and information to me at 99 W. South Temple #304, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, or feel free to e-mail me at returley@byu.net.]

Chapter 47: Polygamy

When Theodore Turley and Frances Kimberley married on November 26, 1821, the ceremony took place at Saint Peter’s, the Harborne parish church in Birmingham, England. Saint Peter’s was an edifice of the Church of England, a religious institution that grew out of the Protestant Reformation and King Henry VIII’s desire to annul his first marriage. In all, Henry had six wives, one after another, during his short life of fifty-five years.

Theodore was twenty at the time of his marriage to Frances, and she was twenty-one. And although they married in the Church of England, Theodore had already broken from that denomination and since age eighteen been preaching Methodism. Though Theodore did not leave an explanation for his discontent with the Church of England, it seems likely he would have condemned Henry VIII’s marital record, which included annulling two marriages and beheading two other wives.

Theodore was, however, a student of the Bible, and like Joseph Smith—the latter-day prophet who became his dear friend and Nauvoo neighbor—he probably had questions about why biblical patriarchs had more than one wife and yet seemed to enjoy God’s approval.

As early as 1831, Joseph apparently began receiving revelation on the subject, culminating in an 1843 document that began, “Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Joseph, that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand to know and understand wherein I, the Lord, justified my servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as also Moses, David and Solomon, my servants, as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives and concubines—Behold, and lo, I am the Lord thy God, and will answer thee as touching this matter. Therefore, prepare thy heart to receive and obey the instructions which I am about to give unto you; for all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same.”1

Joseph Smith took his first plural wife in Kirtland, Ohio, during the 1830s,2 and it is possible that in his discussions with Theodore in Missouri or in Illinois before Theodore left on his mission, the topic arose between them. From all appearances, Theodore and Frances were deeply in love when Theodore left for his mission to England on September 21, 1839. We know from the birth of their daughter Charlotte seven months after his departure that Frances was just a few weeks pregnant when Theodore started for England.

When Frances gave birth to Charlotte on April 15, 1840, Theodore was in Stafford prison on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, a victim of religious persecution. The day before her birth, he recorded in his journal, “This

1 Doctrine and Covenants 132:1-3.
morning my feelings and reflections are keen in this my confinement here in Goal [Jail] and my Brethren whome the Lord has sent on this mission to England are now arrived in this land and I deprived of the priveledge of meeting with them in conferance after leaving my famely and all to Preach the Gospel now Satan as deprived me of an opertunity of Preaching by shutting me up in prison Thank God I can Preach to the People here. I ask for wisdom to act as the Lord whould have me.”

While striving in prison to live “as the Lord whould have me,” Theodore appears to have drawn close to one of the several Latter-day Saints who reached out to him while he was a prisoner. On April 18, he recorded receiving “a letter from Sister Elizea Bromley.” He had not forgotten Frances; the same day, he prayed that God would bless “my dear Wife and all the Children.”

“This morning,” Theodore wrote the day after getting the letter, “I arrose and rote an epistle to Sister Eliza Bromley of Lane end.” After breakfast two days later, Theodore received a dozen visitors, men and women, who brought him what he described as “some food and some pudding from my Daughter Eliza Bromley.” That evening, he prayed for “my family and all the Saints” and “for Wisdom that the adversary may not have Power to Destroy nor take advantage.”

On Friday morning, April 24, Theodore received a letter from fellow missionary and Canadian convert John Taylor telling him, Theodore recorded, that “my famely was in good health” as of February 2. “Thank God for that comfort,” Theodore wrote. The following day, Saturday, Theodore “received a Parcel from Sister Eliza Bromley.” He wrote another letter to her that day.

The attentions of Eliza Bromley and other friends were not just kind but also vital to his survival. As one of Theodore’s fellow missionaries, George A. Smith, later wrote of the prison’s conditions, “The law at that time was, that unless a man could obtain a recommendation from the parish minister, he must live without eating, or find himself in food. Elder Turley having no money fasted about four days, when some sisters in the Potteries learning of his condition came to Stafford on foot, a distance of 14 miles, and brought him some money. There was also an old gentlema who walked with a staff from Hanley to the jail, and took him food several times.”

