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## THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY REUNION

Monday July 5, 2010, Salt Lake City, Utah

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** by Richard E. Turley, Sr.

We had a wonderful family reunion in July. Those in charge of planning and carrying out the reunion are to be thanked and congratulated for doing such a good job. I am impressed with my Turley cousins. I look forward to meeting and becoming better acquainted with all of you, as your cousin and as the new president of this family organization.

A meeting is held prior to each General Conference to review the activities of our family organization, plan for the future, etc. I am looking forward to the next such planning meeting (Friday, October 1st) in which family representatives and our officers will gather. David L. Turley has arranged a place for us to meet, as usual, in the High Council Room of the Ensign Stake Center located on the property just west of the intersection of State Street and North Temple and up the hill to "A" Street and between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, here in Salt Lake City.

I am interested in laying out our purposes in the form of a mission statement and being able to judge ourselves against the specific purposes of our organization. David L. and I have had some preliminary discussions about this and I expect that when we meet with others we will be able to more clearly articulate the purposes of our organization. Preliminary thoughts on our purposes include the following:

- (1) Genealogical Research,
- (2) Family Histories that will inspire and motivate,
- (3) Temple Work for the living and for deceased progenitors,
- (4) Share the gospel with our families and with others,
- (5) Strengthen families and individuals, and
- (6) Provide opportunities for descendants to socialize and become acquainted.

I would appreciate input from any of you with respect to our purposes and how we should accomplish them.

Thanks you again to all who had anything to do with our family reunion held in July. May the Lord continue to bless this organization and our families with His choicest blessings.

(Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

**REPORT FROM THE REUNION CHAIRPERSON** by Nancy Turley

We met on July 5th, almost 400 Turleys. As people arrived there was a certain security as I talked to people that we all had something in common! As the reunion progressed, I loved meeting cousin after cousin. At the end I realized that my parents hadn't been able to come, no siblings attended, and I didn't even meet any of my first cousins there, but I truly felt that I was part of a family. I was grateful for Theodore and Frances Amelia Kimberly Turley and the rest of his family for being faithful and willing to move with the church. Many parts of the reunion felt personal to me, including getting to see a quilt that my grandmother had pieced together that I had never seen before. It was exciting to see all of the talented people I was related to--from presenters to family history experts to quilters to cooks and to those attending. Wayne and I would like to give a big thanks to all who helped. It was a fun day and I hope to see more of you another time!

(Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore Wilford – Isaac – Theodore)

**REUNION PROGRAM AGENDA**

**(Summaries of each of the starred "\*" presentations are included in this newsletter.)**

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| 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. | Mingling, booths and displays, getting-to-know-you activities   |
| 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. | Afternoon meeting:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Red Book Update by David Turley</li> <li>* Keynote Address on Theodore Turley's Papers by Richard Turley, Jr.</li> </ul>   |
| 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. | * Dinner provided by Surefire Pizza   |
| 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. | Evening meeting:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Organization Membership, Newsletters &amp; Website by Hilary Borrowman</li> <li>Turleys in Mexico by Dean Turley</li> <li>* Isaac Turley History by Marc Haws</li> <li>Turley Mission Presidents by Richard Turley, Sr.</li> <li>* Online Documentation by Ann Lewis</li> <li>Q&amp;A Research by Richard Turley, Jr.</li> </ul> |

*A BIG Thank You to Nancy & Wayne Turley for organizing, and to all the people who contributed to this event!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS*****Theodore Turley Family Organization Leadership Meeting – October 1st***

*The Theodore Turley Family Organization meets in Salt Lake twice a year to review business and plan future efforts and events. The next meeting will be Friday October 1st, starting at 10 a.m. at the Ensign Stake Center church building (located at 135 A Street, Salt Lake City, UT) in the high council room on the lower floor, west side of building. Anyone is welcome to attend.*

**RED BOOK UPDATE** by David Turley

New information on hundreds of individuals was turned in during the Reunion. Thanks to all of you who gave me this information. I am still proofing and entering the data. I hope to send back to the submitters a copy of the updated info as soon as it is available. If you were one of the submitters and haven't yet received a copy of your updated info, let me know.

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(David – Lawrence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

**THE PAPERS OF THEODORE TURLEY** by Richard Turley, Jr.

Many descendants of Theodore Turley remain unaware that some of Theodore's original writings have survived to the present day. During the family reunion on July 5, 2010, Richard E. Turley Jr., Assistant Church Historian and Recorder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, provided a glimpse of some of these papers.

Theodore Turley's surviving papers include the following four categories of materials, samples of which Richard showed to the reunion goers:

- Journals and Reminiscences
- Correspondence
- Family Memorials
- Legal and Business Materials

Many of those who attended the reunion expressed in interest in having a book or digital version published that includes the images and background of the surviving papers.

