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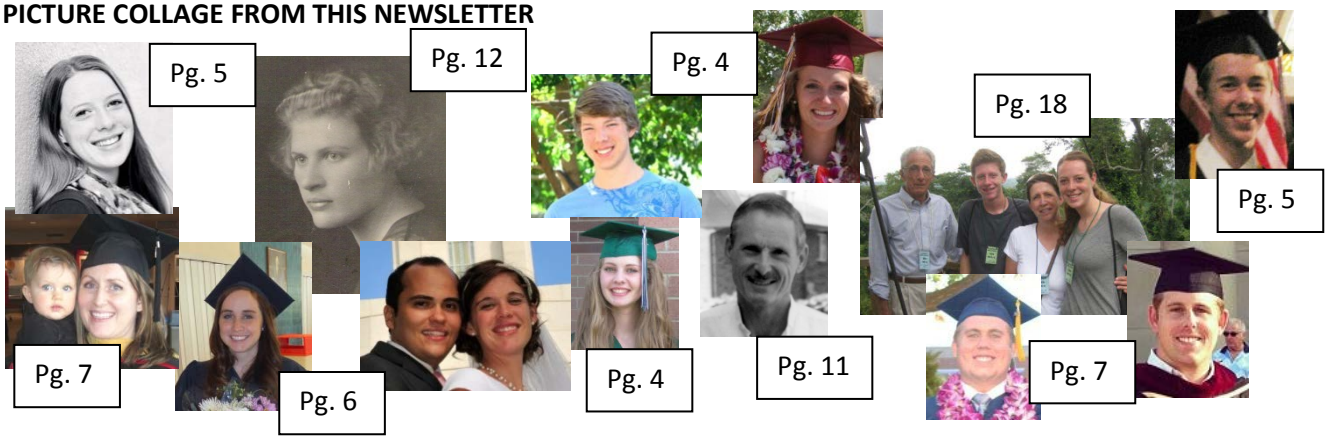

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The Theodore Turley Family Organization has a new address!
Please send any letters, newsletter contributions, or membership renewals in care of Hilary Turley to:
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Do you have a research question you would like to ask the extended family? Send in your question to turleyfamilyorg@gmail.com by January 10, 2013 to be shared in the next newsletter.

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Editor's note: The format of this newsletter has been changed to a single column per page layout to enable easier reading online and in pdf form.

On July 28th my wife and I were in El Paso, Texas, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the so-called Mormon Exodus (from Mexico) to El Paso, which occurred in 1912. An all-day conference was held in three locations: the El Paso Museum of History, the El Paso Public Library, and at the Union Building on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso. The conference was sponsored by the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation, Brigham Young University's College of Religious education, El Paso Museum of History, and the University of Texas at El Paso's Center for History Teaching and Learning.

I was born in El Paso and I grew up amongst members of the Church who had come out during the Exodus and had made El Paso their home. My paternal grandparents, Ed & Ida Turley, went back to Colonia Juarez in 1914 when it was supposedly safe to return and reclaim their properties, etc. Many of the colonists never returned to Mexico to live; the U.S. Government issued them passes to go anywhere in the U.S. Some maintained farms and ranches in Mexico, but their main residence was established in the El Paso area. I published Ida Eyring Turley's journal about 15 years ago; it can be found and read under the title, *The Diary of Ida Elizabeth Eyring Turley* on the Internet at the website: http://www.turley-eyring.org. In her diary, Ida recorded many of the details associated with the troubles the Mormons had before, during the Exodus, and after they returned to Mexico. One such entry by Ida is as follows: "We thought we had troubles before the Exodus, but it was nothing compared to what we went through since returning to Mexico. During the summer of 1915, after [Pancho] Villa's defeat at San Luis Potosí, he came here [the Mormon Colonies] with his army of 14,000 men on his way to Sonora [a state to the west of the State of Chihuahua]. Part of them stayed at Nuevo Casas Grandes, and a great number stayed at [Colonia] Dublan; they camped along the roads like a swarm of bees. They demanded that the people give of their substance; they went into the corn fields and picked roasting ears by the hundreds, until the Dublan people were afraid there would be nothing left; but, it seemed as though it was like the story of old when they harvested their crops, they had plenty for their needs."

One thing that I learned at the conference was how good the people of El Paso were to the Mormons who came out to El Paso. According to statistics given at the conference, the population of El Paso was about 41,000 inhabitants. It has been estimated that there were over 4,000 Mormons who left Mexico and came to El Paso; so, it would have been a real challenge for the City's Administration. Temporary housing was made available and the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Bliss brought tents and other supplies to the Mormons. The U.S. Army band from Ft. Bliss came and entertained them with music. At the conference, the commanding general at Fort Bliss came, along with musical entertainment from the Ft. Bliss 1st Armored Division Band; they played some of the same musical numbers that the Army band had played 100 years ago. John F. Cook, current Mayor of El Paso, took part in the program. In lieu of an expected political speech, he accompanied himself on the guitar and sang a song about El Paso which he had composed.

BYU Professor Fred E. Woods was co-producer of a DVD documentary, *Finding Refuge in El Paso*. He introduced the documentary and showed portions of it. I contacted Prof. Woods (he was in Beijing, China) and he stated the following: "The DVD may be purchased at Deseret Book or online at amazon.com and at other locations." The price at Deseret Book is $12.99 (price on their website).

My son, Richard E. Turley, Jr., was the keynote speaker at the conference. A summary of his remarks are included as a separate article on page 22 in this issue of the newsletter.

In addition to the conference, we had the opportunity to visit and dine with many Turley relatives. A picture

taken at the Great American Land & Cattle Company Restaurant, one of the favorite Turley eating places, is attached. Pictured in the photo, from left to right, are the following: Richard Sr.'s wife, Ana-Maria, Pam Turley Hernandez, Victoria and Doug Turley, their son, Conor (he is 6 ft. 8 in. tall and plays professional basketball in Mexico), Richard Turley, Jr., Harold Turley, and Ray Hernandez (Pam's husband). Richard, Sr. took the photo.

