Theodore Turley Family Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CHARLES AND ANN TURLEY FAMILY:

All of the family, except Virdell and Alma and their families had Thanksgiving Dinner at Frank and Teddi Val's in Holbrook.

Both Charlie and Ann have been ailing some, but are in better health at present.

Alma and Lloyd Heaton, their three daughters, Linda, Charlene and Marilyn and son Charles came down for a short visit the day after Christmas. Their daughter Marilyn became officially engaged during the holidays and plans a fall wedding.

All of the family, except Alma and family had New Years dinner at Normon and Mildred Turley's in Holbrook.

Sandra Rogers, daughter of Elaine T. and Orson Rogers was home from BYU for Christmas. She had hurt her knee and had been walking with crutches, but got around without them while at home. The doctor is having her do exercises to strengthen the muscles in her knee and also strengthen the ligaments, so they will be strong enough to hold the cartledge in place, so it can't keep slipping out. Their son George is also able to use the leg he broke in the fall, and can now play basketball again.

NEWS FROM THE HARVEY C. TURLEY FAMILY IN JOSEPH CITY:

Dora's mother Hettie Knight died on December 27th, so Jay - son Harvey and Dora, took his mother and sister, Dorene, to Bountiful to the funeral, which was held December 30th. Another daughter, Ora May Westover of Newark, California also came to the funeral so they got in a visit.

Robert H. son of Robert and Zelda Turley (G.s. Harvey and Dora) came from BYU for the holidays.

Janelle Turley, wife of Jay, was sustained as Primary President of the Holbrook Ward Primary on January 4th. She had been a counselor for several months.

Newell Turley graduated from Highway Patrol School in Phoenix on December 5th, and has been assigned to the office in Holbrook. He works with the communications.

Arland Turley of Safford underwent surgery December 8th and is recovering nicely. His wife, Gloria was able to substitute teach for him.

Harvey's brother Hartley and wife came up from Tucson for a short visit the day after Christmas, but had to hurry back because the altitude here is too high for him.

NEWS FROM ELECTA TURLEY FAMILY (JOHN, ISAAC, THEODORE)

Son Robert and wife, Arlene, came from Gallup on Wednesday Dec. 31st to visit with Aunt Electa and a sister Thelma Morris and family.

Robert's son, Denny and wife, flew in from Montana for the holidays. Denny is stationed with the Air Force there.

Dick (son of Thelma and Gary Morris) and his wife Kate spent the Christmas week with his parents here.

Thelma T. and Gary Morris went to Phoenix December 31st for the Golden Wedding party of her aunt and uncle, the Arch Campbells. They report a very nice party and they were able to see many of their relatives.

Aunt Electa plans to go to Phoenix on Thursday (January 8th) to stay a month with her daughter Marge and husband. Her sister Tena Tenny will come from California and be with them also.

NEWS FROM THE ARTHUR TANNER FAMILY (ROBERTA, THEODORE W., ISAAC, THEODORE)

Daughter Fontella and her husband Richard Randall spent Thanksgiving with their son Robert and wife Patricia and family, and Christmas with their daughter's family - Betty and Ralph Wilks in San Bernidino, Calif. They report a very enjoyable time. They also visited in Mesa with Rich's mother--Ethel Randall for a day or two.

Art and Roberta spent Christmas in Snowflake with their daughter and son-in-law Ted and Ilene Brimhall and 4 boys - including Chris who was home from BYU. Then on Dec. 26th another daughter and family, Shirley and Leonard Diercksen, came to Snowflake from Scottsdale and spent the night there, then took the folks on home to Winslow, visiting with us - Elwin and Genevieve - on the way.

As for us - Elwin and Genevieve - we had a wonderful Christmas for all of our family were home except for Darrell, who is in Viet Nam with the 1st Air Cav. Div., and Jeffrey who is in the Eastern States Mission. Darrell's wife came with our son, Art and his wife Gene, and then our daughter Laree and her husband Jon with their two children, Jenni Vee and Rodney Lee were here, and Blaine home from the BYU. Then we have our son, Floyd and his wife Karen and four children living here in Joseph City, so it was quite a family reunion. Of course Maylene and Myla, who are still home with us were here also.

NEWS FROM THE GEORGE TURLEY FAMILY:

Mr. and Mrs. George Turley, 114 Encanto Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter Helen Colleen, to Arnold Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold P. Skinner, The couple plans a January 23rd wedding in the Arizona Temple.