Richard promised to publish a book of the papers within a year after the reunion. After the reunion ended, he decided to build the book on the [turley-eyring.org](http://www.turley-eyring.org) website so that family members could track its progress and print out pages or the whole volume as they choose to do so.



**Theodore and Frances Amelia Turley  
Family Memorial,  
in Theodore Turley's hand**



To see the book project in progress, go to <http://www.turley-eyring.org/TheodoreTurley1801-1871.php>, and click on "The Papers of Theodore Turley" under the heading "Biographical Information." The first page says "[Fly Leaf]." Continue scanning down page by page to see documents as they are added. Please be aware that this is a work in progress and will continue to be updated until it is finally published in hard-copy book form.  
(Richard – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

**SUREFIRE PIZZA DINNER** by Marie Waldvogel

I first glimpsed Surefire pizza as I headed out to the bowery. A plate of pizza was going in to the building as I walked out and I was surprised by how good it looked. I hurried into line and soon made it to the front. While waiting for the pizza to come hot out of the oven I put some salad and breadsticks on my plate. Not a



salad fan myself, I drenched the leaves in the homemade vinaigrette dressing. The pizza arrived looking very yummy with fresh tomatoes and cheese. The hard part was squeezing in amongst all my Turley cousins at the tables.



It only took one bite to know this was going to be good. As I looked down the table at other Turleys, I knew they had discovered what I had...this pizza was awesome! I, like my fellow Turleys, devoured my pizza and soon all I had left was the salad and homemade breadsticks. Being adventurous, I told myself that I should really eat some salad. It would be healthy for me after all. Comforted by the fact that it had plenty of dressing on those leafy greens I started to eat the salad. In no time at all my salad was gone and now I had the homemade breadsticks. The only problem was that I had used up all my dressing on the salad. What could I dip them in? I took a quick look at the salad table and notice that the squeeze bottle was mostly empty. Ugh. Well, this is a family reunion after all so I leaned over to my right and started dipping my breadsticks in my neighbor's vinaigrette. After all, we are family. No self respecting food lover would let that kind of thing go to waste.

If you didn't get a chance to meet Melissa Whitehead and her husband Jeffrey, they are the owners of Surefire Pizza. Melissa's family line is Cathy Itri, Glenna Hatch, Josephine Turley, Alma Reuben Turley, Isaac Turley, Theodore Turley. During college Melissa spent a semester in Italy and her husband served a two-year mission to Italy. He's been working on making the perfect pizza at their home for years,

trying all kinds of strange bricks and stones in the oven in an effort to get the crust just right. Last fall Jeffrey was researching how to build a brick oven in their back yard and that idea evolved into an amazing oven on wheels. On May 1st they picked up the oven in California and have been firing pizza at the Saturday morning SLC Farmers

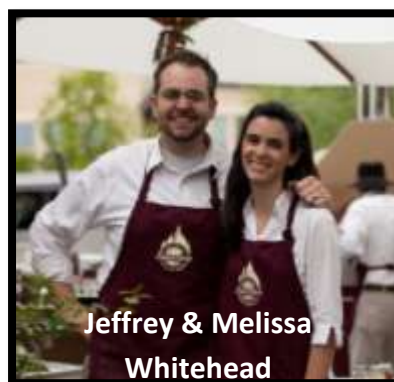
Market in Pioneer Park and Friday evenings at the Sugar House Farmers Market ever since.

But wait! That's not all! They squeeze in catering too! Call Melissa at 801-938-FIRE to invite them to cater your next event. When asked about her favorite part of such a unique pizza business, Melissa responded, "[It] is seeing people's faces when I tell them how long their pizzas will take to

cook. Because we cook the pizza at 750 degrees the pizza only takes about 90 seconds to cook. Making the pizza, from dough ball to plate, takes 3-4 minutes."

It is sure nice having them in the family. It confirms, once again, that there are some mighty talented Turleys.

[www.SureFirePizza.com](http://www.SureFirePizza.com)