I hope that all of you have had an enjoyable summer. July was a big month for us. A trip to El Paso for a funeral service of a sister-in-law, a trip to Athens, Greece to a Greek wedding of a friend of my wife, and back to El Paso, Texas for the 100th Anniversary Conference celebrating 100 years since the Mormons left Mexico, many to never return to live there. If those of you whose ancestors left at that time to never return to live there would send me a note, I would appreciate it.

May you and yours have great autumn and winter seasons during the remainder of this year,

Richard E. Turley, Sr.
(Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

UPCOMING EVENTS: ***Theodore Turley Family Organization Leadership Meeting***

The Theodore Turley Family Organization meets in Salt Lake twice a year to review business and to plan future efforts and events. The next meeting will be Friday October 5th, starting at 10 a.m. at the Ensign Stake Center church building (located at 135 A Street, Salt Lake City, UT) on the lower floor, west side of building. Each branch of the family should send at least one representative, but anyone is welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided.

2012 GRADUATES

Tyler Smithson Johnson graduated from Mountain View High School in Mesa, Arizona. He will be attending BYU-Idaho in the fall. (Tyler – Todd – Judith – Edgar – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)

Claire Lewis graduated from Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah in May 2012, earning the honor of valedictorian. Claire is pictured with her parents, John and Ann Lewis. She started at BYU in the summer with scholarships in Arts and Academics. (Claire – Ann – Grace – Ruby – Grace – Charlotte – Theodore)

Madison Dowd graduated from Timpanogos High School in Orem, Utah. Madison was the team captain and starter for the girls' basketball team which took the 4A State Championship. She will be attending BYU-Idaho this fall on a scholarship and will major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. (Madison – Stephanie – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Miles Calvin Romney graduated from Las Cruces High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico in May. (Calvin – Mark – Lucile – Clarence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Steven Duncan graduated from American Heritage High School in American Fork, Utah in May 2012, and he will be going to BYU-Idaho this fall. Steven is pictured here with his sister Misha and mother Tera Duncan. (Steven – Gary – Marvene – Hazel – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

Braden Gillespie graduated from Queen Creek High School in Queen Creek, Arizona. He plans to attend a semester of college and then go on a mission. His mom writes, "Along with great Turley tradition, he is a hard worker, a valued friend, and a kindhearted tease!"
(Braden – Kristen – Karl – Tillman – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

D. Alexandra Williams graduated third in her class from Lone Peak High School, in Highland, Utah. She is currently attending BYU-Provo majoring in Electrical Engineering.
(Alexandra – Adrienne – Julian – Ruth – Clara Ellen (Nellie) – Isaac – Theodore)

Nicholas Brannick Bresee graduated from Mansfield High School, in Mansfield, Texas in June.
(Nicholas – Kimberly – Tony – Anthon – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)

David Turley Jr. graduated with an Associates in Applied Science degree in Photography in August.
(David – David – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Brittney Bushman graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design.
(Brittney – Bart – Larry – Archie – Theodore – Charlotte – Theodore)

Kami Kaye Judd graduated from BYU-Idaho with a degree in Elementary Education in April 2012. Kami writes, "Despite the cold, I loved every bit of my education and feel so blessed to have been able to study at BYU-Idaho. After my graduation, I left the USA to be with my sweetheart Lennon in Brasil. We were married June 16 in the Recife, Brasil Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints."
(Kami – Robert – Ella Mae – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

Chantelle Carol Turley, daughter of William Nickle Turley and Joan Nixon Turley and granddaughter of Richard E. Turley, Sr. and Jean Nickle Turley, had a busy week as she graduated from Brigham Young University on August 11th with a bachelor degree in Family Sciences, and was married on August 15th to Austin David Clark. Chantelle is so thankful that her Grandpa Richard Turley was able to preside over her marriage ceremony and to seal her and Austin for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. Chantelle is looking forward to wonderful days ahead. Chantell & Austin are pictured with Chantelle's grandparents, Richard & Ana-Maria Turley. (Chantelle – William – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Reed Wallace Turley graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from BYU. He is starting a job with Epic, a medical records software company, in Madison, Wisconsin. Reed is pictured with his parents, Wayne and Nancy Turley. (Reed – Wayne – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore) (Reed – Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore – Isaac – Theodore)

Laron Romans Turley graduated in May with a Master in Planning degree from USC. His concentration was Preservation and Design of the Built Environment. Laron is pictured with his wife Rachel and daughter Londyn. (Laron – Wayne – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore) (Laron – Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore – Isaac – Theodore)

Janis Turley Hansen graduated with a Masters in Nursing. Janis is pictured with her youngest child, Betsy. (Janis – Wayne – Wallace – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore) (Janis – Nancy – Kathryn – Lucy – Theodore – Isaac – Theodore)

SPECIAL FEATURE – 2012 GRADUATES

Kasey S. Clemans graduated from George Mason University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. (Kasey – Bart – Larry – Archie – Theodore – Charlotte – Theodore)

Matthew David Pickard graduated from the University of Arizona on May 11, 2012 with a PhD in Management of Information Systems. Matthew will be teaching at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque starting August 2012. (Matthew – Marilyn – Alma – Charles – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

ANCESTOR DETECTORS

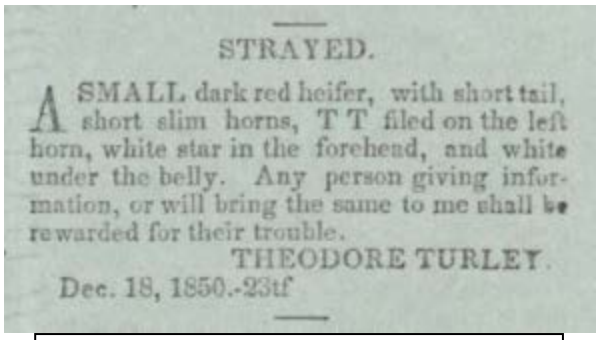
GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Q: In the last newsletter in June, we featured a newspaper article on Mary Ann Turley Cook in the *The Herald*, Los Angeles, California found by Lorie Okel, at www.chroniclingamerica.org, a website that provides newspaper searches for 1836 – 1922. Can you find other newspaper references to our family that would be interesting to share?

