

hyrum turley

HYRUM TURLEY, son of ISAAC and SARAH GREENWOOD TURLEY was born March 1, 1876 in Beaver, Utah.

My father left Beaver in March, 1877 and went to settle the Salt River in company with Daniel Jones. In 1878 my father moved my mother and family to St. Joseph, Ariz. Here we lived in the United Order. On May 7, 1881 my father moved both of his families to Snowflake. I was baptized by William J. Flake Jan. 5, 1884, and the same day was confirmed by John Woodruff Freeman at Snowflake.

In the spring of 1885, all of us, except THEODORE and his family, left for Mexico. I rode a horse all the way and drove horses and cattle. We located at Corralitos. My father planted a crop in connection with James Gale and others. Later we moved up to San Jose, across the river from where Dublin is located. It was called Turley's Camp. My father was appointed Presiding Elder. There were about twenty-five families located there. In the spring of 1886 my father, ISAAC TURLEY, returned to Snowflake and on May 3, 1886 he left Snowflake again for Mexico with CLARA ANN TOLTON and children, a few cows, two ordinary wagons, one spring wagon and one buggy. They arrived in Benito Juarez May 27, 1886.

My mother, SARAH GREENWOOD TURLEY, died in Benito Juarez Jan. 15, 1887. I was nearly eleven years old and my brother, JOHN ANDREW, was twenty-one months old. I took care of him for ten months, then he was taken to Snowflake to live with THEODORE and MARY F. TURLEY.

In the fall and winter of 1885, Alex F. MacDonald and the Apostles made the purchase of 100,000 acres of land on the Piedras Verdes River. This was mostly grazing land. There was a very little timber and very little land good for farming. Brother MacDonald made a survey for the town lots. This place was called Benito Juarez. We moved to Benito Juarez and we lived there many years. This is where I went to school and courted my girl. I worked for two years

in the Juarez tannery, learning to tan leather.

I was ordained a deacon by Bishop Sevey May 17, 1887 and was made second counselor in the deacons' quorum. I was ordained a priest by Elder George Teasdale Jan. 3, 1895. I was married to PEARL SEVEY, a daughter of Bishop Sevey, on Febr. 21, 1896 at Colonia Juarez by Elder Anthony W. Ivins. Hyrum Venus and Ivan were born at Juarez. We took them to the Manti Temple where PEARL and I were sealed and the boys sealed to us Nov. 16, 1898. I was ordained an Elder at that time by Elder John D. T. McAllister.



Hyrum and Pearl Sevey Turley

I helped to plaster the Juarez Academy and the school house, also other buildings there. We moved to Colia Chuichupa in January, 1904. We milked cows and made cheese for Howd Vader and John Davis and farmed over 100 acres of land. In the middle of the winter we would turn the cows out to find their own feed for a month or two and go to Madera and Pearson to plaster.

(The above section was written by HYRUM himself.)

When the Mormon colonists left Mexico in July, 1912, HYRUM and his two oldest sons remained in the hills close to the homestead for a few days, hoping to be able to protect the home. His wife and other children went by train to El Paso. There the Salvation Army took care of them for about two weeks. The family was divided into groups and placed in homes. Marion was the baby and was very sick at this time. HYRUM and the two boys finally left Chuichupa and rode horseback to El Paso, reaching there about two weeks after those who went by train. The family then went to Thatcher, Arizona, where they stayed about three months. While here they received a letter from HYRUM's brother, ALMA, asking them to

go to Woodruff, Arizona. HYRUM freighted from Holbrook to Whiteriver, Fort Apache, and other localities in Northern Arizona with wagon and team. He helped build some of the dams in Woodruff. He also laid up adobe houses and plastered and did some farming and dairying. He had a contract to haul mail from Holbrook to Woodruff for several years. In 1918 he was chosen Second Counselor to Bishop James Brinkerhoff of the Woodruff Ward, which position he held until May, 1934.

PEARL SEVEY TURLEY, his wife, died April 6, 1938 at Woodruff. He told his children at the time of her death that he didn't intend to live with his children, but would marry again if it could be worked out that way.

Late that fall he married LOTTIE STOCKETT KUTCH, a widow. They lived in Woodruff a few years, then purchased a home in Mesa near the Temple so they could do temple work.

HYRUM's health began to fail so that he wasn't able to work in the Temple very long. He had an operation and was under the doctor's care, but didn't improve. After being bedfast for some time, he died in Mesa Nov. 25, 1946 and was buried in Woodruff on Nov. 29, 1946.

PEARL SEVEY TURLEY

PEARL SEVEY, the daughter of George Washington and Phoebe Melinda Butler Sevey, was born Oct. 17, 1878 in Panguitch, Utah. She was the baby in a family of 14, and her mother died when she was 14 years old. Her father went to Mexico in 1885 with his two other wives and evidently his wife Phoebe preferred to stay in Panguitch. Several of her older children were married and living in or near there at this time. Phoebe was 48 years old and she died seven years later at the age of 55.

PEARL then went to Mexico to live with her father. It was here that she met HYRUM TURLEY and they were married. PEARL and HYRUM had eight children born in Mexico and four in Woodruff, Arizona.

An experience she had soon after the Saints had to leave Mexico is worth relating. The family



The Hyrum Turley Family, 1921

stayed in Thatcher, Arizona for a while. father, HYRUM, went on to Woodruff to find a job and a place to live. When the family was on their way from Thatcher to Woodruff they had to stay over in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 2 or 3 hours. Marion, the baby, was sick. He cried and cried and wouldn't be comforted at all. Finally a Salvation Army woman came up and asked what

was the matter with the baby. Mother said he was sick. "Why don't you take him to a doctor?" asked the woman. "We don't have the money," Mother replied. The woman left and came back with a doctor. He said the baby would die if they went on to Woodruff. Mother began to cry, and said she couldn't stay there because she didn't have a cent. So the Salvation Army took over. They put Mother and the baby in the hospital and the other children were taken in by some members of the Salvation Army. Mother never forgot that act of kindness and she was more tolerant of other religions, and so were we older children, because of that experience.

PEARL SEVEY TURLEY taught in Primary, and also was a visiting teacher in Relief Society for many years. She was president of the Primary in Woodruff for some time. She likely was selected for the position because of her dependability as a teacher. The Stake Primary president complimented her for her dependable and conscientious work in that organization.

Her outstanding characteristics were patience, kindness, and long-suffering. At the time of her death a new home was being built for her, which she didn't have the privilege of living in. She remarked a few weeks before her death that she wouldn't be able to live in it. She was a hard worker--hoeing in the fields, milking cows, and making cheese. Her mother, Phoebe Butler Sevey, milked cows and made cheese so PEARL had learned how to do these things when young. PEARL lived by the Golden Rule, doing unto others as she would like to be done by.

She suffered considerably with rheumatism before she died. The doctor said she died of a rheumatic heart. She was 59 years old. Death came to her on April 6, 1938 at Woodruff. She was buried in the Woodruff cemetery the next day.

Children of HYRUM and PEARL SEVEY TURLEY:

Hyrum Venus Turley, 1896-1922.
Ivan Turley, born 1898.
Thelka Pearl Turley Crandell, born 1900.
Lela Melinda Turley Tanner, born 1902.
Blanche Sophia Turley Tanner, born 1905.
Floyd Turley, born 1907.
George Washington Turley, born 1910.
Marion Turley, born 1912.
Melvin Sevey Turley, 1913-1934.
Edgar Wayne Turley, born 1916.
Nedra Turley Lee, born 1918.
Phoebe Turley Peterson, born 1920.

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