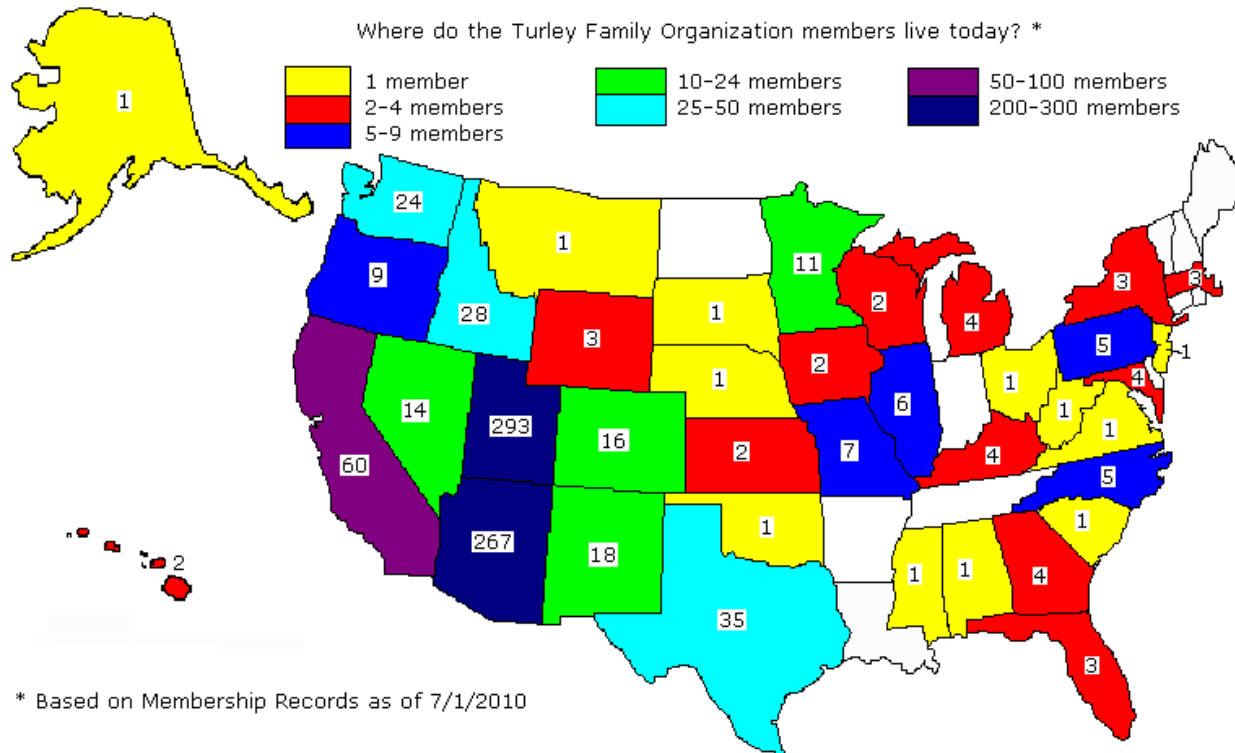
**Jeffrey & Melissa  
Whitehead**

(Marie – Mary – Anthon – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)

**ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTERS & TTFO WEBSITE** by Hilary Borrowman

Membership in the Theodore Turley Family Organization is by a suggested annual donation of \$10 per family. The \$10 pays for printing and postage for the newsletters, and it can also provide a fund for research expenses. Here is where the organization stands as of July 1st 2010.

- 1060 people in the membership roster
- 128 are current in their dues (12%)
- 186 expired more than 2 years ago (18%)
- 58 have no valid mail or email address (5%)
- 388 signed up for free email delivery (37%)



The June Theodore Turley Family Newsletter was mailed to 485 homes (130% growth since February 2010 newsletter mailing). And the June Newsletter was delivered by email to 491 people (200% growth since February). Most of the growth is due to involvement in the Red Book Update efforts, and spreading the word about the reunion.

(Hilary – Wayne – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore) and  
 (Hilary – Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore Wilford – Isaac – Theodore)

**ISAAC TURLEY HISTORY** by Marc Haws

This is a story about a man and his wife, and their son, and their house. It is also about his country and his religion. More specifically, it’s the story about Isaac Turley, son of Theodore Turley and Francis Amelia

Kimberley. It's about the house he built for his second wife, Clara Ann Tolton in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and his life spent seeking religious freedom as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and colonizing in both the United States or Mexico. Much of what I will tell you about is information that was related by his youngest surviving son: Isaac Turley Jr., my grandfather.

To read the entire presentation, please go to the Theodore Turley Family website:

<http://www.turleyfamily.org/content/binary/IsaacTurley.pdf>

(Marc – Viola – Isaac – Isaac – Theodore)

### **ONLINE DOCUMENTATION** by Ann Lewis

Hints for getting involved in the Theodore Turley Family Organization (TTFO) and work on Family History:

1. Find, gather, and submit stories and photos from your own family archives. Send them to the TTFO email (turleyfamilyorg@gmail.com).
2. If you have not yet done so, complete and submit Family Group Sheets of your descendants for the Red Book Update efforts.
3. Write about the oldest living members in your branch of the family and share their stories with your family or by submitting them to this newsletter.
4. Record and submit memories of family members who have passed ahead, gather and share their obituaries or life stories.
5. Photograph and submit pictures of family headstones.
6. Submit a one-page outline or sketch of Your life.
7. Help to locate other family members so we can update their lines.
8. Help us to locate old Turley Family Newsletters. Thanks to all who have found and submitted missing issues. So far we have located 368 pages of the old long newsletters issued from 1959 to 1978 and 43 issues sent out from 1995 when it resumed to the present, representing well over 1000 more pages of family information. These have all been digitized and are searchable. They will be made available online.
9. Learn about and teach your family about other members of our Turley and extended families.

