THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER
October 1961

Here it is autumn and time again to greet the Turleys and derivatives all over the world. It seems that time streaks by so fast we sometimes see many of our opportunities get away from us; the $5.00 for family dues that we intended to pay last year, the extra bit for research we intended to send when finances looked better, the visit to one of the senior members of the family we wanted to make last week...or was it last month? I hope that I am the only one to let such opportunities pass because I am repenting.

Those of you who were unable to attend this years reunion really missed an enjoyable time. There was a fine crowd, lots to do and plenty to eat. The young people, (and some older ones too) played ping-pong, basketball, volleyball, andhorse shoes. Some of them even took a horseback ride. There was an abundance of visiting, backslapping and renewing old ties and acquaintances. (In fact some of the ties were the same old ones from last year, even had some of last years gravy on them.)

Following is a report from Anita Hallsted, our secretary:

TURLEY FAMILY REUNION, September 2 & 3, 1961. Girl's Lodge, Lakeside, Floyd Turley, president, conducting.
Business meeting was scheduled for 5 p/m., was called to order earlier.
Officers were chosen for the year 1961-62.
President...Wallace Turley, (son of Alma)
Vice Pres...Isaac Turley, (son of Isaac), voted also as honorary president of the organization.
Area vice-presidents included: Lavon Turley, Jay Turley, Marion Turley, and Dr. Joseph Turley. (All chosen from various branches.)
Secretary...Anita (Turley) Hallsted.
Treasurer...Keith Hallsted. (The Hallsteds were retained for their third year in office.)
Genealogist...Olive K. Turley (Still our faithful worker.)
Historian... Don Turley, His assistants are: Hortense Fuller and Vessa Peel.
Short talks were given by Wallace Turley, president elect, Isaac Turley, Barr Turley, Florence McBride Turley, Josephine Hatch as well as reports from a number of the vice-presidents of last year.
It was motioned and passedthat the organization send Olive to Salt Lake City for a month to do research at the archives there. Josephine Hatch, who lives in Salt Lake, offered her home to Olive during her stay as well as $50.00 to help with her expenses. It was felt that so much more could be accomplished by sending an experienced genealogist than by many of us doing duplicated work.
Closing prayer was offered by Wallace Turley.

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Saturday evening the members of the clan gathered in the main lodge to visit and enjoy dancing. The music was lively and all had a big time.

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Sunday morning a fast and testimony meeting was held in the main lodge. After a number of inspirational talks, Dr. Joseph Turley from California told a number of historical incidents and information about the family and then presented the family with a diary of Theodore Turley.

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The lodge near Lakeside, Arizona was an ideal place for the reunion. Although the wind blew somewhat, (the coolest day they had all summer), it was very pleasant and the accomodations were fine. The showers in the bath house were unforgettable, (no windows), the shave at the lavatory was unique, (outdoors) and the cabins were picturesque, (no doors). Some said it was a bit cool for them but the fun and large lodge made up for the creature comforts some of the less hardy members of the family may have missed. And the food was very good, too.

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In case you haven't already guessed, Blanche Turley Tanner's little boy Norman succumbed to the tears and entreaties of the new officers and now I'm stuck with this newsletter for the next year. Of course the less news all of you send in, the easier my job will be. And if more doesn't start coming in, I may be out of a job entirely.

My faithful correspondents, Genevieve Bushman of Joseph City and Madge Shelley of Holbrook, have agreed to stay by me this next year so there will be news from that area at least. I can't thank them enough for their support.

We asked Wallace Turley, new president of the organization to write us a short letter introducing himself and telling some of the objectives of the group for the coming year:

"Hello" to all the Turleys everywhere. I was asked to give some ofthe ideas I have concerning what I'd like to see the Turley's accomplish this year.

Of course first and foremost is to keep our genealogy research going by all means. I feel we should send Olive to Salt Lake; we think it is pretty fine in Floyd to agree to let her go. My second thought is of getting actual temple work done. Since the temple schedule is to be changed and there is to be sessions on Saturday after the first of the year, why can't we set two dates for all the Turleys who possibly can, to meet at the temple for Saturday sessions? Those who could make it could also go Friday evening. We would be getting our Priesthood assignments done together and would promote more family unity. I would like to strongly urge the family to get into the missionary program of the

church. I'm sure most of us have non-member friends or neighbors.