NEWS FROM THE FLOYD TURLEYS:

Mr. Milton Steward Turley son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turley was married to Shirlene Kay Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lavon Payne of Mesa, November 21st in the Arizona Temple

Additional news of Arthur Tanner family - Lenna June Diercksen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Direcksen of Scottsdale was married to Mr. Alan Richard Zell, son of Mrs. Merle A. Zell A reception was held for them Nov. 8th, 1969 in the LDS Cultural Hall in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Blaine Bushman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bushman, and Margene Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Bingham plan a wedding January 23rd in the Manti Temple in Utah. A reception will be held in Vernal, Utah, the 24th.

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This is a condensation of the FULLER CHAIN LETTER of the past 16 months...yes, Uncle Bob said he was the culprit which held up the letters for so long. I'll go down the family in age order:

GRANDMA FULLER has been in California twice, the first time at Uncle Bob's where she spent over two months working on the Fuller Ancestral Book. She returned home at Christmas time and remained long enough to help Aunt Vessa over the death of her husband and then went back to help Uncle Clifford and Uncle Milton and their families. She returned in Aug. of this year. Since then she has been working for Dr. Ben each morning for 1½ hours. Just enoubh time to help him and feel that she is helping him...It's good for her, but her hours are from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and she gives shots to those early risers and keeps the records up on them. She is now living in Mesa and trying to consolidate her life's possessions and working on the McClellan genealogy project.

UNCLE GERALD and AUNT GLENDA and family are still in Oklahoma City and he is still doing relief work out of the various meat packing plants in his district. He also has had side trips to the east where he does research work. Aunt Glenda is now in the Stake Primary Presidency and working in Jr. Sunday School. Gerry is in the Navy stationed in the Phillipines and superintendent of the MIA. Gilbert and Susan have two little boys and he is a navigator in the Navy stationed in Florida. Glen Robert is stationed in southern California on his mission and is seeing the fruits of his labors....15 converts the last letter. Barbara Ann is laboring near Sao Paulo, Brazil, and enjoying her mission....10 converts so far. Gordor received his Eagle Scout badge and Bronze Palm and still playing football and in that dance band. Gene has completed his First Class Scout work and aiming to be the 5th Eagle Scout in the family before he is 14. Grant is still in the special school and doing well.

AUNT IVIS AND UNCLE MYLES FARR are still holding down the town of Fredonia. Adele and Richard are living in Pocatello, Idaho, and enjoying a new home. Patricia is now going to a beauty school in Phoenix. Mary Bess and Lew Davis are living in Richfield, Utah, and enjoying their baby. David and Jon are still full of it....they have as many or more ideas than the Shelley boys and the know how to keep life at the Farr's interesting. David is following in his dad's footsteps at turning out beautiful carpentry work. Norman and Kenneth would really like to stay with them for a few days each time we go through Fredonia. I can imagine what those four fertile brains would come up with.

AUNT ESTHER AND UNCLE LINDEN DIAL have followed us almost in our footsteps this past summer as they were one week behind us putting Garth into the mission home for a South German mission. From his letters he is enjoying it. Marc worked during the summer and then enrolled at Mesa Community College. Jetta and Gail Jean are enjoying their school and would you believe that Gail is taller than Jetta?

UNCLE MILTON AND AUNT EVELYN are still in Dublin, California, and he is still out at Hayward State College. Due to the pressures within the department he chose health over prestige and resigned this summer as the head of the Chemistry Department. During the summer he worked at Radiation Lab in Livermore, California, and it included a trip to Nevada Test Site during the summer. He is still considered a "part-time" employee and hopes that he isn't called to work there this winter. Aunt Evelyn received her master degree in History this summer and is doing part-time teaching at a college in that area. Allison, Randa and Tami are enjoying living and growing with Randy still enthused with airplanes.

UNCLE BOB AND AUNT GLENELL are still in Glendora, California. He worked at Elsinore Union High School as a vice principal and this year will have the same position at Pomona, California in a junior high. It's closer to home and more pay so how could he turn it down. Aunt Glenell still teaches Home Ec in Glendora. Robert (Chip) is now a 7th grader with Clay a 6th grader, Gay third grade, and David starting Kindergarten. The older boys had 4-H projects won lots of ribbons and prize money. Uncle Bob was their club leader.

AUNT HELEN AND UNCLE KERRY FROST are still in Tempe but Uncle Kerry has changed jobs and is now teaching at Maricopa Tech. She is feeling better and enjoying life more while Uncle Kerry is still hoping for a deer this season. Bob is now a junior in high school and Elizabeth and Vickki enjoying their school. Veronica is still a little charmer so you can see that everything is happy at their home.