A: On page 29 [of the June newsletter] you mentioned fun findings in the newspaper of relatives. I have one of Theodore Turley losing his cow! It is a duplicate posting in two papers and I have attached them both. It is titled Strayed! One of them includes the source of where I found it online! I think that will tell you what newspaper it came from and the dates! I thought it was a fun find! Thank you for the newsletter. I look forward to it all the time!! I will let you know if I come across anything else! :) Have a Great day!!

-- Sarah Stout

(Sarah – Rick – Ron – Ivan – Hyrum – Isaac – Theodore)



STRAYED.

A SMALL dark red heifer, with short tail, short slim horns, T T filed on the left horn, white star in the forehead, and white under the belly. Any person giving information, or will bring the same to me shall be rewarded for their trouble.

THEODORE TURLEY.

Dec. 18, 1850.-23tf

Deseret News, February 8, 1851, page 7

Q: Is our Turley family associated with the English Turley coat of arms?

-- Lynelle Klein

(Lynelle – Frank – Charles – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

A: Rick Turley, Jr. fielded this question and referred to the Genealogy information at About.com to answer. Our Turley family is not associated with the English or the Irish Turley coats of arms that are often displayed on materials for sale to people interested in family history. Coat of arms are really granted to a person, and only that person's male direct descendants have the right to claim that coat of arms as their own. Research into coat of arms assignments can be coordinated through the proper heraldic authority in the country of ancestry. To find out more, please refer to this online reference: http://genealogy.about.com/od/heraldry/qt/coats_of_arms.htm

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June 29, 2012
Hi family members, thanks for the newsletters.
C.W.Turley
(Christopher – Eugene – Earnest – Isaac – Theodore)

July 7, 2012
I received the newsletter yesterday and read it from cover to cover last night. My great-grand mother is Delilah Jane Turley and my grandmother is her daughter Josephine. The family picture of "the young family," is one that I have not seen and it is a wonderful picture. The article is fantastic. My aunt is Esther Hatch Levitre. She is the oldest living member of her immediate family and is in a nursing home. I totally love all the info about all of the family members! I hope someday soon I can jump in and be of service to our Turley family. It was also fun to put your face to your name from the picture of the meeting you all had in March. I do hope your life is settling down for you and you are finding joy. Thanks for all you do!
Jeri Maynard
(Jeri – Jay – Josephine – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

July 27, 2012
Dear Hilary,
I had a bad year and things seemed to fall apart here at home. I could not keep up, but I feel like I am on the mend now and able to get things back functioning. The check is for the next 2 years.
Thanks, Marilyn Lee
(Marilyn – Clarence – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

August 4, 2012
Dear Family,
This is payment for this next year. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of the family!
Sandra Turley Evans
(Sandra – Louis – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

Sept 14, 2012
Hi Hilary,
I have asked a cousin of mine to help represent the Ernest Turley line. His name is Gordon Turley, he lives here in Rexburg and he has agreed to help. His line is (Gordon – Wilson – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore). Thank you so much for all you do. Love, Tony

By the way I forgot to say that my wife and I finished our "Family and Church History" mission in Salt Lake City in May of 2012. What a fantastic mission we had. We witnessed the Spirit of Elijah in great abundance. We recommend it to all Turley couples. Thanks, Tony and Treva
(Tony – Anthon – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)

RELATIVES REMEMBERED

DAVID DENNIS MAYNARD (1948 ~ 2011)

David Dennis Maynard

David Dennis Maynard passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on July 5, 2011 after a 36 year battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born May 13, 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Ted Maynard Jr. and Effie Ellen Walters. He married Jeri Ruth Hatch on November 16, 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. David served an LDS Southern States Mission from 1968-70. He was passionate about the Gospel and loved to share his knowledge with others. David was an avid Scouter and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He loved inventing, serving others and was a Jack of all Trades. He is survived by his wife Jeri, children; Jennifer Healey, Joshua Jay Hatch and Joze't (Matthew) Bowen, eight grandchildren, mother Effie Maynard, siblings; Byron (Sharon) Maynard, Sandra (Ron) Ross, Troy (Dee) Maynard, Darla Tolman and Darwin (Angel) Maynard. Preceded in death by his daughter Jessica and his father.

Published in Salt Lake Tribune on July 6, 2011.
(Dennis, married to Jeri – Jay – Josephine – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT from EDWARD TURLEY FAMILY

MISSIONARY HOMECOMING – SISTER MAUREEN DAVIS

Maureen Elizabeth Davis returned home on August 18, 2012 after honorably serving a mission in the California San Diego Mission. For the last few months of her mission she served as a trainer for the Sisters. She was able to witness the baptisms of many of her investigators. Her testimony as she gave it was powerful: "This has been the greatest experience of my life so far! I have learned sooo much, so don't expect me to be the same. I have changed for the better, I have become converted! I can now talk more freely to others about my beliefs and share my testimony, and I love reading the scriptures and praying and going to church and being involved with everything. I really have grown and my love for the Savior has grown immensely. I KNOW He lives! I Know He loves us and that is why He laid down His life for us. I Know that we have a Prophet today, because God restored this church to the earth in it's fullness through Joseph Smith. I know he translated the Book of Mormon through the power of God. I Love that book and I have come closer to my Savior through it than Anything else. It has brought me peace and joy, and comfort as I've read from it's pages. No other book has the same effect. I know it's true because I have read and prayed to know the truth and it has been revealed to me that it is true! I Know we can each receive revelation for our daily lives and I'm so grateful that we have a Father in Heaven who cares enough to listen to us any time, any place. I love my Father in Heaven and my Savior so much. Of those things I humbly testify."

(Maureen – Candi – Luana – Harold – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

LEORA TURLEY KARTCHNER LIFE SKETCH

Leora was the eighth child and fifth daughter of Alma Rubin and Delilah Jane Willis Turley. She was born 24 January 1904 in Woodruff, Arizona to a large family. She followed Hazel, Wesley, Rhoda, Josephine, Charles and Tillman who were living, and an older sister, Sarah, who had died at age three. She was the older sister to Wallace and Martha, and to twins, Alma and Delilah, who died at birth, and a younger brother, Chester, who died at nine months. Leora was blessed by her grandfather, William Wesley Willis, Jr., on 3 Mar 1904. She was baptized by Levi M. Savage in the Little Colorado River and confirmed by James Brinkerhoff, 6 Apr 1912.