It doesn't seem to me that all our time and money should go for work for the dead. With our family growing so large, I feel there should be a fund set aside to send and keep out at least one of our boys or girls all the time. This wouldn't need to be a hardship on anyone if all would respond. Or we could send some of the older members of our family. The Turleys have always been a missionary family andwe should keep it that way.

The reunion this year was a wonderful experience. I'm just so sorry more of the family didn't arrage their affairs at home so that they could have come back for the Sunday morning testimony meeting. It was the most wonderful part of the whole reunion. And later to be presented with the Theodore Turley manuscript was a blessing that not many of us had even dreamed of. It is something to be prized highly and I feel like the hand of the Lord brought it to us.

Do any of the family want to present a project that all could participate in to make it easy to pay our dues? If you have any ideas, won't you send them in to be considered by our group officers? Right away. My address is 109 S. Olive Dr., Mesa, Arizona.

I do wish to express appreciation for the family's confidence in me, and also appreciatiation for all my co-workers in the organization. Will soon get all you officers together for a session.

May our Heavenly Father's blessings be yours as you put your trust in Him.

(signed) Wallace M. Turley,
President.

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Following is a note which Anita (our secretary) received from Beryl Heward Fisher, daughter of John Heward and Beulah Whiting Heward:

Sept. 18, 1961

Dear Anita,

Just a note to give you information onour new addition to be added to our family group sheet. We are having a family portrait taken and will send one as soon as they are through with them. We had a 9 lb. 8½ oz. , 21½ inches long baby son, born 28 August, 1961 at Holbrook, His name is Samuel Wayne Fisher.. We were sorry to miss the reunion this year but complications prevented it.

Dad took Loraine back to college at the "Y" Saturday, where she will be a Junior. He'll also visit his family while there. Grandma Heward isn't at all good again, refusing to talk to any of the family. It's hard on Grandpa especially.

If there's anything I can do to help further the work in this family organization, please let me know,

God bless you andyours, (signed) Beryl Fisher

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NEWS FROM THE FAMILY.

The Lawrence Turley family report the addition of two new grandchildren to their family. On September 28 a daughter, Kelley, was born to Stacey and Anna Jean (Turley) Carkhuff and on October 9, a son was born to Wendell and Louise (Turley) Hess. They also report their son, Mark has moved to Logan to go to school. He is also working at Brigham City for the Thiokol Chemical Company. Another son of Lawrence's clan, David is back in Mesa from Downy, California. He, too, is going to school.

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Jerry and Judith Ann Turley Johnson are the proud parents of a new daughter, Jolene, born August 18, 1961. This puts the score at three for grand babies of Edgar andMary Pearl Turley of Holbrook.

Aunt Electa's (Uncle John's wife), Grandaughter, Stena, her baby and husband, Ferron Anderson, came from Illinois to visit her. He had been going to the University there. They also visited Phoenix to see Stena's parents, Mr. andMrs. Stanley Turley. They continued on to Logan, Utah where Ferron has a scholarship for a year at the University there.

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Stanley Turley came up to Joseph City on September 1st to pour a new foundation around his mother's home, (aunt Electa). Then Stanley and his wife Bernice visited their daughter, Lynn Ann and her husband F.L. Blair in California.

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Edgar Turley, son of Uncle Hyrum, and Frank Turley, son of Charley Turley, were sustained as Stake Missionaries. They were given a farewell testimonial in their ward.

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Arland and Gloria Grey Turley, (son of Harvey Turley of Joseph City), are the parents of a son born September 8, 1961 at Flagstaff, Arizona. Grandmother Dora, went up and spent two weeks helping out. October 1st brought the baby to Joseph City where he was blessed by his father. His name is Robin Louis Turley.

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Newell Turley, (son of Harvey), is in Roswell, New Mexico going to school, learning about missile engines. His wife Dorothy and baby daughter are staying in Joseph City with his folks while he is in school. He manages to visit them on some week-ends.

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Robert C. Randall, (son of Fontella and Richard Randall and great grandson of Theodore Turley), is to go with the Winslow National Guard for a years active duty in the army. They are scheduled to leave Winslow on October 9, reporting to Fort Ord, California.