One of those sisters from the Potteries was Eliza Bromley. But even with this aid, Theodore found himself discouraged. On Sunday, April 26, he wrote his ruminations in his journal:

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3 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 14, 1840, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
4 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 18, 1840.
5 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 19, 1840.
6 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 21, 1840.
7 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 24, 1840.
8 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 25, 1840.
This Day I feel cast down my mind heavely burthened with various reflection, I know not how to act. Fare from home and means to help myselfe to anything or food or rament or means to imploy a lawyer or to compromise and above all this my situation may have a tenency to Lesson me in the estimation of the Saints. But I appeal to the court of Heaven and to that only can I Depend.

He ended his journal entry that day with a plea, “God Bless my Wife and children amen.”

On May 2, Theodore was still in prison but received a visit from some of the church members in Lane End, who brought him “some provision and a letter from Sister Bromly.” He wrote to her again. On Friday, May 8, Theodore finally received his discharge from prison and went straight to Lane End, greeting friends there before walking to Stoke with two of the female church members, one of whom may have been Eliza, and then spending the night with missionary companion George A. Smith at a church member’s home, where, Theodore wrote, “theer came a number of the Saints . . . to see me.”

Theodore then resumed his missionary duties, which included visiting church members and investigators. Although at times he had a missionary companion, at other times he operated alone. Latter-day Saint missionaries in later years were required to have a companion of the same sex with them at all times, but that was not the case during the time when Theodore served, and on May 11, 1840, he returned to Lane End, where Eliza lived, and “visited . . . the saints there.” The next morning, he “viseted the Saints in this Place and Walked in company with Sister Bromley to Stoke,” he wrote. There he rejoined Elder Smith.

At times working with other missionaries and at other times alone, Theodore seemed to have fair success in his labors, preaching, visiting members and investigators, and baptizing several persons. On Friday, May 22, according to Theodore’s journal, Elder Smith asked him “to go to Lane End to Preach this night.” Theodore recorded that he walked to Lane End, preached that night, and spent the next day “visiting the Saints in this place.” He spent the next few days there before moving on.

After a month of missionary travels elsewhere, including efforts to convert his immediate and extended family members still in England, Theodore returned on Friday, June 26, to Lane End, this time with Wilford Woodruff. “There,” Theodore wrote, “I was rejoiced to see Sister Eliza Bromley once more.” Seeing her brought a flood of happy memories. “When I reflect how she feed me & cloathed me & visited me when in Prison,” Theodore wrote, “I Pray God to reward her an hundred fold in the Kingdom of our father and . . . that this her kindness should be handed down to future generations as a memorial of her.”

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10 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, April 26, 1840.
The next day, he wrote that the church members in Lane End, including presumably Eliza, were “much rejoiced to see us here.” On Sunday, he visited other locations for meetings but then walked back to Lane End that night. On Monday, the missionaries convened a conference attended by members of the church from around the area, including thirty-five from Lane End. Among other things, the missionaries addressed the members, including presumably Eliza, on their duties.

Before long, Theodore traveled with the other missionaries to a regional conference in Manchester attended by over 2500 Latter-day Saints, including seven members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. On July 8, in a council meeting after the conference, the church leaders present decided that Theodore would “go to Americia to lead a company.” Theodore was about to return home to Frances and their children, and it is apparent from his journal that he loves them dearly.

Three days later, however, while on a missionary assignment in Bolton northwest of Manchester, Theodore “wrote a letter to Sister Bromley and mailed it.” She was still on his mind. A week later, he returned to Bolton and wrote, “I received a letter from Sister Eliza Bromley of Lane End I rote an answer back to the same.”

Shortly after he made that entry in his journal, he ran out of pages in it, and the entries stop.

Why was Theodore so eager to write to Eliza after being assigned to return home? Was his relationship with her simply that of a brother and sister in the gospel serving and seeking “to impart one to another as the gospel requires”? Or was it more than that?

Theodore was a good missionary who loved his wife and children at home, labored diligently throughout his time in England, and strived to draw closer to God. Eliza too was a deeply spiritual woman, someone who impressed no less a spiritual giant than apostle Wilford Woodruff, who wrote about her in his journal even after Theodore’s journal ends.

Was Theodore looking at Eliza Bromley as a prospective wife under the law of plural marriage revealed to Joseph Smith as early as 1831 and perhaps discussed with Theodore before his mission? From available evidence, it is impossible to tell with certainty. But Theodore’s behavior on the trip home from his mission, and events shortly after he returned, suggest the possibility that he had polygamy on his mind.

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18 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, July 6-8, 1840.
19 Theodore Turley, Mission Journal, July 11, 18, 1840.
20 Doctrine and Covenants 88:123.
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