

BY-LAWS OF THE
BELNAP OR BELKNAP SURNAME ORGANIZATION

I. The name of this society shall be "Belnap and/ or Belknap Surname Organization."

II. Any direct descendant of a Belnap, whether the name is spelled Belnap or Belknap shall be eligible to membership in this organization.

III. The objects of this organization shall be to perpetuate the names and achievements of the men and women who bear the name of Belnap and/ or Belknap; by preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a library of historical and genealogical matter, securing unprinted manuscripts, photographs, and all such data as shall aid in perfecting a record of the strong character, pure life, and heroic deeds of the Belnap's and/ or Belknap's by holding a yearly reunion, by reviewing the lives of the Belnap's and/ or Belknap's teaching their descendants and the citizens of our country the lesson of faith, courage, and patriotism, and by creating a spirit of fellowship among their posterity.

IV. The organization badge to be worn is a miniture of the original "Coat of Arms" of the Belknap family.

V. There shall be a Board of Directors of this Organization consisting of one member of each of the following families;

- The Gilbert R. Belnap family,
- The Rachel Belnap family,
- The Joseph Belnap family,
- The Martha Jane Hammon Family,
- The Hyrum Belnap family,
- The Augustus W. Belnap family,
- The Vinson K. Belnap family,
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- The Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe family,
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- The Oliver Belnap family,

The Francis Marien Belnap family,

The Isadore Estela Belnap Stoddard family,

Other families may be added to this list by the consent of the group.

VI. There shall be a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Historian all to be selected by the group at large at one of their regular meetings. There shall also be a genealogist to be chosen by the Board of Directors. There shall be a Temple committee, chosen as above set forth consisting of a Chairman, a Genealogist and a recording secretary. The officers mentioned in this paragraph shall be chosen at any annual meeting by the group at large and in order to qualify must be a direct descendant of a Belnap and / or a Belknap, and shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected and qualify.

VII. All records accumulated by the Association shall be the property of the Organization.

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VIII. The Board of Directors may include a representative from any other Belknap family not mentioned in Article V. above.

IX. The Board of Directors shall automatically become members of the Temple Committee.

X. In the event of the death of the President, the First Vice President shall act and so on down the line of officers, and the Board of Directors shall appoint a new director when a vacancy occurs.

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XII. All meetings of the group shall be subject to the call of the president. Any three directors may call a meeting by giving notice through the Secretary.

XIII. Membership shall be one dollar per year per family.

XIV. Organization expenses must be approved by the President and Secretary before payment may be made.

XV. The Board of Directors and elective officers shall study the Utah genealogical family organization together with other sources and adopt for the next year ensuing regulations defining the duty of each officer.

The regulations as adopted shall be submitted to the next regular meeting at a family reunion for approval.

Belnap Family Reunion Programme

Call to Order By the Chairman G, R, Belnap

At 2 P, M, Oct, 5th 1904

Song By the Glee Club.

Prayer

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Secretary Report

Address of WELCOME by Ada line Bilnap

10

Duet by Weltha and Maud Belnap

10

Historical Report by H, Belnap

70

Oliver Belnap
Comic Song Oliver Belnap

10

Speech Martha J, Hammond

10

Resitation Estella Stoddard

10

Farewell Address F, M, Belnap

10

Resitation Marion A Belnap

15

Song by the assembly

10

Benediction

Dance

Florance Belnap Resitation

Myrtle Belnap Song

Marion Belnap Resitation

Weltha Belnap Song

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RESITATION BENECTION BEOCEVNE

Labor day - Sept 7, 1925

BELKNAP REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS

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- Piano Selection Jewel Belnap
- Recitation Henry Weese, formerly of West Va.
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- Song God be with you till we meet again.

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Belnap Reunion Held At Blackfoot, Idaho

The Belnap reunion was held Saturday, August 6, at the city park of Blackfoot, Idaho. There were over two hundred in attendance. The program commenced at ten o'clock with community singing. Lester Belnap of Moreland, Idaho gave the address of welcome. The program was given by a representative of the sons and daughters of Gilbert Belnap. Gilbert Marriot of Ogden told of the experiences of his grandfather Gilbert R. Belnap, and Marion Belnap Kerr of Salt Lake City gave a reading dedicated to Mary Belnap Lowe, daughter of Gilbert Belnap Sr., and written by her daughter Mertha Kingsford. Carl, Vere and Garth Belnap of Moreland, Idaho sang two songs and Emery Belnap of Preston, Idaho spoke. John and Joseph Lowe of Franklin, Idaho offered two songs and played a tune on the accordian. The history of the Belnap family was read by Mary Belnap Lowe of Franklin, Idaho. Henry Belnap of Glenns Ferry, Idaho added more to the history of the Belnap family.

After the program dinner was served.

Sports and games formed the afternoon entertainment. In the evening a dance was given in the second ward amusement hall of Blackfoot, Idaho.

REUNION Sept, 6, 1927

Reunion of Gilbert Belnap Family was held in Liberty Park at Ogden, Utah Sept. 6, 1927. In the evening a Pageant called "A History Of The Family Of Gilbert Belnap" written by Flora Belnap, was presented in the 13th Ward.

REUNION--August 6, 1932

The descendants of Gilbert Belnap, ^{who} joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1842, and his wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap, was held August 6, 1932 at Blackfoot, Idaho.

This was the first Belnap reunion held outside of the state of Utah and was marked by an unusually large attendance. The gathering was held at the city Park where a program was given by members representing the different branches of the family, consisting of "The History of the Belnap Family," written by Mary Belnap Lowe. "The Family Tree," a poem written for the occasion by Myrtha Lowe Kingsford. Also instrumental selections and songs and a report given by the Secretary, Joseph H. Belnap.

Four of the original family of 15 children were present and descendants of 12 of the original 18. 213 signed the register.

The oldest son on the grounds was Hyrum Belnap age 74. The oldest grandson, William O. Belnap age 57. The oldest great-grandson, Albert Belnap age 29 and the oldest great-great-grandson, Harold Miskin Hill age 8.

Following the program a lunch was served, after which the afternoon was spent in sports. A dance in the evening concluded the day's program.

Reunion--July 1, 1939

Minutes of the Belnap Family Reunion held at Franklin, Idaho, July 1, 1939 at Franklin Park and Amusement Hall.

At 1:00 P.M. a picnic lunch was enjoyed by the assembly.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Wm. O. Belnap who acted as temporary chairman and presided. The opening song by congregation was "America." Prayer by Augustus R. Belnap.

The following program was given under the direction of Hyrum A. Belnap

Solo by Viola Belnap accompanied by Jewel Van Norton. (Van Norton)

Violin and piano duet by Lois and Mildred Belnap.

A sketch of the life of Augustus Belnap was given by his son Elmer.

Cornet and piano duet by Lois Cottle and Earl Simpson.

Mary Belnap Lowe gave a sketch of her life.

Solo by Ruth Belnap accompanied by her mother.

Focal duets with accordin and guitar accompaniments by Joe and John Lowe.

Roll call by families showed the following numbers present:

Descendants of Ruben Belnap	7
" Joseph Belnap	19
" Hyrum Belnap	16
" Gilbert R. Belnap	13
" Vinson son Belnap	0
" Amasa Belnap	6
" Adeline B. Lowe	2
" Mary B. Lowe	17
" Lola B. Coolbear	6
" Jane H. Hammond	0
" William J. Belnap	8
" Oliver Belnap	21
" Frank Belnap	4
" Isadora B. Stoddard	2
" Augustus W. Belnap	4

Directly after program congregation recessed for a short time, At 4:30 reconvened for election of officers. Arias Belnap acted as temporary chairman. Hyrum A.

Belnap presented a tentative set of By-Laws of the Belnap Family Organization he had prepared for the approval of the assembly which, with a few minor corrections and amendments, were accepted. The chairman announced the payment of the \$1.00 per family per year dues could be made to the Secretary in accordance with the By-Laws. The Chairman announced the election of officers was in order.

Wm. O. Belnap was unanimously elected as President. Mary B. Lowe was unanimously elected as 1st Vice President and Henry H. Belnap as 2nd Vice President. Joseph H. Belnap was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Marion B. Kerr was elected as Historian. It was decided by the assembly that the Board of Director's provided for in By-laws, would consist, together with the executive officers, of one member from the families of each of the children of Gilbert Belnap. A short recess was called while each of the families present selected its representative. The following names were chosen:

Mead Belnap,	Moreland, Ida
Arias G. Belnap	Ogden, Utah
Alpha Crow	Salt Lake City, Utah
A. R. Belnap	Blackfoot, Ida
Annie Flitton	Ogden, Utah
Emory Belnap	Prestion, Ida
Adaline B. Childs	Ogden, Utah
Zeruah L. Thompson,	Richmond, Utah
Rose James Belnap	Salt Lake City, Utah
Henry Belnap	Aimo, Ida
Rosel Belnap	Salt Lake City, Utah
Amasa Hammon	Roy, Utah
Chas. Stoddard	Myton, Utah
John Belnap	Hooper, Utah
Lovel Belnap	Ogden, Utah

From the above directors was to be chosen a Temple Committee at a later date.

At the invitation of Mary B. Lowe those wishing to do so met at her home and spent the evening.

Minutes of the meeting of the Belnap Family organizaion Board of directors held October 8, 1939 at the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with Presl Wm. O. Belnap presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was to procede to perfect the organization in accordance with the by-laws.

Those elected were;

Researcher and geneologist: Mr. and Mrs. Mead Belnap

Recorder: Della Belnap

Temple Committee Chairman: Emory Belnap with full power to select his assistants.

Minutes of a Belnap Family meeting held at the residence of Joseph H. Belnap April 8, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Pres. Wm. O. Belnap presided. Those present were; Henry Belnap of Glenss Ferry, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Hammond of Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Flitton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garner, Marion B. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Belnap and Mrs. Joseph H. Belnap.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a temporary asecretary to finish the term of Joseph H. Belnap, deceased. Pres. Wm. O. Belnap called for a motion. Amasa Hammond moved that Jean B. Platt, daughter of Joseph H. Belnap act as temporary secretary and treasure until the next reunion. Seconded by Henry Belnap. Motion put and carræd.

Moved by Amasa Hammond that Secretary be authorized to purchase a binder and sufficient sheets and equipment to properly record the belnap names, etc. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved to accept Marion B. Kerr's offer of presenting Belnap records in her possession to the Belnap organization. Moved that a vote of thanks also be extended to Flora Belnap for her work.

Moved and seconded that President Wm. O. Belnap appoint a committee to organize and plan for a Belnap Family Reunion for the summer of 1940

COPY OF THE INVITATION

Ogden, Utah
August 9, 1940

Dear Kin;---

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend the reunion of the Belnap or Belknap family to be held at the Park in Hooper, Utah, Saturday August 31, 1940.

Each family will provide their own basket lunch which will be served between the hours of 12 noon and 2 o'clock P.M.

A program and sports will follow the luncheon period. Each family is invited to furnish one number for the program. Upon arrival you will please advise the program committee of the nature of the number together with the name or names of those participating.

Dancing is being arranged for in the evening so kindly prepare to remain for this added pleasure.

In order to provide finances with which to perpetuate the family organization the By-Laws adopted at the reunion held in Franklin July 1, 1939 provide "Membership shall be one dollar per year per family." Mail the \$1.00 membership fee to the secretary Mrs. Jean B. Platt, RFD #1 Ogden, Utah or bring it with you to the reunion.

If you did not send or bring in your complete family record last year you are urged to do so this year.

Hoping you, your family and friends will be at the reunion, we remain.

Sincerely yours

REUNION--August 31,1940

Minutes of the Belnap Family Reunion held at Hooper Park and Amusement Hall at Hooper, Utah. August 31,1940.

A picnic lunch and get acquainted period was enjoyed by those present from 1:00 P.M. untio 3:00 P.M.

At 3:00 p.m. the assembly was called to order in the Hall by Pres. Wm. O. Belnap. Prayer by Amasa M. Hammond.

Minutes of the Reunion held at Franklin, Idaho, July 1,1939 were read by acting Secretary Jean B. Platt and with a few ammendments were approved.

Remarks of welcome by Pres. Wm. O. Belnap
The following program was given under the direction of Lorenzo Belnap.
Community singing led by Lorenzo Belnap, accompanied by Mabel Belnap
History of the life of Henriette McBride Belnap was given by Mary B. Lowe.
Cornet duets by Francis (Bud) and Earl Simpson, accompanied by Lois Cottle.
Reading by Beth Fowers.
Vocal duets with accordian, guitar and piano accompaniments by Joe and Mohn Lowe, including "Down in the Green Fields of Oakland."
Humerous stories and remarks by John Belnap.
Flute duets by Knight and Walter Kerr.
Vocal trios by Viola, Iola and Elma Belnap accompanied by Mabel Belnap.
Piano duet by _____ and _____ Palmer, grandchildren of Mary B. Lowe.
Remarks from Agustus R. Belnap.

Roll call by families showed the following numbers present;

Descendants of Ruben Belnap	12
" Joseph Belnap	6
" Jane Hammond	7
" Hyrum Belnap	6
" Gilbert R. Belnap	6
" Vincent Belnap	4
" Amasa Belnap	1
" Adaline B. Lowe	2
" Mary B. Lowe	12
" Lola B. Coolbear	13
" William J. Belnap	30
" Oliver Belnap	12
" Agustus W. Belnap	1
" Frank Belnap	30
" Isadora B. Stoddard	5

Introdustion of older members of Belnap family and remarks about each were given by Amasa M. Hammond. A 30 second tribute of silence was observed by all for Eliza Belnap, Joseph H. Belnap, Hyrum A. Belnap and Delsa Lowe who had passed away since the reunion last year. A motion was made by Amasa M. Hammond that the reunion for 1941 be held in Idaho, which was duly seconded and carried. It was suggested that all arrangements for the program and other events be under the direction of the Belnap families living in Idaho. The date was set for the last Saturday in August. The time and place to be announced later.

All officers as elected at the Reunion one year ago continued on in office for one more year with the exception of Secretary Joseph H. Belnap. Jean B. Platt was unanimously elected to fill vacancy caused by his death.

It was announced that dues of \$1.00 per family per year should be paid to the secretary.

After another song by congregation the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 P.M.

At 7:30 p.m. the congregation was again called to order in the amusement hall by Pres. Wm. O. Belnap. Community singing was led by Lorenzo Belnap.

The assembly was entertained by request numbers by John and Joe Lowe who accompanied their singing on the guitar and piano.

Several original comedy skits were put on under the direction of the daughters of Wm. O. Belnap, among which was the "Family Album" portraying different members of the Belnap family at early periods in their lives.

At the conclusion of the program dancing was enjoyed in the Ward Hall.



BELNAP REUNION

MORELAND, IDAHO.

(8 miles west of Blackfoot--at new church building and grounds

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Saturday



11 AM

LUNCHEON

----THE IDAHO BELNAP'S WILL BE HOST TO THE UTAH AND ALL OTHER BELNAP'S--- THE UTAHNS WILL SERVE THE WATERMELONS AND TOMATOES---BRING YOUR APPETITES

ENTERTAINMENT

----SPORTS PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW THE LUNCHEON---DANCING HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR IN THE EVENING---VISITING AND REFRESHMENTS DURING THE INTERMISSION BETWEEN THE SPORTS PROGRAM AND THE DANCE.

MAIL THE \$1.00 PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEE TO THE SECRETARY MRS. JEAN B. PLATT, 617 ECCLES BLDG., OGDEN, UTAH OR BRING IT TO THE REUNION



Belnaps Will Hold Moreland Reunion

MORELAND, Idaho, Aug. 23--All relatives and friends of the Belnap or Belknap families are cordially invited to attend their reunion, which will be held at the new church building and grounds in Moreland, Idaho, Saturday, Aug. 30. Moreland is eight miles west of Blackfoot, Idaho. The time for gathering is eleven a. m.

A luncheon will be served between the hours of twelve noon and one-thirty p. m., at which the Idaho Belnaps will be hosts.

The reunion committee is arranging for a program and games following the luncheon period. Dancing will be the evening entertainment.

