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My parents - Robert Thomas Turnbull and Charlotte Agnes Bogue - were born and raised in Lower West Branch precinct in Pawnee County - state of Nebraska - west and south of Pawnee City about eight miles.

Received their education at Lower West Branch school. Just one large room for approximately twenty students and one teacher for all grades - first through the eighth. She also swept the wood floors each night after school hours and each morning had to build a fire in a pot bellied stove with wood for the winter to keep them warm. This school house has been moved to ^{the museum in} Pawnee City, Nebr. ~~which~~

They were married in Mother's parents - (Merrill and Jane (Small) Bogue) home. February 20 - 1901 and started their life together on a farm four miles west of Pawnee City - one south - ~~to~~ ^{from west of} ~~and about another~~ ^{2 west and about another} ~~the~~ ~~the~~ mile south.

To this union four children were born. Maude Marie - Ray Robert - Helen Gertrude and Thomas Dean.

We all grew up in the same neighborhood and went to the same school as our parents except a short period when dad bought a farm 3 miles south and $\frac{3}{4}$ west of Pawnee City where we attended Barker school and Highschool in Pawnee City.

My Grandparents - Thomas & Kate Turnbull - had reached the years in life where they needed help so the farm was sold and we moved back to our old

community.

My Grandparents lived in a nice little 5 room bungalow and we lived in the old rock house where my Grandparents homesteaded.

They dug the rock from a hillside to build their house then years later added on more rooms with wood. No one has lived in the old house for years and without love and care its slowly falling to pieces except for the stone walls which if unmolested will never collapse.

Grandpa & Grandma's nice little bungalow has been neglected since their death and it, too, has deteriorated badly. Their farm has been sold and the new owner is tearing it down.

We have many happy memories