Leora writes of her childhood in Woodruff: "Father did freighting and made some trips to Holbrook every now and then with the team and wagon. How we children liked to walk to the butte and meet him coming home just to get to ride in the wagon. There was usually a bag of candy tucked away that we knew we would have a treat. The fun we used to have playing in the ditch of water that ran in front of our house. Having water fights and swinging in the swing out over the water was great sport. We never learned how to swim as the water wasn't deep enough, but we loved to mud paddle."

Life was not easy in Woodruff: "Keeping drinking water on hand was quite a chore. There were few wells in town. We had to carry drinking water about three blocks to our home from a well on the Fish property. We would get the water carried in ten pound buckets, as we called them, to within a block of home. The Hatch children would come out and throw handfuls of dirt in our water. We would have to go dump it and go try again, but this time we would go about two blocks farther to miss going back home past the Hatch place."

There could be dangers in Woodruff too: "It was quite an occurrence in the fall when the cattlemen drove herds of cattle through the back street by our corral on their way to Holbrook. Kids liked to sit on the corral gate and watch the herds go by. One time I had Wallace with me standing down at the corner, outside of the fence. He was three or four years old and I was six or seven. We were watching the herd of cattle go by when all at once one of the kids yelled 'Run Leora, a bull is coming!' A big old bull had turned from the herd and was coming back up the walk toward us, snorting and pawing the ground. I grabbed Wallace's hand and started pulling him as fast as I could. We had about half way up the lot to run to the gate to crawl under. We had just got down and crawled under the gate when the bull caught up with us. He was snorting, bellowing and pawing

the ground. This was about as frightening an experience as I ever had. A cowboy soon came back and got him back in the herd and on his way." Wallace later wrote that Leora many times took him under her wing and was kind of a guide to him.

Leora continues: "Another time we were at the river playing with some other children. There was some quick sand there and we used to get in it and stomp up and down so we would sink into the sand. Sometimes it was hard to pull our feet out. One time Tillman got in and he went down faster than expected. He was in up to his waist and going down. Myrtle Smithson and I got hold of his hands and held on to him and sent other kids on the run home for help. I can't remember who came, but they had shovels and dug him out. I don't think we bothered to play in the quick sand anymore."

Leora playing volleyball

"My childhood was a happy one. My parents taught me to work, to love the gospel, to be dependable, truthful and honest. I am so grateful for the God-fearing example of my parents. I attended school in a two-room school for my first eight years. Afterwards, I attended the Snowflake Academy, graduating in May, 1923. These were difficult four years. There was no transportation between Woodruff and Snowflake. My brother, Tillman, and I kept house. We sustained ourselves by working out for people whenever we could. I was on the girls' volleyball team for three years. We never lost a game. In my senior year I came down with typhoid fever the second day of school. Due to the kindness and consideration of my teachers I made up the work and graduated in the spring with my class."

Leora and Tillman, about high school age

"After I graduated from high school, I was pretty much alone. No girl friends in town. One winter I went to Snowflake to stay with Wallace and Martha and John Heward when they were going to high school. We lived in Uncle Teed Turley's place (Alma's brother, Theodore). I took some classes at the high school and tried to get work in homes to make a little money. That was the only work available for girls. That summer Uncle Teed asked me to run his cafe and hotel for him so he and Aunt Salina could have a rest. I did it with the help of my friend Linnie Fillerup. It was at this time President Gammage from the Arizona State Teachers College (now N.A.U.) at Flagstaff came recruiting students to attend college. He promised me if I would come to college he would see that I got work at the school to pay board and room, and clean apartments for some of the teachers

for a little cash. I did it for the next two years and graduated from the two year course that was required. This was indeed a testimony to me. My patriarchal blessing promised me I would become a teacher. Due to financial problems I did not see how this would ever happen. But when the Lord speaks and makes a promise, He means what He says if one is willing to work and make sacrifices."

Nowlin and Leora, around the time of their marriage

"I was married to Nowlin Kartchner in 1929. Our first home was at Linden, Arizona. We purchased the Kartchner homestead. We had many trials during the depression of the 1930's. I am so grateful for my good husband and the six lovely children who came to our home. Our first born, a son, Lyle Turley Kartchner, was born 24 Mar 1930. He passed away 22 Oct 1930 of spinal meningitis and pneumonia. Our daughter Marcine was born 28 Sep 1931. A son, Floyd Leon, was born 18 Oct 1933, then a son, Clinton Wayne, born 23 Jun 1938. Then two daughters: Erlene arrived 9 Nov 1942 and Venla 4 Nov 1948. We love and appreciate our family and our grandchildren and great-grandchildren." As of 2010 there were thirty-four grandchildren and ninety-one great-grandchildren.

"We moved to Woodruff in April, 1946. Here we operated a chicken farm. Our plans are to retire this fall (about 1977) because Nowlin was thrown by a steer when he was moving it and injured his shoulder. We are so grateful for our membership in the Church of Jesus Christ and the many callings that have come to us. Nowlin has served as a counselor and a bishop in the Linden Ward. He has served two stake missions, has been president of the YMMIA, a ward clerk, home teacher, and teacher in many of the organizations. I have served as a counselor, secretary, and president of two ward Relief Societies; president of the YWMIA; and a teacher of

Some of Leora's brothers and sisters in the 1960s (Alma Rubin & Delilah Jane Willis Turley children). Back row: Leora, Nowlin Kartchner (Leora's husband), Wallace, Charley, and Tillman. Front row: Martha, Margaret (Wallace's wife), Zella (Wesley's wife), and Leila (Tillman's wife).

Leora's brothers and sisters in the 1970s. Back row: Leora, Tillman, and Wallace. Front row: Rhoda, Charley and Martha.

most of the classes in all the organizations. At present (about 1977) I am secretary of the Sunday School and the Spiritual Living class leader in the Relief Society. I am so grateful for my testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ. My blessings are many. My children are my jewels. I am grateful to be numbered as one in this great Turley Family."