REUNION--August 30,1941

Minutes of the Belnap Family Reunion held at the L. D. S. Amusement Hall at Moreland, Idaho, August 30,1941 which convened with a get acquainted hour from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 o'clock p.m. President Wm. O. Belnap presided. The invocation was given by Amasa Hammond. Introduction of the older members of the family who were present was made by Amasa Hammond, as follows; Mary Belnap Lowe Robbins only living daughter of Gilbert Belnap. Sabina R. Belnap, widow of Frank Belnap. Anna Belnap, widow of Oliver Belnap. William Coolbear, husband of Lola Belnap Coolbear, deceased. It was announced that Augustus Belnap, the only living son of Gilbert Belnap, was not able to be present.

The program was conducted by Lester O. Belnap and consisted of a number by each of the sons and daughters of Gilbert Belnap or their descendants. Community singing was led by Garth Belnap a grandson of Oliver Belnap accompanied by Lonedra Benson. A short sketch of the early life of Gilbert Belnap was given by and was concluded by reading a letter written by him to Franklin D. Richards while he was on a mission to the State of New York.

Arthur R. Meskins, son in law of Ruben Belnap, read a number of appropriate jokes. In the absence of a member of the Gilbert R. Belnap family, Flora Belnap gave some incidents in the life of Gilbert R. Belnap especially pertaining to his term as sheriff of Weber County, Utah. A tribute was paid to Martha Jane Belnap Hammond by her son Amasa Hammond. Joan Belnap a great grand daughter of Augustus Belnap sang a solo, "America the Beautiful."

Lindsay, a grandson of Oliver Belnap gave a violin solo. Lola Belnap Coolbear was represented by her husband, William Coolbear who gave a short sketch of her life. Amasa Belnap's son, Evan, read a poem, "I Know Something Good About You." In the absence of a member of the Vincent Belnap family, incidents in his life were given by Flora Belnap. Mary Belnap Lowe Robbins represented herself by paying a short tribute to her father Gilbert Belnap. Scott Williams, a grandson of Addie Belnap Lowe sang a solo "Who is Silvia", accompanied by Maud Lowe Hansen. Annie Cottle, a great grand daughter of William Belnap gave a reading. A vocal trio was given by Elma Belnap Ross, Vola and Viola Belnap, grand daughters of Frank M. Belnap, accompanied by their mother Mrs. G. Ellis Belnap. Elma Belnap Ross, a grand daughter in law of Joseph Belnap sang a solo accompanied by her sister Viola Belnap. A reading was given by Robert Dial, a great grandson of Isadora Belnap Stoddard. Remarks were given by Roy Stoddard who had been reared by Adaline Belnap. She had taken him as a tiny baby and reared him to manhood.

At the conclusion of the program a roll call according to families was taken by the President which showed the following representatives present;

Ruben	27
Joseph	2
Jane Hammond	2
Hyrum	12
Gilbert	
Vincent	
Amasa	2
Adaline	12
Mary	8
Lola	5
William J.	11
Oliver	60
Augustus W.	27
Frank	18
Isadora	24

Officers Present;

W. O. Belnap, Pres.
Mary B. Lowe Robbins, Vice Pres.
Henry Belnap
Marion B. Kerr, Historian

The assembly adjourned for lunch at 2:15 P.M.

After lunch the after noon was spent in getting acquainted and participating in sports by old and young. A business meeting of the executive officers and directors of the family organization was called for 5:30 P.M.

Minutes of the business meeting of the Belnap Family Organization which convened at 5:30 p.m. in the L.D.S. Amusement Hall at Moreland, Idaho, August 30, 1941. President Wm. O. Belnap presided. The invocation was offered by F. E. Belnap. Pres. Wm. O. Belnap asked 2nd Vice Pres. Henry Belnap to further conduct the meeting.

Minutes of the Belnap Family organization meeting held in Hooper, Utah Aug. 31, 1940 were read by the acting secretary, Lillian B. Belnap, and unanimously approved. Also the minutes of the Franklin Reunion Business meeting and the minutes of the business meeting held in the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City, Oct. 8, 1939 were read and approved.

Second Vice Pres. Henry Belnap spoke on the importance of keeping the Surname organization functioning and conducting all business in an orderly manner. The action of the director's meeting of Oct. 8, 1939 was approved.

Flora Belnap was recognized by the chair and suggested as there was a break in our direct line that immediate research be instituted. Mrs. Philips spoke to Flora Belnap's remarks.

The chairman called for the pleasure of the assembly on organization. Amasa Hammond moved that the present officers be retained. The motion was seconded by George Ellis Belnap. The motion was put and unanimously carried. The Question of the duties of the historian was asked by Historian Marion B. Kerr and answered by the chairman, Verna Lowe. suggested that a history of the older members lives be written and submitted to Historian to be read at succeeding reunions. Financial report was read by acting secretary, Lillian B. Belnap and approved.

The President and two vice Presidents appointed a committee to make arrangements for getting the Belnap records indexed and place in the Genealogical Library.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Idaho Belnaps for the grand entertainment of the Belnaps in 1941. Ogden was named as the next meeting place for a reunion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The reunion was concluded by a dance held in the Amusement Hall which comenced at 8:30 p.m. Benediction at the close of the dance by-----

REUNION AUG. 26, 1946

Reunion of the Belnap Family held at Hooper Amusement Park August 26, 1946. President Wm. O. Belnap presiding and conducting.

Members assembled at 12:00 noon with basket lunch. Ate in Family Groups in the park. There were representitives from California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Michigan and Illinois.

Adjourned to Hopper Amusement Hall at 4:00 p.m. for program and business meeting. Address of welcome by Pres. Wm. o. Belnap.

Community singing led by Lorenzo Belnap, son of F. M. Belnap, accompanied by Merlyn Belnap, daughter of Lorenzo Belnap.

Amasa Hammond, son of Martha Jane B. Hammond, requested the congregation to sing, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded."

Invocation by Henry ~~o~~. Belnap of Almo, Idaho. (son of William Belnap)

Puppet Show by James Parker, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Jay Bues.

Coronet trio by Francis Simpson and sons Earl and Jay, and they were grandsons of W.O.Belnap. They were accompanied by Merlyn Belnap.

Minutes of Reunion held in Moreland, Idaho Aug. 30, 1941 were read and approved.

Chairman Wm.O.Belnap turned meeting over to Vice Pres. Mary B. Lowe for re-organization. Mary Lowe said, "Officers had met at a nominating committee and had decided on some officers that they thought would conduct the organization in a creditable manner, and hoped they would meet with the approval of all present. They were; Pres. Lester Belnap
1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap
2nd Vice Pres. Lovel Belnap
Secretary, Della Belnap

Amasa Hammond objected to this procedure and asked for a more democratic form of organization. Flora Belnap also objected and said, By-Laws had been prepared but didn't think they had ever been used. She didn't know where they were. By-Laws were produced by acting Secretary Lillian B. Belnap, which had been accepted and recorded at a previous meeting. Pres. Wm. O. Belnap appointed Amasa Hammond to read the By-Laws. Mary Lowe, Vice Pres, turned further organizing over to Amasa Hammond and he proceeded with the business.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for President. Lester Belnap was nominated by Marion Kerr and seconded by Lillian Belnap. Flora Belnap nominated Earl Read Belnap, who with drew his name. Lillian Belnap moved nominations be closed and Lester Belnap be voted in by acclamation. Seconded by Wm. O. Belnap. Lester Belnap was unanimously elected President.

Other officers elected unanimously were
 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap
 2nd Vice Pres. Lee Stoddard
 Sec. Della Belnap
 Historian; Marion B. Kerr

The office of Researcher was not voted upon, there for it was retained by Mead Belnap

Meeting was turned back to Pres. Wm. O. Belnap who continued with the Program. Quartet by West and Lee Stoddard, Lorenzo Belnap and Joe Moore. Piano Duet; Parley and Merlyn Belnap Reading; Barbara Ann Belnap Harmonica solo; Mr. Jensen Cornet trio; Simpsons Remarks by new Pres. Lester Belnap

"He said, It gave him a thrill to put his feet on the soil of his birth. Hoped we would all pledge ourselves to honor our grandfather for another year. Thanked those present for the confidence they had in him and that he would try to fill the office creditably.

1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap thanked those present for there confidence and hoped to fill the office honorably.

2nd Vice Pres. Lee Stoddard said, "As an honor to his mother, Isadore B. Stoddard he would do his best to be a successful officer.

Della Belnap and Marion Kerr hoped to make a success of their work.

Mary Lowe told how the "K" was taken out of the Belnap name. The program closed with another number from the quartet.

Directors appointed were;
 Ruben Belnap's family by Ruben Belnap Jr.
 Joseph " " Leonard Belnap Ross
 Martha Jane " " D. Glen Hammond
 Hyrum " " Ldis Foster Belnap
 Vinson " " Lovel Belnap
 Amasa " " Rose Belnap
 Adaline " " *Zervah Thomson*
 Mary " " Mary Lowe
 Lola " " Alpha Crowe
 William " " Wm. O. Belnap
 Oliver " " Wilford Belnap
 Francis " " F. Eugene Belnap
 Isadora " " Westey Stoddard
Gilbert " " *Gilbert Marriott*
Augustus " " *Earl Belnap*
 Gathering adjourned until evening.

Business meeting of officers was called. Dues were collected by the secretary Benediction by Lillian B. Belnap.

Belnap Family Picks Officers at Reunion

Large numbers of the Belnap family from Utah, Idaho, Oregon, California and points as far east as Michigan and Illinois attended family reunion at Hooper Saturday.

Luncheon was served at noon followed by games, a program, and business meeting in the afternoon. Festivities concluded with a party in the evening.

Wm. O. Belnap, retiring president of the organization, was in charge of activities and conducted the program. Community singing was under direction of Lorenzo Belnap. Cornet trio numbers were played by Francis V. Simpson and his two sons, Earl and Jay. Several male quartet numbers were sung by Lorenzo Belnap, Joe Moore, Lee and West Stoddard. Readings were given by seven-year-old Barbara Ann Belnap, Salt Lake City. Piano duets were played by Parley and Marilyn Belnap. Talks and sketches were given by Mary B. Lowe, Lester, Reuben and Volney Belnap and Lee Stoddard. Of the latter number, Mary B. Lowe is a daughter and the other four grandsons of Gilbert Belnap, deceased, the first Mormon bishop of Hooper.

Family organization officers elected to serve for the next year are: Lester Belnap, Moreland, Idaho, president; Volney B. Belnap, Ogden, first vice president; West Stoddard, Hooper, second vice president; Della Belnap, Ogden, secretary-treasurer, and Marion B. Kerr, Salt Lake City, historian.

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY MEETING held April 18, 1947 at
residence of Della Belnap.

Pres. Lester O. Belnap presided. Those present were; Lester O. Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Lee Stoddard and wife, Mary Lowe, Annie Flitton, Stella Cox, Ruben Belnap Jr. and Della Belnap.

Topics of discussion were; The next Family Reunion and a genealogical record for the "Belnap Family."

1. It was voted to hold next Family reunion in Ogden, Utah.
2. The date was set for the end of Aug. or Sept. 1948.
3. Files and Records should be bought. A genealogical record should be started for the use of the entire Belnap Family.
4. Authorized the secretary to buy a book to keep the minutes in, in order to keep a more permanent record.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Held March 20, 1948 at the home of Volney Belnap in Ogden, Utah.

Meeting convened at 8:00 p. m. with Pres. Lester Belnap presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to plan this years reunion.

The date was set for Sept. 11, 1948 at Ogden, Utah at the 20th Ward.

A Program committee was appointed consisting of Lorenzo Belnap, Mrs. Lois Belnap and George Belnap. Lorenzo Belnap as Chairman.

Those present were Lester Belnap, Mr. and Mrs. Volney Belnap, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stoddard, Della Belnap, Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Thomson, Mrs. Lois Belnap and Mrs. Annie Flitton.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

REUNION 1948

Reunion of Belnap Family held at Ogden, Utah Sept. 11, 1948 at the 20th Ward.

Members assembled at 12:00 noon with a basket lunch. Each family ate with their own family group. Tomatoes and water melons were furnished by the committee. There were representatives from Utah, Idaho, Nevada and California.

A program and business meeting was held in the chapel at 3:00 pm. Pres. Lester Belnap presiding and 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap conducting.

Piano and organ prelude by Parley and Merlyn Belnap

Prayer by Henry Belnap

Address of welcome by Volney B. Belnap

Two songs by Merlyn Belnap accompanied by Parley Belnap

A brief History of Jane Richmond and Heneritte McBride wives ^{and mother} of Gilbert Belnap was given by Mrs. Olive Be Jenson.

Two musical numbers by Wesley and Marion Cox

Marion B. Kerr gave present history of family gathered from clipping from news papers and etc. She asked the people to send in more clippings and to be sure to put dates on them.

Two piano Solos by Parley Belnap. One number was his own arrangement of "Come come Ye Saints."

Presentaion of flowers by Lester Belnap to Mary B. Lowe oldest living member of the Belnap family; to Anna L. Belnap, wife of Oliver Belnap and to Julia Rose Belnap, wife of Amasa Belnap.

Minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

Question of a fund of research and genealogical work was taken up. A motion was made that the \$1.00 fund be paid this year and authorized the committee to raise it to \$5.00 if need be next year.

The motion was passed.

Each family was asked to vote in their family groups for a Board member to represent their family and to notify the Secretary who they are. No votes were taken so the present Board will stand as now constituted.

Motion was made to keep present officers in office for another year. The motion was passed.

Motion was made that the reunion be held on Sept 20, 1950 in honor of Gilbert Belnap, who arrived in Utah 100 years ago on that day. The motion was passed.

After the Business meeting a moving picture of the 1945 Reunion at Franklin, Idaho was shown by Dr. H. Earl Belnap. Also a ball game was held between the Idaho boys and the Utah boy.

In 1948 there was \$55.00 in the bank. collected \$57.00. Expenses \$27.30 Deposited \$29.70 in the First Security Bank. Total \$84.70.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap



OGDEN, UTAH

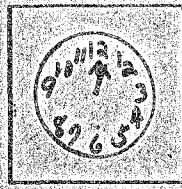
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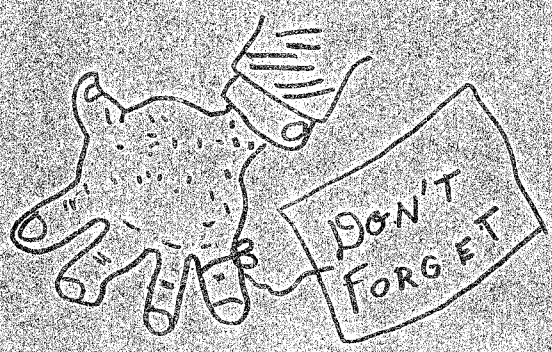
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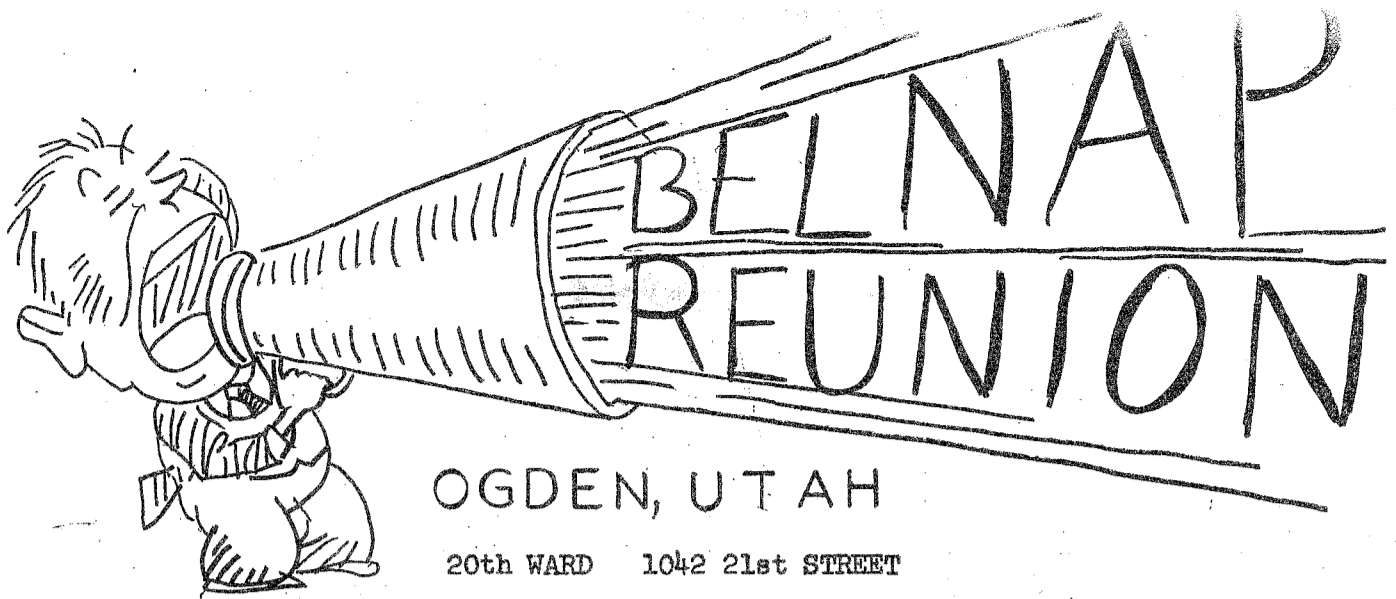
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. THE COMMITTEE WILL SERVE TOMATOES AND WATER MELONS.

