

## **Milton Academy/College Catalogs 1865-1866 and 1867-1869 (and Earlier Records)**

Compiled by Ted Hine – May 2012

In 2007 the Rock County Genealogical Society (Janesville, WI) sent me the following “Catalog” pages from Milton Academy/College. (In 1866 it was an “Academy” and by 1869 it was renamed a “College”.)

They show that at least 4 of John and Margaret Turner’s children attended Milton. In 1865-1866 “Edwin” J. Turner (most certainly Edward) and his sisters Emily A. Turner and Sarah L. Turner attended Milton Academy. Also that during the period between 1867 and 1869 siblings Emily A. Turner, Sarah L. Turner, and Charles Turner attended Milton College.

Following the pages below showing the Turners as students is some information about the academy/college which suggests that it was a very substantial institution for Wisconsin in the mid 1800’s. In 1866 it had a total of 420 students enrolled (229 Gentlemen and 191 Ladies). It offered boarding for students and the pages included discuss living and tuition costs, regulations, and the annual calendar.

Milton was located only about 5 or 6 miles north of the Turner’s Harmony Township farm so it’s possible that the Turner siblings were “day” students commuting to and from school each day possibly via horse, horse & carriage, or even perhaps by walking. It’s also possible that they boarded at Milton and came home on weekends.

In 2004 I’d received information from an archivist for the by then defunct Milton College (which was founded in 1844 but closed it’s doors in 1982) who indicated that, in addition to the years mentioned above, E.J. Turner and Emily A. turner attended in the spring term in 1865 which suggest they probably also attended in the fall term in 1864. (My email correspondence with the archivist is at the bottom of this document.)

In the fall term of 1864 E.J. Turner would have been 18 years old (assuming he was born in 1846 and not 1845) and Emily only 14. In the fall of 1865 Sarah would have been about 13 when she first shows up at Milton. In the fall of 1867 Milton attendee Charles Turner would have been about 13 years old. This analysis suggests that the Turner students at Milton started younger than today’s college students and thus it probably provided both a high school and a college education. The eldest sibling was E.J. Turner and he last shows up in these records in the spring of 1866 (though he could have attended through the spring of 1867 since no records are available to indicate otherwise). In 1866 E.J. Turner would have been about 20 or 21 (depending on his exact year of birth) and in 1867 21 or 22. If Edward J. Turner had started at Milton at age 13 like his siblings, he could have attended for 8 or more years.

I suspect that since John and Margaret Turner’s oldest 4 children are known to have attended Milton, that likely their other 4 children also attended in later years but I have not researched this.

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25 Oct 2007

Ted Hine  
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Dear Mr. Hine

I was able to locate some information on Milton Academy. This includes lists of students for 1865-66, 67-68 and 68-69.

You will see four children of John & Margaret listed: Edwin J., Emily A., Sarah L. and Charles.

1865-66	Undergraduate gentlemen	p. 13,	Edwin J. Turner, Rock Prairie
	Undergraduate ladies	p. 19,	Emily A. Turner, Rock Prairie Sarah L. Turner, Rock Prairie

1867-69	College Courses – Classical and Scientific		
	Freshman Class Ladies	p.11,	Emily A. Turner, Rock Prairie
	Undergraduates – Teachers', Business and Preparatory Courses		
	Gentlemen	p. 18,	Charles Turner, Rock Prairie
	Ladies	p. 23,	Sarah L. Turner, Rock Prairie

I have also included general information including teachers, fees and schedule. I hope that you find this information interesting and useful.

The Rock Co. Historical Society does have early photos of the Milton Academy if you would be interested.

