

Joseph Hartley Turley

JOSEPH HARTLEY TURLEY was born at Beaver, Utah on June 19, 1872, the son of ISAAC and SARAH GREENWOOD TURLEY. JOE was four years old when his father and mother moved to Lehi, Arizona, where they were called to help make a settlement. That summer the family moved to the northern part of the state to St. Joseph on the Little Colorado River, ISAAC having been asked to change his mission to that settlement as MRS. TURLEY was a big woman and could not stand the heat in the Salt River Valley.

ISAAC TURLEY joined the United Order in St. Joseph, turning a number of horses and cattle in to the order. They also had fruit trees, grape vines, shrubs, and rose bushes, and started the same in St. Joseph. In the JOSEPH HARTLEY TURLEY yard are still some of the roses from the original roots. They are the old fashioned cabbage rose and are very hardy. The family moved to Snowflake in 1881 and finally down into Mexico where they helped to colonize at Colonia Juarez and Dublan.

In May, 1893, JOSEPH went on a mission to England, from Colonia Juarez, and labored near where his grandmother Ann Hartley had lived. He looked up his great uncle Joseph Hartley for whom he was named. On his return he married ABBIE NINA CLUFF, daughter of Orson Cluff and Harriet Ann Bean. They were married June 7, 1895. To this union were born five children: Goldie, 1899; Harvey, 1901; Sarah, 1904; Joseph Hartley Jr., 1908; and Reah, 1911. Reah died in infancy and Sarah died in 1920. JOSEPH's wife, NINA, died on March 12, 1912 in Colonia Morales, Sonora, Mexico. The family migrated to northern Arizona the same year, Nov., 1912.

A brother, HYRUM, lived at Woodruff and JOSEPH established a home there for his children. He went to St. Joseph as a mud mason and met JOANNA McLAWS, daughter of John Mc Laws and Sophia DeLaMare while boarding at the McLaws hotel. The two were married on May 5, 1915. To this union were born four children: the first, twins Walter (accidentally killed at age 13) and Nina, Mary, and Georgia.

The family lived in Woodruff the first year then moved to St. Joseph where JOSIE was from. JOSEPH was a mud mason and brick layer by trade and worked on many buildings in Holbrook, Winslow, Snowflake, and Joseph City. One of the last buildings he plastered was the LDS church building in Joseph City. He was an artist at his trade and could build a house from basement to roof complete. He built his family a nice home in Joseph City and in front of it stands a beautiful petrified wood fence which he built from rocks out of the badlands to the north of Joseph City which he had hauled on a wagon.

The family lived for a short time in Mesa and in the last years of JOE's life he was quite interested in genealogy. He died with pneumonia in the Winslow hospital on October 30, 1941, at the age of 69. He is buried in the Joseph City Cemetery.

JOANNA McLAWS TURLEY

JOANNA was the second child and first daughter of John McLaws and Sophia DeLaMare, born at St. Joseph, ARIZONA on Nov. 22, 1877. She was named for her grandmother, Joanna Ross McLaws, who was born in Scotland and migrated to Utah in 1849.

JOSIE, as she has always been known, being the oldest girl of a family of thirteen, helped her mother considerably in raising the family. She learned many skills and became an expert dressmaker. She was one of the first organists in St. Joseph, learning to chord to accompany her father who played the violin. She studied music and taught young people to play the piano. At a very early age she was appointed a Sunday School teacher and taught some classes almost as old as she was. She taught up to 1940 and is remembered as "my Sunday School teacher" by a great many people. During the years 1906 to 1913 she and her sisters, Alice and Estella, ran a dressmaking business in Flagstaff, Arizona.

JOANNA married JOSEPH HARTLEY TURLEY on May 5, 1915. He was a widower who lived in Woodruff and had four children ranging in age from 16 to 6. They lived in Woodruff for the first year then moved to St. Joseph where they made their home and raised two families.

Her husband JOSEPH HARTLEY TURLEY died in 1941 and JOSIE moved to Mesa with her daughter Nina where she lived for some time. While living there she served as a Stake Missionary for two years and did some genealogy research work for the McLaws', joining the Scots Society of Genealogy. Her eyes failed from too much sewing and she had to stop this work. In 1951 after Nina married she moved back to her home in Joseph City where she lived with her daughter Mary Pickett. She was bedfast with a heart condition after February 1960.

Children of JOSEPH HARTLEY and ABBIE NINA CLUFF TURLEY:

Goldie Cluff Turley Webb, born June 1, 1899; married John Albert Webb Dec. 9, 1917.
Harvey Cluff Turley, born Dec. 16, 1901; married Dora Ellen Sainsbury July 13, 1927; died July 27, 1973.
Sarah Cluff Turley, born Jan. 4, 1905; died Dec. 7, 1923.
Joseph Hartley Turley, Jr., June 12, 1908-Dec. 30, 1971.
Reah C. Turley, born March 11, 1911; died March 18, 1912.

Children of JOSEPH HARTLEY and JOANNA McLAWS TURLEY:

Walter McLaws Turley, born Feb. 21, 1916; killed on a hunting trip with Scouts in 1929.
Nina McLaws Turley Adair, born Feb. 21, 1916.
Mary McLaws Turley Pickett, born Feb. 20, 1918.
Georgia McLaws Turley Williams, born April 14, 1922.

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Joseph Hartley Turley, Jr.

Joseph Jr. was born in Colonia Juarez, Mexico. He died on Dec. 30, 1971 in Tucson, Arizona. He was married to Ora Norma Schultz on March 12, 1936 in Mesa, Arizona. She was the daughter of Lewis and Ida Schultz of Mesa. Joseph and Ora had no children.

Hartley worked for the Arizona State Highway Department for many years. At the time of his death he was to retire on Dec. 31. He had lived with a heart battery which had been implanted following heart failure several years earlier. His position with the Department was that of landscape engineer which was self-taught through many years of service with the Highway. Hartley and his wife loved the out-of-doors. They went hunting, camping, fishing, and rock hunting. He cut and polished many beautiful stones which he had gathered from many places in the United States. Ora was a trained nurse and this was a great help when he suffered with his heart ailment. She took up oil painting and with his encouragement painted many beautiful pictures. She lives in Tucson.

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Nina McLaws Turley Adair

Nina was a twin to Walter. She attended school in Joseph City and was graduated from the Holbrook High School, Holbrook, Arizona in 1934. She worked in the First National Bank at Holbrook for several years then was secretary to State Auditor Anna Frohmiller. She joined the Woman's Army Corps in 1943 and served in the Postal Department. After her discharge from the WAC's she was employed at the Valley National Bank in Mesa, Arizona. In July 1951 she was married to William Preston Adair, son of Charles N. and Henrietta Reynolds Adair.