

July 26, 2006

Hello Brothers and Cousins:

I returned about a week and a half ago from a quite successful genealogical research trip through southern Idaho and thought I should briefly bring everyone up to date. Eventually I'll get everyone a more detailed and organized version of this.

(There are photos and scans after my text.)

After visiting with Ellen, John, Ann, and Bob in Albany/Berkeley I headed for Jerome located in south-central Idaho (near Twin Falls) which I'd already determined to be the burial location of our great-grandmother Martha Catherine "Kitty" Hillman-Turner (but not her husband and our great-grandfather Edward John Turner). I spent the better part of a day there during which I found and photographed the graves of Martha, Edward H. Turner (her and E.J.'s son, Rose Hine's brother), his wife Mary E. Turner, and their son John E. Turner (Rose's nephew and Ruth/Kirt's first cousin)..... see photos below. Jerome has a nice little historical museum where the caretaker helped me find and copy Martha's obit along with those of son Edward and his wife (see scans below). Reading these obits significantly increased my knowledge of the Turner family in Idaho but failed to answer the ongoing questions of where E.J. Turner is buried and why so little information about our Turner ancestors has been orally passed down to us.

(So you won't get too confused..... Edward John Turner and Martha Catherine Hillman-Turner had 5 kids, Rose (b. 1875 in the Washington Territory, our grandmother), Edward H. (b.1877 in the Washington Territory), Lillian (b. 1883 in Idaho), Percy (b. 1888 in Idaho) and Frederick H. (b. 1894 in Idaho)).

I then drove the 180 miles east to Grace Idaho, the location of the Turner homestead and cattle ranch which operated for maybe as long as almost 30 years starting in 1877. There I spent 2 days visiting the libraries in Grace in Soda Springs and driving around the countryside. Grace (pop. about 1,000) reminds me somewhat of Leavenworth in the 1950's..... the entire town consists of about 5 blocks along a sleepy highway which doesn't really go anywhere important so has very little traffic and everyone in town knows everyone else. Soda Springs is 11 miles away with a population of about 4,000. The nearest spot anyone would recognize the name of is Pocatello about 60 mile to the northwest. It's a very isolated, yet pretty, part of the state and I can see why people settled there. The Gem Valley (in which Grace is located) is much more naturally green than I expected though irrigation is certainly needed for serious ranching and farming.

The Grace library had 3 historical books regarding the area all of which contained some information about our great-grandfather Edward John Turner (E.J.), mostly regarding his involvement with the Last Chance Canal Company of which he was one of the two primary "movers and shakers" and it's first official president from 1899 to 1904. This canal was a major engineering undertaking for a group of settlers and a book has been written on the subject (I

saw a copy in the Grace library and have a copy on order). Today this canal irrigates about 35,000 acres of the Gem Valley and the area could not exist economically without it. The valley is very proud of it as well as dependent on it.

Our great-grandfather was apparently a well respected and successful local resident of the area. I chatted on the phone for about 45 minutes with Don Gilbert, a life-long valley resident whose ancestors were also early settlers and who today farms some of the land formerly part of the Turner ranch. While he was born in 1930 (14 years after E.J. passed away in 1916) he recalls our great-grandfather by reputation. In Don's words, E.J. was "well spoke of" and "a man of money" apparently meaning that E.J. was one of the more financially successful cattle ranchers in the area. (Don's grandfather, J.J. Trappett, the other power behind the Last Chance Canal, owned the old Turner home immediately after E.J. Turner vacated it though Don didn't know exactly when this was.)