Sincerely,

Ruth Anderson  
 RCGS Librarian

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Please return with payment:

Date: 25 Oct 2007

Research for: Ted Hines

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Names.	Residence.
Dow B. Smith,	Cookville.
Coradon T. Smith,	Brodhead.
Archie Snodgrass,	Cold Spring.
Willie E. Sowle,	Milton.
William W. Spaulding,	Janesville.
Morris C. Squire,	Waterloo.
H. Allen Starin,	Whitewater.
D. Duane Starin,	Whitewater.
Andrew J. Steele,	Whitewater.
John C. Stetson,	Saxville.
James E. Stewart,	Milton.
Francis H. Stillman,	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Frank G. Stoughton,	Stoughton.
Edgar A. Taggart,	Grafton.
Oliver A. Taylor,	Janesville.
Joseph G. Taylor,	La Grange.
Jesse B. Thayer,	Janesville.
Edwin F. Thayer,	Janesville.
William C. Thomas,	Jennieton.
E. Fred True,	Edgerton.
A. Belmont Truman,	West Milton.
Orson H. Truman,	West Milton.
Oscar A. Truman,	West Milton.
Edwin J. Turner,	Rock Prairie.
Clarence E. Utter,	Whitewater.
Edwin R. Van Galder.	Shopiere.
Edwin R. Van Valkenburgh,	Whitewater.
William Vincent,	Milton.
George Walker,	Milton.
George B. Walker,	Milton.
J. Henry Walsh,	Milton.
Michael A. Walsh,	Richland Center.
George Watts,	Milton.
Isaiah M. Wauffe,	Rock Prairie.
Hanmer D. Weaver,	Milton.
Frank C. Weaver,	Millard.
Wilkie A. Webber,	Milwaukee.

Name.	Residence.
Elizabeth B. Thayer,	Janesville.
Martha W. Thayer,	Janesville.
Abbie F. Thayer,	Janesville.
Abbie M. Thayer,	Janesville.
Emily A. Turner,	Rock Prairie.
Sarah L. Turner,	Rock Prairie.
Ella L. Utter,	Whitewater.
Frank E. Van Vliet,	Milton.
Flora E. Van Vliet,	Milton.
Mary A. Vincent,	Milton.
Euphemia L. Vincent,	West Milton.
Sarah A. Waterman,	Milton.
Nancy E. Waufle,	Rock Prairie.
Edna A. Weaver,	Milton.
Rebecca M. Webb,	Milton.
Susan E. Weeks,	Elton.
Fidie A. Weld,	Palmyra.
Augusta G. Weld,	Palmyra.
Sarah S. Wilkins,	Milton.
Emma A. Williams,	Edgerton.
Florence E. Williams,	Milton.
Mary A. Williams,	Johnstown Center.
Hattie E. Winslow,	Lake Mills.

SUMMARY.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Gentlemen,	229
Ladies,	191
Whole number,	420

### VIII.—NORMAL INSTRUCTION.

In this department the teachers are trained for their profession, not only by daily recitations in the studies of the prescribed course, but by lectures, essays, and discussions on the different principles and methods of education.

To accommodate those wishing to teach during the winter, the Fall Term, embracing eleven weeks, closes in time to open the public schools. In this time, the Normal students can review branches usually taught in our common schools, attend lectures, and participate in discussions on the best modes of school discipline and instruction.

#### TEXT AND REFERENCE BOOKS.

Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching, Barnard's American Journal of Education, Northend's Works, History of Education.

### IX.—ORNAMENTAL BRANCHES.

Vocal Music is taught as a regular study. Instruction on the Piano Forte or Melodeon is given.

Excellent facilities are afforded for studying Perspective Drawing, Penciling, Landscape Oil Painting, Water Colors, Crayoning, and Embroidery.

### X.—COMMERCIAL INSTRUCTION.

Students are carefully trained in this Department for transacting any Trade or Mercantile business. The course of study consists of Single and Double Entry Book-Keeping, Commercial Calculations, Practical Penmanship, Commercial Forms and Correspondence, and Commercial Law.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

Bryant & Stratton's High School Book Keeping, Bryant & Stratton's Commercial Arithmetic, Bryant & Stratton's Commercial Law by Dean, a Set of Mercantile cards, Spencer's System of Penmanship.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

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### REGULATIONS.