ENTERTAINMENT A PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW THE LUNCHEON

AT 2:00 P.M. AFTER WHICH THE UTAH BOYS WILL CHALLENGE THE IDAHO BOYS TO A BALL GAME.

MAIL THE \$1.00 PER FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP FEE TO THE SECRETARY,
DELLA BELNAP, 815 32nd, OGDEN, UTAH,
OR BRING IT TO THE REUNION --
NOTIFY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.





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12 Saturday

TIME



12 NOON

LUNCHEON BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. THE COMMITTEE WILL SERVE DRINKS

ENTERTAINMENT

AFTERNOON:

Program at 2 o'clock
Games after Program

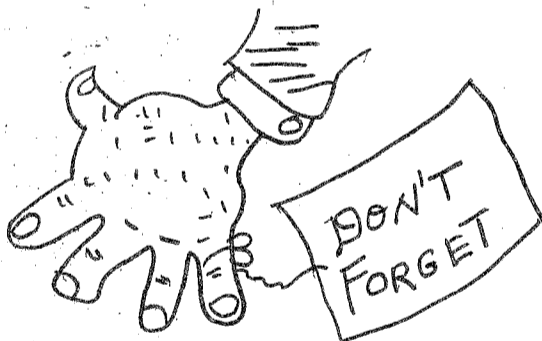
EVENING:

Family Historical Program, 7:30 o'clock P.M.

We have printed Gilbert Belnap's Journal and a family group picture of his family in memory of his entering Salt Lake Valley 100 years ago; which you will receive upon payment of this year's fee of \$5.00.

Extra Pictures or Journals may be had at cost.

Mail money in early, so book and picture will be ready for you, to the Secretary, Della Belnap, 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah.



NOTIFY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.

One hundred years since Gilbert Belnap and family entered the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1850.

BELNAP REUNION AUGUST 12, 1950

BUSINESS MEETING was held at 2:00 p.m.

Conducted by Volney E. Belnap.

Prelude- Parley Belnap

Prayer- John Belnap

Introduction of the book printed in honor of Gilbert Belnap. The purpose of the book is to preserve the history of the family. The book is a loose leaf book so more information can be added. Its titled "Centennial Issue in honor of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap 1850-1950"

The minutes were read and approved.

A report was given, by Della Belnap, of the number of decendants of Gilbert Belnap for 100 years. However the report was not complete. We were unable to obtain a family group sheet from each member of the family. The report was as follows

Name	children living	-- Dead	Total	In-laws	
Gilbert Belnap		17	17	18	
Gilbert R.	37	8	45	16	
Reuben	95	15	110	35	
Joseph	80	18	98	30	
Martha Jane	167	19	186	56	
Hyrum	52	9	61	23	complete
Augustus	79	11	90	33	
Vinsen	25	3	28	12	
Amasa	48	7	55	26	complete
Adaline	43	5	48	9	complete
Lola	34	2	36	10	complete
Mary	39	12	51	21	
William	121	18	139	49	complete
Oliver	136	17	153	35	complete
Frank	65	8	73	37	
Isadora	145	20	165	41	
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Meeting was opened for nomination of Officers.
A motion was made and seconded to retain present officers.
The motion passed.

A motion was made to hold the next reunion in Idaho. The town and the date to be left up to the committee. The motion passed. Pres. Lester Belnap stated the next reunion be held in 1952.

It was reported that a New chapel of the L.D.S. Church was being built on the old Belnap Home Stead in Hooper.

A program followed. Conducted by Lester Belnap.
Welcome talk--Lester Belnap
Organ- Dona Palmer, Daughter of Fern Lowe Palmer
Song- Stewen Baker accompanied by his mothers.
Song- Kathleen Belnap accompanied by her mother. Daughter of Hyrum A. Belnap.
Organ Duet- Parley Belnap and Jay Simpson
Violin solo-Conrad Jenson Jr. accompanied by Mrs. Lois Belnap. Jenson is son of Olive Belnap Jenson.
Cornet solo- Jay Simpson accompanied by Parley Belnap. Grandson of W.O. Belnap.
Historial talk- Marion B. Kerr. She divided her talk into three divisions.

1st. Those who had passed away since last reunion.

- Mary B. Lowe
- Mrs. Mead Belnap
- Eli R. Stoddard
- Geo. R. Mc Bride
- Chas. R. Mc Bride
- Lowell Belnap

2nd. Missionaries-

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Conrad Jenson Jr. | Boyd Belnap | Ronald Belnap | Bruce Belnap |
| Blaine Belnap | Donald Belnap | Gordon Belnap | Stanley Belnap |
| Reed M. Belnap | Edwin A. Crow | Pharis Horman | Walter Kerr |
| Jay Simpson | Wayne Belnap | | |

3rd People in the Press.

Flowers were presented to the three remaining In-laws.

1. WM. Coolbear, accepted by his daughter Alpha Crow
2. Rose B. Hicks, accepted by Amasa Belnap Jr.
3. Anna Belnap

Also to the oldest grandshild present- Wm. O. Belnap

Roll call showed 51 present from Idaho

- 7 from Oregon
- 3 from Nevada
- 7 from California
- 119 from Utah
- 2 from Pa.

Samuel Weaner a genealogist and a distant relative from Los Angeles, Calif. sent a record of his family to the Belnap Family.

Meeting was dismissed until 7:30.

Closing prayer- A. W. Belnap

Pres. Lester Belnap presided over the program held at 7:30 p.m. with Marion B. Kerr conducting, the program which was arranged by her.

GILBERT BELNAP PIONEER CENTENNIAL

Living Pictures of Gilbert Belnap History
(to be dramatized, recited and sung by the families of his fifteen children)

Introduction -

Prayer-

1. Gilbert, a young boy adrift with his little brother - Oliver Belnap's Family
2. With the Church at Kirtland--Hyrum Belnap Family (Dr. H.E. Belnap)
3. Gilbert Courts and Marries Adaline- Lola Belnap (Alpha Crow)
4. Church worker and body guard to the Prophet Joseph at Nauvoo.--Amasa Belnap's
5. At Winter Quarters and on the way to Zion. --Adaline B. Lowe (Zeurah Thomson & Lola Williams)
6. Gilberts Arrivel in Utah and his call to Weber County--Mary B. Lowe's family (Jewel Van Orden)

Congregation will sing "Come, Come Ye Saints.

7. Adaline, an outstanding mother and Church Worker--Martha Jane B. Hammon Family (Ethel Mc Entire)
 8. Adaline, the Midwife,----Reuben Belnap's Family (Luvina Miskin)
 9. Henrietta, the housewife in a wagon home.--Francis Marion Belnap's family (John Belnap)
 10. Henrietta, mother and teacher.--William J. Belnap (Henry Belnap)
 11. Gilbert the homemaker.--Joseph Belnap's family (Lillian and Terza Belnap)
 12. Gilbert, the Community Leader.--Venson Belnap's Family (Ray Belnap)
 13. Gilbert, the Bishop. --Augustus Belnap Family
- Congregation sing "Shall the Youth of Zion Falter."
14. My recollections of Grandfather Belnap.- Gilbert R. Belnap Family (Marion Kerr)
 15. My Memories of Grandfather Belnap- Isadore B. Stoddard Family (O. Lee, Stoddard)
- Song; "Carry On."
- Prayer- Dr. Conrad Jenson.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

FINANCIAL REPORT-

\$89.62 in First Security Bank.

Expensés;-

87.70 for Pictures
8.58 stamps and envelopes
13.00 punch, cups, ice, candy
170.44 books
3.46 flowers
5.00 Janitor
~~16.95~~ invitations & receipt books
295.13

335.00 money collected

295.13 total expenses

38.57 balance

\$129.49 total in Bank

APRIL 14, 1952 BUSINESS MEETING.

A Business meeting of the Presidency held April 14, 1952 at Ogden, Utah. Lester Belnap, Volney Belnap and Della Belnap Attending.

Topics discussed were;

1. The Reunion to be held in Aug. 1952 on Saturday in Idaho. The town and the place to be decided upon by the Idaho Commette. The date of the reunion by the Board of Directors.
2. That a new Genealogist be appointed.
3. That all Belnap Family Organization Records should be filed in one place. A copy should be made of all available records. If possible a set of files should be obtained. A report on prices to be given at the next meeting.
4. It would be advisable if the material collected by the Historian were put in book form and filed with other family records, so this information might be preserved.
5. Previous records, such as former minute Books should be obtained and filed also.
6. An inventory sheet of all records filed should ^{also} be kept by the President.
7. What material should be prepared for addition to the Book that was started last time. It was suggested that a history of Adaline and Henrietta Belnap be written. And their childrens pictures should be added.

Minutes by Secretary Della A. Belnap

MAY 17, 1952 Business meeting

A Business Meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 17, 1952 at Ogden, Utah.

Those attending were; Lester Belnap, Volney Belnap, O. Lee Stoddard, O. Mead Belnap, Arias Belnap, Mrs. Annie Flitton, Mrs. Alpha Crow, Mrs. Marion B. Kerr, Gilbert Marriott, William O. Belnap and Della A. Belnap.

The Board of Directors set the date of reunion as Sat Aug. 23, 1952. The invitations to be out a month in advance of this date.

They appointed Gilbert Marriott as Genealogist for Belnap Family Organization.

They suggested further investigation be made of price of files and where they could be kept.

They Authorized Marion B. Kerr to make a scrap book of the clipping or other Historical information that has been sent in. The cost of such book to be paid for out of the present funds of the organization.

It was decided more information should be added to be Book printed last time. A comette was appointed to organize the data for this publication.

The comette appointed were; Arias Belnap as Chairman, Mrs. Marion B. Kerr, Gilbert Marriott, and Della A. Belnap.

They decided the material to be printed would consist of a brief life story of Adaline Knight and Henrietta Mc Bride, wives of Gilbert Belnap, with the pictures of their children and other old interesting pictures. The birth, death and Marriage dates should be printed with each picture.

That the Reunion in August should proceed as follows; Lunch at 12 noon. Business meeting; Followed by a program. Part of the program should feature stories of various members of the family.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

AUGUST 23, 1952. BELNAP FAMILY REUNION at SHELLEY, IDAHO

The Reunion was held at the L. D. S. Meeting House, commencing with a hot dinner being server to 290 persons. The tables were attractively decorated. The food delicious and lots of it. Mrs. Louie Miller was in charge of arrangements for the dinner. The register showed 277 and 3 visitor attended. They represent the Gilbert Belnap family as follows;

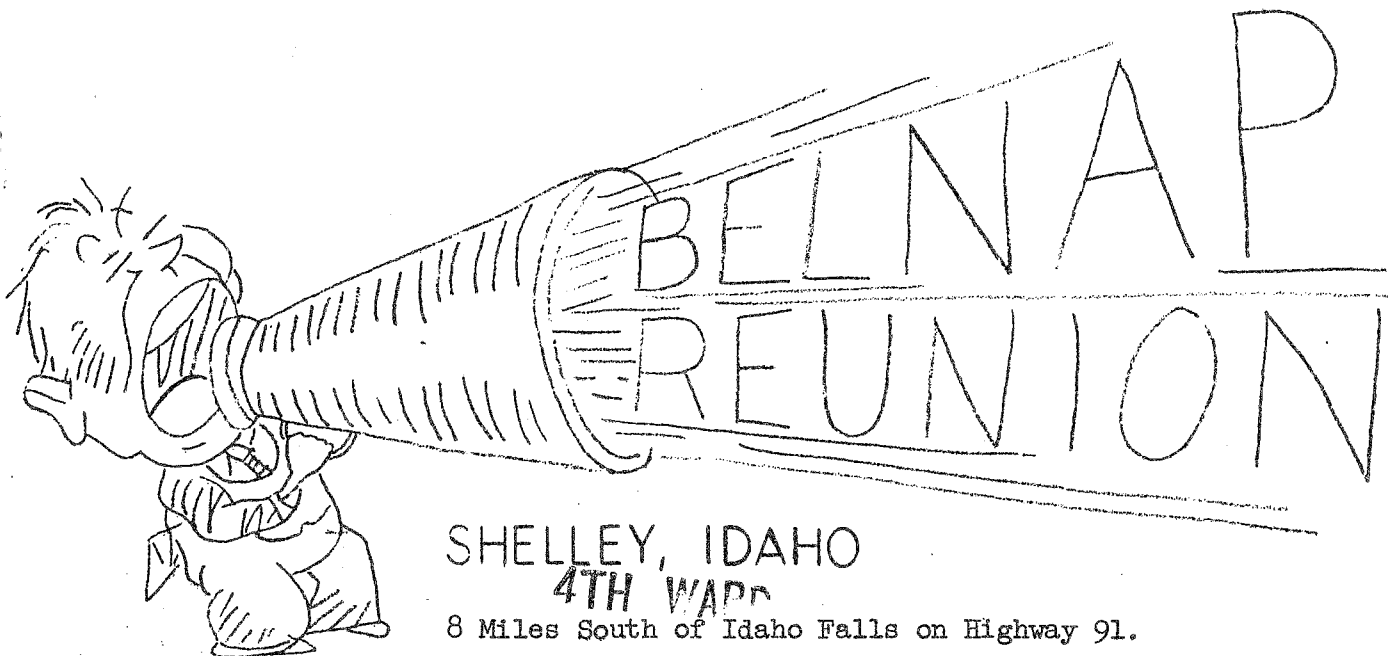
Gilbert R. Belnap- 5 members	Vinson-- none	Oliver- 85
Reuben- 33 members	Amasa- none	Frank- 14
Joseph- None	Mary - 8	Isadora- 57
Martha Jane- 6	Adaline- 11	
Hyrum -- 23	Lola- 3	
Augustus -- 30	William- 2	

BUSINESS MEETING

After the dinner a business meeting was held. Volney Belnap conducted. Minutes of former Business meetings were read and approved. Arrangements for the program that was to follow, were made. It was decided that the Reunions should be held every two years. It was suggested the the next Reunion be held at Hooper, Utah in the New L. D. S. chapel that is being built on the old Gilbert Belnap farm.

PROGRAM--

Lester Belnap gave the welcoming address.
Gilbert Marriott gave a report on genealogy.
Arias G. Belnap gave a report on the book published for the present addition.
Talked on the contents of the book as to pictures, history and pedigree charts.
Cost of Book. This addition and membership fee is \$3.50, Complete book and membership \$7.50. Membership \$1.50.
Voted for new officers. A motion was made to retain the present officers. the motion was seconded. The present officers will remain in office.
The various families were asked to vote for some one to represent their family on the Board of Directors.

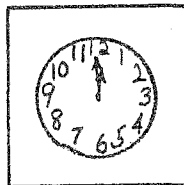


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Saturday

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12 NOON

LUNCHEON

FURNISHED. Idaho Belnaps hosts. (We heard it's going to be a de luxe dinner.)

ENTERTAINMENT

AFTERNOON:

Program at 2 o'clock.

Games during program for children.