Before leaving Colorado I'd found E.J.'s homestead records on the internet and plotted the general location of the ranch on a topographic map. He had at least 920 acres along the Bear River starting about 4 miles southwest of Grace in what is known as the Gentile Valley, a smaller area of the larger Gem Valley. The ranch ran down the river for maybe 2-1/2 to 3 miles from where the Turner home was located (today very near the Grace Power Plant on the river). While in the Grace Library I ran into a verbal description in one of the history books which described in good detail the exact location that E.J. and family first settled in 1877. This was clearly within the area I'd marked on the topo map. That night when I talked with Don Gilbert he told me exactly where the old Turner homestead site had been and how to get there (which tied out exactly with the description in the book). He said the home itself was no longer standing but that the small old barn on the site was very likely built by E.J. Turner. He didn't know the history of the other old rickety structures at the site but it's clear that they were built more recently than the late 1870's. The site is unoccupied by humans today but still apparently used to coral and graze cattle by Don and/or others. See the photos below. I can say with a reasonably high degree of confidence that this is where grandmother Rose grew up starting at the age of about 2. As I walked and explored the site I had visions of Rose saddling horses in the small old barn as a young child and of her playing in the nearby river.

Turner Family History Summary

So, here, in broad brush strokes, is what I've got on the Idaho Turner family. (There is still much missing information and a little of the information I've obtained from online records is somewhat contradictory or at least confusing and begging for more explanation.)

Edward John Turner was born about 1845 in Wisconsin where he attended Milton Academy (Milton, WI) in the mid 1860's. Sometime thereafter he ends up in the Washington Territory near Walla Walla where he meet and married Martha Catherine Hillman who was born in 1854 in Missouri and came to the Washington Territory as a child with her parents in the early to mid 1860's. Edward and Martha married in the Washington Territory sometime prior to 1875 when Rose, their first child, was born there followed by the birth of son Edward H. in early 1877. Later that year the family headed to the Gentile Valley, Idaho (a part of the Gem Valley) and homesteaded land on the Bear River near what would later become the town of Grace. Three

additional children are born and raised there: Lillian (b. 1883), Percy (b. 1888) and Frederick (b. 1894). Over a number of years E.J. Turner accumulated at least 920 acres of homestead land from the government (and I suppose could have purchased more from other settlers though I have no record of this) and apparently was financially successful at cattle ranching as he was well off enough to send daughter Rose to the private New Jersey Academy, a Presbyterian boarding school in Logan UT (60 or 70 miles to the south), for at least 4 years, perhaps more... it is not known where the other kids attended school. E.J. also plays a major roll in the planning and construction of the Last Chance Canal, a frustrating 10 or so year ordeal finally successful in the early 1900's. He became its first president from 1899 to 1904 (see newspaper article below). It's easy to see why he would have been interested in the canal as a quick look at the local geography shows that his land would have benefited greatly from this redirected source of water. E.J. also helped form the Gentile Valley Land and Livestock Company which, along with other ranchers, purchased land at Grays Lake (about 30 mile to the north) for the summer grazing of cattle which were herded there seasonally in those days..... took 4 or 5 days each way. I was told that this company still operates but today trucks carry the cattle back and forth.

The 1900 census shows the family intact in the Gentile Valley (except for Rose who had married first husband, Guy. B. Higgins, there in 1896 and moved elsewhere).

Now things get a little fuzzier and the family begins to spread out to other parts of Idaho.

Records show that son Edward H. Turner married Mary Elizabeth Clabby in 1908 in Weiser, ID, perhaps 250 to 300 miles west of Grace in the extreme western part of the state near the Oregon boarder. Of special interest is the 1910 census which shows Martha as "Head of Household" (without E.J.) living with son Percy and daughter Lillian in Weiser, far from the Gentile Valley. E.J. Turner is no where to be found in the 1910 census but he could have still been near Grace and was just missed by the census taker. Lillian married Elvin V. Jefferson near Weiser in 1918 (she was 35 years old at the time) and they apparently spent the rest of their lives there as they are both buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser. It's clear that the center of gravity for at least some Turner family members shifted to Weiser starting sometime after 1900 and before 1908. Could the family have had a vacation home there or perhaps a second ranch? I don't think that likely as Weiser was a long trip from Grace in those early days of the automobile and unimproved or non-existent roads. Could Edward and Martha have been divorced or separated? Not a common phenomenon in those days but I suppose possible.