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William Randall expects to leave November 6, 1961 for the mission home in Salt Lake, Following his visit to the mission home he will serve in Scotland.

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September 4, 1961, a new baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turley of Holbrook. She was blessed on October 1st and was given the name of Shannon Turley.

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VAH-8 Mariano Sanchez arrived home in Cooperville, Washington, after 8 months spent on tour with the Navy on the Midway jet aircraft carrier. His wife Joyce, is the daughter of Mary (Turley) Pickett and Jack Pickett of Joseph City.

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Judy Johnson, daughter of Edgar and Mary Pearl Turley, gave birth to a new baby the last of August. Mary Pearl went to Wickenburg to be with them The Johnsons now live in Flagstaff.

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Floyd E' Bushman, (son of Elwin and Genevieve Bushman), who is serving on a mission, has recently been transfered. His new address is 512 N. Gilbert, Iowa City, Iowa. He's enjoying his mission very much. Another son of the Bushmans, Darrell, is attending the B.Y.U.

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Charles and Claudette (Roy) Stradling of Mesa are proud parents of a new son, Larry Owen. He was born August 11, 1961.

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Kerry andHelen Frost have recently added a daughter to their family. Elizabeth was born September 6, 1961.

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Clifford and Carolyn Fuller have returned to Mesa, Arizona. He is attending A.S.U. in Tempe. They live on South Solomon.

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Milton and Evelyn Fuller have forsaken the East. They have recently moved from New York to Stockton, California where he is teaching. Tami Lynne Fuller was born Nov. 25, 1961.

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Charles and Ivis Fish are recuperating from a serious automobile accident. Their car was demolished and, although they have spent some time in overcoming their injuries, they seem to be doing fine. Charles is still experiencing some difficulty with a badly pulled shoulder.

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There is a picture available of the entire group at the reunion at Show Low. If any of you wish copies they are available for $.60 for a 5 x 7 enlargement. Send a nickel extra if you wish them mailed. Send to: 244 E. Marilyn, Mesa, Arizona.

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THEODORE TURLEY

Biography and Autobiography

V. HIS MISSION TO ENGLAND - From Nauvoo to Liverpool (Con't.):

Theodore Turley records: "Six thousand miles traveled in company with Brother George A. Smith, one of the Twelve, and Bro. Hedlock of the Quorum of High Priests, traveled the first day 14 miles, stopped the night, having no grain for the horse, had to turn him upon the prairie for the night. The next morning started for Quincy when we had traveled a few miles was taken with chill fever. Shook and burnt with fever till we arrived in Quincy on the 24th of September 1839, where we found Apostle Young and Kimball both sick. Stopped the day and then started for the East, arrived in Gray Villo on the 27th and held meeting. The next morning started for Jacksonville on the 30th of September. Stopped at Bro. Wilson's, held meeting instructing the Saints in the things of God. Stopped one day and a half; arrived in Springfield, Illinois, October 3. Stopped with Sister Snider; received much kindness from the brethren. Met with them each night exorting them and instructing them in the things of God, until the eleventh day. Departed, leaving the blessings of God upon them, leaving thence for Pleasant Garden; stopped at Bro. Pratt's."[52]

At Springfield they were met by Elders Kimball and Young. Friday, October 11, in the evening, Elders Young, Kimball, George A. Smith, Hedlock, and Turley started from Springfield, traveled eight miles on their journey, and stayed with Father Draper. "When we went into the house, Brother George A. Smith, while stooping down to warm him at the fire, dropped a small flask bottle, containing tonic bitters, out of his pocket, on the hearth, and broke it; at this occurrence Father Baker (Draper) was very much astonished, and said, 'You're a pretty set of Apostles, to be carrying a bottle of whiskey with you.' We explained to him that the bottle contained some bitters which the brethren at Springfield had prepared for George A. because of his sickness; this appeased his righteous soul, so that he consented to allow us to stay through the night."[53]

Saturday, October 12, the Elders of the British Mission left Father Draper's and pursued their journey toward Terre Haute. They arrived at Terre Haute on the 17th, and stayed with Nahum Milton Stow's. On the 17th Elder Heber C. Kimball had an unfortunate experience which almost cost him his life. He became ill while staying with a drunken Dr. Modisett. The doctor gave him a tablespoonful of morphine, and only through the anxious care of Brigham Young during the night was his life saved. "In the morning Brothers Smith, Turley, Hedlock and Murray came to see us. They laid their hands on me and prayer for me. When they left they wept. Father Murray felt very sorrowful; said he, 'we shall never see Heber again; he will die'. I looked up at them and said, 'Never mind, brethren, go ahead, for Brother Brigham and I will reach Kirtland before you will'. Brother Brigham gave them all the money we had except five dollars, and told them to take good care of the team, and make all possible speed to Kirtland."[54] The next day the brethren resumed their journey.