TEMPLE EXCURSION

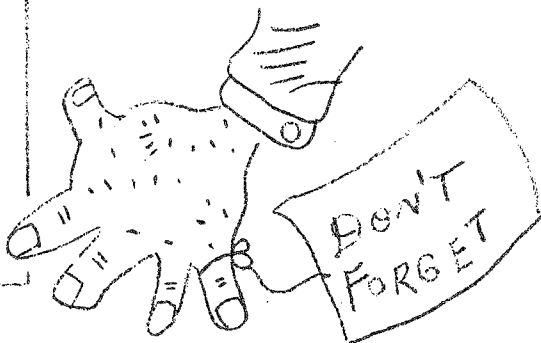
- Idaho Falls Temple
Friday, 22. Session closes at 6 p.m.

We have printed supplemental information to Gilbert Belnap's Journal in memory of his entering Salt Lake Valley in 1850.

This edition features life stories of grandmothers Adaline and Henrietta Belnap, also pictures of their children and husbands and wives - together with old interesting pictures.

For cost of this material see supplemental sheet.

Secretary Della Belnap
815 32nd Street
Ogden, Utah



NOTIFY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.

One hundred and two years since Gilbert Belnap and family entered the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1850.

The remainder of the program was conducted by Elmer Belnap the son of Augustus W. Belnap.

1. Piano duet- Ovid and Lola Jeppson, grand children of Augustus W. Belnap and children of Adaline Jeppson.
2. Song- Hellen Hurt and Merle Hatch, Daughters of Lester, who is son of Oliver.
3. Reading- Mrs. Luvina Miskin, Daughter of Reuben Belnap.
4. Report of historical clipping that were sent in. Reported that not many were sent in. They consisted of Deaths, Weddings, Missionaries and other doings of the Belnaps. By Mrs. Marion B. Kerr, daughter of Hyurm Belnap
5. History of Adaline Knight Belnap by B. West Belnap, son of Volney and Grandson of Hyrum Belnap.
6. History of Henrietta Mc Bride Belnap by La Grand Belnap, son of Ellis and grandson of Frank Belnap.
7. Piano duet- Dona and Joan Collard. Granddaughters of George Belnap.
8. Reading- Hilda Pearson. Granddaughter of O. Mead Belnap.
9. Song-- Arlo Belnap. Son of Frank and grandson of Augustus W. Belnap/
10. Prayer - O. Lee Stoddard.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenses.	Money collected.
5.00 genealogy	\$ 7.50 five membership
27.38 cost of reunion	112.50 15 books at \$7.50
<u>244.30</u> cost of books	136.50 39 books at \$ 3.50
277.18	22.00 cash on hand
	<u>153.10</u> In bank
	431.60 total
balance \$154.42	Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

Feb. 1, 1953 BUSINESS MEETING

Held in Ogden, Utah. Attended by Lester Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Gilbert Marriott and Della A. Belnap.

1. They authorized Gilbert Marriott to buy file to put the Belnap records in.
2. They decided the Presidency should meet more often. Also the Board of directors. This should be taken up with the directors at the next meeting.
3. One book that was published in honor of Gilbert Belnap should be placed in the files. This was given to Gilbert Marroitt to do so at this time.
4. Gilbert Marroitt was making a trip east. He was going to contact people to obtain genealogy. A report of this trip was to be given at the next meeting.
5. The 1st or 2nd week in March was set for the next meeting.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

SEPT. 25, 1953 BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting was held by the officers of Belnap Family Organization at Ogden, Utah at the home of Volney B. Belnap. Those present were; Lester Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Della Belnap, Gilbert Marriott and Arias G. Belnap. The last two had been invited to attend by Pres. Lester Belnap.

At the meeting it was decided that the following would be presented with the book published by Belnap Organization to, Flora Belnap, The L. D. S. Church Historians Office in Salt Lake City, Utah, and to the Michigan State Genealogical Library at Lansing, Mich.

It was again discussed that Mrs. Marion B. Kerr was to make a scrap book of the clippings sent to her. This book to be filled with the Organization.

The officers authorized a Stamp to be made, so that all property of the Organization could be stamped "PROPERTY OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION."

They authorized a copy, in duplicate, of all available records to be put on Family Group Sheets. This included Hyrum Belnap's Temple Records. One record was to be placed with the Belnap Family Organization and the other to be placed with the Index Bureau in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Organization would pay the cost of materials for this work and \$70.00 for the typing of the record.

It was decided to compile the histories of Gilbert Belnap's children and their companions. Letters to be sent out by Lester Belnap to representatives of each branch of the family. This information was to be in to the committee by Jan. 30, 1954.

It was purposed that Lee Stoddard take charge of the program for the Reunion this coming year.

Report was given by Gilbert Marriott of his trip to Lansing, Mich. Glen Evan who had compiled record on Belnap Family had died, his wife had given the records to Lansing Genealogical Library. Gilbert had arranged with the Salt Lake Genealogical Library to Micro-Film these records, which they did without cost to the family, except for the postage for sending the record to Salt Lake City. This film was shown by Gilbert.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

MAY 6, 1954 BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held in Ogden, Utah at the home of Volney B. Belnap. Those present were; Lester Belnap and wife, Volney B. Belnap and wife, O. Lee Stoddard, Della A. Belnap, Gilbert Marriott and Arias G. Belnap.

They set the date for the Reunion as Aug. 21, 1954 at Ogden ~~at~~ Hooper, Utah. O. Lee Stoddard was assigned to put on the Program.

Arias G. Belnap was asked to compile and take charge of Publishing the Book that was to be printed of the Gilbert Belnap Children and companions. To date not much material had been sent in.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

JULY 17, 1954 BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held in Ogden, Utah at the home of Della A. Belnap. Those present were; Lester Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, O. Lee Stoddard, Della A. Belnap and Gilbert Marriott.

Final arrangements for the reunion were made. The reunion to be held Aug. 21 1954 in the 20th Ward at Ogden, Utah.

The program under the direction of O. Lee Stoddard and reports from Mrs. Marion B. Kerr and Gilbert Marriott of their departments.

***** Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

REUNION OF BELNAP FAMILY HELD AUG. 21, 1954 AT OGDEN, UTAH IN 20th WARD.

Song conducted by Lorenzo Belnap (son of Francis Belnap)
Prayer by Henry Belnap (son of William J. Belnap)
Minutes read by Della A. Belnap (daughter of Hyrum Belnap)
Welcometalk given by Lester Belnap (Son of Oliver Belnap)

He pointed out the need of a Board of Directors and asked each family to elect a member of their family to be on that Board at the end of the meeting.

Report of things accomplished since the last reunion was given by Volney B. Belnap (son of Hyrum Belnap)

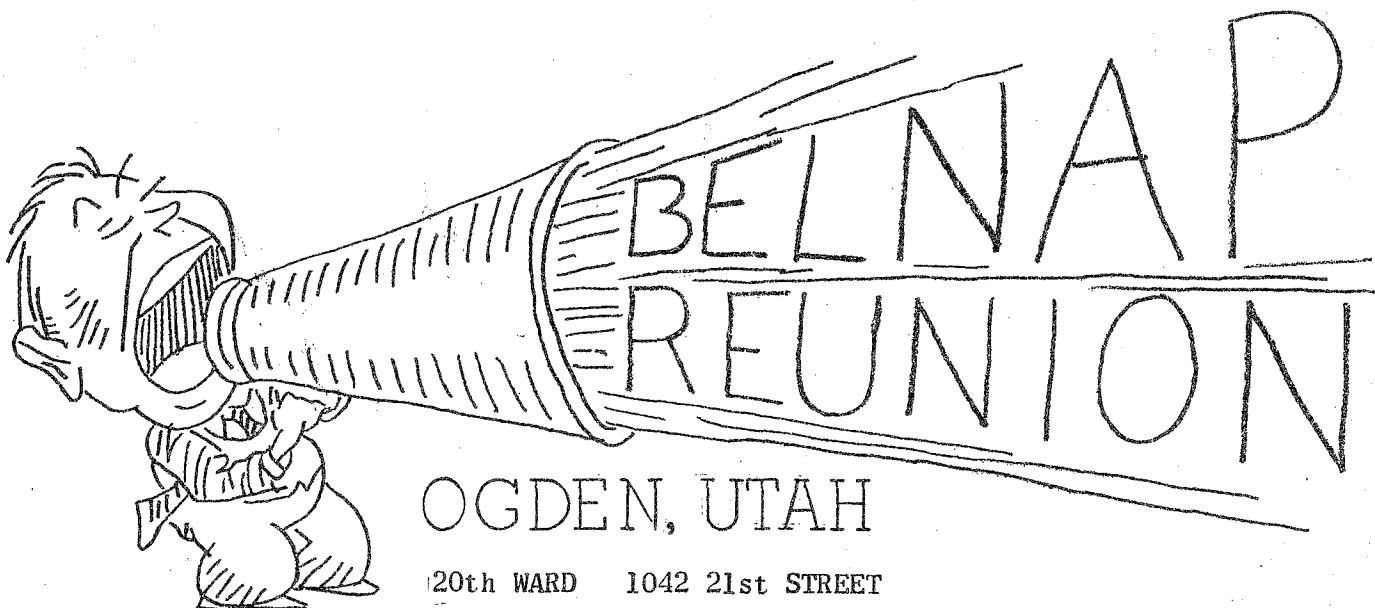
They were;. Purchase of metal cabinet to keep family Organization Records in. A Stamp was made which reads "Property of Belnap Family Organization." Placed a copy of the Book of Gilbert Belnap and Family, in the Church Historians office in Salt Lake City, Utah, Lansing Michigan Library, to Samuel Weaver a genealogist in Hollywood, Calif, who had contributed to the genealogy of Belnap Family and one was placed in the Family File. Two books compiled in duplicate, on family group sheets, one for the Belnap family and the other for the Index Bureau in Salt Lake City, Utah. Attempt to compile history on Gilbert Belnap's Children. Pictures of Gilbert Belnap, wives and children were available.

Report by Gilbert Marriott (son of Weltha Belnap) He asked families to turn in family group sheets.

Report by Marion B. Kerr (daughter of Hyrum Belnap) on historical material she had gathered and compiled, which consisted of Deaths, Marriages, Missions, and other pictures. The first book she had completed was placed with the family records.

Report was given by Arias G. Belnap (son of Hyrum Belnap) on the material gathered for the publishing of Gilbert Belnap's Children. He reported that not enough material was sent on some of the children and nothing as yet had been sent in on some of the others. So it was impossible to publish the book for the present time. He asked the co-operation of all in this project.

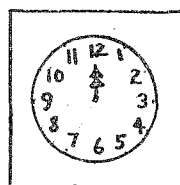
William O. Belnap and wife were honored. He is the oldest living grandson of Gilbert and Henrietta Belnap



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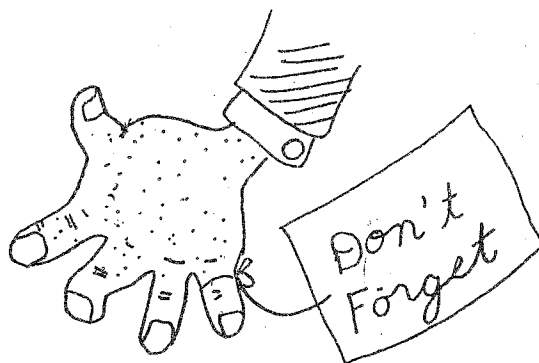


12 o'clock noon

LUNCHEON BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. DRINKS (Soda pop, etc.)
BY THE COMMITTEE.

ENTERTAINMENT A PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW THE LUNCHEON
AT 2:00 P.M. AFTER WHICH GAMES WILL BE PLAYED.

MAIL THE \$2.50 PER FAMILY MEMBER-
SHIP FEE TO THE SECRETARY,
DELLA BELNAP, 815 32nd STREET,
OGDEN, UTAH, OR BRING IT TO
THE REUNION.



NOTIFY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS --- It was purposed and seconded that the same officers remain in for another term.

PROGRAM

The program was under the direction of O. Lee Stoddard (son of Isadora Belnap). He appointed Lorenzo Belnap Master of ceremonies.

Trio- by Mrs. Thora French, Mrs. Iola Murry and Mrs. Elma Ross, who are the daughters of G. Ellis Belnap/ They were accompanied by their Mother.

Anna Belnap, the wife of Oliver Belnap, was presented with a corsage by her daughter Mrs. Lillie Hale. Mrs. Belnap is ^{one of} the last living members of the Gilbert Belnap Family. She made a few remarks and sang a song in her native tongue, Swiss.

Duet by Mrs. Marilyn G. Heslep and Mrs. Joyce G. Clary. Daughters of Lorenzo Belnap.

Talk by B. West Belnap, son of Volney B. Belnap, on the Belnap name and the origin of the Coat of Arms of the Belnap Family.

Song by G. Ellis Belnap (son of Francis Belnap) and his children Francis, Le Grande, Lindin, and Veloy.

Song by Kathleen Belnap accompanied by her mother. She is the grand daughter of Hyrum Belnap.

Song by G. Ellis Belnap and his children; Francis, LeGrande, Thora, Elma, Iola, Veloy, Lindin and Gary.

Prayer by Wilford Belnap, who is the son of Oliver Belnap

In the recreational Hall a dance was performed by Patsey Belnap the daughter of Le Grande Belnap.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

Expenses from Reunion Aug. 1952 to Reunion Aug. 1954.

\$ 75.00	Metal cabinet for records
2.60	Postage for records from Lansing, Mich.
1.81	Stamp (Belnap Family Organization)
112.25	for 12 Gilbert Belnap family group pictures
117.82	for copying records on family group sheets.
	(\$70.00 for typest
	15.00 for rent of typewriter
	32.82 for family group sheets, carbon, two covers.
	117.82
57.35	to Marion Kerr for cover of Historical records
50.50	cost of 1954 Reunion.
267.33	(Hall \$10.00
	Invitations 16.33
	Punch 5.00
	Pictures 8.00
	Other 12.12
	50.50
\$245.85	cash on hand and in the Bank in 1952
11.81	depost in bank
36.60	cash (received from sales of pictures and books sence Reunion)
294.26	
152.80	collected at 1954 reunion
447.06	total collected
\$447.06	total collected
-267.33	expenses
179.73	balance left after the reunion
14.00	for sale of books and one picture sence reunion
193.73	
\$ 187.66	in in the Bank
6.07	in cash
193.73	

42 persons paid memberships fee
7 books were sold
2 big & 14 little pictures were sold -

April 28, 1955

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held in Ogden, Utah at the home of 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap. Those present were; Pres. Lester Belnap, 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap, Secty. Della A. Belnap, Gilbert Marriott, the Genealogist and Arias G. Belnap, who was compiling material for the next edition to Gilbert Belnap and Family book. 2nd Vice Pres. O. Lee Stoddard did not attend.

Arias gave report that the L. D. S. Church Historian Office would like a 2nd copy of "Gilbert Belnap Centennial Book". One to be kept on file and the other for the use of the public. It was agreed that this should be done.

He also reported that little material had been sent in for the next edition to the book.

It was suggested that Gilbert Belnap's Original Journal should be put on Micro-Film. Nothing definite was decided upon.

It was proposed and passed upon that they would ask Lillie Hale of Pocatello, Idaho, to put Glen Evans Record of the Belknap Family, which is on a film, on Family Group Sheets. The Organization to pay for the material.

It was also proposed to obtain a book "Memorandum of the Family of William Burke Belknap" (#15-44-C-1) from the Southern Book store in Washington D.C. Cost of book is \$7.50. This was agreed upon.

Minutes by Sec. Della A. Belnap

March 12, 1956

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held in Ogden, Utah at the home of 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap. Those attending were; Pres. Lester Belnap and wife. His sister Mrs. Lillie B. Hale, Volney B. Belnap, Della A. Belnap and Arias G. Belnap. O. Lee Stoddard didn't attend.

Arias G. Belnap gave a report on the stories sent in. Some families had sent in a great deal of material while others had sent nothing.

Also that the 2nd Book of "Gilbert Belnap Centennial" (1st and 2nd editions) had been placed in the Church Historian Office in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Della A. Belnap reported that the book "Memorandum of the Family of William Burke Belknap" had been obtained. This book was shown to the group assembled. It contained added information on a few Belknap families that we didn't have. This information has been put on Family Group Sheets and sent to the Index Bureau in Salt Lake City to be checked. When the names were checked, she had instructed them to send the names to the Idaho Falls Temple.