E.J. Turner continues to show up in Grace till at least 1914. I found several newspaper articles (including the 1914 one below about the Last Chance Canal banquet) which show him in the area. There were some regarding homestead land and one related to jury duty. He last acquired homestead land (adjacent to his existing holdings) in 1913 according to government records. To add to the confusion, the 1914 Last Chance Canal banquet article lists "Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner" in attendance. Did this refer to E.J. and Martha or perhaps an unrelated Turner couple? (There we a number of other apparently unrelated Turner families in the area over the years.) And, to really keep things interesting, the Western States Marriage Record

Index shows that in 1911 an Edward J. Turner married Marion A. Cole in Pocatello. Was this our E.J. remarrying or another Turner with a similar name? I have no way of knowing.

Martha's obit indicates that E.J. passed away in 1916 (when he would have been about 71) but I still have no idea where, the circumstances of his death, nor where he is buried. There is no obituary for him in the Soda Springs Chieftain (which contained the other articles mentioning him) and Grace/Soda Springs area cemetery records do not show that he is buried there. He is also not shown in Weiser area cemeteries nor those near Jerome where Martha is buried. The Idaho Death Index (which starts in 1911) has no record of him. He just disappeared.

Son Edward and his wife Mary apparently lived in Shoshone (not far north of Jerome) for a time till they moved to Jerome (mid state and not near Grace or Weiser) about 1918 and stayed the rest of their lives and where they are buried (but in a different plot from Martha). While living in Jerome, Edward served as city street commissioner, highway engineer, and county highway supervisor (positions which suggest that he was probably reasonably well educated, likely at his father's expense). Son Frederick also shows up in and near Jerome. Martha is shown in the 1920 census living with son Fred in Shoshone (not far from Jerome) indicating that Martha and sons Edward and Fred were all in Shoshone at about the same time. Records show that Fred married Gladys Bird in Jerome in 1925 and the 1930 census indicates that Fred was the Sheriff of Jerome. In 1949 Fred is apparently in Ketchum, ID (according to Edward's obit). Least is known about son Percy but he apparently moved around as he shows up over the years in San Francisco (1935) and Spokane (1949). Martha passed away in 1935 in Jerome where she had apparently lived with one or another of her sons Fred and Edward for many years (most recently with Edward).

So, in spite of finding much new information about the family, the mystery remains..... What happened to E.J. Turner, where is he buried, and why wasn't more about our Turner ancestors passed down to us as family oral history? I don't recall my father ever speaking of his Turner ancestors though he often spoke of his Hine and Kirtland ones. I believe the Darling side of the family had a similar situation suggesting that grandmother Rose didn't pass on a lot of information to either of her kids.

I find it quite strange that there is no obituary in the Soda Springs Chieftain for E.J., a prominent valley pioneer, rancher, and leader for almost 30 years prior to his death. I also find it quite strange that Martha's 1935 Jerome obituary (which I assume must have been written by sons Edward and/or Fred, both of whom grew up at the family homestead near Grace) only mentions her husband in passing and noticeably doesn't mention anything about the at least 20, and possibly 30 years she spent near Grace with E.J. raising the kids and married to a prominent local citizen. Could something have happened regarding E.J. which the family was not proud of and which caused them to disavow him? I've pretty much exhausted the online data currently available but not all old Idaho records are online yet and perhaps in the future some will become available which will shed more light on all this.

(Note: In my previous e-mail communication regarding the Turners some time back I mentioned that near the Turner ranch was an old town (now defunct), a canal, a road, and a mountain all carrying the name Turner. One historical source in the Grace library indicates

that these were likely named for a fellow named Theodore Turner, a land commissioner in Pocatello, and thus not after our ancestors as I thought might be the case.)

Related Information

While in California Ellen loaned me two "autograph" books which belonged to Grandmother Rose in which friends made entries during her childhood from the late 1880's into the early 1890's. These books have produced 2 priceless tidbits of useful information. (Does anyone watch History Detectives on PBS???)