To find out more about Theodore Turley and his family, a Google search on "Theodore Turley" turns up many results. Some that I have found interesting and useful are:

- Theodore Turley Family Organization (old and new websites)
- Turley-Eyring website
- Histories on Theodore, his wives and his descendants
- Photographs of Theodore's family members and descendants
- Theodore Turley's personal journal (BYU Special Collections)
- Mormon Missionary Diaries
- Diaries of other contemporaries where Theodore Turley is mentioned (Hosea Stout, Parley P. Pratt)
- History of the Church with references to Theodore Turley highlighted
- Other historical records and historical chronologies

(Ann – Grace – Ruby – Grace – Charlotte – Theodore)

**OTHER INFORMATION FROM THE REUNION**

**Your Connections to Royalty** (Display by David Turley)

Are you related to any notable individuals? You can use your Ancestral File Number (AFN) to look up your relations in a new program recently launched by BYU based on all the submissions to the Church Ancestral File between 1978 and 1998. The instructions posted online may help you find your AFN so you can create a Relationship Report that will show any relationship between you and noted individuals, including Church Presidents, US Presidents, Mayflower Passengers, and Royalty like William the Conqueror, King of England.

Relationship Finder Program: <http://roots.cs.byu.edu/digroots>

Instructions on how to use program: <http://www.turleyfamily.org/content/binary/FindingYourAFN.pdf>

**Quilt Show**

The Quilt show was an overwhelming success. More than 20 quilts were brought for display, some made recently, and some made by the skilled needle workers of past generations.



(Ann Lewis)



(Eva Tanner & Joy Turley)



(Lucy Bates & Monita Robison)

**TTFO Logo Competition**

The winner of the 2010 Theodore Turley Family Organization (TTFO) logo competition was decided at the family reunion. As advertised in the February 2010 newsletter, everyone was encouraged to submit their idea to be used as the Newsletter logo for the next year. There were 3 submissions. Attendees at the reunion had the opportunity to vote on their favorite of the three logos. Sandy Turley, wife of Robert Turley (Robert – Wilson – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore), designed the winning logo. Her design will be featured in the next 3 newsletter editions and she receives a free year of membership in the Turley Organization.



{ submitted by  
Sandy Turley }



{ submitted by  
Leah Waldvogel }



{ submitted by  
Nancy Turley }

Watch for more information about the next annual competition in the spring of 2011!

**MARY TURLEY PICKETT (1918 ~ 2009)**

Mary Turley Pickett, 91, died Tuesday October 13, 2009, at the Olivia White Hospice Home in Flagstaff, Arizona. Mary was born February 20, 1918, in Joseph City, to Joseph Hartley Turley and Joanna "Josie" McLaws. Her grandparents were original pioneers to northern Arizona. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. As a youth she attended Joseph City and Holbrook schools. She served as P.T.A. president and as a Sunday school teacher. She lived in Page for the past 30 years, where she was a library aide at Holbrook and Page high schools. She also served in the Family History Center. She enjoyed history, reading, sewing, writing poetry, collecting rocks and genealogy.

Mary Turley married Jack Roderick Pickett on August 20, 1937, in Joseph City and was sealed on July 30, 1974 at the St. George Temple. She is survived by her children JoAnn Mosier (Hershel), Andy (Linda), Jack (Lori), and Catherine Trudell (William); son-in-law Mariano Sanchez; sister Nina Adair; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; children Joyce Sanchez, Charles and Mary Jane (died in infancy); siblings Walter and Georgia; and from her father's first marriage, siblings Harvey, Hartley, Goldie, Sarah and Rhea.  
(Mary – Joseph Hartley – Isaac – Theodore)

**DENNIS TURLEY (1933 ~ 2010)**

Franklin, known as Dennis or Pa, was born April 4, 1933 in Farmington, New Mexico. He spent his early childhood years on a farm and ranch in Four Hills in Albuquerque where he had to keep his four older sisters in line. His family worked very hard growing several acres of vegetables to sell in town. Later they moved to Chama Street in Albuquerque.



Dennis met the beautiful talented Patsy Barnes while attending Albuquerque High; Patsy went to Highland High. It was love at first sight. They married a year later and had three daughters, two of which are twins born on Father's Day: Terry, and twins Sandra and Linda. When his daughters misbehaved and were mad at their father for disciplining them, Dennis could not go to bed until he made them laugh and made up. Dennis, with Patsy by his side, took their daughters to rodeos all over the state.

On holidays all of the family including cousins, aunts, and uncles, would gather at "Granny's" house and Dennis and his mother (Granny) would entertain the crowd with their beautiful music. They would play *Turkey in the Straw* and a number of other family favorites and everyone would sing along and dance.