The book was to be placed in the Belnap Family Organization Files.

Pres. Lester Belnap proposed that the next Reunion be held at the Resort in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho. This was agreed upon.

The date for the Reunion was set for Aug. 18, 1956. Lester was to make the arrangements.

Lillie Hale was asked if she would take the film of Glen Evans and put the material on Family Group Sheets. The organization to pay for the material. This she agreed to do. Gilbert Marriott didn't attend the meeting, so the film would have to be mailed to her. The organization files are at his home for the present.

Minutes by Secretary Della A. Belnap

Aug. 6, 1956

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Volney B. Belnap in Ogden, Utah.

Those attending were; Lester Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Gilbert Marriott, Arias G. Belnap and Della A. Belnap.

It was reported by Della A. Belnap that the Book "Memorandum of the Family of William Burke Belknap" has been placed in the "Family Files." Also that the film of Glen Evans work had been given to Lillie Hale and that she has started putting that material on family group sheet.

Also that Hand Bills and a letter had been printed announcing Family Reunion Aug. 18. 300 had been mailed to members of the family.

Arias G. Belnap gave report on the 3rd Edition of the Gilbert Belnap Book. He has done extensive research work to gather material on Gilbert Belnap's children and companions, besides the material that was sent in. He had contacted different Publishing Companies. The cost would be \$4.50 a page, or about \$418 to publish this edition.

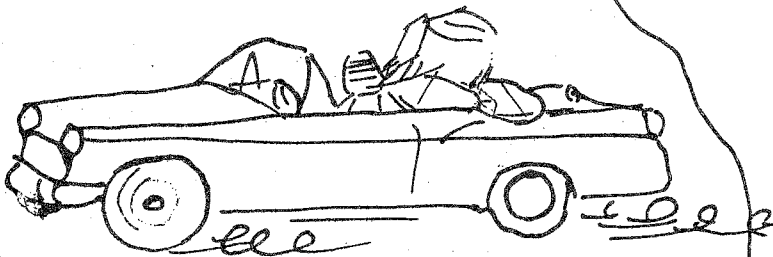
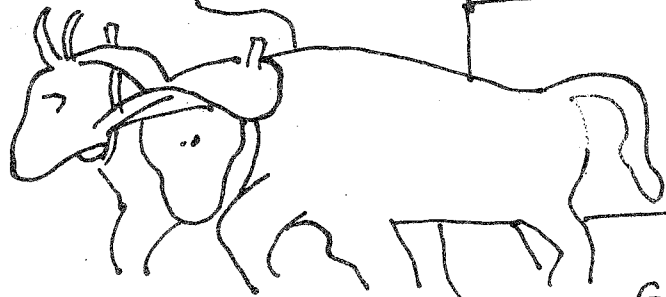
It was agreed to go ahead at this price and to try and get the book published in time for the Reunion. The cost per book would be about \$2.50 or \$3.00.

Details of the Reunion was worked out. Lunch to be at 12 noon. The Hall for the program could be had from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. Elmer D. Belnap had been appointed to arrange for the program. Gilbert Marriott was to arrange a display of genealogical Material that has been collected. Lester was to arrange for the registration of the Families attending the Reunion.

Minutes by Secretary Della A. Belnap

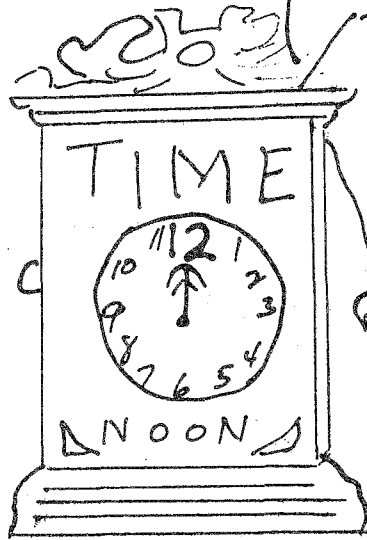
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Grandpa blazed an
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you may come by
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PLACE

LAVA HOT SPRINGS
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LAVA
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Preston

Bring your Lunch



Soda Pop
on the
House

REUNION AUG. 18, 1956 at LAVA HOT SPRINGS, IDAHO

The various families brought their lunch and ate dinner together in the park next to the Community Building. The lunch started at 12 noon. The organization served Soda Pop for the drinks.

The Program was held in the Community Building under the direction of Elmer Belnap. The opening prayer was by Augustus R. Belnap of Corvallis, Ore. Community singing conducted by Garth Belnap. Piano Duet by Renee and Sandra Belnap, grandchildren of Lester Belnap. Short stories by Mrs. Luvina B. Miskin of Ucon, Idaho. Welcome address by Pres. Lester Belnap. Piano Solo by Renee Dotson, daughter of Flora B. Dotson. Report by Marion B. Kerr, Historian.

She reports that the members of the families are failing to send her information about their families. Most of the material she had collected was from the news papers. She then reported on Births, Marriages and other activities of the Belnaps. She asked for one minute of silence in honor of those who had left our midst since the last Reunion. They were; H. Earl Belnap of Sparks, Nevada, the son of Hyrum and Anna B. Belnap. Flora Belnap of Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of Hyrum and Christiana R. Belnap. Amasa Belnap Jr. of Arco, Idaho, the son of Amasa and Lillian Belnap. Aunt Julia Rosabell Belnap Barney (known as Rose) the 2nd wife of Amasa Belnap Sr. Laurie Evans, infant daughter of Mildred Belnap and Edwin Evans of Salt Lake City, Utah. Gladys W. Stoddard

Solo by Arlo Belnap

A recorded scene was given with members of the audience playing the parts in pantomime. The scene portrayed the parting of Augustus Belnap and his wife when they were leaving Hooper, Utah to make their home in Idaho. The second scene was grand father Gilbert Belnap and his wives Adaline and Henerietta wishing Peace to their descendants. The song was "Peace we leave with you." Alpha C. Crow represented her mother, Lola B. Coolbear, who wrote a letter to her brother Augustus in prose. The singing on the record was by Mrs. Viola Belnap, Norma , Arlo Belnap and the reading was by Mrs. Viola Belnap. These called from the audience were Mrs; Jewel B. Furniss, Arlo Belnap, Frank Belnap, Mrs. Flora B. Dotson and Bernice Wilde.

BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting was conducted by 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap.

He read from the "By-Laws" the purpose of the organization; "It is to perpetuate the names and achievements of the men and women who bear the name of Belnap, by preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a library of historical and genealogical matter, securing unprinted manuscripts, photographs, and all such data as shall aid in perfecting a record of the strong character, pure life, and heroic deeds of the Belnap's by holding a yearly reunion, by reviewing the lives of the Belnap's and teaching their descendants and the citizens of our country the lesson of faith, courage, and patriotism, and by creating a spirit of fellowship among their posterity." This is what they have tried to do since the present officers were elected in 1946. He reported on the material and manuscripts that had been collected and placed in the Family Files.

He reported that the 3rd and last edition to the book "Gilbert Belnap and Family" had been completed in time for this reunion. This edition was the stories of Gilbert Belnap's children and their companions. The cost of this edition will be \$2.50 a book.

Report given by Gilbert Marriott on the record books collected for the living and the dead and the display that had been arranged of books and pictures.

Minutes were read by Secretary Della A. Belnap.

New Officers were voted in. The new officers are Pres. Elmer D. Belnap of Idaho Falls, Idaho. 1st Vice Pres. Dr. Aaron Belnap Ross of Ogden, Utah. 2nd Vice Pres. Garth Belnap of Moreland, Idaho. Secty and Treasure Mrs. Alpha C. Crow of Salt Lake City, Utah. Historian, Mrs. Marion B. Kerr of Salt Lake City.

Elmer D. Belnap was asked to give a few remarks to close the Reunion. Mrs. Anna Belnap, wife of Oliver Belnap, and the last living member of the children of Gilbert Belnap, was presented with the 3rd Edition of the Family Book of Gilbert Belnap, wives and children and their companions.

Minutes by Secretary Della A. Belnap

Financial Report of the Organization to Sept. 1, 1956

\$217.46 in First Sec. Bank in Ogden, Utah
26.75 collected for books sold during the year
2.50 pictures sold during the year
264.60 collected at the reunion of 1956
511.31 total collected since 1954 Reunion

Expense for this years Reunion

\$ 10.00 for rent of hall to hold reunion in.
19.05 for pictures
403.90 for printing the 3rd edition to the book
17.13 for invitations, letters and postage for the reunion
22.00 for soda water
7.91 for book "Memorandum of the Family of Wm. Burke Belknap"
479.99 total expense

\$511.31 total collected
-479.99 total expense
31.32 Balance left

61 books of the 3rd edition was sold.

3 books of the 2nd edition was sold.

2 books of the 1st edition was sold.

9 people paid the fee of \$2.50

24 people just bought the book, the rest of the people bought books and paid the Fee.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

An officers meeting of the Gilbert Belnap family organization was held Saturday Oct. 13, 1956, at 7.00 p.m., in the 20th Ward Chapel, Ogden, Utah.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the retiring officers to review what has been accomplished during their term of office, and to acquaint the new officers with their future duties.

Elmer Belnap newly elected president of the Gilbert Belnap family organization presided and conducted.

President Belnap expressed his appreciation for all that had been accomplished during the time that Lester Balnap was president, and called for a vote of thanks.

Volney Belnap, former 1st Vice President, then reported on what had been accomplished. Their aim had been to get as much data as possible on the Belnap family, then to have that information recorded in written form and by pictures. He reported the successful publishing of the Centennial Issue in honor of the Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap and the two succeeding supplements.

The Hyrum Belnap records, A, B, and C, books were copied and placed in the care of Genealogist Gilbert Mariott.

Lester Belnap, former President, agreed that the work of the organization had been successful and the publishing of the book outstanding.

Those attending were, Elmer Belnap, President, Garth Belnap, 2nd Vice President, Alpha Crow, Secretary, Marion Kerr, Historian. Dr. Aaron Ross, 1st Vice President was excused. Retiring officers: Lester Belnap, Former President, Volney Belnap, former 1st Vice President, and Della Belnap, former Secretary and Treasurer.

Attending the second meeting, including those above, were Ethel B. Barner, Director of the Reuben Belnap family, Ethel McEntire, Director Martha Jane Hammon family, Ezra L. Belnap, Director of Augustus Belnap family, Gilbert Mariott, Genealogist Director Gilbert Belnap family, Zeruah L. Thomson, Director, of the Adaline Lowe family. Lester Belnap also acted as Director for the Oliver Belnap family and Volney Belnap acted as Director for Hyrum Belnap family.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Elmer Belnap President read the By Laws of the organization, and pointed out places where the meaning is not clear. He suggested that revision be made.

A motion was put before the house to separate the office of Secretary and Treasurer and appoint a new Treasurer to take care of the money. The motion was made and seconded and carried. Arias Belnap, was chosen, dependent upon his acceptance, as he was not present.

Gilbert Mariott, genealogist reported that he has collected many family group sheets during his term of office. He said that he really did not have the time to do all that he desired and suggested that a genealogy committee be appointed to assist him. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion and the motion was carried.

The following committee was appointed; Gilbert Marriott, Chairman, with Della Belnap Lilly Hale and Zeruah Thomson as committee members.

A motion was presented before the house that Gilbert Mariott be chosen family representative, and his name to appear on temple sheets instead of the heir previously used. The motion was carried and the secretary was instructed to notify the genealogical library of the selection.

A discussion as to what should be the amount of the dues was carried on and it was decided that it be left to the discretion of the officers and the necessity for funds.

Gilbert Mariott requested permission to use the \$50.00 available for genealogical purposes. The request was granted.

It was moved and seconded to try and collect the dues for 1956 that have not been paid. The motion was carried.

It was suggested that it would clarify matters if the President would define what the duties of each officer are.

The suggestion was made at the last reunion, that the next reunion to be held in 1958, be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and it was discussed and approved.

The death of Adaline Belnap Ballantyne, daughter of Gilbert Belnap and Sarah Jane Cole Belnap was announced.

With the approval of all present, Della Belnap was appointed to take care of the remaining Gilbert Belnap Centennial Issue until such time as they can be disposed of.

The closing prayer was given by Volney Belnap, after which the meeting was adjourned.

The officers of the Belnap family organization met at the home of Alpha Crow, at 8.00 p.m. Aug. 8, 1957. Those present were Elmer Belnap, President, Alpha Crow, Secretary, Arias Belnap, Treasurer, Marion Kerr, Historian, and Della^BBelnap, Genealogical Committee Member. Walter Kerr and Allen S. Crow, husbands of the officers were also present.

Opening prayer was offered by Arias Belnap. A brief report was given by those present. Arias reported that there now is \$256.67 in the Treasury, \$85.50 was from dues, the balance from the sale of books. Della reported that there are plenty of Centennial Issues of the history of Gilbert Belnap, also the two supplements. The complete book costs \$9.00. The percentage of those who pay their dues is very small. Marion Kerr gave a report on the clippings she has received and made notations on a number of other family accomplishments to be added to her history. She also reported that Victor Belnap has been searching the University of Utah Library and found a great deal on the Belnap family.

Alpha Crow, Secretary, reported the sending out of 200 letters asking for dues.

President Elmer Belnap read a letter he had written May 19, 1957 to Gilbert Mariott, urging him to get together with his committee and make plans to further the Genealogical work of the Belnap family. Gilbert Mariott was not present to report on what he had accomplished.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on ways and means of collecting genealogical information.

Closing prayer was offered by Allen S. Crow.

A meeting of the Officers and family Directors of the Gilbert Belnap organization was held at the home of Aaron Ross, 3417 Filmore Avenue, Ogden, Utah June 7, at 8.35 p.m. President Elmer D. Belnap presiding and conducting. Opening prayer by Wilford Belnap.

President Elmer Belnap in his opening remarks reminded those present that the original family were a very close family and that we today should try to emulate them.

Marion Belnap Kerr reported on her activities in collecting items of interest in her position as historian.

Alpha Crow told of her conversations with Della Edmunds, who is collecting material for a genealogical book on the McBrides and wishes the Belnaps as one branch to add to this material.

Next there was a general discussion as to ways and means of getting the Genealogical and Temple Committee to function. Suggestions were made that a paid genealogist be obtained, preferably a member of the family. It was suggested that there were courses that could be taken on the subject. We were told that to accomplish anything there must first be organization. Also research costs a great deal of money but was worth it. It was put to a motion that Della Belnap and Zeruah Thomson and Aaron Ross, Vice President, be appointed as members of the committee to visit Gilbert Mariott, Chairman of the Genealogical and Temple Committee, who was not present and urge him to assign them duties and responsibilities so that they can get started with the work. The motion was moved and carried.

Next on discussion was the forthcoming reunion to be held every two years, this being the year. Previously Salt Lake City had been chosen as the place but after a discussion the place was changed to Hooper, Utah. The date of the reunion was set for Aug. 23, if the site of the reunion is available then. Some desired that a place luncheon be served but it was put to a vote and the majority were for everyone to bring their own lunch to be served at 12.00 noon.

Elmer Belnap was given the authority to plan the program and assign whom he should choose to take part on it.

Dues were again set for \$2.50 per family. Ellis Belnap was appointed to reserve the place for the reunion.

Meeting adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

Those present and representing the family were:

Elmer Belnap	Agustus Weber Belnap
Marian Kerr	Hyrum Belnap
Alpha Crow	Lola Belnap
Lola May Williams	Addie Lowe
Annie Flitton	Mary Lowe
Wilford Belnap	Oliver Belnap
Ezra Belnap	Agustus Belnap
Aaron Ross	Joseph Belnap
Della Belnap	Hyrum Belnap
Ellis Belnap	Frank Belnap

Families not represented:

William Belnap
Stoddard
Hammon
Gilbert
Reuben

David Evans

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BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Officers

Elmer D. Belnap, President	Arias Belnap, Treasurer
Aaron B. Ross, 1st Vice President	Gilbert Harriott, Genealogist
Garth Belnap, 2nd Vice President	Della Belnap, Research Specialist
Alpha Crow, Secretary	Zeruah Thomson, Assistant Genealogist
Marion Kerr, Historian	

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: All Gilbert Belnap's Descendants and Relations:

The Belnap Family Organization will hold its Reunion August 23, 1958, at Hooper, Utah L. D. S. Chapel, 12:00 o'clock noon until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bring your lunch. Let's start to get acquainted at 12:00 o'clock!