1) They clearly indicate that Rose attended the "New Jersey Academy" in Logan UT from at least 1887 (when she would have been 12) till at least 1890 (age 15). I Googled the school and found that it was a Presbyterian private boarding school which merged with Wasatch Academy (still in business today) in 1934. I've e-mailed Wasatch to see if they have any old records regarding Rose but haven't heard back yet likely because school isn't currently in session.

2) There is an entry made in 1889 in the "Gentile Valley" (Grace) clearly signed "Your Uncle, F.H. Turner". This indicates that E.J. had a brother who was at least visiting the area, if not lived there at the time. I've searched the online records and found that a Frederick Hugh Turner was married in the Gentile Valley in 1881. Since both "Frederick" and "Hugh" are apparently family names (E.J. and Martha's son Edward's middle name being Hugh and another son was named Frederick) I have a high degree of certainty that this in fact was E.J.'s brother. Later census records show Frederick Hugh Turner and his wife living in Idaho Falls so they apparently didn't stay in the Grace area.

Armed with the info on E.J.'s now known brother I went back and searched the census records in the Milton/Janesville area of Wisconsin to see if I could find our great-great-grandparents (I'd failed at this before) and believe I've now found them in the 1870 census (which was after E.J. would have left home) and the 1880 census. The 1870 census shows F.H Turner with the correct birth year (based on his Idaho census info) and a presumed sister who attended Milton Academy at the same time E.J. did. Explaining all this will take another major write-up which I'll do at some other time. Till I have the time to research this a little further and document it better, I believe our great-great grandparents were likely John Turner (b. about 1802 in England) and his significantly younger wife Margaret (b. about 1827 in Wales). They apparently had 8 kids, E.J. being the oldest. In 1870 and 1880 they were farming in Rock County, WI (in which Milton and Janesville are located).

I could find no census or other records to tell me anything about Martha's parents (Hillman) in either Missouri (her birth place) or the Washington Territory where she moved with her parents as a child.

That's it for now. As usual, this got a little longer than I intended but I want you all to have the information.

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Edward John Turner
(Undated but labeled photo from Ruth Hine-Darling's family photo collection)



Martha Catherine Hillman-Turner

From Ruth Hine-Darling's family photo collection.

(The back of this undated but labeled photo indicates that it came from Evansville, WI which is in Rock County, believed to be the home of Edward's parents.)



Rose Turner-Hine

Undated but probably from her Gentile Valley days before she married first husband Guy B. Higgins in 1896. (From Ruth Hine-Darling's family photo collection.)



Overview of the Jerome, Idaho Cemetery located adjacent to the town (2006 photo).



Gravestone of Martha Catherine Turner, our great-grandmother, in Jerome, ID. The American Legion Auxiliary sign has apparently been there since her death. I have no idea what that's all about.



Gravestone of Edward H. Turner (Martha & E.J's son, Rose's brother, Ruth/Kirt's uncle) and his wife Mary.



Gravestone of John Edward Turner (Edward & Mary's son, Rose's nephew, Ruth/Kirt's first cousin).

DEATH OF PIONEER

In the death of Mrs. Martha Catherine Turner in Jerome last week there passed another of the real pioneers of the west. After a lingering illness, Mrs. Turner died on January 11th, 1935, at the home of a son, E. H. Turner. She was 81 years of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Turner was a real pioneer of the west and of Idaho. When a child of about ten years of age, she crossed the plains in the early 1860s with her parents, who settled in Washington. She had been a resident of Idaho for fifty-eight years. Her husband, E. J. Turner, died in 1916. A number of years ago the family resided in Shoshone, this state.

Mrs. Turner is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Hina, of Seattle, and Mrs. E. V. Jefferson, of Weiser, and three sons, Ed H. Turner and Fred H. Turner of Jerome, and Percy Turner of San Francisco.

The funeral was held at Jerome last Sunday afternoon at Jerome Catholic church, Father Schermenson, officiating, with interment at Jerome cemetery.

JEROME

Services Held For Edward Turner on Friday Afternoon

Final rites were held for Edward Hugh Turner on Friday, May 6, 1949 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Father E. A. Scherman-son officiated.