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HE Students are governed with firmness, and always with the spirit of kindness and good will. The studious and upright will have no occasion to complain of the regulations, which comprise only those found necessary for the good order of the school, and the advancement of the student in his studies.

Every student is urged to be present at the opening of each term, and will not be allowed to leave school before the close, except for protracted illness, or some other unavoidable circumstance.

The special rules in respect to the studies and the conduct of students, will be presented and explained at the beginning of each term.

All expenses for tuition and books must be settled *in advance*. No deduction will be made for absence, except in cases of sickness.

#### PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND HEALTH.

Instruction is frequently given upon these subjects, and the students are comparatively free from the diseases, caused by ill ventilated rooms, over-eating, late study, and the neglect of active exercise in the open air.

#### MORAL AND RELIGIOUS CULTURE.

A highly moral and religious influence is exerted in the school. Nothing sectarian is permitted in the management or instruction, but the indispensable truths and precepts of the Gospel are taught.

Regard for wholesome laws, courtesy in social intercourse, and strict integrity in business, are required of the students.

#### EXAMINATIONS.

Every student will be examined by either the oral, or the written method, at the close of each term, in the studies pursued by him during that term.

#### MERIT ROLL.

A daily record is kept, showing the attendance, scholarship, and deportment of each student. The result of this record is made out at the middle and the close of each term, and handed to the student, or sent to his parents or guardian, whenever requested.

#### APPARATUS AND CABINET.

Sufficient facilities are afforded to illustrate fully the principles of the Natural Sciences. The Institution has as its command, Maps, Charts, Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, Cabinets to show the Geology and the Botany of the State, Surveying Instruments, a Microscope, and an Astronomical Telescope. To these valuable additions are made each year.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Three permanent Literary Societies are connected with the Institution, namely: The Orophilian, the Philomathean, and the Ladies' Literary. Each of the Societies holds a public session in the last week of the Winter Term.

#### LIBRARY.

Some progress has been made in securing a Library of well selected works. Every effort will be used to collect, as speedily as possible, the standard productions in every department of Science and Literature.

The Students have access to a private Library of considerable size, and to the Joint Library of the Societies.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

The requisite Text Books can be obtained in the village, as cheaply as in any of our large Bookstores in the West.

## ROOMS AND BOARD.

Three buildings are used for recitation and boarding purposes. Ladies and Gentlemen occupy different Halls, in which each room accommodates two persons, and is furnished with a stove, bedstead, chairs, and table, for those boarding at the Academy. Bed and bedding, and other furniture, must be supplied by the students.

Those boarding themselves can rent convenient rooms, usually not furnished, in the Halls and in Private Houses; and thus they materially reduce their expenses, which do not generally exceed \$1,25 per week.

The Boarding Hall is conducted on the clubbing system; a family, living in the Academy, keep the Hall, and the boarders pay the whole expenses for provisions, cooking, and serving the tables. This method is cheaper than the boarding with Private Families; as the latter costs, at present, including the use of room and furniture, \$3,00 per week.

Rooms in the Academic Buildings, and in Private Houses are usually rented for twenty-five cents per week to each student.

Board in the Hall, and with Private Families, varies with the cost of provisions.

## ACADEMIC YEAR.

The year is divided into the Fall, the Winter, and the Spring Terms. The first is *eleven* weeks long, the second *sixteen*, and the third *fourteen*.

## EXPENSES FOR THE SPRING TERM.

## STUDIES.

Tuition in the Common English Branches,.....	\$6 00
Tuition in the Higher English Branches,.....	7 00
Tuition in the Languages, Mental and Natural Science, and Higher Mathematics,.....	8 00
Incidentals,.....	1 00

## EXTRAS.

Music on the Piano Forte,.....	\$12 00
Use of the Instrument,.....	3 00
Vocal Music,.....	1 00
Oil Painting,.....	7 00
Penciling,.....	3 00
Embroidery,.....	5 00
Elocution,.....	1 00

The Tuition in the Fall Term is one dollar *less* in the different grades of the studies; and in the Winter Term, it is one dollar *more* than in the Spring Term.

