THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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The Theodore Turley Family Reunion for 1963 was held at Woods Canyon Lake on Friday, Saturday, August 30th and 31st. Woods Canyon Lake is a very beautiful place.

Harve and Melba Turley went out on Thursday and hauled wood for cooking and found a campsite, which isn't such as easy task on a holiday week end at Woods Lake. Harve bought plastic to fix tents for all who came and needed a dry place to sleep. The folks began to gather in the afternoon, pitched camp and visited. The Theodore Turley family (Uncle Ted) had kind of a family reunion of their own as 19 of them cooked supper and ate together, before the other family members came for the evening program where everyone and anyone took part.

After a very fine evening together the group went to their different tents, cabins, trailers, pick-ups and what have you for the night. About 1:30 A.M. Old Billy Thunder started in and really tried to make a noise and brought a rain that was a rain. Seems we got 3 or 4 rains before morning came. Melba worried about her grandsons on the ground in sleeping bags and knew if Harve didn't do something about them or for them they would be drowned come morning, but Harve was so busy trying to keep dry himself and keep the skunks away he had no time for grandkids. Come morning the grandsons, Bill & Dale didn't know it had rained, and Harve and Melba were about the only ones in camp that got wet - after all Harve's work to keep others dry. He was glad to get up and put on some dry clothes, get a fire going and with the help of Lavon Turley, Bill Tanner and others, cooked and served hot cakes, bacon and eggs and everything that goes with it to a large group.

At 10:00 A.M. we had a meeting and just got started when the rains decended and we were all under plastic sheets for some time. Minutes were blurred and rained on and very sketchy, but it turned out that someone proposed that the same officers be kept in another year, so Harvey I. Turley was sustained as President for another year with George Turley as 1st Counselor and Frank Turley as 2nd Counselor, Melba Turley, Secretary and Kieth Hallsted as Asst. Secy. Olive gave a report on what she is doing in research work and has been able to get quite a number of names. The committee had been real busy in getting picture pedigrees ready, and a number were sold - so very cheap - a set of 3 groups for 60¢. We appreciate your work in making these pictures available to us. Thanks so very much.

The rain let us some and Harve and group started cooking dinner. Harve made good biscuits and Ted Turley, Bill Tanner, Floyd Turley and others cooked steaks and hamburgers. Lavon made gravy and a wash-tub of corn was cooked. The ladies set out pies, cakes, pickles, tomatoes, salads, and melons - melons and more melons were cut. Everyone had all they could eat and seemed to really enjoy themselves in spite of the rain. After visiting as long as they wanted to, they broke camp and left for their different camps or homes, expressing themselves as having had a very enjoyable time, even if a wet one. The spirits weren't dampened.

Aunt Pearl Turley Frost was the oldest in attendance, age 79. Valenda Sue Sanders was the youngest age 2 months. Both stood the weather and the Reunion in fine shape.

There were 165 in attendance. I guess Bill and Blanche Tanner came the longest distance, from Farmington, New Mexico.

THEODORE TURLEY FAMILY ORGANIZATION
Financial Statement for
November 2, 1962
to
August 29, 1963

Cash on Hand November 2, 1962		$243.32
Receipts: 1962-63 year		
Dues	$420.00	
Research	390.85	
Newsletter	72.00	
Journals	5.60	
Misc. receipts	21.71	
Total Receipts		$910.16
		$1,153.48
Expenses:		
Genealogy	$488.00	
Newsletter	207.47	
Printing & Supplies	104.58	
Address-o-graph Supplies	62.51	
Reunion 1962	17.75	
Misc.	22.75	
Total Expenses		$903.06
Cash on Hand Aug. 29, 1963		250.42
		$1,153.48

Financial report. -- Our financial report shows $104.58 for printing and supplies which dealt mainly with the picture pedigrees, tho there were a couple of printing bills paid after the report was made. Of more than 400 recipients of the newsletter only 72 sent in their dollar to help finance it. With the addresso-graph stencils cost added it brings total cost of newsletter to $269.98 for the year.