UNCLE CLIFF AND AUNT CAROLYN and family are happy in San Jose now that he got tired of being a manager at GE and quit and is working for a small company which will let him do what he was trained to do---computers. They have an Apache boy living with them now on the placement program and they love him much. His influence is good on the family . Aunt Carolyn reports that Kempton is doing well in school now and the other boys are growing and enjoying life...Rodney and Kempton are in school now leaving only Denise home with Aunt Carolyn. Aunt Carolyn is coming up the same route as I and is now a den mother and enjoying.

NEWS FROM THE SHELLEYS

Madge and Melvyn Shelley are still in Holbrook, Arizona, where Melvyn keeps busy as Judge of Superior Court. Madge manages to keep busy as a Den Mother and Laurel Leader in addition to caring for the three at home. Monte is now in the Argentine Mission laboring in Rosario and enjoying the work. As he and his companion opened a new area they are laying the groundwork for converts but as yet no converts....several justabouts. Tom is enjoying the "Y" and his first year in college. For a roommate he has Jim Turley, our neighbor, besides relative. Marja is a junior at Holbrook Hi and keeps busy with her activities. And Norman, although he dislocated both elbows on the school trampoline this summer and missed the Jamboree, is now back in the stride of school and sports and arms are almost healed...full movement with stiffness in the mornings. Kenneth is one of the many school children on double session, due to one of the buildings burned this past summer. Although it isn't the best, it is better than no school, and we're grateful that he is the only one affected instead of like some families with five and six all on different schedules.

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NEWS FROM THE LAWRENCE TURLEY FAMILY:

They are down to one "chick", with the January 24th marriage of the youngest daughter Joyce, to Paul B. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthon G. Richardson of Mesa. Paul and Joyce are both attending Mesa Community College. He is employed as Assistant Manager at Tucker Food Lockers. This leaves Evelyn, now serving in the Central British Mission, with headquarters at Sutton-Coldfield, near Birmingham. A note of interest -- Evelyn says, "Theodore Turley's name is on a plaque in the Chapel in Birmingham and here is something which is almost unbelievable to me. I mentioned before that I am working in what is called the "potteries". They are six cities right in a straight line where all the fine China and Pottery are made in England. When Theodore came back with Wilford Woodruff and John Taylor to preach the gospel and was put in prison, at that time, he preached in the potteries and labored right here where I am working. The Lord truly has me here for a special reason."

Lawrence's daughter Marie and husband James Dugger, are busy building another home to sell. He is doing similar work as Kemp Turley, drawing house plans for various building contractors. Mark, with his wife Carol and three boys spent Christmas holidays in Mesa. He is employed as Student Counselor at Clark College in Vacouver, Wash., also teaches Seminary and Institute classes. David was recently installed as counselor to Bp. Joseph L. Porter of Mesa 23rd Ward. His wife Alice is kept busy with their 5 children and a position on the Primary Stake Board.

Louise and husband Wendell Hess, their 7 children and 1 Navajo boy live in Kaysville, Utah where Wendell serves as Personell Coordinator for the Youth Corp Program for Utah, and who is now setting up a New Youth Corps establishment in Bremerton, Washington, which he will most likely assume command of.

Anna Jean resides in Akron, Ohio with her 3 children and husband Reverend Terrence C. MacDonald, who is Executive Director of Impost, an interfaith religious institution. Terry added new dimention to the organization when he began to actively involve people in making cities better places to live in, and with his staff instigated a new strategy for housing in Akron, that has revolutionized community life in the city, and gained the attention, assistance and favor of both local and national institutions and Dept. of Government.

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Dear Lawrence,

Enclosed is a check for the Family Book, family dues and newsletter. If it isn't enough please let me know. My sister Loraine Vreeken (John Heward's daughter) delivered a baby girl April 26, 1969. They are going to name her Jacque. Loraine is married to Jim Vreeken and they live in Salt Lake City. This is their first baby.

My husband Bob and I want to thank all the family for the many letters and cards of sympathy received at the passing of our son Christopher. We were privileged to have him sealed to us January 10, 1969. It was a humbling and wonderful experience. We were also blessed with the privilege of adopting another baby boy born 19 December 1968. We named him Martin Earl. He's a dandy and we all are enjoying him so. He is fat and healthy and we are all so thankful for this.