#### CALENDAR FOR 1866—'67.

The Fall Term opens Tuesday, August 28th, and closes Tuesday, November 13th, 1866.

The Winter Term opens Tuesday, November 27th, 1866, and closes Friday, March 15th, 1867.

The Spring Term opens Wednesday, March 27th, and closes Tuesday, July 2d, 1867.

Anniversary Exercises, July 2d, 1867.

#### LOCATION.

The Academy is located at Milton, Rock County, Wis., which is situated on the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Railway, and at the junction with its Southern Branch. It has an immediate access, at least twice each day, to the Chicago and North Western Railway, which passes within a mile of the village.

CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
OFFICERS & STUDENTS  
OF  
**MILTON COLLEGE,**  
FOR THE  
ACADEMICAL YEARS,  
1867-68 and 1868-69.

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JANESVILLE:  
THOMSON, ROBERTS & WILCOX, STEAM PRINTERS.  
1869.

Maggie A. Flatt,	- - - - -	<i>Stoughton.</i>
Madeline L. Hamilton,	- - - - -	<i>Milton.</i>
Addie F. Hilliard,	- - - - -	<i>Ossian, Iowa.</i>
Martha F. Jessup,	- - - - -	<i>Whitewater.</i>
Ruth G. Maxson,	- - - - -	<i>Walworth.</i>
Julia Mayher,	- - - - -	<i>Busseyville.</i>
Lizzie B. Miller,	- - - - -	<i>La Moille, Ill.</i>
Ursula D. Monroe,	- - - - -	<i>Edgerton.</i>
Alice L. Page,	- - - - -	<i>Indian Ford.</i>
Susan L. Palmer,	- - - - -	<i>West Milton.</i>
Frankie Parker,	- - - - -	<i>Stoughton.</i>
Anna E. Patton,	- - - - -	<i>Juda.</i>
Ada M. Ray,	- - - - -	<i>La Grange.</i>
Hattie A. Salisbury,	- - - - -	<i>Lima Center.</i>
J. Addie Smith,	- - - - -	<i>Tiffany.</i>
Lizzie C. Smith,	- - - - -	<i>Milton.</i>
Laura E. Stillman,	- - - - -	<i>Edgerton.</i>
Mary A. Stockdale,	- - - - -	<i>La Grange.</i>
Martha Taylor,	- - - - -	<i>La Grange.</i>
Valeria Trow,	- - - - -	<i>Eagle.</i>
Emily A. Turner,	- - - - -	<i>Rock Prairie.</i>
Emily Underhill,	- - - - -	<i>Eagle.</i>
Mary J. Walker,	- - - - -	<i>Cresco, Iowa.</i>
Augusta G. Weld,	- - - - -	<i>Pulmyra.</i>
Marion I. Wheeler,	- - - - -	<i>Janesville.</i>
Florence E. Williams,	- - - - -	<i>Milton.</i>

Willie E. Sowle,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Allen J. Sprague,	-	-	-	-	Bluff.
Dewitt Q. Stark,	-	-	-	-	Tiffany.
Frank P. Steele,	-	-	-	-	Whitewater.
W. Harris Steele,	-	-	-	-	Juda.
Calvin P. Stillman,	-	-	-	-	West Hallock, Ill.
Augustus A. Stone,	-	-	-	-	Fairfield.
Orlando Stone,	-	-	-	-	Prairie Du Sac.
George C. Stoughton,	-	-	-	-	Stoughton.
William E. Swan,	-	-	-	-	North Prairie.
Charles H. Tarbell,	-	-	-	-	Tiffany.
Oliver A. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	Janesville.
Frank E. Teetshorn,	-	-	-	-	Lima Center.
Eugene A. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	West Milton.
Gilbert R. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	West Milton.
Charles H. Towers,	-	-	-	-	Madison.
Frank H. True,	-	-	-	-	Edgerton.
Charles Turner,	-	-	-	-	Rock Prairie.
John B. Vance,	-	-	-	-	Juda.
Holdrich A. Van Horn,	-	-	-	-	Welton, Ia
Everett Van Patten,	-	-	-	-	Evansville.
William Vincent,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Millard F. Waite,	-	-	-	-	Janesville.
George B. Walker,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
J. Henry Walsh,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Myron D. Warner,	-	-	-	-	Whitewater.
Edward T. Watson,	-	-	-	-	Hanerville.
Henry Watts,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Edgar Weaver,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Frank C. Weaver,	-	-	-	-	Millard.
Wilkie A. Webber,	-	-	-	-	Milwaukee.
W. Leman West,	-	-	-	-	Utica.
William P. West,	-	-	-	-	Sugar Creek.
E. Durell Whitford,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Robert D. Whitford,	-	-	-	-	Milton.