Officers for '64

Pres.	Harvey I. Turley	Asst. Sec'y.	Keith Hallsted
V.Pres.	George Turley	Historian	Hortense Fuller
V.Pres.	Frank Turley	Asst. Hist.	Vessa Peel
V.Pres.	Arland Turley	Genealogist	Olive K. Turley
V.Pres.	Ted Roy	Family Rep.	Floyd Turley
Sec'y.	Melba Turley		

Others with jobs:
Stan Turley - "Parliamentarian" to study suggested changes in constitution and by-laws of Theodore Turley Family Organization and report findings at next reunion.
Lawrence E. Turley - Newsletter and Assisting Olive in research.
Josephine Hatch - Assisting Olive in research.
Louise T. Hess - Assisting Olive in research.
Hazel M. Turley - Assisting with Newsletter
Keith Hallsted - Assisting Vessa with picture pedigree and final printing.

Some members have written brief notes accompanying their check for dues and newsletter and change of address for either themselves or members of family, including: Marion W. Turley; Dr. H. E. Turley; Marilyn T. Larsen; Betty DeWitt Reed; J. Harley & Ora N. Turley; Fred & Wilma Turley.

Picture pedigrees are available in sets of three at .60¢; .75¢ mailed. Consist of:
Theodore Turley & Francis Amelia Kimberley & children
Isaac Turley & Sarah Greenwood & children
Isaac Turley & Clara Ann Tolton & children

Olive K. Turley gave a rather comprehensive report at the reunion, stating that research in England is becoming more costly with results coming in slower and fewer. SHE NEEDS MORE HELP!

Vessa M. Peel has done wonders in compiling a picture history of family members. It was due to the untiring efforts of Vessa that the pictures for the picture pedigrees are available. She has worked untiringly through the years to gather in what she has and is still on the trail of more pictures. I, for one, along with others, feel to thank her for her untiring efforts and devotion to her work.

Della T. Shook was actually the first major compiler of family records and research worker - having compiled and completed family group sheets for thousands of names on the Turley family lines. Age and illness have slowed her up some physically, but she still has a keen mind with a twinkle in her eye. The family as a whole can feel gratitude in their hearts for her past efforts in our behalf, along with others who helped -- Edward F. Turley, Gerald Fuller and others.

NEWSLETTER

4624 Martsmith Ave.
Fair Oaks, Calif.95628
July 10, 1963

Dear Turleys everywhere,

I am enclosing some research money and also the money so that I will begin to receive the Newsletter again. This time in my name instead of my son's. It was a number of years ago that my Uncle Guy Turley in Santa Fe sent my son's name into you and said that you might send him the newsletter. At the time he was in the Marine Corp and down at Camp Pendelton in San Diego. Since that time he has been over to Okinawa and is now stationed in Barstow.

The past year has been a wonderful one for us and I will begin to tell you about it by first telling you just who I am and that will sort of lead up to what I mentioned.

I am the fifth and last child of Omner Jay Turley, son of Jacob Omner and Anna Louise Woodhouse. Jacob Omner was the son of Theodore Turley and his fifth wife Ruth Jane Giles. My father and his brothers Walter Guy, Joseph Ingersol, Louis to mention a few were not raised in the Church. So when my father married my mother Urna Bradford Hickox from Santa Fe, New Mexico and they had five children they did not raise us in the Church either. At the present time there are four of us living. There is Jay Bradford, my brother - then there was Theodore Roy who died in infancy and then there is Dulce Amna and Alice Rosiland and last in this line myself born Urna Lu'Ree Turley.

As I started to say back there before I gave you this background, is that in September of '62 my younger daughter and younger son and myself were all three baptized into the Church. We belong to the Orangevale Ward and it has really been a wonderful experience to us. Then in April of this year my oldest son Theodore Franklin came home from Okinawa where he had spent a year with the Corp, and just a month later he also was baptized into the Church and has really come a long way in the last few months. He is advancing in the Priesthood and has a real insentive as another goal in the Church. He has become engaged to a very wonderful and fine girl who is a member and their goal is that as soon as he can become an Elder about next June, '64 they plan to go to Salt Lake and be married in the Temple there. Her parents were married there and she also wants that. I am really thrilled.

My youngest son Garold Flynn is also a Teacher in the Priesthood. Or did I tell you that Ted had made Teacher about two weeks ago?