Bob, my husband has gotten over his bout with the virus pneumonia. I would like to share an experience and blessing we had. While Bob was in the hospital his temperature went so high and he was so ill they (the doctor and nurses) thought he wouldn't last the night. Because of his reaction to aspirin they couldn't bring temperature down. We called the Elders in to administer to him which they did. It had only been a few minutes after the Elders left and the nurse came in to take his temperature. After she took the thermometer out of his mouth she asked, "What did those gentlemen give Mr. Fisher?" I said nothing orally, they prayed. "No" said the nurse, "I mean what did they give him, a potion or something?" No they didn't give him anything, just prayed. Because his temperature had really dropped I don't believe that nurse ever was convinced the Elders didn't give Bob something to take. It's great to belong to a church where the Priesthood of God is here on the earth.

We appreciate belonging to this great family and the newsletter news is a wonderful way to keep in touch. God bless you all, Beryl Fisher

(My line of how I fit into the family: John Heward, Hazel Heward, Alma Turley, Isaac Turley, Theodore Turley)

NOTE: I'm sorry about overlooking this letter - please accept my apology. Lawrence.

Joseph City, Arizona Nov. 6, 1969

Enclosed please find check for dues and newsletter. We enjoy the newsletter very much, but there are so many family members that we don't know, that we almost feel like strangers. I know it is our fault that we don't get to meet some of the relatives, but conditions haven't been so we could attend the reunions to meet these people.

Harvey's health still isn't good, and ever so often he has to go back into traction for his back. Someday we hope he will feel like doing a few things we'd like to do, since he retired.

Will you please change the addresses of two of our sons: Arland Turley is Box 28, Safford, Arizona 85546, and Louis G. Turley, 241 W. Iowa, Holbrook, Arizona 86025

Sincerely, Dora S. Turley.

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Sale Lake City, December 22, 1969

Dear Lawrence,

To wish you and family a very Merry Christmas and all Turleys everywhere.

I have taken a long time getting around to ordering the Theodore Family Book for each of our children. They all are interested in having one, Ronald our youngest son already had purchased one. Enclosed find money to pay for mine - books, dues and subscription for one year to newsletter.

I'll try and give a little report of our family that you could put in the newsletter:

On November 23, 1969 my husband Adelbert Hatch was taken to the LDS Hospital and was told he had a clot on his heart. He had suffered great pain at home. He was strickened on his way home from the Salt Lake Temple, where he had for years been attending. He attended and helped with two sessions a day at the Temple. He was in the hospital more than three weeks. He has been home a week, and is gaining in all his weakened conditions. He has been invited by the Temple Presidency to help with the first five special Priesthood sessions held in the Temple on Saturdays, and also to help with some of the missionary sessions.

Last Friday, December 19th our oldest grandson, Gary Hatch Bennett, who has served his country and a mission, was married to Nancy Goff and her four children are all under five years, three girls and one boy were sealed to Gary. This swelled our greatgrandchildren number up to twenty-three with forty-five grandchildren.

Our third daughter Esther, who had been a Ward R.S. President was chosen to be a Stake R.S. President here in Salt Lake City. We are happy and proud of the calls and positions our family members have in the church. Last summer Adelbert and I, with thirty-five other church members all holding temple recommends took a chartered bus tour to the Logan, Idaho Falls, and the Cardston Temples. It was an enjoyable experience for us. All others on the trip were strangers to us when we started out.

Our son, Dr. Quinn, has a daughter in Scotland and a son in Japan on missions and our daughter Velma Eldredge, has a daughter in Albuquerque, New Mex. on a mission. Our son Leo's son Dean, is making preparations for a mission in February. Tonya in Albuquerque is finding Turley relatives there.

Josephine Hatch

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Woodruff, Arizona, January 10, 1970

Dear Lawrence,

A happy, prosperous New Year to you and the wonderful Turley Clan.

I'm going to try and keep one New Year's resolution - enclosed are my Turley dues and payment for the newsletter. Any left over might be used where needed most.

The year 1969 brought many joys and a few worries. Our outstanding joys started May 23, 1969 when our son, Clinton, was married to a lovely girl, Frances Perkins. This added three new members to the family, a girl Bobbie, age 10, and a boy, Monte age 8. These are Frances' children by a previous marriage. Clinton lost his wife a year before in a one-car accident. These new members have proven a great joy to the family. We are looking for a new member to be added to this family this year.

June 17, 1969 our daughter, Erlene Plumb, gave birth to twins, a boy Curtis and a girl Carla. The birth almost caused the death of Erlene and her babies. Statistics are that 1% survive this type of birth so we are so grateful to our Father in Heaven for His goodness in saving their lives and Erlene is now able to take care of her little family of five under six years of age.