Leora Kartchner died May 20, 1987, at age 83 in Show Low. She is buried with Nowlin in Woodruff.

Leora's daughter, Erlene Kartchner Plumb writes: "My mother was always an influence for good in my life. She always told uplifiting stories and talked about gospel doctrine while we did dishes. She had a lovely sense of humor and how we loved to laugh (and still do) about the experiences she told about the car running out of water, gathering wool instead of pig feed, the mule ride home from going to school in Snowflake and others."

Leora's niece, Donna Lee Turley writes: "Aunt Leora and Uncle Nowlin, I loved to pieces. She seemed more like me than any other family member, and she seemed to understand me and care. Of course they all did (all of Donna's aunts and uncles). I loved to go to their house in Linden, and later in Woodruff. She had lots of talent, and I had a wonderful visit at their home and saw some of her quilts she was making when she could hardly get around at all. Uncle Nowlin was doing the house work toward the end of her life, and I thought that was such a wonderful thing, for Aunt Leora who had worked so hard all of those years and had been so dependable, to let Uncle Nowlin help her, and for him to be willing to try. Loreine Turley Despain, another niece, recalls Aunt Leora having the best corn in town and always a warm welcome.

Leora placed great importance on helping her children obtain an education and succeed as honorable people. Her daughter Marcine Turley Shuck writes: "In my youth I lived in Linden, Arizona. I attended the seventh and eighth grades at Snowflake District School. I was valedictorian of my eighth grade class. My first and second years in high school were at Snowflake Union High School. My parents moved to Woodruff in 1946. I then attended Holbrook High School, graduating in 1948 as Valedictorian. The fall of 1948 I attended school at Arizona State College, graduating in 1952. I taught school in Bagdad for two years. Here I met Ronald Francis Shuck and we were married June 19, 1954. That fall we moved to Tucson, where Ronald enrolled in the University of Arizona. We lived in Tucson for the next four years until Ronald graduated as a mining engineer. I taught school during this time. We have lived in different towns in Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and California. At present, 2010, I live in Lake Havasu, Arizona. I have worked in several positions in different organizations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and currently I am a counselor in the Stake Relief Society. We have two lovely children: Leslie and Ronald.

Leora with Leon and her Burton school class

Leon Kartchner wrote: "The school I went to in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades was in Linden; a very small one room for 1st through 8th grades. My 5th grade was in Burton, Arizona, about eight miles from Linden, also a

one room school. My mom taught school there that year. I was the only one in 5th grade, so I was definitely the smartest in my class (also the dumbest). Sixth grade was in Show Low, Arizona, where mom taught. This was a big school; it had four rooms and only two grades per room. Then back to Burton (where mom taught) for 7th grade. Again I was the smartest in my class.

During this year dad decided to sell the farm and move us to Woodruff. Dad, my sister, Marcine and brother Clinton moved in January of 1946. Mom could not get her contract to teach in Burton canceled, and had to continue living in Linden until school let out. I stayed with her to help. It was neat to move to Woodruff. There were friends right next door and across the street. In Linden our nearest neighbor was ½ mile away, and they had girls! The nearest boy my age was over a mile away, so I hadn't had many friends, or known many kids (except in Show Low). In Woodruff we had irrigation, and farming was better. But still a lot of work! I cut and raked hay behind two horses' tails most of the time every summer. I didn't mind this too much but I sure didn't like tromping and hauling hay (sticky-itchy-hay and mosquitoes—hard, hard work)! My 8th grade was in Woodruff which had two rooms, four grades per room. For four years of high school, I went to Holbrook High school, and graduated in 1951." Leon went on to work for the Forest Service before being drafted into the Army in 1953. After the service, he went to school to be a computer programmer and did other work later in his life. Leon married Beverly Perkins in 1957and they had eight children. They were later divorced and Leon married Karen Clarke in 1977. Karen died in 1999. Leon died in 2004 in Mesa.

One of their daughters, Tammy Kartchner Veater, wrote tenderly of her grandmother's lasting influence during a night of great turmoil in her life after the death of her sister, Crystal, who died in 1982: "I remembered one of the most faithful women I have ever known. I had loved having her come into our bedrooms each evening and kneel with us in prayer. She was so patient. She always waited until each of us, Cyndi, Crystal and I, uttered our own special prayer. Then she would kiss us, tuck us into bed, and read us stories until we fell asleep. I slept without a worry in the world, under those fresh, cotton sheets, at Grandma's house. Oh how I longed to feel that way again."

Another of Leon's daughters, Cynthia Kartchner Porter, expressed similar love for the blessing her Grandmother Leora was in her life: "I want each of you who reads these words to know I was placed in loving open arms of my Grandmother, Leora Turley Kartchner, who was my guardian angel here on earth and my Grandfather Brigham Dewey Perkins. I know in my soul without any doubt that my Heavenly Father lives and loves me and placed me in Grandma's emotional care for she would be able to reach my heart as no other human could. I want you to know the gratitude and humility in my heart and my undying testimony of "The Worth of a Soul," and Grandma knew mine. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for loving me beyond measure, for giving me Grandma, whose life exemplified the life of Christ, and our true gospel more than anyone I have ever known. I know I am Special. Grandma, your spirit lives on in me forever and I share it with others as you radiate through me."

Clinton Kartchner writes: "My family moved to Woodruff in 1946. I completed grade school here and attended two years at Holbrook High School. In February, 1955 I volunteered for four years in the U.S. Air Force. After

basic training I was stationed at Lowry AFB in Denver, Colorado. During the summer of 1955 I was a body guard of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and then completed my term of service at Langley AFB in Virginia. I completed my high school in the service and attended one semester of college in Thatcher in 1959." Clinton married Frances Irene Perkins in 1969. Clinton and Frances raised their family in Woodruff, Arizona where he was employed by the Arizona Highway Department in the engineering division. They had five children. Clinton passed away 25 Jan 2001 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Erlene Kartchner Plumb writes: "My family moved to Woodruff from Linden when I was four. I started first grade in Woodruff at the age of four, turning five in November. As Mother was the teacher, I was allowed to attend at this early age. I graduated from Woodruff Grade School in 1955, Holbrook High School in 1959 and attended two years at Arizona State University in Tempe and continue to take various classes at Northland Pioneer College in Holbrook." Erlene married Jack R. Plumb in 1962. They lived in Holbrook for ten years where they had six children, and then moved to Woodruff in 1971, where they continue to live. Jack was a building contractor for many years and Erlene worked for the Navajo County Probation Department as an accountant. Since retiring she has worked in the Snowflake Temple and enjoys carrying on the gardening tradition in Woodruff.