I have been trying to get a bit of information on my Great Grandmother and my Grandmother, namely Ruth Jane Giles and Anna Louise Woodhouse. My grandmother was born in Beaver City, Utah, on Jan. 7, 1856. Jacob Omner Turley was born on Jan. 30, 1852 in San Bernardino, Calif. I would surely appreciate any information anyone could give me on either of my grandmothers.

My father had four brothers I believe it was, or perhaps it was six, at any rate he, Omner Jay, was the only one who was blessed with children. And altho he was married three times, my mother was his first wife, we are the only children that he had. This is all a bit mixed up but I hope that some sense can be made out of it. And if you wish to publish it I will give my consent.

I would surely love to attend the reunion this year but am afraid that it is impossible this time.

At present my husband Charles Lester Wright is not a member of the Church but he has become interested and I hope someday that he will see his way to become a member. Also, My oldest daughter Laura Lu'Ree is not a member. The names of my children are as follows: Laura Lu'Ree Leonard - Theodore Franklin Wright - Urna Roeda Wright and Garold Flynn Wright. That is in the order of their birth.

Thank you for listening to me
Sincerely
/s/ Urna Lu'Ree Turley Wright

P.S. I am enclosing a money order for research and a dollar bill for my Newsletter. I forgot to get the M.O. for the full amount.

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131 Babcock Road
San Antonio, Texas
22 July 1963

Dear Lawrence & Family:

Received the Newsletter, thank you. Hope you all are well and happy. We are all fine at present. Our daughters are all in California. Their addresses are as follows: Annie Mae (Mrs. W. A.) Turley Anderson, 4343 Chevy Chase, La Canada, California -- Patricia (Mrs. Conrad) Turley Bryner, 4110½ Ocean View, Montrose, California -- Mar Lou (Mrs. Douglas S.) Turley Myers, 352 W. Lomita, Apt. 4, Glendale, California. Please check these and make the changes necessary, we appreciate your good work. The check enclosed use where it will do the most good.

One of these years we will make the family reunion for sure.

Love to you all -
Always,
/s/ Henry Eyring Turley & Louise Robinson Turl

August 2, 1963

Dear Folks -

Enclosed you will find a check for dues. The Newsletter has been particularly interesting, especially when now and then you print a letter from a relative that I know.

Our son, Romney, finished his Masters Degree at M.I.T. in January. In December he married Barbara Call of Salt Lake and went to work in Ford's main office in Dearborn as a financial analyst. Barbara, who has been attending school at the U. of Michigan, was on the Dean's list for the Spring semester.

We hope to visit Arizona one of these summers and see some of the family.

Sincerely,
(Francis / Isaac) /s/ Helen and Rulon Biddulph

Aug. 23, 1963
Arnold, Nebr.

Dear Brother Turley,

Since we are unable to attend the family reunion next week, is it possible to still receive the Pedigree Picture Chart that you planned to make available for those who did come?

We really enjoy the family newsletter and were very happy to see the Pedigree Chart included in the last edition of it.

Enclosed is money for the dues and subscription to the newsletter. We are also sending our family group sheet that you requested.

I am the granddaughter of Laron Bates and Luey Turley. My parents are Clarence Romans and Kathryn Bates.

Yours truly,
/s/ Nancy Romans

Provo, Utah
August 25, 1963

Dear Turley Family:

I'm enclosing a check for $10.00 for my dues and the Newsletter. We enjoy the newsletter very much and find it most interesting. We really look forward to its coming. It contains so much information, much of which we didn't know about our relatives.

I married Anna Turley, daughter of Isaac and Clara Tolton Turley. Her grandfather was Theodore Turley. We had six children. Two pairs of twins, one pair a boy and a girl, they died at birth. Their names , Norma and Norman. The other twins are Anita Van Wagoner Fitzgerald, and Alberta Van Wagoner Eastmond. Anita has 7 children and Alberta has 6. Maxine Van Wagoner Powell, has 8 children. Shirley Van Wagoner Dunn, has 6 children. Anna died in 1935 and I married Orah Giles. She has one child, a daughter named Anna Loye Van Wagoner Vance, she has 3 children.

All five of my daughters were married in the Temple. They, along with their husbands and children are active in the church, holding responsible positions.