Mr. Turner was born January 18, 1877, at Spokane, Washington. He was the son of Edward J. and Martha H. Turner.

In 1908 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Clabby at Weiser, Idaho.

Mr. Turner came to Jerome from Shoshone 31 years ago. He has served as city street commissioner, highway engineer, and county highway supervisor.

Mr. Turner belonged to the Holy Name Society, an organization of the Catholic church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Turner; three daughters, Mrs. Gordon Gray, Twin Falls, Mrs. James Crow, Spokane, Wash., Mrs. George Hulbert, Gooding; a son, Richard D. of Jerome, another son, John, preceded him in death in 1946.

Two sisters, Mrs. Homer Hine, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. E. V. Jefferson, Weiser, Idaho; Two brothers, Fred Turner, Ketchum, and Percy Turner, Spokane, Washington.

Pallbearers were: Emmett Connor, M. V. Wolf, Nick Trappen, John Hosman, Emmett Smith, and James Gladowski.

Burial was in the Jerome Cemetery and the funeral arrangements were under direction of Frazier's Mortuary.

Edward H. Turner's Obituary from Jerome's North Side News.

Rosary Recited For M. Turner

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Monday at Hove Funeral Chapel and Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic church for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Turner, 86.

Mrs. Turner died Saturday morning, Jan. 24, 1970, at St. Benedict's hospital of a brief illness.

The Rev. Bernard McBride conducted the services.

Bearers were Murray O'Rourke, Charles Hosman, Edwin Nutsch, James Glodowski, Lee Chojnacky and Walter Huber.

She was born July 12, 1883, in York, Neb., and was an Idaho pioneer, moving to Weiser at an early age. In 1908, she was married to Edward Turner in Weiser. Later they moved to Jerome where she had lived for the past 54 years.

Mr. Turner died in 1949. Mrs. Turner belonged to the Catholic church, the Catholic Women's League, the Mary club, American War Mothers and St. Benedict's Hospital Guild.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Catherine) Gray, Twin Falls; Mrs. Wesley (Betty) Crow, Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. George (Dorothy) Hulbert, Portland; one son, Richard D. Turner, Memphis, Tenn.; four brothers, Neal Clabby, Gene Clabby, both Weiser, Louis Clabby and Nick Clabby, both San Diego, and 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Concluding services were at Jerome cemetery.

Mary Turner's Obituary from Jerome's North Side News.
(There was no obit for son J. E. Turner.)



Entering the Gem Valley from the West looking East. Grace and the Turner homestead in the Gentile Valley are behind the near-in mountain at right.



Part of the Last Chance Canal system a mile north-east of Grace. Water is diverted from the Bear River to the canal at a dam another mile or so upriver to the left of photo.



A plaque in the Grace town Park honoring those who built the Last Chance Canal and pioneered the valley.

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SODA SPRINGS,

The Last Chance Do the Honors

By all odds, one of the largest gatherings in the history of the great Gem valley assembled at the thriving little village of Grace last Monday afternoon and evening through invitation of the Last Chance Canal Company to celebrate in honor of the pioneers and promoters of the Last Chance Canal and of the payment of their bonded indebtedness. The affair will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to receive an invitation, and the committee composed of Messrs. John Williams, Frank Merrill, John Reeder, Frank Harris and J. Fred Potter did themselves proud in managing the affair and the large crowd of people without one single hitch.

The affair, proper, took place in the large and commodious Amusement Hall, which building, by the way, would be a credit to a city of ten thousand people, although, a part of the program was carried out at the fine new Tabernacle. At this place the Grace band dispersed music and there was singing, speaking and other pleasing events. Stories by the early settlers, how they struggled along, meeting with every known adversity, but persistent to the very last, when victory finally crowned their efforts, were told.

At 6:30 the guests were seated at the banquet tables, when President John Williams opened the ceremonies with a well-worded address, after which he introduced L. Sumner Pond as toastmaster, who, in his usual classic and witty manner called attention to the many good things in waiting and admonished all to be slow about their eating and not to eat too fast, for they would be in their seats for some time to listen to the program that had been arranged.