Says Theodore Turley: "October 17th attended meeting with Bro. Babbitt Saturday and Sunday; three times. Found Bro. Babbitt doing a great work here. On the 22nd of October left for Indianapolis. Oct. 23rd, met Bros. Law and Hicks family east of Richmond. Received $25.00 for to help us on our mission. Oct. 26th arrived in Dayton where we found Bro. Taylor. Attended a conference in company with the brethren at Bro. Houton's 8 miles east. Oct. 27th Bro. Taylor preached on Sunday and then arrived in Springfield the same night. Visited Columbus Prison in company

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with Bro. Smith, Taylor, and Hedlock (on Thursday we visited prison). The cells for each prisoner was 8 feet long and 4 feet wide. 480 convicts had commenced building a State House. We reached Lawderville on the 30th. Thence to Worcester on the 1st of Nov. 1839. Arrived in Strongville on the 2nd; 3rd arrived in Cleveland. 4th met with Bros. Young and Heber C. Kimball after leaving them sick in their hotel. Arrived in Kirtland, visited the House of the Lord with the Brethren on Nov. 5th, and 7th, and on the 9th attended meetings in the House of the Lord, much gratified. And wrote to my family in the West. Met with the brethren in Kirtland every other night attended meetings with Bro. Taylor. We received our washings and etc., at Bro. McBride's house in company with Bro. Phelps of the Quorum of Seventies.

"And Bro. Miles Prest of the Seventies, Bro. McBride of the same Quorum and Bro. Dixon a member. Thence to the House of God, to that of our annointing and washing of feet, etc., in company with Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and George A. Smith, each of the Quorum of the Twelve and in company with considerable number of Elders, had a good meeting. The oil consecrated by Bros. Young, Kimball and Smith."[55]

Recorded in the Documentary History, we find: "In the evening, President Brigham Young annointed Elder John Taylor in the House of the Lord, and Elder Daniel S. Miles anointed Theodore Turley, all of which was sealed with the shout of Hosanna."

To continue with Theodore Turley's account, "Apostle Young annointed Bro. Taylor, Bro. D.S. Miles, Theodore Turley and part of the Elders' Quorum. Prayer was then offered up by Brother Taylor for his own individual self. And then confirmed by shouts of Hosannah, and then offered up the desires of my heart; then confirmed and sealed by the congregation by shouts of Hosannah. Proceeded to the washing of feet; Bro. Young washed Bro. Taylor's and D.S. Miles washed Theodore Turley's feet, and then Bro. Taylor delivered a prophecy. Meeting closed. Bro. Young offered prayer. On the 20th met at Bro. Morton's in conference; Heber C. Kimball being called to the chair. Four Elders volunteered to go and preach. On the 22nd parted with the brethren in Kirtland and came to Fareport to take steamboat for Buffalo. There being so great a storm had to wait 4 days in port. We had a quick and stormy passage down the lake. Took stage from Buffalo to Betavia, from thence to Rochester in steam cars and on the 29th of November, 1839, at 7 p.m. Started from thence at 9 p.m. took stage to and from thence to Auburn where we left the Brethren, Brigham Young, George A. Smith. Left Bro. Kimball 8 miles east of Betavia, Bro. R. Hedlock at Betavia to visit the brethren in that place. Arrived at Auburn 29th November 1839 at 10 a.m.

"Took cars for Albany in company with Bro. Taylor: R.R. Fare $7.50. Arrived in Albany Nov. 31, 1839 at 6 a.m. Took boat for New York. Distance from Mississippi to N.Y. 511 miles, (one thousand five hundred and eleven miles).

"My journal from Albany to the Potteries in England is written in a small ipto Jan 26, 1840." (ipto: up to?) Where is that journal?

(To be continued .....)