

Thomas Turner, the father was born March 4, 1822, near Richmond in Madison County, Kentucky, and at this writing is still living, at the venerable age of ninety years, his home being the old brick mansion built by his father and in which he spent many of the years of his youth. He is one of the few surviving California forty-niners, and his own career of two years on the golden Pacific Coast was filled with remarkable experience and adventure. With the exception of those two years, his lifetime has been spent on the old homestead. Before the war, he was a slave-owner. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and once was captain of a company of state militia. He was one of the first communicants of the Christian church when it was organized in this vicinity and helped build the church home and for many years served as an elder. In his earlier life he bought land at four dollars an acre that is now valued at one hundred dollars, and probably no resident of Boone County has witnessed such a succession of remarkable changes and developments. He married in 1842, Miss Lucinda Fowler, a daughter of John Fowler. Her death occurred on the 10th of October, 1874, and she was the mother of eight children, namely: Hudson, Matthew A., Ann Eliza, Paulina, George, Sterling, William and Jeff.