We are looking forward to meeting our kin folk at some future Turley Reunion.

Respt. Yours,
/s/ Albert Van Wagoner
409 East 100 So. Provo, Utah

Joseph City, Arizona
September 25, 1963

Dear Lawrence and Florence:

I know I'm later than I should be in getting this letter to you, but do hope you haven't given up on me. Hope you are feeling better, Lawrence, than at reunion time. I enjoyed the reunion very much, in spite of the rain. Don't believe thatI've ever seen a funnier meeting, than when everyone was under plastic, and still the meeting was going on.

An item that I forgot last letter -- Norman Brimhall, of Ted and Ilene Brimhall (She's daughter of Arthur and Roberta Tanner) was chosen all around boy for the Snowflake Junior High last year. He also received several other awards.

From Aunt Electa's family: Her son Robert and family spent several days visiting in Joseph City. He helped to fix up a few of the things that needed fixing around the place.

Son Stanley also spent about four days the first part of Sept. visiting his mother, trimming the hedge and fixing up the lawn, etc. Aunt Electa says whenever the boys come they find things to keep busy at that she hasn't even worried about fixing. Nice they take such good care of her.

Daughter Marge Kircher, husband Bill and Libby also spent a week visiting in Joseph City in August.

Gary Morris is moving into his new garage. Address 137 W. Erie, Holbrook, Arizona. His son, Dick Morris has decided that automobile repairing is what he wants to do for a living, so he is working with his dad at the garage, instead of going to college. He graduated from High School last spring. Gary is Aunt Electa's son-in-law.

From Harvey C. and Dora Turley: Daughter Ora May and her husband Ross Westover, are the parents of a new boy born August 17th, to be named

Jay and Janelle's baby has been in the hospital for 2 days with a kidney infection. He's better now

The Harvey C. Turley's held a family reuinion Aug. 25th down in Payson country - Ross and Ora Mae Westover and family, Doreen Bloomer and family, Buster, Newell and Dorothy, Louis and his family, and Bob and Zelda and their family were all there. They reported a good time.

Marilyn Webb Mahan's husband Lee was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Phoenix several weeks ago. He is reported to be out of the hospital but still rather laid up. Marilyn is the daughter of John and Goldie Webb, granddaughter of Joseph Turley and Josie.

From Fontella and Richard Randall family (She's daughter of Art and Roberta Tanner) :
Daughter Betty Randall has gone to Thatcher to the Eastern Arizona Junior College. She reports that she has three room mates and they are all named Carol.

Son Robert had to spend two weeks with the National Guard in August. He took his wife, Pat, to Yuma to visit her sister while he was gone. Fontella made the trip to Yuma to bring Pat home as Bob had to go right to work when he was released from National Guard training.

Our daughter Laree returned to Provo for her 2nd year on the 21st. We also have our oldest son, Floyd, going to school and trying to earn his way at the same time. He and his wife, Karen, live at 937 N. 50 E. Provo.

Kathy DeWitt, daughter of Martha and Malcolm also returned to BYU, and Richard Heward, son of Beulal and John Heward enrolled as a Freshman at BYU.

I couldn't seem to get anything from anyone else, so guess this will have to suffice.

Thanks so much for keeping this family paper going. We surely do enjoy it and I'm enjoying getting acquainted with more of my relatives. I'd like to get better acquainted with all your good Turley's down in the valley.

Sincerely,

(Roberta / Theodore W. / Isaac) /s/ Genevieve Bushman

Montevideo, Uruguay
October 6, 1963

Dear "Turley Family",

Just a note for now to tell you that we have really appreciated receiving the family news letter while we have been here on this mission. Time has not permitted us to do more than hurridly read the happenings to the clan, but now our mission is coming to an end -- we will leave here the 16th and arriv home about the 1st of November after doing a little sightseeing and visiting members of our family on the way. Our son, Sheldon, is in Lima, Peru, where he will complete his mission in December, and we pla to spend a day with him, and also a little time with our daughter and her family in El Paso, Texas -- Delna and Glen Beecroft and baby daughter, Karla. Sharlene is back at the Y and we will see her too, along with Mother McClellan and others of the family in Salt Lake City before returning home to Hayward, California, where our oldest daughter, Norene and her family, with Norman, our younger son, are living in our home. Norene (Green) has a new little son, Brent Thomas, born the 24th of August.