Josie R. Sowle,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Phoebe L. Spear,	-	-	-	-	<i>Emerald Grove.</i>
Amreen Stewart,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Augusta M. Stewart,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Mary E. Stewart,	-	-	-	-	<i>Sugar Creek.</i>
Rachel Stowell,	-	-	-	-	<i>Eagle.</i>
Mary E. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	<i>La Grange.</i>
Abbie M. Thayer,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Emma J. Thayer,	-	-	-	-	<i>Janesville.</i>
Louisa G. Thayer,	-	-	-	-	<i>Palmyra.</i>
Martha W. Thayer,	-	-	-	-	<i>Janesville.</i>
Sarah L. Turner,	-	-	-	-	<i>Rock Prairie.</i>
Euphemia L. Vincent,	-	-	-	-	<i>West Milton.</i>
Lucy Vincent,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Hattie Ward,	-	-	-	-	<i>Janesville.</i>
M. Kate Ward,	-	-	-	-	<i>Janesville.</i>
Ida E. Warner,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Viola N. Warner,	-	-	-	-	<i>Whitwater.</i>
Eva M. Warren,	-	-	-	-	<i>Evansville.</i>
Emma B. Watkins,	-	-	-	-	<i>Scipioville, N. Y.</i>
Almira Weaver,	-	-	-	-	<i>Millard.</i>
Alice E. Weld,	-	-	-	-	<i>Palmyra.</i>
Lucy H. Wendell,	-	-	-	-	<i>West Milton.</i>
Maggie L. Wight,	-	-	-	-	<i>Lima Center.</i>
Anna C. Wilkinson,	-	-	-	-	Milton.
Ella F. Wood,	-	-	-	-	<i>Koshkonong.</i>
Lizzie S. Wood,	-	-	-	-	<i>Emerald Grove.</i>
Thirza A. Youngs,	-	-	-	-	<i>White Mound.</i>

to be properly ventilated and cleansed. Active exercise in the open air is secured usually each day; and late study and irregular meals are discouraged.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The three Literary Societies—Orophilian, Philomathean, and Iduna,—are sustained with great interest, and furnish valuable helps to those who desire to improve in writing and speaking.

The Semi-Annual Sessions of these societies will be held during the holidays; and the Annual Sessions, in the Commencement Week.

#### APPLICATION FOR TEACHERS.

All applications for teachers from the officers of public and private schools, should state the size and standing of the school, and the salary they will pay. Such will receive prompt attention.

#### ROOMS AND BOARD.

Three buildings are used for recitation and boarding purposes. The main edifice has been enlarged, and now nearly doubles the former accommodations for the classes.

Ladies and gentlemen occupy separate Halls, in which each room is designed for two persons, and is furnished with a bedstead, chairs and table, for those boarding at the College. Bed and bedding, and other furniture must be supplied by the students.

Those boarding themselves can rent convenient rooms, usually not furnished, in the Halls and in private houses; and thus they materially reduce their expenses, which do not, generally, exceed \$1.25 per week.

