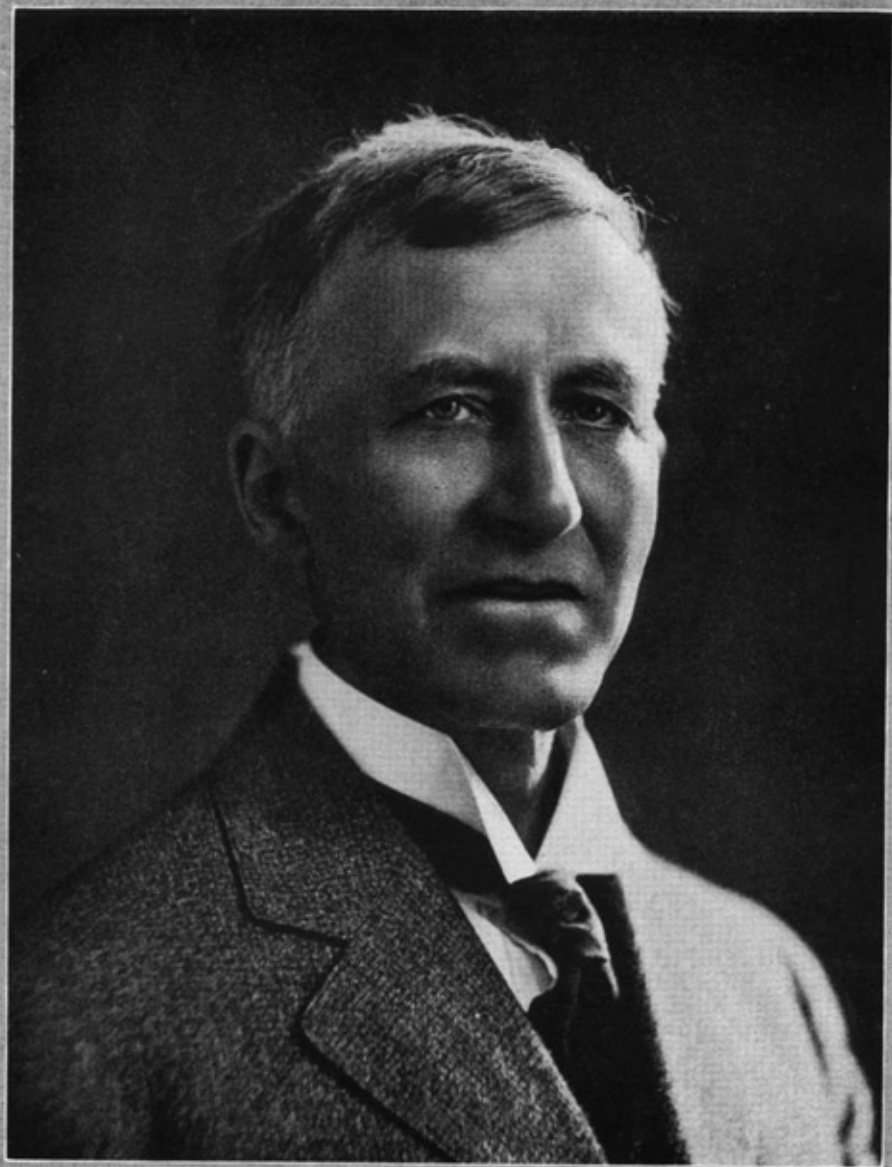


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John Turner, of Moorhead, one of the pioneers of this section of the Red River valley, former superintendent of schools of Clay county and formerly and for years one of the best-known and most influential educators hereabout, is a native of England, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on a farm in Hertfordshire, about twenty miles north of the city of London, in 1852, son of Daniel and Annie L. Turner, and has one sister and three brothers still living in England. Mr. Turner was reared in England and was educated in the schools of his native town, remaining there until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1871, he came to this country and proceeded on out to central Illinois, where he remained for some years with friends who owned a farm in that section. From that place Mr. Turner went over into Iowa and located in Franklin county, where he became engaged in farming and in teaching school, and was thus engaged there until the year 1880, when he came up into the Red River country, which by that time had begun to attract the serious attention of settlers, and acquired a tract of land in Hawley township, Clay county, where he now owns a valuable farm of four hundred and eighty acres.

Since his arrival in Minnesota, Mr. Turner has been principally engaged in teaching and farming and early became recognized as one of the most thoughtful educators in this part of the state. In 1900 he was elected superintendent of schools of Clay county and for eight years served in that important capacity, during that tenure of office rendering a distinct service in behalf of the cause of education in that county. During his residence here Mr. Turner has also rendered other effective public service and for one term served as justice of the peace in and for his home township.

In November, 1914, at Moorhead, John Turner was united in marriage to Mrs. Julia (Brigham) Ives, of that city, and has since made his home in the house on Seventh street built by Mrs. Turner before her second marriage. Mrs. Turner was born at Canton, Pennsylvania, of Puritan ancestry, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has traveled extensively in the United States and in 1913 made a tour of Europe. She possesses, in her own right, two farms in Clay county, which contains four hundred and forty acres. Her first husband, Joseph L. Ives, now deceased, was a resident of Marengo, Iowa. Mrs. Turner is of the Brighams, numbering thousands, now widely dispersed throughout



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the country, who are descendants of "Thomas Brigham, the Puritan," who founded the family in this country in 1635. During the progress of the great Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, through the courtesy of the Illinois commissioners the Illinois state building on the exposition grounds was secured for the celebration of "Brigham Day" at the fair and on October 18, 1893, in the assembly hall of that building there was organized a permanent organization of the descendants of Thomas Brigham in the United States; this association of kinsfolk having as its object the preservation of antiquities of value to the family and the systematic compilation of genealogical and biographical records, the general committee on arrangements for that meeting having been the following representative members of the family: Hon. Hosea W. Brigham, of Winchester, New Hampshire; Samuel P. Brigham, of Omaha, Nebraska; William A. Brigham, of Toledo, Ohio; Willard I. Brigham, of Minneapolis; Hon. Johnson Brigham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Daniel M. Brigham, of Milwaukee; George F. Brigham, of Sharon, Wisconsin; and Edmund D. Brigham, Capt. Henry G. Brigham, Gustavus B. Brigham, Rev. Leonard W. Brigham and Dr. Brayton A. Brigham, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have a very pleasant home at Moorhead and take an interested part in the general social and cultural activities of their home town. They spent the winter of 1917-18 at Asheville, North Carolina.