It will really be great to be back in the States again, and once we get settled at home again we plan to bring our genealogy records into shape and help the good work along. For now we are sending a little check to pay for the family letter and dues. Our address will be the old one: 1737 D St., Haywar California. Delna's address is: Delna Beecroft, 401 Wenda Way #2, El Paso, Texas. We are sure she would appreciate receiving the letter too, as would Norene. Her address will be ours for the time bein until they get settled in a new home.

Hope you can make sense of this jumble--we are in the process of bringing our work here into order to turn it over to our replacement. May the Lord bless you in your good work.

Best wishes,

(David / Esther / Isaac) /s/ Ross and Margaret McClellan

NEWS

Marion W. Turley and Fern T. Fawcett were married and are now spending some time in the mountains at or near "Clay Spg's" where Marion has a cabin. (On or near Farnsworth ranch)

David L. Turley, wife Alice and daughters Debbie and Tammie returned to Mesa to make their permanent home, after spending most of the past year working near Sacramento and Palo Alto, California. David works as a design draftsman.

Louis O. & Hazel M. Turley recently bought them a cozy little home in Mesa and are now living at 450 E. 3rd St. They hope to spend most of their coming years in doing genealogical work along with other church duties.

Robert Fuller has been transferred to Indianapolis, Indiana as divisional sales mgr. for Lusk Home. His family are remaining in Mesa until permanent arrangements are made.

Linden and Esther F. Dial & family are going to West Germany on a 3 yr. building mission call.

Gerald Fuller Jr. left latter part of Sept. on 2½ year mission call to So. Australia.

"May 9, 1840.--This day in company with Elder George A. Smith walked to Burslem from Stake. We ordained Bro. Hume to the office of a Priest in the stake, he being much afflicted with rheumatism or rheumatics, he jumped up and ran after us praising God. When we arrived in Burslem visited many of the Saints when they rejoiced much at my deliverance. I then attended a conference where we ordained 2 Elders, Bro. Glover and B. Simpson, 2 Teachers, Bro. Bradbury and Bro. Parker. Bro. D. Bowers was nominated Deacon, but not present. Slept at Bro. Johnston's.

"May 10, 1840.--Sunday this morning in company with Elder G. A. Smith I go to Hauley, Bro. Smith preached, I brake bread. In the evening I preached for a while and Elder Smith preached to the congregation. Confirmed one member and ordained Bro. Daniel Bowers to the office of Deacon.

"May 11, 1840.--This day I wrote to Bro. John Turley and then walked to Stake and visited Sis. Handerson and several of the Saints and also one Mr. Mumford. Then I walked to Lane End, then visited the Saints there. I hope they will be able to resist the Devil. I preached to a large congregation.

"May 12, 1840.--This morning at Sis. Whittiker's I visited the Saints in this place and accompanied Sis. Bromley to Stake and there laid hands on Sis. Handerson. I then walked to Hauley to Mr. Martin's and after the necessary conversation baptized her. Then walked to Burslem and slept at Bro. Johnston's.

"May 13, 1840.--I went to New Castle to preach in company with George A. Smith, preached in the streets. One baptized." (This day Wilford Woodruff received a letter from Theodore Turley.)

On May 15, 1840, Willard Richards wrote the following to George A. Smith: "I read your letter to Brother Young and also Brother Turley's...If Brother Turley wants room to exercise, he will find himself abundantly supplied with room to labor here, and we recommend him to tarry at the Potteries till Brother Young comes, which will be in a few days. Brother Young would like to see him, and we all rejoice with Brother Turley, and if he concludes to come here, or go elsewhere, let him do it secretly; let no one but yourself know where he goes, and his enemies cannot follow, and he will save himself much trouble."[74]

Now back to the Journal:

"May 16, 1840.--From Stake to Hauley, visiting the Saints and to Burslem and then to Hauley, to be measured for some clothes, then to Burslem to sleep.

"May 17, 1840.--Walked to Leek in company with Bros. Walker and Johnson 10 miles and preached to the people after dinner and at night.