Dennis had several jobs in his life: he owned a gas station on Central, he did heating and air conditioning, later running his own business. He went to work for the ACF security force in 1957. He was the first to qualify as a sharpshooter and earned the title of *Expert*.

In 1990, Dennis and Patsy moved to El Morrow to take care of Patsy's mother and aunt. There they ran cows and raised fish and birds. He was a perfectionist and this showed in all aspects of his life, from his woodworking, leather tooling and saddle making, to showing horses and raising cattle. He loved the outdoors, he loved to fish and hunt, but as he got older he liked looking at wildlife with binoculars instead of down the barrel of a gun. He would spend the whole day driving around the ranch looking for the cows and would sit for hours with them watching the sun set. Dennis and Patsy named their cows. He could tell every cow's mom and dad and could follow their family tree all the way back to his first cow. He loved the ranching life and instilled the lifestyle in his family.

Dennis has four grandsons and one granddaughter that he loved with all his heart. Dennis will be dearly missed.  
(Dennis – Charles Dennis – Isaac – Theodore)



**FAMILY HISTORY HINTS** by Nancy Turley

Writing a personal history can be tackled in different ways, but a method Wayne, my husband, and I have employed with a lot of enjoyment and success is interviewing a family member while recording the interview, and then typing a transcription, adding pictures, and producing a book.

Our first experience was when Wayne interviewed his father, Wallace Mar Turley, in November 1981. Wallace had been able to attend BYU just part of one year when he had to return home to Woodruff, Arizona to help his family. I thought it was valuable for me and our children to know that their grandpa said,

“It was hard for me to really think about leaving school, because I didn’t know for sure whether I’d get back and I would have liked to have had an education. I could see the importance of it. And I feel like it was a real blessing in disguise for our own family in that I think it helped to instill into my family that they would want to go to school and be able to be productive in something to where they would be able to do well. So I feel that I could tell my children as they grew up that I went up to the Y and I think it had an impression on their lives.”

Wayne went on to interview his mother, Margaret Wimmer Turley, in 1988. Ten years later we were caring for her when she had Alzheimer’s disease, and I was so grateful to have already obtained her history because I realized then that it was too late to find out what had really happened to Margaret in her life.

My dad, C. O. Romans, told me his life story in 1997. One thing that has stuck with me since that experience was when he was telling about his military career during WWII. He began one story with this sentence: *“I had a couple of experiences that weren’t too good down there. . .”* He was in torpedo pilot training in Florida and the following two bad things happened in the same day:

1. The hydraulic system had played out and the wheels on the airplane wouldn’t come down so they could land; after an hour he was eventually able to shake the wheels lose but then had to land without the hydraulic flaps and not knowing if the wheels were locked in position.
2. After filling out reports on the first incident, my father went out again over the ocean to practice glide bombing. A gas line ruptured and gas was just flooding back through the cockpit. He took the plane back to the base, hoping to not run out of gas or to have an explosion, and once again the airplane landed safely.

As my dad told me this story I felt grateful that his life was preserved so that I also could be alive!

Taping someone’s story is an enjoyable experience that provides insight and many shared moments. It can be done over ten to fifteen weeks (Wayne used Sunday afternoons) without considerable effort. I know everyone’s story is different—how you recorded it, what happened to you, and also the impact it can make on others. I’d better do mine.

(Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore Wilford – Isaac – Theodore)

Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

*Joel 1:3*

**THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY WEBSITE:** [www.turleyfamily.org](http://www.turleyfamily.org)

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 2914 W. Ivory Way, Taylorsville, Utah 84084-5319, or feel free to e-mail me at [returley@byu.net](mailto:returley@byu.net). (Richard – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

### CHAPTER 39 “MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR LANDING” by Richard Turley, Jr.

“We are not sailing much today,” wrote Theodore Turley’s assistant, William Clayton, on Monday, October 5, 1840, aboard the packet ship *North America* of the Black Ball Line. Sailing ships depended on wind, and when there was no wind, there was little to do but wait. Both the ship and the passengers were in the doldrums, with several sick besides. At such times, patience could wear thin.

“Elder Turley and some of the cabin passengers along with the Captain have had a long argument this night,” Clayton wrote, “concerning the ministration of the angel to Joseph. They treat it with disdain—especially the Captain.”<sup>1</sup>

Tuesday was no better: little wind but plenty of time to talk. Theodore kept up his efforts to convert the cabin passengers, emphasizing “the rationality of prophecy” and the “administration of angels,” two common themes of Mormon missionary work in those days. But they would not relent. “They will not admit of reasonable evidence,” Clayton observed. And yet, “They found themselves confounded.”

That night two of the Latter-day Saint passengers, Elizabeth and William Poole, “spoke in tongues.” William “prophesied of the death of his child.”