Venla Kartchner Nielsen writes: "The first eighteen years of my life were lived in Woodruff attending school here and in Holbrook. Church and school responsibilities during this time were Junior Sunday School Chorister and editor of the 1966 Holbrook High School yearbook. At Mesa Community College, Raymond Nielsen, Jr. and I became acquainted and on 14 Jun 1968 we were married in the Mesa Arizona Temple." They had six children and were later divorced.

Nothing was more important to Leora than her children and grandchildren whom she faithfully taught and served and loved all of her life.
(Leora – Alma Rubin – Isaac – Theodore)

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT from ERNEST TOLTON TURLEY FAMILY

MISSIONARY HOMECOMING – SISTER JESSICA TURLEY

Jessica Rose Turley completed her very successful mission to the Rome Italy Mission on September 12th.
(Jessica – Mark – Tony – Anthon – Ernest – Isaac – Theodore)

SUMMER VISIT TO AFRICA by ADRIENNE WILLIAMS

In July I was able to take two of my children, Alexandra and Nicholas, to visit my parents, Julian and Gaye Breillatt (Julian – Ruth – Clara Ellen – Isaac – Theodore) in Accra, Ghana, where they are serving as Temple President and Matron. While we were there we met another Theodore Turley descendant: Elder Gordon Keith Powell and his wife Stephany (Gordon – Maxine – Anna Priscilla – Isaac – Theodore). The Powells are serving as Executive Secretary to the Area Presidency. (The Breillatt's are on the right in the picture and the Powell's are on the left.)

Ghana is a beautiful country and the people are very friendly. We had the opportunity to visit an orphanage and play with the children. They were fascinated with Nic's braces and Alex's long blond hair. We also went to a junior high school (one of the temple workers is a teacher there) and attended a math class and a history class. One thing they did in their math class which was very different from anything we have experienced in the US is that they had a rhythmic clap they performed anytime someone did the problem correctly on the board - Nic got his assigned problem correct so they clapped for him, too. In the history class they discussed the legend of how the Ewe people came to be in Ghana and two of the kids agreed to perform one of the tribal dances that depict that legend. In the classroom, they sat 2-3 to a desk and there were probably 50 kids in each class. Only the teacher had a book and the kids shared a notebook which someone took notes in. Very different from what our children experience but all the kids we saw seemed very interested in their education. The government provides for school through Jr. high but the families must purchase the required uniforms. We also attended church the 2 Sunday's we were there. I loved listening to them sing and discuss the gospel - so many of them really know their scriptures. Occasionally I would lean over and ask mom or dad if they were speaking a local dialect - usually Fante or Twi - but most often they would tell me no, it's English. They speak the King's English but some had a heavy accent or spoke so fast that I didn't understand. My kids didn't appear to have that difficulty. We were also able to tour Elmina Castle, one of the slave holding areas, take a canopy walk at the national forest, pet a crocodile, visit the beaches, visit a cocoa plantation and learn the history of cocoa in Ghana, experience the many street hawkers and the traffic (very glad I did not have to drive there!).

Julian, Nic, Adrienne & Alex

While it was an eye-opening opportunity for us to visit another country, it was also an experience for my children to see how the descendants of Theodore have chosen to follow in his footsteps by serving missions. I know that many of the descendants have served as missionaries as young men and women and the Breillatt's and the Powell's are great examples of the service that can be given even when we are not quite so young! (Adrienne – Julian – Ruth – Clara Ellen (Nellie) – Isaac – Theodore)

[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 Ivory Way, Taylorsville, Utah 84129, or feel free to e-mail me at returley@byu.net.]

CHAPTER 42: "THE ERIE CANAL" by Richard E. Turley Jr.

Friday, October 16, 1840, found Theodore Turley laboring under the heavy responsibility of providing food for his fellow Latter-day Saint passengers, who were getting ready to leave the *Congress*, the steamship that had carried them up the Hudson River to West Troy, New York. "This A M Elder Turley bought a sheep ready dressed for 1½ dollars," wrote his counselor William Clayton. "This was divided amongst some of the company."[1]

The next leg of these Saints' westward journey was to be on the Erie Canal, the manmade waterway completed in 1825 that wound from Albany to Buffalo. The canal ran through the village of Palmyra north of the Sacred Grove where Joseph Smith's first vision took place in 1820, leading to the formal organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a decade later.[2]

By 10:00 a.m., the Mormon passengers had collected all their baggage from the *Congress* and loaded it onto canal boats. To this point in their journey, they traveled more or less as a unit, with the affluent passengers and the poor having similar experiences. Now financial differences led to jealousy. "We were obliged to hire another boat into which some of us got with much difficulty," wrote William Clayton, one of Theodore's assistants. "It is evident Mrs. Benbow wants one boat for their company and they have made choice of one with a best cabin. This has caused a little feeling."[3]

John and Jane Benbow had owned a substantial home and farm in Herefordshire that they opened to missionaries and for church meetings and baptisms. Extraordinarily generous, they had made financial contributions to missionary work and the publication of the Book of Mormon in England. Furthermore, they personally paid the passage of forty emigrating Saints—the very company Clayton mentioned. Their kindness led Wilford Woodruff to ask "the blessings of Almighty God" to rest upon them forever.[4]

Before the emigrants left West Troy on the Erie Canal, Theodore "had again considerable trouble with the proprietor and had to pay more than he ought at last." Money was tight, and every such expense made matters worse. The canal voyage did not begin until about 4:15 p.m. when the boats finally started their slow but methodical movement through the waterway.[5]

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[1] James B. Allen and Thomas G. Alexander, eds., *Manchester Mormons: The Journal of William Clayton, 1840 to 1842* (Santa Barbara, CA: Peregrine Smith, 1974), 188.