"May 18, 1840.--In Leek preaching from house to house. Preached publicly at 7 p.m. and at 11 p.m.; baptized 5 women and 3 men. Retired at 2 a.m.

"May 19, 1840.--Walked to Burslem; met G. A. Smith about noon.

"May 20, 1840.--In company with G. A. Smith visited several families of the Baptist order; preached the truths of the Gospel, also visited the brethren.

"May 21, 1840.--Visited some in Hauley, took dinner at Mr. Taylor's. Spent the afternoon with him and one of the Baptist's of this place. Preached hard against the errors of the day, this evening at meeting with Elders Young and Smith. Slept in Burslem with the same brethren at Bro. Johnston's. We thot it best for Bro. Smith and I to tarry in this region until conference."

This was the first time that Theodore had seen Brigham Young since he left New York, for by the time Brigham Young arrived in England, Theodore was in prison. Of this meeting Brigham Young reported the following to Elders Wilford Woodruff and Willard Richards: "I found Brother Turley there; he feels well, is preaching and baptizing; he is going to Birmingham. I told him to go according to his own feelings; he is willing to do anything that we say; he wants to see you and sends love with the rest of us."[75]

"May 22, 1840.--In company with Elders B. Young and G. A. Smith. Bro. Smith wished me to go to Lane End and preach this evening. I walked from Burslem and visited some of the Saints and from there to Lane End preached at night.

"May 23, 1840.--Visited among the Saints.

"May 24, 1840.--This morning I preached in a room obtained from the T. Totals Society. I met with the Saints in the afternoon, preached at night to a large congregation.

"May 25, 1840.--Still in Lane End, I hope to see some fruits of my labors. This night I preached to a large congregation, a number followed me to my lodgings to inquire after the truth. Slept at Bro. Whittiker's.

"May 26, 1840.--This morning I spent with the Saints in Lane End and there went to Stake, visited some there. Then to Hauley visited some there. Then to Burslem preached here at night. Slept at Bro. Johnston's.

"May 27, 1840.--Went to Hauley. Taught from house to house the things of the Kingdom and at night preached to a large congregation on temperance.

"May 28, 1840.--Went to Birmingham to see my parents. Arrived 7:30 p.m. I saw I was once more in company with my parents. I pray God to bless my visit.

"May 29, 1840.--Spent with Bro. John and family.

"May 30, 1840.--Spent with my parents in Birmingham and relatives.

"May 31, 1840.--I preached the necessity of Baptism to my parents. Oh! my soul is grieved in consequence of the traditions that have been instilled into them by the damnable doctrines of man. I pray God to bless them with eyes to see the truth. I feel much my spirits are down.

"June 1, 1840.--This morning taking leave of my relations for the North. I traveled to West Broomwitch to see my relatives here, found them all alive and well. Slept at Mr. N. Woods.

"June 2, 1840.--This day at Grets Green West Broom Parish, teaching the things of the Kingdom of Heaven. Preached at night also.

"June 3, 1840.--In Grets Green teaching the things of the Kingdom of God.

"June 4, 1840.--Went to the Brades. Saw some of my father's relations. Preached to them the Gospel. I returned to Grets Green. These two men came to inquire of me about the doctrines of Christ. I preached Jesus and the resurrection to them; there also came some to entangle me in my talk. They brought a traveling preacher of the name of Leek to see if he could counteract the effects of my preaching the Gospel. But thank God he gave me words that he could not gainsay. The people that heard, some were left in amazement and others in praise of God for sending the truth. I can't leave the people at present. They are beginning to have their eyes opened.

"June 5, 1840. --Still in Grets Green instructing the people in the things of the Kingdom. I feel the awful situation of those that are teaching the foul principles of man and leading the innocent astray from the paths of truth. This morning preached in Swan Village, afterward a man by the name of Hicks opposed the truth. I pray God to give him eyes to see his situation. I then baptized John Robinson and Mary Robinson and Jane Wood.

"June 6, 1840.—Still in Grets Green, went to see Mrs. Jones. She is much troubled that I should be so persecuted. She said she must be baptized. I went to see a gentleman by the name of Williams, he received my testimony; said he had preached 35 years and looking for the coming forth of the work of God. He is going to try to get me to preach in the chapel.