The theme of this Reunion is "KNOW YOUR RELATIVES". This is the greatest opportunity you will ever have of knowing your present living relatives. We hope more than 500 people will attend. Be sure your family is well represented at the special roll call of descendants of the original Gilbert Belnap's children's families.

I am preparing a large wall chart of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap. I need more names of grandchildren, great grand children and great great grand children. Send me your list so their names can appear on this chart. I hope to have this chart nearly completed for the reunion.

Hooper is the old site of the Gilbert Belnap family, -- come give it a special visit.

It would be a good idea to get out your book and do some studying on the Gilbert Belnap Line. If you don't have a book, write Della Belnap, 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah, and order one. These books are few in number but should be a valuable treasure in any Belnap home. Get your copy now while we still have some.

Come to the Reunion with a desire to meet and know many of your relatives and I am sure you will enjoy it.

The 1958 Belnap Reunion

The 1958 Belnap Reunion held at the 2nd Ward Chapel in Hooper, Utah Aug. 23 1958, commenced by everyone enjoying their lunches on tables in the Amusement Hall. The blessing on the food was given by Augustus A. Belnap.

After the meal the families assembled for a program. First on the program was a cornet solo by Dennis Belnap.

President Elmer Belnap then welcomed all present, and reminded them that this was a "Know Your Relative Reunion". To carry out this theme Elmer and wife Viola had gone to a great deal of trouble to make a wall chart of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his wives Adaline and Henrietta.

President Belnap reminded the young ones present that the afflictions of the old are only temporary, and that we should love, honor and care for them.

Viola Belnap led the congregation in singing, Secret Prayer and Count Your Many Blessings. Jewel Furniss supplied the accompaniment.

The minutes were read by the Secretary Alpha Crow.

Arias Belnap, Treasurer read a financial report of the organization. He said he had also placed 2 copies of the History of the Gilbert Belnap family published by the Belnap organization in the Church Historians office.

The oldest grandchild of Gilbert Belnap present was Tirza Ross.

Listing each of the children of Gilbert Belnap and wives it was found that there were present 4 of Reuben's family, 9 from Joseph's family, Martha Jane 4, Hyrum 10, Augustus 10, Amasa, none, Adaline 9, Mary 3, Lola 5, William 12, Oliver 12, Francis 19 and Isadore 5. Making a total of 111 present.

Zeruah Lowe Thomson was asked to speak and she showed a quilt top pieced by hand by Martha McBride Knight mother of Adaline Belnap. It was made about 1891. Zeruah asked the opinion of those present as to where to place this quilt for public viewing. The general Relief Society or the Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum was suggested. The final decision was left up to Zeruah. She also read a poem written to Martha Knight in 1899. The author is unknown.

Historian Marion Belnap Kerr gave an outstanding report of the deaths, births marriages and accomplishments of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap. She also had the audience stand 1 minute in honor of those who have died.

Gilbert Marriot spoke next reminding us that we are not sending in the vital statistics of our families as we should.

Della Belnap brought with her a picture chart of the family for viewing and said she had the negatives and could have as many as wished made up for our own scrap books. She also has some of the Gilbert Belnap books to sell. Della reported the good work that Lillie Hale ~~done~~ in copying geneological information from microfilm.

Next was a few remarks by 1st Vice President, Aaron Ross.

Election of officers was next on the agenda. It was moved and seconded that the officers now in office remain for another 2 years. It was put to a vote and was unanimously in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned after Henry Belnap closed with Prayer.

A film showing of an earlier Reunion was shown to those who wished to remain .

Alpha Crow Sec

Received from the Belnap Family Organization
as shown by First Security Bank of Utah pass
book #331093 as of November 1, 1956 \$115.92

Receipts from November 1, 1956 to Aug. 15, 1958
From sale of books 79.25
From family dues 55.00
From individuals in excess of dues for genealogy 23.00
Interest from savings in the bank 11.10 \$284.27

Expenditures at direction of the president:

56
11/12/ To secretary for postage, paper, etc \$ \$10.00
9/26/57 Reimbursing president for flowers for
Lillie Hales funeral 6.00
7/31/58 For use of English parish to establish
Abraham Belnap line if possible 15.00 31.00
Balance on hand and in Savings bank at Ogden \$253.27

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Contributions (dues) were received from the following:

Douglas & Mildred Oliverson	\$2.50	
Lola C. Heaps	2.50	
Lawrence O. Belnap	2.50	
Bruce E. Belnap	2.50	
Newel Belnap	3.00	(.50 extra to Genealogy)
Ira Belnap	2.50	
Leona Lowe Wiser	5.00	(two years)
Jewel Van Orden	2.50	
Rodney A & Jean B. Hansen	25.00	(22.50 for Genealogy)
Wayne Belnap	2.50	
Lucille Davis	2.50	
D. Evan Belnap	2.50	
Ida B. Cutler	5.00	(1956 & 1957)
Ralph A. Belnap	2.50	
Reta Schonwandt	2.50	
J. Grant & Lola Belnap	2.50	
Augustus R. Belnap	2.50	
Greta Wheelwright	2.50	
Lettie Stoker	2.50	
Annie Lowe Flitton	<u>2.50</u>	
Total dues	55.00	
Genealogy	<u>23.00</u>	\$78.00

Russell Belnap

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Treasurer's report at Family reunion, Hooper, Utah, August 23, 1958
By Arias G. Belnap, Treas.

The following is the financial report of the previous officers beginning with September 1, 1956 and brought down to November 20, 1956 when the organization funds were delivered to me.

Cash in First Security Bank as of August 10, 1956		\$217.46	
Received from the sale of books during the year		26.75	
Received from the sale of pictures during the year		2.50	
Collected at the 1956 reunion:			
Sale of books and pictures	\$241.60		
From dues	<u>22.50</u>	<u>264.10</u>	511.31

Expenditures:

For book "Memorandum of the Family of Wm. Burke Belknap"	\$ 7.91		
1956 Reunion expense:			
Rent of Hall	\$10.00		
For pictures	19.05		
Printing 3rd addition to our family book	403.90		
Invitations, letters and postage	17.03		
Soda pop (paid after the reunion)	<u>22.00</u>	<u>472.08</u>	<u>479.99</u>
Balance of money on hand after reunion expense paid			\$ 31.32
Cash received between the reunion and Nov. 20, 1956:			
Sale of books and pictures	\$79.60		
By member for additional genealogy	<u>5.00</u>		<u>\$ 84.60</u>
Cash on hand and in bank which was turned over to treasurer of the organization, Arias G. Belnap, Nov. 20, 1956			\$115.92

BELNAP FAMILY DIRECTORS MEETING

The Belnap family directors meeting as held Aug. 15, 1959, at the 20th Ward Chapel, in Ogden, Utah.

Opening prayer by Lorenzo Belnap. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and were approved.

Marion Kerr spoke on clippings and asked for more pictures from each family. She reported that she was busy copying Flora's work.

Secretaries report

It was suggested that each family representative shoulder more responsibility in the Belnap organization, that because of the enormous size of the organization the President needs more help.

Wilford Belnap reported that their family has held 3 reunions. Also he suggested that the President, the Secretary and the Historian could organize to get news of births, deaths, etc., to be published in a family paper. This paper to be sent to each family of the organization.

Della Belnap, the researcher reported the selling of books. She remarked that a great deal of Temple work is being done that isn't reported or recorded in the organization and she suggested that money could be made by having more family pictures made and sold.

Elmer Belnap the president thanked all present for the success of the last Reunion. He reported a genealogical film previously owned by Lillie Hale has been taken to Idaho Falls where some 16 pages have been copied. This film contains Belnap Family Group Sheets and short family stories.

It was proposed and accepted that the dues remain \$2.50 per family per year.

Elmer Belnap suggested that for the 1960 Reunion, an effort be made to collect histories of all the grand children of Gilbert Belnap together with pictures. This met with the approval of all present. It was moved and seconded that Wilford Belnap be chairman of this project.

Jewel Furniss called to the attention of the meeting that some of the headstones in the Gilbert Belnap family plot in the Ogden City Cemetery are lying loose on the ground and should be taken care of. It was moved and seconded that this would be taken care of by Dr. Aaron Ross, Lorenzo Belnap and Jewel Furness, to be financed from organization funds.

The next Belnap Family Reunion was set for the 3rd Saturday in Aug. 1960 at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The Genealogical Committee appointed at the last directors meeting consisting of Della Belnap, Zeruah Thomsen and Aaron Ross, reported visiting Gilbert Marriott and found him disheartened with his responsibilities as geneologist. It was proposed by Aaron Ross that we give Gilbert a vote of confidence and approval for what he has done and hope he will see fit to continue as geneologist.

The next officers and directors meeting was set for the 21st of Nov. 1959 at the home of Wilford Belnap in Bountiful, Utah.

After closing remarks by the President the meeting was adjourned.

Those present were: Lorenzo Belnap representing Francis Belnap family.
Jewell Furness " Hyrum
Della Belnap, Researcher
Evelyn Galloway, representing Reuben
Maud Kimball, " Gilbert
Ethel McEntire " Martha Jane
Louie D. Millar " Isadore
Wilford Belnap " Oliver
Margo Shaw, in place of her father Gilbert Marriott
Aaron Ross, 1st Vice President
Elmer Belnap, President
Marion Kerr, Historian
Alpha Crow, Secretary

Also present were Louise Belnap, wife of Wilford Belnap, Allen S. Crow, husband of Alpha.

Excused were Arias Belnap, Treasurer, Volney Belnap, Zeruah Thomsen, Garth Belnap, Second Vice President. Families not represented were, Vinson, Amasa, Mary, Adaline and William.

Rizha Crow Sec

DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

A Belnap family organization directors meeting was held at the home of Wilford Belnap 344 West 1500 South, Bountiful, Utah on Nov. 21, 1959, at 1 p.m. Meeting was called for the purpose of discussing ways and means of getting the histories of all the grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap and his wives as proposed at the last directors meeting. At the previous meeting Wilford Belnap was appointed chairman with the privilege of choosing his own committee to promote the writing of these histories.

Another purpose of the meeting was to present to the Directors a proposal as to how the Belnap records now held by Genealogist Gilbert Marriott could be made available to as many of the family as desired.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by President Elmer Belnap. The opening prayer was given by Gilbert Marriot.

Volney Belnap reported that the headstone in the Gilbert Belnap family plot in the Ogden City cemetery had been loose and had been reset in concrete as proposed at the last meeting, but had not been recut.

Marion E. Kerr, Historian was next called upon. She reported her activities and a discussion followed on the importance of keeping a record of the activities and accomplishments of the numerous Belnap descendants along with their vital statistics. The duties of a historian were outlined. It was pointed out that a news letter had been proposed by President Elmer Belnap at a former meeting. It was agreed that such a letter be sent out. The committee was chosen to be Elmer Belnap, Marion Kerr and Alpha Crow.

Della Belnap reported the sale of 3 Gilbert Belnap histories and a number of pictures.

Elmer Belnap reported that Jewell Furniss and Viola Belnap have read more of the Genealogical film left by the late Lillie Hale but have now been stopped by the loss of a projector.

Wilford Belnap next called on, said he had asked Maud Kirball to help him in the collecting of the grandchildrens histories; also that each family representative was responsible for the getting of all the histories from his branch of the family. The histories are to be short sketches or a synopsis as a full history of so many grandchildren would run into a great deal of money. However, the full history should be written and kept by each family. Wilford wants for his own use a family group sheet of each child of Gilbert Belnap.

Gilbert Marriott was next to be called on. He said in his experience a great number of people come to him and want a copy of the Belnap records but after taking a look they get discouraged by the enormity of the task. He then suggested the use of a Verifax machine to copy these records for all who want them. It was voted that further investigation be made about the different methods in use and the cost.

The place for the next Reunion, was selected as Idaho Falls on the 3rd Saturday in Aug. 1960.

Closing prayer was by Volney Belnap.

Those present were: Keith Belnap, Ethel MacEntire, Gilbert Marriott, Marion Kerr, Wilford Belnap, Elmer Belnap, Volney Belnap, Ezra Belnap, Aloha Crow, Rex Lindsay.

Wives & husbands present: Viola Belnap, Louise Belnap, Lena Belnap, and Allen S. Crow

Alpha Crow dec

BOARD MEETING BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

The officers and family representatives of the Belnap family organization met in the 20th Ward of ~~Idaho Falls, Idaho~~^{Ogden, UT}, July 16, 1960 at 2.00 p.m.

Elmer Belnap, President called the meeting to order. The opening song was Joseph Smith's First Prayer. Wilford Belnap offered the opening prayer.

Elmer Belnap spoke of the blessings that come from our association with one another and the love we gain in sharing.

Gilbert Marriott gave a report on the various methods of making copies of the Belnap Family Records. He said the Verifax method might prove too laborious, The Multilif method would cost about \$2000 so it isnt feasible. He is investigating the Bruunen method and thinks it might be feasible. This task of copying the family records as there are more than a thousand family group sheets, is a big project. However, it would help geneologists to get more work done if a record of what has been done were available. Gilbert promised to have more facts and details by the Reunion. If it were possible to borrow a Bruunen machine that would be a good plan. It was pointed out by Zeruah that carbon copies of typing get blurred very easily.

Wilford Belnap wished all family representatives to encourage their families to write their personal histories. He asked that besides the history which should only be a synopsis, not more than 2000 words be written and that a small picture of the person the history is about be submitted. They are to also send in a family group sheet of your own family, including you, your brothers and sisters. Be sure your address is included as well as all the others on your chart.

There should be a family organization in each unit of the Gilbert Belnap family, and each unit should supply a delegate to the Central Belnap organization. Money could be raised by each family group to promote a paid researcher.

The Reunion is to be held the 19 and 20, The 7.00 p.m. to be a session at the Idaho Falls Temple, and at 10.00 o'clock on the morning of the 20th a meeting and a reelection of Officers to be held. At noon a luncheon with each family bringing their own food. This will be at the 5th Ward Chapel in Idaho Falls.

It was moved and seconded that a nominating committee be chosen to select new officers for the coming two years. This was approved. The nominating committee are Wilford Belnap, Chairman, Alpha Crow, Volney Belnap, Zeruah Thomson, Ezra Belnap, members. This committee was chosen to expedite the proceedings at the Reunion business meeting. At that time anyone can nominate who they chose from the floor in addition to those presented by the committee.

Meeting was adjourned. Closing prayer by Gilbert Marriot.

Members present

Francis Belnap
Lester Belnap
Gene Belnap
Annie Flitton
Zeruah Thomson
Elmer Belnap
Wilford Belnap
Ethel Sommers
Myrtha Kingsford
Amelia Hammon
Gilbert Marriot
Louie D. Millar
Alpha Crow

Descended from

Agustus Belnap
Oliver
Francis
Mary
Addie
Agustus
Oliver
Agustus
Mary
Mary
Gilbert
Isadore
Lola

Viola Belnap, wife of Elmer
Allen S. Crow, husband of Alpha
Gene Belnaps wife

Alpha Crow sec

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Officers

Elmer D. Belnap, President	Arias Belnap, Treasurer
Aaron B. Ross, 1st Vice President	Gilbert Marriott, Genealogist
Garth Belnap, 2nd Vice President	Della Belnap, Research Specialist
Alpha Crow, Secretary	Zeruah Thomson, Assistant Genealogist
	Marion Kerr, Historian

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: All Gilbert Belnap's Descendants and Relations:

The Gilbert Belnap Family Organization will hold its Reunion August 19 and 20, 1960, at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

A special temple session will be held at the Idaho Falls Temple Friday evening, August 19th, at 7:00 o'clock for our group. We would like to know in advance how many plan to attend this temple session. Let me know if you will attend.

The Reunion meeting will be 10:00 A. M. Saturday, August 20th, at the Fifth Ward Chapel, 395 2nd Street.

Bring your lunch for noon after the meeting.

Come to the Reunion with a desire to meet and know many of your relatives and I am sure you will enjoy it.

THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

AUG. 19 and 20, 1960

On the evening of Aug. 19, 1960, at 7 o'clock members of the Belnap Family Organization attended a Temple Session in the Idaho Falls Temple. Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening.