[2] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 188; Richard Lyman Bushman, *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2005), 31.

[3] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 188.

[4] James B. Allen, Ronald K. Esplin, and David J. Whittaker, *Men with a Mission, 1837-1841: The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the British Isles* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 1992), 124, 129, 151, 181, 248n46, 250.

[5] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 188.

On Saturday, October 17, the boats floated steadily along the canal, offering a chance for the passengers to enjoy the surrounding scenery. "We are now passing through a very pleasant country," William Clayton penned in his journal. They saw trees heavily laden with ripened fruit. Clayton commented on the "great quantity of pigs kept in this region." Passing an aqueduct that Clayton described as "a stupendous work, the Saints reached "the beautiful town of Schenectady," where the boats paused for the Sabbath. "We buy our milk at the grocery shops for 4 cents a quart," Clayton noted.

The next day, he observed, "We are now standing still as the owner of the boat is religious and will not allow it to run on Sundays." Normally, that would have been seen as a good thing by Theodore and the other leaders. But each day the trip was extended meant greater costs. Some of the emigrating Saints used the time in Schenectady to do their laundry "as we had not the privilege of washing since we left England." Others hiked up "a very large hill." Once on top, Clayton and another man climbed a tree to enjoy the "pleasant view." "As we returned," he wrote, "we met Elder Turley and some of the sisters going up the hill to pray. We returned and united our hearts together."

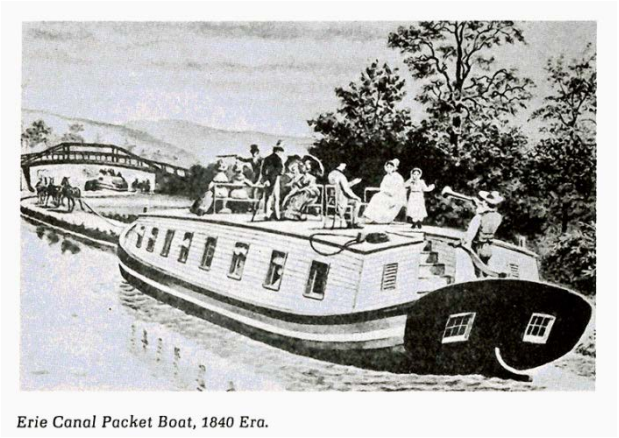
Monday, the boats began moving again, passing through the village of Little Halls. Early the next morning, they moved through Utica in a heavy rainstorm. One of the horses pulling a boat with Mormon passengers slipped into the canal and was nearly drowned before being rescued. Before the day was over, the boats passed Rome, New York. And before the sun rose on Wednesday, the travelers had passed Syracuse. That night, they "passed a very pretty town called Montezuma."[6]

On Thursday, October 22, they passed through Palmyra, New York, well north of the farm where Joseph Smith Sr. and his family once lived. The month before Theodore and his company reached Palmyra, Joseph Smith Sr. died in Nauvoo, Illinois—their destination.[7]

At 11:00 a.m., not long after the boats passed Palmyra, Theodore Turley and William Clayton left their canal boat, the *Silver Arrow*, and hurried ahead on a packet boat—a horse-drawn passenger vessel that provided a slower but smoother alternative to stage coach travel. Packets were faster than line boats—the kind of freighting vessels that emigrants often rode when trying to cut costs, as most of the Saints were. Theodore and William's destination was Tonawanda, a town near Buffalo where Tonawanda Creek and the Niagara River met. At 7:30 p.m., they reached Rochester, where they switched to another packet and were on their way again within fifteen minutes.[8]

On Friday, October 23, at around 11:00 a.m., they passed Lockport in the northwest corner of New York. Lockport's name and fame derived from its being the place on the Erie Canal where there were the most locks to raise and lower boats. William Clayton recorded: "At this place there are 5 locks which raise the canal 60 feet. These locks as well as above from 1 to 2 miles of the canal westward is cut out of solid rock and present a stupendous appearance." No wonder people called the canal the "Eighth Wonder of the World."[9]

[6] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 188-90.
[7] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 190; Bushman, *Joseph Smith*, 405.
[8] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 190; http://www.eriecanal.org/boats.html.
[9] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 190; http://www.eriecanal.org.


Erie Canal Packet Boat, 1840 Era.

A packet boat like the one that Theodore Turley rode in 1840[10]

When Theodore and William Clayton finally reached Tonawanda, they were in for one last challenge of nature. The man-made portion of the canal emptied into the Niagara River on the east side of Grand Island. Downstream from there, the river dropped over the thundering Niagara Falls. "The wind arose very high and in our place opposite the river from the lake dr[o]ve us against the shore," William wrote. The crash jolted the passengers. "Several were thrown down and somewhat frightened."

As the boat moved upstream along the shore of the river toward Lake Erie, Theodore and William saw "large drifts of sand like mountainous drifts of snow." About 6:00 p.m., they finally arrived at Buffalo, New York, on the eastern shore of Lake Erie where the river originated. At that point, they had completed the canal segment of their journey and were ready to greet the other members of their emigrant company.

They soon met some of those who rode on the first boat, the *J. D. Hawks*, which had arrived at 9:00 a.m.—hours before Theodore and William arrived. "We went to her," William wrote, "and found that 3 children had died since we left them." The *J. D. Hawks* was the vessel taken by the Benbows and their party, and understandably, Jane Benbow was distraught by what had happened and expressed herself to Theodore. "Sister Benbow manifested a bad spirit as she has often done," William noted, "and has given Elder Turley many slight cants."

To make matters worse, when the *J. D. Hawks* arrived in Buffalo, its captain ordered the Mormons "to get their luggage out of the boat." They stored it in a nearby warehouse at an additional unanticipated cost.

Next, Theodore and William went to meet the Saints who rode aboard the *Chatauqua*. It had been delayed "at the second bridge on account of the canal being high." Even though this vessel was not as fine as the one on which the Benbows rode, its passengers fared better, though they were hungry. "In this boat all were pretty well but had been short of provisions," William recorded.