Nov. 17, 1969 our daughter Venla Nielsen gave birth to a big husky boy. We were in Mesa Jan. 4, 1970, so grandpa Nowlin could take part inthe baby's christening. He was given the name Vaughn Ray Nielsen.

Our grandson Jeffery, son of Leon and Beverly Kartchner of Mesa left for a mission and is serving in British Columbia and doing a very good work.

We have had sickness in the family but as always we see the blessings of the Lord and our testimonies are strengthened. We have been greatly blessed in health. We are able to work about as hard as ever taking care of our chicken farm but we do plan to cut down considerably on the number of chicks we put in this year. We realize we are getting older.

May each and all have many blessings to count this coming year is our wishes for the Turley families everywhere.

Leora T. Kartchner

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Dear Uncle Lawrence, November 14, 1969

Just a correction to my new address. It is Upland, California, not Colorado. In fact, we are in the same ward as Pat Turley Skousen. I wasn't aware of the relationship until receiving the family newsletter. So I called her and we had a long Turley chat.

Congratulations to Evalyn on her mission call. Give my love to the family. Love, Judy

Dear Uncle Lawrence & Aunt Florence,

Just a note to tell you we're still in existence. I have been meaning to send you a check for the family dues, newsletters, and Family Book for too long, but decided I had just better do it right now -

Our life here keeps busy but no earth shattering news. John's still doing research for the CBS Laboratory in Stanford, and our three children are in high school - Carolyn is a senior, and John & Craig are sophomores. I keep busy by teaching classes in arts and crafts as a voluneer for many groups, such as women's clubs, YMCA, school children, and have been a counselor and work director, and arts & crafts assistant in the Relief Society. I was also on the Board of Trustees for the Silvermine Guilt of Artists for a number of years but finally resigned this fall. Have also done a little substitute teaching in the high school and was offered a job as a Guidance Counselor, but have too much to do just being a wife and mother. Felt my family came first.

It seems difficult to realize I have been on the East Coast for 20 years - the last 11 in Connecticut. We get back to Utah far too seldom. Hope you're all well, and have a Very Merry Christmas.

Love, Donna

(Donna R. Christensen, Clara - Edward - Isaac - Theodore)

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25 September 1969

Dear Lawrence,

I have meant to write sooner but have put it off. Your last letter mentioned that there were still some Turley family books available. I would appreciate your mailing me one if there is still one available.

My father and mother were Edgar Wagner and Theresa Turley. Ida Eyring and Franklin Turley, my grandparents. I will try and keep in touch with you from now on and will send my dues soon. I have appreciated your sending me the letter.

Sincerely, Carolyn Lunt

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FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COMPILE A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THEODORE, AND THEN WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE EDITORS OF "THE CHURCH NEWS", HOPING THAT IT MAY BE ACCEPTED UNDER THE THEME: "WHAT IS THE WORTH OF A SOUL" OR, MAYBE A MORE FITTING TITLE COULD BE SUGGESTED, TO BRING TO MIND THE FACT THAT THROUGH THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THEODORE'S DESCENDANTS HAVE SUPPLIED BETWEEN 200 & 300 MISSIONARIES, PLUS BISHOPS OF WARDS, PRESIDENTS OF STAKES, BISHOP'S COUNSELORS, BRANCH PRESIDENTS, PATRIARCH, RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS, ETC.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR COOPERATION ON COMPILING THIS RECORD BY EACH FAMILY SENDING IN THEIR INFORMATION AS PER SAMPLE SHOWN:

RECORD OF ONE FAMILY:

CHURCH CALLINGS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD FRANKLIN TURLEY AND IDA EYRING TURLEY

Vernon's family:
- Vernon - mission
  - counselor in bishopric
  - counselor in branch presidency
  - stake president
- Son, Richard - mission
  - counselor in bishopric
  - counselor in district presidency

Clarence's family:
- Marilyn (daughter) - mission
- Robert (son) - mission
- Fredrick (son) - mission
- Kimberly Hakes (grandson) - mission

Eyring's family:
- Eyring - branch president
  - district president
  - patriarch
- Herb (son) - bishop

Theresa's family:
- Arnold (son) - mission

Harold's family:
- Harold - bishop
  - mission president
  - stake president
- Harold Jr. (son) - mission
  - counselor in bishopric
- Brent (son) - mission
  - counselor in bishopric