Bishop McCee Harris offered the blessing.

Toastmaster Pond was in doubt about everyone present being entitled

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Snow.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chatterton.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Green.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petersen.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geisler.
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Bosworth.
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Christensen.
Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Comish.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bedateak.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jepperson.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Rosdale.
Mr. and Mrs. George Allsop.
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Adams.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tanner.
Mr. and Mrs. Christ Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. John Allsop.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Corbett.
Mr. and Mrs. John Van Vleet.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snow.
Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ellis.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennet.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Olsen.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Westenfelder.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Goldsberry.
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mingo.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClellan.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner.
Mr. and Mrs. Alma Myers.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Turner.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burton.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cail.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Vandemaker.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wright.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Pond.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ormond.
Mr. and Mrs. David Miles.
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Calkins.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Rindlishbacker.
Mr. and Mrs. John Yost.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mickelsen.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sant.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kirby.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reddish.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parvis.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkham.
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allen.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stanford.

ANNOUNCE

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Toastmaster Pond was in doubt about everyone present being entitled to a seat, it was beyond his mind to conceive, and he called upon Bishop A. E. Hubbard to mount the platform and tell the crowd that they were welcome. This, Mr. Hubbard did, and he bid them welcome in a most excellent manner.

The next speaker was E. J. Turner, and in introducing him Toastmaster Pond paid him a most glowing tribute. Mr. Turner gave quite a bit of history in connection with the building of the Last Chance Canal, the many starts, the quits and finally the finishing of the canal that has made a garden spot of the southern end of the Gem valley. He told of coming to the valley in 1877, of the possibility of getting water from the big Bear river to water the thousands of rich acres and finally of work being started on the canal in 1897, of its incorporation February 14, 1899, and of its completion and water turned in on February 2, 1902. He was the company's first president and he was a very proud man to be present on this night to help his co-workers celebrate.

J. J. Trappett was called upon by the toastmaster and told of the history of the Last Chance, of his work on it and of his faith in its success from the very start. It was Mr. Trappett who named the canal "The Last Chance Canal."

Other speakers who gave interesting history of the early days in the building of the canal were: David Miles, John Allsop, T. J. McCann, Lewis S. Pond, Mrs. J. J. Cherry and Albert Medford.

During the time and in between the speakers a most splendidly arranged program, consisting of band music, quartettes, piano solos, etc., were given and thoroughly enjoyed.

A toast to the ladies by Hon. W. H. Mendenhall was a happy thought of the toastmaster, after which the Egbert quartette sang "Hard Times Come Again No More." This marked the finishing of the banquet, and of the greatest event ever held in Grace or of the Gem Valley.

The menu was splendidly arranged, and was served by forty or more young ladies who added to the pretty scene. The hall was tastefully decorated, and immediately over the stage in great big letters was this sign: "FREE FROM BONDAGE."

After the hall had been cleared dancing was indulged in and carried out until late Tuesday morning.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Andreasen, Mr. and Mrs. Moroni W. Lowe,

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allen.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Staunford.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.
Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peterson.
Mr. and Mrs. Johan Vandenkaker
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Christensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilbert.
Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Nanney.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Parvis.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson.
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bassett.
Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Swensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fullmer.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mickelsen.
Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Sumner Pond.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lord.
Mr. and Mrs. M. McMearty.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Green.
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Revolt.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Telford.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lund.
Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Clegg.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hubbard.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hubbard.
Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitehead.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Nanney.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Egbert.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Aylett.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gummerson.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hayes.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hansen.
Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cunnell.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bybee.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond.
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Allsop.
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Christensen.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reeder.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ratcliff.
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cully.
Mrs. C. C. Sullivan, Mrs. J. A. Toone, Mrs. Martin Black.
Misses Myrtle Pond, Frances Gray, Fira Tanner, Virda Hamb, Florence Reeder, Ione Bird, Gladys Sullivan, Caroline Sullivan, Ada Ormond, Louise Minzo, Louise and Grace Joseph, Jennie Dalton, Nesste Qualla, Reta Kirby, Alice Telford, Ada Poulsen, Leah Poulsen, Lillie Lowe, Rachael Hardy, Madge Bassett.
Messrs. E. E. Hammond, Emil Ellason, Gus Peterson, Joseph Vanmarker, R. Bedstead, Walter Sullivan, N. Barton, Frank Christensen, Albert Medford, Nels Johnson, Robert Kingsford, John Gibbs, John Kirby, C. Longenbaum, Calvin Bennett, Leo Bennett, James McCann, Arthur