In Buffalo, Theodore was only about a hundred miles from Churchville, Canada, where he had joined the Church just three and a half years before. He had guided his company of Latter-day Saint emigrants over the Atlantic and four hundred miles westward across the United States. But eight hundred miles still separated them from Nauvoo, their final destination, and Theodore felt heavily the weight of his responsibility to provide for the emigrating Saints. He had scrimped, but still there was not enough money to get them all to Nauvoo before winter set in. What was he to do?[11]

[10] http://www.eriecanal.org/boats/PacketBoat-1840.jpg
[11] Allen and Alexander, *Manchester Mormons*, 190-92.

A Brief Summary of a Talk about the Experiences of the Mormon Colonists presented by Richard E. Turley Jr., Assistant Church Historian, at the 100th Anniversary Conference held on July 28th, 2012 in El Paso, Texas Celebrating the Mormon Exodus from Mexico

Rick (Richard E. Turley, Jr.) began his remarks with a reminder of who these Mormon colonists were, what life was like for them in Mexico, and how their lives were changed when their exodus from Mexico in 1912 took them to El Paso, Texas. In his talk, Rick related accounts of his great and great great grandparents. For all of us who trace our relatives to the Mormon Colonies in Mexico, we can be proud of what they accomplished there. His complete remarks will be published next year in a journal of international Mormon history.

Rick mentioned that the presence of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mexico began during the decade of the 1870s. Brigham Young encouraged Mormon settlement in the American southwest, and he wanted missionary work to extend into Mexico and other Spanish-speaking areas. In January 1876 Brigham Young wrote to his friend, William Staines: "I look forward to the time when the settlements of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will extend right through to the City of Old Mexico, and from thence on through Central America to the land where the Nephites flourished in the golden era of their history, and this great backbone of the American Continent be filled, north and south, with the cities and temples of the people of God."

As early as June 1874, Brigham Young had asked Daniel Webster Jones and Henry Brizzee, who had some Spanish language ability, to begin preparing for a mission to Mexico and to translate portions of the Book of Mormon into Spanish so they could be used in missionary work. The translation effort proved very difficult. In a fortunate turn of events, Melitón G. Trejo, a Spanish military officer serving in the Philippines, experienced a spiritual vision that prompted him to immigrate to the United States and travel to Salt Lake City, where he was soon baptized into the Church by Henry Brizzee.

Trejo's language ability allowed the translation work to go forward. Soon missionary tracts containing selections from the Book of Mormon in Spanish were available for use by the first missionaries, who began their journey to Mexico in September 1875 under the leadership of Daniel W. Jones. The small group of missionaries finally entered Mexican territory in January 1876.

Their efforts bore fruit and also generated press coverage that led to opportunities for Apostle Moses Thatcher to meet with a number of high government officials, who "encouraged [him] to bring his people and settle in Mexico." Besides the missionary benefits of colonization, by 1882, Brigham Young's successor, John Taylor, began to view colonies in Mexico as potential havens for Church members seeking to escape threats of arrest and imprisonment in the United States for their practice of plural marriage.

In January 1885, President Taylor headed a group of Church leaders who personally visited Sonora in search of potential colonizing sites, while others visited Chihuahua for the same purpose. As a result, beginning in 1885, the Church established settlements throughout northern Mexico including the colonies of Chuichupa, Díaz,

Dublán, García, Juárez, and Pacheco in Chihuahua, and Morelos and Oaxaca in Sonora. Those who went to Mexico included some of the hardest-working, brightest, and most resourceful members of the Church.

Rick discussed how life was for the colonists in Mexico. He noted how they had some difficulties in securing land. He related the account of how his "great great grandfather Isaac Turley had to relocate because it was determined they had settled on someone else's land. They were forced to move to a locality on the Piedras Verdes River, where the water supply was inadequate for irrigation. Gratefully, on May 7, 1887, the region was struck with a major earthquake that resulted in a significant increase in the volume of water in the river."

Rick pointed out that "although in general the Mexican colonies, like much of the American West, were dry and required irrigation, there were also times of flooding." Rick's great uncle Clarence Turley, whose daughter Lucile was present at the conference, "described one of the wettest times, which occurred in 1905, when a storm dropped 18 inches of snow on his front lawn and twice that amount in the mountains." Clarence noted that "the Bavispe River which heads near Colonia Chuichupa ran so high almost all the homes of the saints in Colonia Oaxaca were washed away. Three homes and the schoolhouse were the only ones left."

Rick related how, during the revolution in Mexico, problems became so severe that "when forces eventually disarmed the colonists and made additional demands for supplies, the safety of the Latter-day Saints in the colonies became more precarious by the day. Local Church leader Junius Romney quickly ordered the removal of all women and children to the United States by rail as soon as it could be arranged. On July 26 and 27, all the women and children of Juárez left for the nearest rail station at Pearson and departed for El Paso, Texas. The women and children of Dublán, and the mountain colonies of Garcia and Pacheco, likewise took the train from Pearson, while the Chuichupa women and children left from the Chico station. Since Colonia Díaz was located not too far from the U.S. border, all the men, women, and children in that colony left together on horseback or by wagon."

Rick concluded his remarks by answering the question, "What did the colonies accomplish and what was their real purpose?" He said, "It is true they provided a haven for families who felt that imprisonment for the practice of polygamy was a denial of religious freedom. President Brigham Young however, believed that Mexico, indeed all of Latin America, should be privileged to receive the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Also, Apostle Moses Thatcher, along with many early missionaries in Mexico felt that spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ was the principal purpose for colonization."

Rick read an address to the colonists by Apostle George Teasdale, prior to his leaving on a mission to England, in which he had stated, "You shall be blessed in giving the gospel to this nation and you will be thankful that you have had the honor of being here." Rick also quoted Juárez Stake Patriarch Joseph C. Bentley, formerly the bishop of Juárez, as follows: "Our coming to this country was not accidental. The Lord had a purpose in bringing His priesthood into this Government. The early settlers of these colonies were some of the best educated and most active members of the Church. . . . We will never accomplish the purpose of the Lord in this land until we cultivate a spirit of love and charity toward this people. If we lead a righteous life we can not help winning the respect of the world."
(Richard – Richard – Edward – Edward – Isaac – Theodore)

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