Aug. 20, at 10.30 a.m., a business meeting and program was held. Elmer Belnap, President conducting. The opening song, Come Come Ye Saints, was led by Wanda Lou Belnap with Voletta Blanch at the piano. The opening prayer was by Garth Belnap. All joined in, singing The More We Get Together. Elmer Belnap welcomed all that were there, mentioning especially Arthur Miskin who was 84 years old. He also brought to our attention the names of a few who had passed away since the last reunion. Elmer estimated there must be more than 2200 Belnap descendants at the present time. He said his chart made for the last Reunion is 16 ft. long and only includes the grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap.

Next on the program was two violin solos by Julia Barnes. She played Smiling Through and Toyland.

Parley Belnap entertained us with a musical parody played on the Piano showing how the same piece played by different people can sound very different. As an encore he played Come Come Ye Saints, with variations.

Marion Kerr read a very interesting account of the Fort Lemhi - Salmon River Mission of Gilbert Balnap in 1855. At the time, he went on this mission his wife Adaline had four children and his wife Henrietta had one. Gilbert was set apart by Lorenzo Snow. While on this mission he was very ill and while recuperating he wrote the history of his life.

Next on the program was a history of the life of Ruben Belnap read by his Daughter Lovina B. Miskin. Ruben married early and lived a rugged life with many hardships and privations, and he showed a great strength of character.

Next on the agenda was election of officers for the coming two years. Ezra Balnap reported the results of the nominating committee as follows:

For President,	Volney Belnap
1st Vice President	Aaron Ross
2nd Vice President	Wilford Belnap
Secretary	Alpha Crow
Treasurer	Arias Belnap
Historian	Marion Kerr

All other officers are chosen by the board of directors. Other nominations were asked for from the floor but none were made. The officers read were then voted on and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved.

Della Balnap reported she had pictures and books for sale.

Gilbert ^{Marion}Belnap not present because of illness, sent some record sheets he had obnied by the Brunning and the Verifax methods, for people to look at and judge which would be the best method of copying the Belnap records for more widespread use and for sale to members of the family who would wish to buy a copy.

Marion Kerr wishes the families would send her more clippings. She is now indexing what she has.

Wilford Belnap who was not present sent in a resolution he wished read but because of the lateness of the hour it was not read.

Elmer expressed his enjoyment of his four years in office and said he had no regrets in turning the office over to Volney Belnap.

Marion Kerr suggested we show a vote of thanks for the work Elmer Belnap has accomplished. This was done. Volney then spoke a few words in acceptance and said he would do his best.

The closing prayer was by Lester Belnap, after which the meeting was adjourned for lunch. There were 85 present.

Members who paid dues;	Jewel Furniss	Adaline Horman
	Gladys Carwin	Volney Belnap
	Lester Belnap	Zeruah Thomson

David Evans Belnap
Lorenzo Belnap
Francis Belnap
Garth Belnap
Fern Fowers
Voletta Blanch
Arthur Miskin
Emma Lu Belnap
Della Belnap
Annie Flitton
Earl R. Belnap
Reid Belnap

Albert M. Belnap
Flora Dotson
Ezra Belnap
Gilbert Augustus Belnap
Helen Hart
John M. Belnap
Francis Eugene Belnap
J. F. Belnap
Elmer D. Belnap
Alpha Crow

Alpha Crow Sec

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Treasurer's report

August 16, 1960

Cash balance on hand August 22, 1958		\$253.27
Receipts at the reunion Aug. 23, 1958		
Dues	\$82.50	
Books sold	<u>53.75</u>	
total	136.25	
Reunion expense	<u>22.75</u>	
Net total	113.50	<u>113.50</u>

Balance on hand at close of reunion \$366.77

Receipts since reunion 8/23/58		
Dues	\$12.00	
Books sold	92.50	
Pictures sold	2.04	
Interest on bank		
account to 6/30/60	<u>21.54</u>	<u>128.08</u>

Total cash on hand plus receipts since 8/23/58 \$494.85

Expense since 8/23/58		
Gilbert Belnap cemetery marker		
improvements	\$15.15	
Secretary expense for supplies	15.00	
Developing pictures	<u>4.79</u>	<u>34.94</u>

Cash balance on hand in First Security Bank at Ogden Utah August 16, 1960 \$459.91

Other assets with Della Belnap

- 51 complete family books (Gilbert Belnap Centennial Edition)
- 14 books of 1st supplement do
- 34 books 2nd supplement do
- Miscellaneous pedigree chart pictures



Arias G. Belnap, Treasurer

OFFICERS MEETING APRIL 29, 1962 of BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

The meeting was held at the home of Volney Belnap with Volney conducting. Opening prayer was by Della Belnap. Gilbert Marriott reported progress of copying family records by the Brunning system. He has made 8 small sets and 2 complete sets, at the cost of about 1½ cents a sheet.

The organization plans to place complete sets in genealogical libraries in the west.

The direct line only are the smaller sets containing about 20 pages.

Della Belnap expressed the wish to know what has been done with the records already in the Salt Lake Genealogical Library. Wilford Belnap said he would investigate.

Gilbert ^{Marriott} Belnap promised to continue to make the master sets.

A discussion was held about the next reunion. Aaron Ross suggested his lodge in Snow Basin in Ogden Canyon. The reunion was set for Saturday Aug. 25, 1962. Dr. Ross was delegated to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Closing prayer was given by Marie Belnap.

Those present:

Volney Belnap
Wilford Belnap
Aaron Ross
Gilbert Marriott
Della Belnap
Alpha Crow

In Laws present

Marie Belnap
Louise Belnap
Allen S. Crow

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OFFICERS MEETING OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION HELD July 3, 1962.

The meeting was held at the home of Wilford Belnap in Bountiful, Utah.

This meeting was for the purpose of further discussing the forth coming Reunion.

President Volney Belnap conducted . Final agreement was made to hold the Reunion on Aug. 25, 1962 at the Glinda Lodge in Snow Basin up Ogden Canyon. At the Reunion a business meeting will be held from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon.

The lunch hour will be from 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m., and a program will be held at 2.00 p.m. The lunch can be bought cafeteria style at the Lodge of if anyone prefers they can bring their own lunch.

The Ross family was chosen to give the program along with several numbers from Wilford Belnaps family.

Wilford gave a short report on how he thinks the separate families should organize under the central Belnap organization.

A July 31, meeting was agreed upon to be held at 7.00 p.m., at the home of Volney Belnap, in Ogden, Utah.

alpha Crow
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Belnap Family Officers Meeting

Officers meeting held at the home of Volney Belnap, July 31, 1962.

The meeting was called to plan the Business meeting at the Reunion. Volney Belnap conducting. Prayer by Wilford Belnap.

President Belnap reported on the progress of plans for the reunion.

Wilford Belnap was chosen to conduct the business meeting. He plans to present A Resoluitiin Proposing the expansion of the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization to Generate Greater Interest, Afford Increased Activity and More Fully Promote the Purpose of the Patriarchial Order.

A nominating committee was chosen consisting of Wilford Belnap, Chairman and Aaron Ross, Maud Kimball, Zeruah Thomson and Ethel McEntire.


Meeting adjourned.

Those present

Lovell Belnap
Ethel McEntire
Flora Dotson
Wilford Belnap
Volney Belnap
Della Belnap
Marion Kerr
Maud Kimball
Inez Belnap
Zeruah Thomson
Aaron Ross

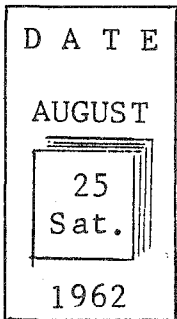
In Laws Present

Louise Belnap
Marie Belnap
Allen S. Crow
La Vil Thomson
Walter Kerr

Alpha Crow
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Grandpa blazed an ox team trail -
You may come by car or rail!



BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

The Belnap Family, to which you belong, is a large group now scattered over many states.

It is good to come together once in a while and become better acquainted. For that reason, we have planned another big reunion for this year. The date is Saturday, August 25th, 1962 and the place is the Gelandi Lodge, located in the scenic Snow Basin Ski Area, a beautiful seventeen mile drive east of Ogden, Utah. We think you will enjoy Snow Basin. It is beautiful and cool there.

The Lodge has been reserved for us; and your officers are hopeful a large group will be on hand.

We will have a business meeting at 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Then we will lunch and visit for two hours, after which we will have a delightful program.

One item to be presented during the business meeting will be a new idea on family organization. The election of officers will also take place at this meeting.

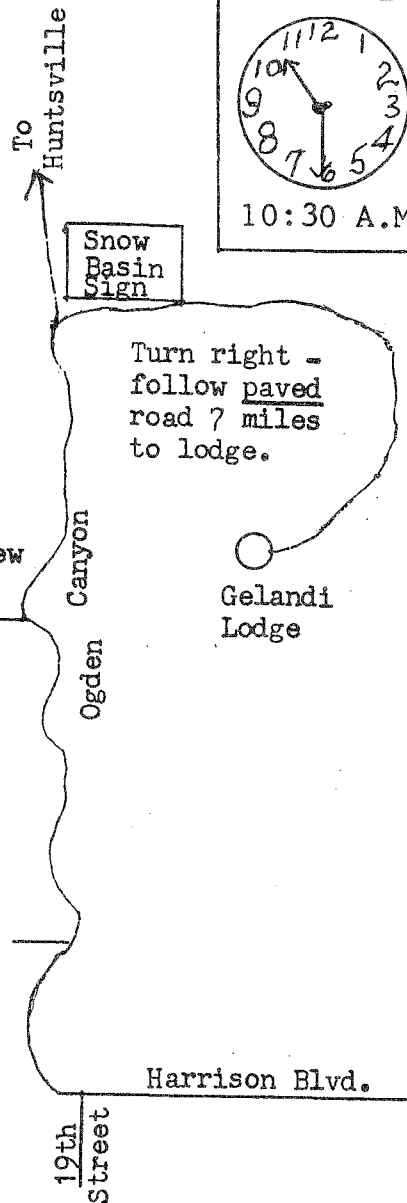
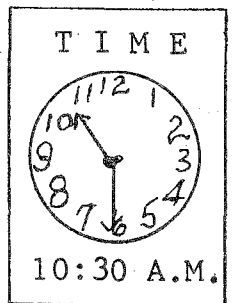
The Lodge is equipped with a fine cafeteria and fountain; and they will be prepared to care for our needs. We suggest we all make use of it; but if you prefer, bring your own lunch and enjoy the Lodge dining room.

There will be fun for all; coloring books for teeny tots, cubic games, horse shoes, badminton, volley ball and soft ball.

We can use your membership fee to good advantage. You remember we set a minimum of \$2.50 per family. Please send it in now or bring it to the Reunion. You may mail it to the treasurer, Arias G. Belnap, 1462 East 3150 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Officers of the Belnap Organization

Volney B. Belnap Aaron B. Ross Wilford Belnap Alfa Crow



August 25, 1962
Snow Basin, Utah
Gelande Lodge

Minutes of the business meeting of the Belnap Family Organization held Aug. 25, 1962. Meeting was held at the Gelande Lodge, located in the Snow Basin Ski Area, seventeen miles east of Ogden.

President Volney B. Belnap called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. The following officers were present, Volney B. Belnap, President, Aaron B. Ross, Vice Pres., Wilford Belnap Vice Pres., Alpha Crow, Sec., Arias G. Belnap, Treas. Marion B. Kerr, , Historian, Gilbert Marriott, Genealogist and Della Belnap, Researcher.

The meeting was called to consider any matters pertaining to the organization. There was a good attendance present. A family representative was present for all fifteen children of Gilbert Belnap, except the family of Rueben Balnap.

The first order of Business was a report given by Gilbert Marriott on the progress of one phase of our genealogy work. He reported that the officers, earlier in the year, had assigned him to get out a record of the ascending and descending lines of the Belnap family. This record to be so organized, in book form, that it could be placed in genealogy libraries where ever the family organization would want them.

He reported the organization suggested they be placed in libraries at Logan, Utah, Pocatella and Idaho Falls, and Boise, in Idaho. He said a similar record was already in the Salt Lake Library of the L. D. S. Church. He also reported he had made copies of the necessary sheets to complete one book but did not have it put together as yet. He had been assisted by Wilford Belnap and Rex Lindsay.

The purpose of these records and having them placed in libraries would be to expedite research work so that those living in the area of the above cities could have ready access to the records.

After a short discussion it was moved his work to date be accepted and that it be completed as soon as possible.

It was also reported that members of the family of Amos Belnap, of Boise, Idaho, had prepared a somewhat similar group of sheets and had brought them to the reunion to be sold at \$3.00 per set to any one who desired them for their own records.

After a discussion it was agreed that all of these sheets that were not sold, the family organization would purchase them for \$1.50 per set.

The next order of business was the presentation of a resolution by Wilford Belnap. Wilford felt the membership of the Family Organization had grown too large for the officers to keep in contact with individual members. He felt the families, of Gilbert Belnaps, fifteen children should form their own family organization and tie it into the central group. Wilford then presented the following resolution to the group.

(Copy of the resolution attached to this sheet)

The resolution was accepted by the vote of those present.

All members were then requested, before leaving this reunion today, that they meet in family groups and name one member to represent their family as a member of the board of directors as specified in the By-Laws of the family organization.

They were then notified that ballots had been prepared, by the election committee, and each person who registered would be issued a ballot. After voting the ballots to be placed in the ballot box on the main hall and the announcement of the election of officers would take place at the close of the afternoon program.

Henry Belnap then explained a plan of having the name of Gilbert Belnap, our first pioneer, to enter the Salt Lake Valley, placed on a bronze plate located in the Memorial Theater building, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

It was requested that all those interested leave a contribution with Treasurer, Arias G. Belnap. All money donated was to be turned over to Henry Belnap to be used for the above purpose.

Next order of business was the report of the Treasurer, Arias G. Belnap, as follows:

(See attached report)

Report was approved by all present.

Adjournment at 12:00 noon.

An election by ballot was held. The nominations presented by the Committee were as follows:

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| <p>For President</p> <p>Gordon L. Belnap
 Ronald F. Belnap
 Jim Marriott</p> | <p>For Vice President</p> <p>Frank L. Hammon
 Lorenzo Belnap</p> |
| <p>For 2nd Vice President</p> <p>Herman Stoker
 Max Belnap</p> | <p>For 3rd Vice President</p> <p>Flora Dotson
 Voletta Blanche</p> |
| <p>For Secretary and Treasurer</p> <p>Wendell T. Belnap
 Artella Luthy</p> | |

Results of Election

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| President | Gordon L. Belnap |
| 1st Vice President | Lorenzo Belnap |
| 2nd Vice President | Herman Stoker Max Belnap |
| 3rd Vice President | Flora Dotson |
| Secretary & Treas. | Artella Luthy |

Delegates chosen at the Reunion

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Gilbert R. Belnap family - | Maud Kimbal |
| Reuben Belnap family | Amos Belnap |
| Martha Jane Belnap Hammon family | Ethel B. McEntire |
| Hyrum Belnap family | Knight B. Kerr |
| Augustus Belnap family | Augustus R. Belnap |
| Vinson Knight family | Vinson Knight Belnap |
| Amasa Belnap family | Edith Machen Ward |
| Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe Family | Zeruah Thomson |
| Mary Belnap Lowe family | Jewel L. VanOrdon |
| Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear Family | Alpha Crow |
| William James Belnap family | |
| Oliver Belnap family | Vere Belnap |
| Francis Belnap family | Voletta Blanche |
| Isadore Estella Belnap Stoddard family | Jennie Copley |
| Joseph Belnap family - | Amos Belnap |

Alpha Crow
Sec

RESOLUTION BY WILFORD BELNAP

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION TO GENERATE GREATER INTEREST, AFFORD INCREASED ACTIVITY AND MORE FULLY PROMOTE THE PURPOSES OF THE PATRIARCHIAL ORDER.