The Boarding Hall is conducted on the clubbing system: a family living in the principal building of the College, keep the Hall, and the boarders pay the whole expenses for provisions, cooking, and serving the tables. This method is cheaper than boarding with private families; as the latter costs, including the use of room and furniture, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per week.

Rooms in the College Halls are rented for \$3.50 per Term to each student. Rooms in private house for nearly the same rate.

Both Halls for ladies and gentlemen are under the immediate supervision of the Faculty. That occupied by ladies is in the charge of the Preceptress.

#### ACADEMICAL YEAR.

The year is divided into three Terms—Fall, Winter and Spring. The Fall and the Spring are each *thirteen* weeks long, and the Winter *fourteen*.

#### Tuition.

The Tuition is the same for each term; and in the Teachers' Course, the English and Business Course, and the Preparatory Classical Course, it is as follows:

##### PER TERM.

Common English Branches,.....	\$6.00
Higher English Branches,.....	7.00
Latin and Greek Languages, Natural Sciences, and Higher Mathematics,.....	8.00
Incidentals,.....	1.00

##### COLLEGE COURSES PER TERM.

Tuition in the Classical and the Scientific Courses, according to the number of studies pursued,....	\$9.00 to \$11.00
Incidentals,.....	2.00

##### EXTRAS IN CONNECTION WITH ALL THE COURSES.

Music on the Piano Forte,.....	\$12.00
Use of the Instrument,.....	3.00
Voice Culture,.....	15.00
Vocal Music, in Classes,.....	2.00
Oil Painting,.....	10.00
Penciling,.....	3.00
Elocution, in Classes,.....	1.00
Ornamental Penmanship,.....	5.00

##### EXPENSES PER YEAR.

The ordinary expenses per year of forty weeks, for those students who board themselves, including room rent, use of furniture, tuition,

books, lights, fuel and washing, are from \$120 to \$140; for those who board in the Hall, or with Private Families, from \$170 to \$210.

The ordinary expenses per Term are one-third of the above sums.

### Calendar.

#### TERMS IN 1869-1870.

The Fall Term opens Wednesday, September 1st, and closes Wednesday, December 1st, 1869.

The Winter Term opens Wednesday, December 15th, 1869, and closes Wednesday, March 23d, 1870.

The Spring Term opens Wednesday, April 6th, and closes Wednesday, July 6th, 1870.

Commencement Exercises, July 6th, 1870.

#### VACATIONS.

The Fall and the Spring vacations are each *two* weeks long; the Summer vacation *eight* weeks.

#### LOCATION.

MILTON COLLEGE, of Milton, Rock County, Wisconsin, is situated on the Milwaukee and Prairie Du Chien Railway, and at the junction with its Southern Branch, communicating with the southwestern part of Wisconsin. It has an immediate access, by trains, with the Chicago and North-Western Railway, which passes within a mile of the village. Located near these two great thoroughfares, it has thus a direct connection with most of the leading villages and cities of the State.

The buildings are beautifully situated on a bluff in the village, and are surrounded by delightful scenery. The location is one of the most healthful in the West.

#### TO THE PUBLIC.

The public may be assured that the Institution, as a College, will not cease to study the wants of its patrons, or the demands of the Western young people. Started in the outset to educate the young gentlemen and ladies of this section, it

gradually increased its facilities for instruction, so as to receive students from other sections; and it now opens its doors, as when it was an Academy, for the admission of scholars from all portions of the West, and from all religious denominations.

Grateful to the public for its generous patronage in the past, the School will strive to make itself worthy of the same favor in the future.



## Earlier Milton Academy Records

By Ted Hine – April 2004 (Updated in October 2006)

(By 2012 much additional information about the Turner's had been found making some of my assumptions and conclusions below obsolete.)

Some years after my mother's 1996 death I found among her possessions a handwritten note, undated but likely written when she first met her new mother-in-law, Rose Turner-Hine, in Seattle in the early 1940's, on which she cryptically recorded some information about Edward J. Turner. It indicates that he "Went to Milton College in Wisconsin" and suggested that his daughter Rose may have gone there also.

