

Thomas Turner was born at the fort at Old Franklin, Howard county, April 15, 1817. He is a son of Smith and Nancy Turner, who were natives of North Carolina, but settled in Kentucky at an early day. In 1816 they removed to Howard County, Missouri and three years later came to Boone, locating in what is now the neighborhood of the old Rockford church, and becoming one among the pioneers of the county. Here Thomas Turner grew to manhood ...In 1839, Mr. Turner entered eighty acres of land south Centralia, on the line of Boone and Audrain counties. Here he has since lived, having added largely to his original tract, until his farm now comprises 721 acres of choice land, and is one of the best stock farms in the country. Mr. T. has uniform engaged in farming and stock raising...His son manages his fine farm. September 27, 1838, Mr. Turner married Miss Eleanor Turner, daughter of Thomas and Peggy (Denham) Turner, natives of Kentucky, and among the early settlers of this county. The subject of this sketch and his wife are the parents of two children, William S. and Mary B. M. Turner.