

the agents. Turner was not inclined to return east with the other explorers, but tarried till the arrival of J. Bullen, Jr., and went still farther south in search of a location either for himself or the Company. He and Bullen fixed on the mouth of Pike River for a habitation. Differences arising between them, they did not long act in concert, but in opposition to each other. As early as the first of August, 1835, Turner made his claim, and put up his house near the mouth of the river, where he resided till his death. His claim of 160 acres was allowed him by the Judicial Committee, and he had it surveyed into blocks and lots, and made sale of some of them. Bullen made a claim south of him, near the present brick yard, and there made his first residence. But when the Government surveys were made, these two claims were supposed to be on the same quarter section.

From what I could learn on my arrival, Bullen had hired the Woodbridges to build him a log house on the claim since held by S. Hale, then supposed to be one with the Kimball claim; and that after this was built, they put up another about twenty rods west of it, since occupied as a shoe-shop, and sometimes as a dwelling house by E. Woodbridge. Bullen had put Mr. A. Kellogg into the first named house before it had a door, floor, or window—a mere pen. After that, I finished and lived in it till January following. In consequence of this house being occupied, the Woodbridges pretended to occupy their small shanty. On this a dispute arose between them and Bullen, who, on raising the first frame, was opposed by E. Woodbridge with his axe. The committee on claims were called upon to settle the dispute, but no decision was obtained from them. For a long time, the parties attempted a settlement, and finally the Woodbridges relinquished all their claims to Bullen—viz.: the Kimball claim, and those soon after occupied by W. Bullen, J. Lothrop, A. Foster, and eighty acres by S. Doolittle, together with a quit claim of the other eighty, if Jerome would consent to relinquish it, which it appears he did not. For all, the Bullens' paid, I think, about \$400.