The next day, the child passed away “and was committed to the deep.” Elizabeth, the dead child’s mother, grieved not only for the child’s death but because some of the Saints in Penwortham, England—apparently reluctant to follow counsel to gather to Nauvoo—had told her the child would die at sea if she tried taking it to America. “I wish they would not do so,” Clayton recorded, “for Satan takes advantage of such things to discourage the minds of the Saints when surrounded by trouble and difficulty.” As leader of the Latter-day Saint company, Theodore had to soothe frayed nerves and shore up wavering faith.

But not all was bad. Despite the lack of fair winds, the ship drifted within sight of a land mass early that morning, and the chief mate identified it as “Cape Cod on the American coast.” The crew heaved the sounding line off the boat and waited for it to hit bottom, which it did at fifty-five fathoms (330 feet). Around 8:00 a.m., they tacked nearly due south and then tried again, this time measuring forty-four fathoms (264 feet).<sup>2</sup>

About noon, the passengers heard the ship’s mate tell the captain that another ship was bearing down on them. It was the brig *Condor of Halifax*, which would be lost on the French Keys less than two years later. When the ships were within voice range, the crews spoke with each other. The Mormon passengers soon learned that the *Condor* had left Jamaica for Nova Scotia and was twenty-eight days at sea so far. All these sightings helped quell boredom

<sup>1</sup> James B. Allen and Thomas G. Alexander, eds., *Manchester Mormons: The Journal of William Clayton, 1840 to 1842* (Santa Barbara, Calif.: Peregrine Smith, 1974), 181-82. On Joseph Smith and the angel, see Joseph Smith—History 1:27-54, in *The Pearl of Great Price* (Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981), 51-55.

<sup>2</sup> *Manchester Mormons*, 182.

and raise excitement about at last arriving in the United States.<sup>3</sup>

On Thursday, October 8, the prayers of the Saints were answered with fair breezes. "The wind is very favourable," William Clayton wrote of the ten-mile-an-hour air current. "This is the third instance of the Lord answering my prayer for fair wind in a calm."

The winds continued fair on Friday. Anticipating their arrival in port, the sailors cleaned the ship and prepared for landing. That night, they fastened the anchor chains to the anchor.

At 8:00 a.m. Saturday, a lookout on the fire mast discovered land. Two hours later, Theodore Turley and the Mormon passengers "had a pleasant view of Long Island." At 11:30, they encountered another ship, the *Tuscany*, whose home port was New York. It had sailed from Gibraltar fifty-six days earlier.

Large ships entering the harbor often took on pilots who were familiar with the local waters and could guide the vessel to a safe landing. At 5:00 Saturday evening, a pilot boarded the *North America*. That same night, Theodore and the other passengers could see island lighthouses, one of which was probably the lighthouse at Sandy Hook that had been operating since 1764.<sup>4</sup>

The pilot guided the ship overnight, but not without incident. The craft struck a sand bar off Sandy Hook, eighteen miles south of New York City. It must have been frightening, especially to Theodore Turley and his fellow Mormon passengers sleeping in steerage between decks. Clayton opined that "had it not been calm we might have gone to pieces."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> *Manchester Mormons*, 182; "Disasters at Sea," *Sailor's Magazine* 15 (Dec. 1842): 125.

<sup>4</sup> *Manchester Mormons*, 182-83;  
<http://www.nps.gov/gate/index.htm>.

<sup>5</sup> *Manchester Mormons*, 183, 184-85n186.

## MAIL FROM MEMBERS

Hi there!

I enjoy the newsletter so very much. Mary Ann Turley was my great-great-grandmother. I was told she was married to Brigham Young for awhile. If anyone knows or has pictures of Mary Ann I would love to know and maybe get some. Keep up the good work and the Turley Newsletter.

Thank you, Patricia Lee Swanson Hamm

Dear Hilary,

Thank you for all your work with the Turley reunion. I was disappointed in that some cousins I hoped to see were unable to attend the reunion: Rosa Mae McClellan Evans, Lucille Moon Steele. However, I met a second cousin, Douglas Roy, and saw a cousin, Clifford Fuller and his son, so it wasn't a disappointment.

I have a copy of the "Red Book: but would like to order other books mentioned at the reunion. Will there be more information on prices and titles?

I'm sure everyone appreciates all the work you do for the families.

With best wishes, Valerie Knettle  
(Valerie – Ivis – Esther – Isaac – Theodore)

Hilary,

I am attaching my family list so you can include them on the newsletter list. Thanks for a great reunion. Was fun to see a few of Poppies siblings children. Thanks for all your family's hard work in organizing for the benefit of so many. What a great turn out!

Thanks again, Dorie Haws  
(Dorie – Annamarie – Tillman – Alma – Isaac – Theodore)

Hilary,

I just wanted to say THANK YOU for the wonderful job... and hard work you did with the reunion! How GLAD I am to have been able to attend. It was very moving to me. As a result of today's activity, I would VERY MUCH like to obtain contact info for the descendants of Esther Turley and David Alvin McClellan.

