

He had been boarding with the family of Reuben McBride, with the art of Cupid, Reuben took him to the home of his widowed sister, Martha McBride Knight. There he met her daughter, Adaline.

After the conversion of the Knight family in New York, a supreme power had directed Adaline's parents to leave their prosperous home in that State and journey to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1835.

The following events may be reviewed of the Vinson Knight family:

Vinson Knight appointed counselor to Bp. Newel Whitney of Kirtland
Vinson Knight's presence at the dedication of Kirtland Temple.
Vinson Knight officiated in the administering of the sacred ordinances of the Kirtland Temple.
Removal of Knight family to Missouri.
Appointment of Vinson Knight as bishop at Adam Ondi Ahman, June 28, 1838.
He was a member of the committee, consisting of Joseph Smith and Alason Ripley, who selected and purchased the townsite of Nauvoo, Ill.
He was a member of the first Nauvoo City Council.
He was introduced into the Masonic Lodge April 13, 1842 by Joseph Smith.
He was one of the Prophets life guards in the Nauvoo Legion
Martha McBride Knight was a member of the first Relief Society organized by Pres. Brigham Young, March 17, 1842.
Vinson Knight called by revelation, Doc. and Cov. Sec. 124 to be first presiding bishop in the Church.
Death of Vinson Knight, July 31, 1842.

The principal events of the courtship of Gilbert and Adaline were the attendance of the happy couple to a circus, a ride in the finest coach in town, with enclosed glass doors, constructed by Gilbert himself, and a few quiet evenings alone.

The persecutions of the Saints became so bitter that evacuation of the beautiful City of Nauvoo became evident. Therefore the marriage of Gilbert and Adaline was planned and occurred December 21, 1845.

(Wedding scene)

EPISODE VII.
BIRTH OF GILBERT ROSEL BELNAP

Place: Winter Quarters.

Time: 1845 to 1848

Gilbert Belnap, Howard Knight Belnap

Adaline Knight Belnap, Jewel Belnap.

Narrator:

The faithful Saints were driven from their comfortable homes in Nauvoo, Ill., and the city left desolate in mid winter.

On the banks of the Mississippi, they were camped in covered wagons and temporary tents of covers drawn over a few poles.

Much sickness and distress prevailed, but many happy hours were spent around the camp fires, singing songs and dancing the Virginia Reel.