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 Mr. and Mrs. John Roghaar,
 Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Norseth
 Mr. and Mr. Mathias Lowe,
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris,
 Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Poulsen,
 Mr. and Mrs. John Allsop
 Mr. and Mrs. Elias Stoddard
 Mr. and Mrs. George Hamp, Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Hamp, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter
 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dalton
 Mr. and Mrs. John Trappett
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Larsen
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tolman
 Mr. and Mrs. John Williams,
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Egbert
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adams
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rich,
 Mr. and Mrs. Therbet Johnson,
 Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warner,
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eddy
 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Montague
 Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hansen
 Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Egbert,
 Mr. and Mr. Doris Peterson
 Mr. and Mrs. McGee Harris,
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosmussen
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hayes
 Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Rosdale
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merrill.

Kingsford, John Gibbs, John Kirby,
 C. Longenbaum, Calvin Bennett, Leo
 Bennett, James McCann, Arthur
 Collins, William Poulsen, James Mills,
 Fred Barfuss, J. H. Hale, Jr., Royal
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UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mrs. O. C. Child, of Grace, under-
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 Tuesday afternoon. Reports from
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FOR SALE

Two good young pairs, well
 matched, four year-olds, for sale.

IRA VANDENAKKER
 Grace, Idaho

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Front page of the Soda Springs Chieftain from Feb 26th, 1914 containing a story about a banquet held to honor the Last Chance Canal. E.J. Turner is prominently mentioned about half way down the left hand column. (I had to split the above image into 3 parts to get it to fit.)

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The Ed Turner home - purchased by John & Elizabeth Trappett

Scan of a photocopy of a picture of the Turner home in a book titled “Gentile Valley, The First 100 Years”. The photo is undated so I have no idea when the home was build but it is implied that it was located at the homestead site (see next photos). When the home was purchased by J.J. Trappett is unknown. The home is no longer there apparently having been raised at some point in time. While at the homestead site I did find evidence of several areas where old and hard to see foundations suggest the home could have stood. There were several springs right at the homestead site which likely provided water.



The location of the Turner homestead as it looks today (July 2006). The small barn at the left is believed to be the original one on the site likely dating to 1877 and hand built by E.J. Turner. The other old buildings are of a newer construction (though currently abandoned and dilapidated) and may have belonged to E.J. Turner or subsequent owners of the site. No one currently lives here though it is apparently still used to graze and corral cattle. The Bear River is nearby to the left and slightly downhill.



Closer view of the old barn. The roof has apparently been improved upon over the years but the side logs appear original.



Inside the 3 stall old barn. Rose Hine would have likely performed chores here in the 1880's and early 1890's.



Looking up the Bear River (north) perhaps 100 feet from the homestead just out of sight and slightly uphill on to the right (east).



The old barn from across the Bear River. About 200 yards downstream from the homestead is a small parking lot and a foot bridge to allow hiking and camping access to the river.



Looking down the Gentile Valley (south) from the homestead site. The river is behind the trees at the right. E.J. Turner owned land for perhaps 2-1/2 to 3 miles along the river from this spot in this direction. A small part of the Grace Power Plant can be seen about 1/4 mile down the road.



Cattle grazing on land likely cleared by E.J. Turner way back when. The homestead is in the trees in the background above my car and the river to the left. The dirt road is maintained to allow recreational public access to the river.



From a point a mile or two further down river of land formerly owned by E.J. Turner along the river.