Thanks, Doug Roy

**THERESA TURLEY WAGNER LIFE SKETCH** by Carolyn Wagner Lunt

A sweeter, more kind and patient mother could never have been born. We children were not privileged to live with our mother, Theresa Turley Wagner, for very many years, but we know and have been told that she was a very kind, compassionate, loving and a beautiful, sensitive woman.

In our eyes she was as perfect as anyone could be. It has taken a long time to realize that what her Patriarchal Blessing said, "...that she would live to see Christ", must have come true when she passed to the other side and Christ welcomed her and said, "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant". We can say as Nephi of old said, "I was born of goodly parents."

Theresa Turley was born 21 March 1909 in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Her parents were Edward Franklin Turley and Ida Elizabeth Eyring. Her father, Edward Franklin Turley, was born 26 March 1869 in Beaver, Utah. His parents were Isaac Turley and Clara Ann Tolton. Edward died 7 November 1940, at the age of 71, in Colonia Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico.

Edward Franklin Turley married Ida Elizabeth Eyring in the Salt Lake Temple on 11 October 1893, the same year that the temple was dedicated. Ida was born 9 December 1874 in Saint George, Utah; her parents were Henry Eyring and Mary Bommeli Eyring. Ida Elizabeth died 11 December 1952, at the age of 78, in El Paso, Texas.

Edward Franklin's occupation was: Bookkeeper for the Municipality of Casas Grandes and Henry Eyring's Co-Op store in Colonia Juarez. He also had orchards in Colonia Juarez and up the Piedras Verdes River.

Theresa wrote, "Early Sunday morning 21 March 1909, a messenger on horseback was dispatched with a request to Dr. Roberts, to hurry; Mrs. Ida E. Turley lay in confinement, very sick. The doctor arrived in time and at 10:10 PM a 7-½ pound baby girl was presented to the mother and daddy. They named her Theresa. The family up to that time consisted of three boys, Vernon, Clarence

and Eyring. The second child was a girl, and had died at the age of three and three quarters years. It was a real treat, they thought, to have a baby sister. As a baby and child, Theresa, was much adored and was healthy and strong."

She was very much like her Mother, true to the faith, a dyed in the wool Latter-day Saint, and she lived as she believed. When Theresa was old enough for her brothers to hold and carry her around, it was a delight for them to do so. All three of the boys were in Heaven to have a beautiful brown-eyed sister in their home. They had anticipated it for years. There were almost seven years between her brother Eyring and Theresa.

The second child in the family, Ida, was also a beautiful child, with lovely brown eyes. She succumbed to pneumonia while her father, Edward Franklin, was on a mission in Ohio. When Theresa arrived she was an answer to prayer. They simply loved every hair of her beautiful head and nicknamed her Tettie. That was her endearing name until she was grown.

At the age of 3, Theresa and her family went to live in El Paso for 2 years during the Mexican Revolution. They were happy to return after the Exodus although trouble with Pancho Villa continued for some time.

Theresa recorded, "We were glad for the time 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 in the Colonies, which followed up to the time I was 9 or 10 years of age, revolutions, etc. I recall the night we sat up all night without a light waiting for Francisco (Pancho) Villa to come and take us prisoners. It seemed that each Saturday, for a period of time, something dreadful and mysterious was happening."

Theresa's mother always kept her dressed to perfection, and she wore her hair braided most of the time for school, but curled on Sunday. She had a beautiful complexion, olive but with pink tones and beautiful black



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hair that was always combed just right, smooth and shiny. Her nails and clothes were always clean. Theresa carried herself with dignity, and was always pleasant and quite reserved. Theresa was one of the most unselfish persons, a beautiful, soft-spoken woman. She was very thoughtful of other people. She was such a particular person. She did not like confusion, but everything was kept in its place. She was so methodical about everything. She was never late to school or church or anything, and was never unprepared.

Her parents were solid, good, hardworking people with a genteel look and manners. Theresa was like her mother—the type you like to be around. You felt good being with them. A friend remembered she always had a very sweet spirit. She couldn't remember her ever saying anything unkind about anybody. She was never one to indulge in petty gossip. She had a beautiful voice and sang. She was good in music and drama.

Her brothers always treated her as if she were very special. She enjoyed dancing with her older brothers and taught Harold how to dance. She was good 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, catch it, and bat like the boys. She was one of three girls who were very athletic, and they were invited by the boys to compete.

Theresa recorded that during her first two years at the Juarez Stake Academy, her seventh and eighth grades, education was rather lax in discipline and scholarship. However, by her Junior and Senior years they had a new principal, Guy C. Wilson Jr., who helped raise the standards of culture and scholarship with his sister Elizabeth, which standards greatly improved education at the Academy. She was a good student. She was secretary of the senior class and held that position in Church auxiliaries because she was neat, precise and dependable.