In April of 2004 I was able to find an Internet web site for Milton College in Milton, WI. It indicated that Milton College was founded in 1844 (as Milton Academy) and closed in 1982. Some, but not all, old records were still available. Judy Scheehle, apparently the keeper of the Milton archives, and I exchanged e-mails. She did find limited references to Edward J. Turner (but not to Rose Turner). The following are her e-mails.

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April 8, 2004 Judy Wrote:

Hi Ted,

I looked in the obvious places for Edward and Rosebell Turner but unfortunately found nothing. I have a couple of questions? Did the piece of paper say Milton College or Milton Academy? If it was College it would be after 1867 when the College was chartered. Also do you know what religious affiliation they may have had? If it was Seventh Day Baptist you may be able to get information from the SDB Center in Janesville WI. Our research rate is \$10.00 and hour. If you want me to look any further let me know, but our records are a little thin that far back. Thanks for contacting us

Judy Scheehle  
Administrator/Curator

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April 12, 2004 Judy Wrote:

Ted, I didn't find where Edward graduated but I was also looking after 1867, so I'll do a little searching before I spend your money. Joseph Goodrich started the community of Milton in 1839 and Milton Academy/College in 1844. It was a strong Seventh Day Baptist community, most of the residents coming from western New York. The SDB Center has wonderful records, some that are actually indexed. I will just give them a call and get their e-mail and ask about Turners in the Milton area. You actually gave me quite a bit of information. Have you done any searching on the internet in the genealogy sites?

Later, Judy

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April 12, 2004 Judy Wrote:

Ted, I went on the internet briefly and I think your English connection may lead you to information. But anyway I found your great-grandfather in hand written record books of William Whitford who was President of the Academy and the College. Not a lot of information, just says E. J. Turner, Fall Term 1864 from Palmyra, Winter Term 1864 no address. In 1864 student book there is a J.E. Turner (lady) from Palmyra. In the Spring Term of 1865 it looks like it says Edward Turner, not quite sure. Also in the Spring term of 1865 is a Emily A. Turner from Rock Prairie and E.J. Turner from Rock Prairie.

Rock Prairie is a township about 8 miles from Milton. Palmyra is a town in Jefferson County about 30 miles away. I called the SDB center, he's going to see what he has, but the name didn't ring a bell as far as being a SDB.

Not much information but at least you know he did exist and attended Milton Academy. Check the Civil War records on the net also. If I find anything else I'll let you know.

Have fun. Judy

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On April 13, 2004 Judy Wrote:

Ted

I'm afraid I cannot photocopy the handwritten books, they are too fragile. I did talk to the SDB historian and he could not find anything else. Palmyra is in Jefferson County, (is actually a small town) and Rock Prairie township is in Rock County. They are quite distance apart and opposite directions of Milton. Today I found a Sarah Turner from Rock Prairie listed in the catalogue of Milton College for the years 1867-68 and 1868-69. That I will photo copy for you. A Charles Turner is listed in an earlier one, could not find Edward, maybe he never made it through a whole term. Hopefully you will find an obituary in the Idaho newspaper. Let me know. I feel that I know them personally now. js

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**Summary.** It's clear that Edward John Turner did attend Milton College in Wisconsin (perhaps Milton Academy at the time) around 1864 and 1865. There is no indication of whether or not he graduated. He was apparently from Palmyra, WI and/or Rock Prairie Township, WI. Or perhaps his family moved during the period he attended Milton.

Other Turners who attended Milton around this time include a J.E. Turner (a lady in 1864) from Palmyra, Emily A. Turner (1865) from Rock Prairie, Sarah Turner (1867-69) also from Rock Prairie, and Charles Turner (no date or home mentioned). A final note: In 2006 I identified Edward J. Turner's Wisconsin family in Rock County ("Rock Prairie" in the Janesville area) from census records. Among other siblings he had sisters named Emily A. and Sarah and a brother named Charles.