"June 7, 1840.—This morning confirmed 3; administered the sacrament to them. Spoke to the congregation in the afternoon; preached in the street. At night fulfilled the appointment of a Methodist Preacher; many believed. Went to bed quite tired.

"June 8, 1840.—Wrote Elder Smith in the Potteries. Visited the people that were inclined to believe the truth. Received scolding from Mr. Woods for baptizing two of his daughters; one of them was married and the other 22 years of age. I preached to a congregation at Hill Top this night. The Lord enabled me to bare testimony to the things of God, as made known by the ministering of angels. I baptized two, Mrs. Jones and George Wood."

On June 8 Elder Theodore Turley wrote from Grets Green, near Birmingham, to George A. Smith: "I left Lane End, and arrived in Birmingham a quarter before eight o'clock; at my father's, found them well. My brother's family are sick—no opportunity with my brother. He had to leave town upon business. I preached to my parents; my mother is so bound by the damnable errors of man; that she thinks so much of that, I am grieved. I left on Monday for Broomwitch and found that my former preaching and letters from Stafford were not lost, but were working like leaven in meal. One preacher had not preached Methodism; nor could he. I preached on Tuesday; all the time I have been there, there has been either preachers or leaders calling upon me, some in the spirit of enquiry, others to try to eat me up. It is hard fighting. They brought a traveling preacher, by the name of Leek, in this circuit, to oppose me. We had a discussion and the people were ashamed of him. Some are raging mad against me. There is one class really broken up. Wednesday I preached, and Thursday also, and on Friday I baptized three. A preacher opposed me. Six more gave their names for baptism on Saturday and I was invited to the house of a gentleman at Hill Top; I had an interview with him. He received me with warmth, received my testimony said he had tried to preach the gospel for thirty-five years, but was convinced that he lacked the power of God, and he had preached the second coming of Christ and the Restoration of the Jews. He had suffered much opposition on account of his going to try for me to preach in their chapel. Sunday morning I held meeting, confirmed three, and administered the Sacrament to them. I spoke to the congregation. In the afternoon preached in the street and at night I was invited to fill the appointment of a Methodist local preacher. The house was filled and I preached two hours; many believed. Numbers say they must be baptized. The preacher stated publicly that he must be baptized; prayed that God would enable them all to examine the truths that he had heard, and obey them. He and his wife told me that they will obey the commandment. A great fuss was raised. I have no chance to visit the different places around. I pray God to send more laborers in the vineyard. Brother Smith, do come and help me here. There is Birmingham and Woverhampton, and ten or twelve other towns here, that are perishing. This morning I have had a storm; a relative came to call me to task for baptizing two of his daughters; one is married, the other twenty-three years of age. He has poured out his Methodist threats against me, but I was as independent in feeling and speech as the Son of a King."

"June 9, 1840.—Not well, had a bad night's rest. I went to see my parents. I have traveled to Birmingham. I long for their salvation. Slept at my father's.

"June 10, 1840.—This morning had some conversations with my grandfather upon the subject of baptism. He confessed it a duty, but is fearful of his health being injured. I took leave of my parents and traveled to West Broomwitch and preached at Bro. Robinson's. After preaching, baptized two, Bro. Painter and Sr. Walker.

"June 11, 1840.—Not enjoying good health; God is good to me. There is much opposition. Sr. Jane Wood has much to try her faith. I preached to a good congregation this evening at Princess End; had a conversation after.

"June 12, 1840.—Visiting the people, communicating the truths, there is much opposition to the truth in this place. Preached at night at Bro. Robinson's in Grets Green.

"June 13, 1840.—Traveled to Birmingham, 6 miles, to see my father and mother. Went to visit my relations. Sis. Mathan has received great benefit from the use of some consecrated oil for the sore affliction of rhumatics. Thank God He hears my prayers on her behalf. She was very kind to me when in prison. The Lord reward her for all, and I bless her in the name of the Lord. Amen.

"June 14, 1840.—Arose early to converse with my father and grandfather. My father told me he was ready to be baptized. He would like grandfather to go at the same time. I walked to West Broomwitch. My sis Charlotte accompanied me. Met the saints at Bro. Painter's. The rest of the evening instructing among the people. They threaten my life; the influence of priest-craft is so great that it makes it hard work.

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