Her mother, Ida Elizabeth, was very strict about looking out for her future. She had boyfriends but few fit her Mother's fancy and they had to toe the mark or they became unwelcome guests.

Theresa said, "It was during my Junior and Senior year that I had a boy friend and thought for a long time that I had truly found my companion in life, but then thru my attendance of Church duties, Secretary of the YWMIA for two years, thru Bee Hive, Junior and Gleaner work,

other things came into play, that all at once and even when the decision was made 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."

Clarence's wife Anna recalled that, "One boy was especially attracted to Theresa ... but her Mother thought he wasn't quite what she wanted her to marry, so she used her influence to stop the suit. But I remember Theresa cried a time or two because she couldn't go but was happy in the end after she met Edgar. She was always very much a lady but still managed to have a good time. "

She completed her studies at the Juarez Stake Academy and left for El Paso 1 September 1927 to stay with her brother Vernon, his wife, Winifred, and baby. There she entered the International Business College where she studied Business, Spelling, English, Arithmetic, Gregg Shorthand and Typing for 10 months. Her first permanent job was with the Juarez Stake Academy, working as Secretary of the Juarez Stake School Board, stenographer, and bookkeeper. She also helped 2 hours a day in the Mexican Dept. and supervised the Study Room and Library for 2 hours a day for which she received \$585 for the ten months. When the new Dublan Ward Chapel was dedicated, Theresa took the dedication down in shorthand.



Theresa and Edgar LeRoy Wagner were married 5 November 1929 in the Mesa Temple. Theresa recounted they 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." They spent the first 6 months of their married life living out of a suitcase with her in-laws. On 26 May 1930, they moved into a

little house in Colonia Dublan after doing some remodeling and painting.

On 23 October 1930 a baby girl weighing 8 pounds was born. She was named Norma Carolyn. On 23 November 1932 a little baby boy was still born. An attack of appendicitis was later concluded to be the primary cause of the onset of premature labor. Theresa then had a second series of attacks. They finally consulted with Dr. H. E. Stevenson in El Paso and found out that she was 5 months pregnant along with the diagnosis of appendicitis. After another attack it was decided that she must undergo an operation for the removal of her appendix, which took place on 19 May 1934. The operation was successful and another healthy baby girl was born 7 September 1934. She was named Clara Beth after her two grandmothers, Clara Matilda and Ida Elizabeth.

Three years later they were blessed with a baby boy, born 26 May 1937. He was named Edgar LeRoy Wagner, Jr. after his father, who was already in Chihuahua City working for the American Smelting and Refining Co. Soon after LeRoy was born, the family moved to Chihuahua City, where they lived for 7 years. Three years later on 19 March 1940 another son was born in Chihuahua City and was named Howard Arnold Wagner.



In February 1944 the family moved back to Colonia Dublan where Edgar took over the O.N. Romney store and Leather Business and they built themselves a new home. Edgar was ordained Bishop of the Dublan Ward in December 1944, where he served in this capacity for 9 years. It has been said: the Lord finds a good woman and calls her husband to be a Bishop.

Theresa was quiet until you became acquainted with her. She had a moderate temperament, was a good cook and housekeeper. She had special dishes that she

prepared and was a neat, efficient housekeeper and loving mother.

On 13 December 1946, Theresa passed away in child birth; she was only 37 years old. Theresa and the still born baby girl were laid to rest together. This left Edgar alone with 4 children; Carolyn 16, Clara Beth 12, Le Roy 9, and Arnold 6. Grandparents Wagner moved into Edgar's home to help take care of the family.

Her brother Clarence gave this account: "On 13 December 1946, I went to Dublan (from Colonia Juarez) to meet the train to pick up my wife Anna, and daughter Lucile who were arriving by train. I thought I'd eat dinner with the folks but by chance I ran into Charley Call and he reminded me that Theresa was in labor right then and he invited me to go with him and eat dinner with them which I did.

"After dinner was over and we had visited a short while, someone came for me, my memory does not serve me well enough to know whom, but he said 'Theresa has just passed away.' I could not believe it. She was the picture of health. 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. God Bless her!"

Theresa's Mother, Ida Elizabeth Eyring Turley had this entry in her journal for 13 December 1946: "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

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faded away; she did not have strength to rally, and died about 2 P.M. It was a terrible shock to us all. The doctor could not tell what was the matter. 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. So many said she was the most beautiful corpse they had ever seen; she certainly looked beautiful; 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."

Carolyn, Beth, and Arnold live in the Salt Lake Valley and LeRoy lives in Santaquin, Utah. We are very proud of our Heritage; our Mother Theresa was a very unselfish person and was very thoughtful of others. Our Grandmother Wagner said, "In my opinion, she was just as ready to meet her Maker as anyone ever was."

Written by Carolyn Lunt

(Carolyn – Theresa – Edward Franklin – Isaac – Theodore)

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