WHEREAS, the descendants of Gilbert Belnap now number thousands and divergent interests have scattered many families to all parts of the world, direct contact by the central organization has become unwieldy:

AND WHEREAS, equal representation of all family units is necessary to promote the intent of the Belnap Society, (a) by co-ordination and compiling of acceptable records, (b) unify research and tabulation by operating through a central clearing house, (c) establish research material in libraries convenient to families where feasible, (d) organize member-families under the names of the children of Gilbert Belnap with full complement of officers and committees as set up in the parent society, (d) provide adequate dues and research funds to effect genealogical motivation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That member families be organized as set forth above.
2. That times and places of meeting shall be set to avoid conflict with the central society.
3. Family members shall appoint a representative who may be a member of the genealogical, research, and temple committee; who shall be a delegate to the central society or other member units, where pertinent business is involved.
4. It shall be the duty of the representatives to collaborate with the central executive committee to promote the purposes and business of the overall organization. Delegates shall have power to legislate; act as clearing-house agents, nominate elective and other officers of the parent society, and confirm same by majority vote as need arises.
5. When families hold reunions, singly or in groups, where important matters pertaining to all are considered, exchange of representatives should be encouraged both by family and parent society.
6. Training classes and work groups, especially for the youth, should be set up as a permanent program, under supervision of competent directors; to expand research and temple work, compile personal and family histories, promote executive ability to further the general program of the Belnap Society.
7. To effect the terms and conditions proposed herein, the president of the parent society shall appoint a committee to study the Constitution and By-Laws of the Belnap Society and adapt the same to harmonize herewith and conform generally with the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mr. President, I recommend the adoption of this resolution.

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Treasurer's report as of August 20, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash balance in First Security Bank at Ogden as of August 16, 1960		\$459.91
Family dues received -- at the 1960 reunion		81.00
July & August 1962		20.00
Books sold - \$35.00; \$6.40; \$16.00		57.40
Pictures sold		10.00
Interest received since last reunion \$6.52, \$8.15, \$6.87, \$9.26		30.80
Total receipts		<u>\$659.11</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Since Aug. 16, 1960

Reunion (1960) expense			
Mimeo sheets	\$5.41		
Soft drinks	12.00		
Hall rent	<u>15.00</u>	\$32.41	
Printing pictures		2.90	
Flowers -- Elmer Belnap funeral		10.00	
Genealogical supplies & work			
Gilbert Marriott -- ZCMI	\$33.14		
Gilbert Marriott	<u>60.00</u>	93.14	\$138.45
Balance in cash in First Security Bank Aug. 20, 1962			<u>\$520.66</u>

Other assets with Della Belnap

48 Complete books Gilbert Belnap Centennial Edition
10 1st supplement edition
30 2nd supplement edition

Miscellaneous pedigree chart pictures

Arias G. Belnap, Treasurer

Afternoon meeting of the 1962 Reunion

Conducted by President Volney Belnap. Prayer by Knight B. Kerr.

Greetings by the President. He asked who was the oldest one present and found it to be William O. Belnap and Mead Belnap was the next oldest.

Elma Ross conducted community singing. Songs used were, We are the Belnaps. The Week Day Song. Three Blind Mice.

The singing was accompanied by Darlene Belnap on the accordion,

Gilbert Marriott reported that the Master set of records would sell for \$30.00 and the Direct line set for \$3.00. Individual sheets for five cents.

Wilford Belnap read the Resolution proposing the expansion of the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization for the benefit of those not at the morning meeting.

A skit was next presented by the B. West Belnap family.

Marie Belnap read the 13 Articles of No. Faith.

A quartet from the Lowell Knight family consisting of Gay, Ross, Rube and Val, sang three numbers; The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Mamma I Gave Away the Baby. and Sing Along.

Historian Marion B. Kerr read some interesting clippings collected the last 2 years on the doings of the Belnaps.

Bonnie Ross and Alta Lowe then gave a tumbling act.

The boys quartet then sang Just Whistle and Doing What He Oughter.

Next on the program; a talk by Lorenzo Belnap. He told of early history Grandfather Gilbert Belnap showing his self reliance, moral virtue and stick-to-it-iveness.

Dr. Dean Belnap gave two comic readings.

The results of the election were read. Closing prayer by Walter B. Kerr.

There were 234 persons present at the reunion.

Business meeting held Feb. 2-1963 was held at the home of ^{Vonley B.} Vonley Belnap. The meeting commenced at 2:30 P. M.. Purpose of meeting to transfer duties of former family officers to newly elected ones. Lorenzo Belnap opened with prayer. Vonley Belnap read the By-Laws and resoulation of family organization. The minuets of the Belnap Family Renunion held August 25, 1962 were read by Alpha Crow. Arias Belnap read the financial report.

A report was made concerning the Plaque presented to the Pioneer Memorial Theater by the Gilbert Belnap Family.

Mrs. Gilbert Marriott reported on the reproduction of Belnap family books the were being compiled for the placement in Libraries, at Boise, Idaho Falls, Logan, & Pocotello and possibly at the library at Brigham Young University. This project will need 10 binders in all at the cost of 3.00 ea.

It was suggested that new officers meet with Gilbert Marriott and an inventory of supplies taken.

A. recommendation was made that we gather each family group sheet & compiled and start placing them in the temples.

It was stated the 4/5 of all reasearch done was duplication and persons wanting to submit names clear with heads of family lines first to see if work had not already been completed.

Those present were;

Mr. & Mrs Vonley Belnap
Gordon Belnap
Della Belnap
Knight B. Kerr
Arias Belnap
Alfa Crow
Allen Crow
Flora Dotson
Marion B. Kerr
Mrs. Gilbert Belnap
Lorenzo Belnap
Artella Luthy

Meeting was closed with Prayer by Allan Crow.

Artella Luthy

MINUETS OF MEETING HELD BY OFFICERS OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
MARCH 2, 1963

Meeting began a 2:00 PM and was held at Della Belnaps home,
all officers were present,

The suggestion was made that a letter be composed and sent to each &
every family member we had an address on- telling them of what is being
done by the organization and of the books and picture that are available
to them.

It was mentioned that 50 copies of the Red Book 2nd & 3rd Edition ,
priced at 10.00 per copy . New edition will have to be made for more copies.

Dela reported that there were 45 copies of a packet of genaology sheets
containing 69 sheets and 14 additional sheets to be added to each packet,
these to sell for 4.00 each.

There is a picture 8by 10 with the (Gilbert Belnap) wives & Children
available for \$1.50 each also 36 individual pictures for .15¢ each, of
various family members.

Gordon outlined assignments for each officer.

Metting ajourned at 5:30 PM.

GORDON BELNAP
LORENZO BELNAP
MAX BELNAP
FLORA DOTSON
DELLA BELNAP
ARTELLA LUTHY

Artella Luthy

Minuets of Meeting Held By Officers of Belnap Family Organization
JUNE 8 1963

Meeting began at 7:30 PM at Della Belnaps home, THOSE present were,
Gordon Belnap, Della Belnap, Max Belnap, Artella Luthy,
Gordon reported that there were 87 Baptisims performed at Logan Temple
June 8 1963 for 60 Female names and 27 male names. The childern that performed
the baptisims, were Karen Belnap, Susan Erickson, and Don Belnap.
It also was reported tha other Temple work for these names were to be done .
The Endowments at Logan Temple & Ceilings at the Salt Lake Temple, The date
of June 24 was set of Possible family session to complete this work.

President:

Pres Gordon outlined and assigned each officer specific duties.

The secetary to handle all funds, minuets and historical items. (Artella Luthy)

1st. Vice Pres. to handle all Geneology & records & printing of records.

(Lorenzo Belnap)

2nd. Vice Pres to handle all arrangements for reunions.

(Max Belnap)

3rd Vice Pres. to contact and secure a representative for each family of the
Gilbert Belnap decendents and to keep all informed of the Belnap Organization.

(Flora Dotson)

Gordon presented an outline of a form letter with the news and
happenings of the organization since the new officers were installed .
Preparations were made for a copy of the letter to be mailed to everyone.

Meeting ajourned at 9:30 P.M.

Artella Luthy

Minutes of Meeting held by Officers of the Belnap Family Organization
September 14, 1963

Meeting began at 7:00 Pm at Della Belnap's Home. Those present were Gordon Belnap, Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Belnap, Flora Dotson, Della Belnap Artella Luthy, Also present were the following family representatives, Alpha & Allen Crow, Henry Belnap, Ethel McEntire, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & Approved.
Financial report was made by the secretary.
The results of the form letter was reported on. With 300 letters mailed 60 made a reply, with the total result financialy of 180.65.

Lorenzo reported that the temple work had been completed for the 87 names that had had Baptisims done earlier in the year.
Lorenzo suggested that all re-search done should be cleared through He or Della, so that duplication would not occur.

Lorenzo also reported that he had a nephew that had expressed the desire to help with research on geneology.

Plans for the reunion for the summer of 1964 were discussed and passed on. The theme of the reunion is to be based on "Whats My Line".
Place : Snow Basin. Time: August 22, 1964 At. 9:30 A.M.

Meeting

Meeting ajourned at 10:00 P. M.

Artella Luthy

Minutes of Meeting held by Officers of the Belnap Family Organization.
January 25, 1964

Meeting commenced at 7:15 P.M. at Della Belnap's home.

Those present were Gordon Belnap, Della Belnap, Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Belnap, Max Belnap, H. Lynn Belnap, Flora Dotson, and Artella Luthy.

Lorenzo reported that the book being compiled by Gilbert Marriott was about half completed.
It was proposed that Gilbert be contacted as to his being able to complete the book or to have some one else asume the responsibility of completing the book for printing.

Gordon motioned that all records and scrap books be Microfilmed for a permanent record in case of fire or other loss of work and records that could not be replaced. The micro-film possibilities--expense and storage facilities were to be reported on in the next meeting. The consideration of the appointment and even payment of a special person to be responsible for the records and property of the family organization was made.

Della reported that there were 5 families needed temple ceilings done.

Flora reported she had letters to sent to the various family representatives with final plans for the reunion to be held in August.

Max had a General out line for the reunion. It was deecided that the full report of the progress of the organization and financial report should be included in the printed program. The tentative schedule was set up as follows; 9:30 to 10:30 Ski Lift Rides, 10:30 to 12:00 Program, 12:00 to 2:00 Lunch, 2:00 to 3:30 Work Shop and Socials, 3:30 to 4:00 P.M. Movies of past Belnap reunions.

Motion was made and seconded that 50.00 dollars be sent to England for research of geneology with not more than \$100.00 to be spent for the project.

Motion was also made that the by laws be studied to see if rules could be made regarding the election of officers for the Organization. It was suggested that the treee vice Presidents automaticly be the ones nominated for Pres. Election and three new Vice Pres. elected each year, with a new Sec. nominated every other reunion year.

Meeting ajourned at 10:00 P. M.

Artella Luthy

Minuets of Meeting held by the Officers
of the Belnap Family Organization March, 27, 1964

MEETING began at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Della Belnap, Those present were: Gordon Belnap, Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Belnap, Flora Dotson Max G. Belnap, Dean Belnap, Hal Belnap, Della Belnap, and Artella Luthy.

Dean Belnap discussed the best way of getting the most for our money with the research directed in the proper way. It was reported that for \$15.00 to the referral Soc. in Salt Lake City, would help in seeing that research in different lines would prove to be the proper ones, to persue.

Ways and means were again discussed on completeing the 1,000 page book for placement in the Libraries, to further the research in the Belnap line.

The present By-Laws were brought^{up} for discussion and the Motion was made that the By-Laws should be rewritten and more^{or} less modernized, With full approval of the Board of directors, Consisting of a representative from each of the 15 direct decendants of Gilbert Belnap.

Dr. Dean Belnap offered \$200.00 for further research to be persued by a contact in England,

Lorenzo ask if ~~it~~ could be put to work immediately for research.

It was also reported that the collateral lines were the most productive.

It. was reported that Ohio also has a Belnap Family Organization.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.m.

Artella Luthy

MINUETS OF MEETING HELD BY THE OFFICERS OF
THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY OF ORGANIZATION APRIL 3, 1964

Meeting commenced at 7:00 P.M. at Della Belnaps Home . those present were Gordon Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Flora Dotson, Della Belnap, & Artella Luthy,

The motion was made ~~for the~~ family/proceed with the printing of more of the genealogical packet consisting of 122 pages.

Concern was expressed for the members of the family that had done work on the Belnap lines and would not share the information with the rest of the family, this way duplication was possible also wrong lines could be researched. Information in hands of all family would be beneficial, to all.

The motion also was made that A Belnap Code of Arms be printed for sale to the members of the Family, at \$2.00 Each.

It was also stated that the income for the work of^{THE} organization would depend on sale of these various items because members were not faithful enough in paying their dues.

It. was decided that another news letter would be mailed out to the family members again in June.

The major part of the evening was spent in the Officers going over the new rough draft of a new By-Laws Record and voting on final changes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Artella Luthy

MINUETS OF MEETING OF BELNAP OFFICERS AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JUNE 27, 1964

The meeting was held at Della Belnaps home and commenced at 7:00pm
The purpose of the meetin was for the directors to vote on the New By-Laws
drawn up by Officers at previous meeting.

Out of 15 representitives 8 were present.

It was reported that the 1000 page bppk had been sent to the printers, and
that 13 copies were being made 5 for the Various Libraries, 8 had been ordered
for sale to individuals at 50.00 each

It was reported that the family Organization had been offically registred at
the Church Offices in Salt Lake City,

Della reported that \$50.00 had been mailed to a contact in England, for
fubthher research.

It was also reported that the 87 Baptisims done earlier in the year had now
had the Endowments completed. and also Special Ceiling work could be done
at the Salt Lake City, Temple at the 12:00 Session., and that the Logan
Temple would do special group ceiling sessions.

Work at other Temples can be obtained by request on special lines.

The New By- Laws were presented and voted on by all present. Thus puting the
Modern versin in to efect.

The reunion to be held was voted to be on August 22, 1964 at Snow Basin
East of Ogden,

A basic out line of the reunion was presented and voted upon.

Those present were;

Gorden, Belnap	(Hyrum)
Flora Dotson	(OLIVER)
LORENZO BELNAP & WIFE	(FRANCIS)
ARTELLA LUTHY	(ADALINE)
DELLA BELNAP	(HYRUM)
ETHEL MC ENTIRE	(MARY JANE)
KNIGHT B. KERR & WIFE	(HYRYM)
ALPHA CROW & HUSBAND	(LOLA)
HENRY BELNAP	(WILLIAM)
COLLIN HOLBROOK	(JOSEPH)
MRS. VIOLET DUNCAN	(RUBEN)
MRS. EVELYN GALLOWAY	(RUBEN)
VOLETTA BLANCH	(FRANCIS)

Meetin adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

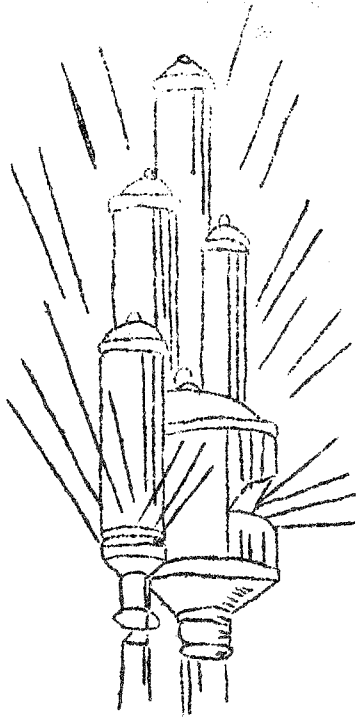
Artella Luthy

Belnap Descendants To Meet on Saturday

The Gilbert Belnap family will hold its reunion Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Gelandi Lodge at Snow Basin.

The day will commence with a ride up the Snow Basin ski lift, followed by a business meeting.

Families may bring their own lunches or eat at the lodge.



BELNAP FAMILY

REUNION

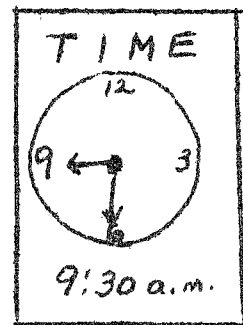
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Saturday

GELANDI LODGE

17 miles east

of

Ogden, Utah



***** RIDE THE SKI LIFT TO THE TOP OF BEAUTIFUL MOUNT OGDEN....from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The view of Ogden Valley and Pineview Dam is a must for everyone to see. The cost will be \$1.00 per person.

***** FIRST MEETING....will be a Genealogical Workshop and Discussion conducted by Della Belnap. This should be very interesting and informative for all. This meeting will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m.

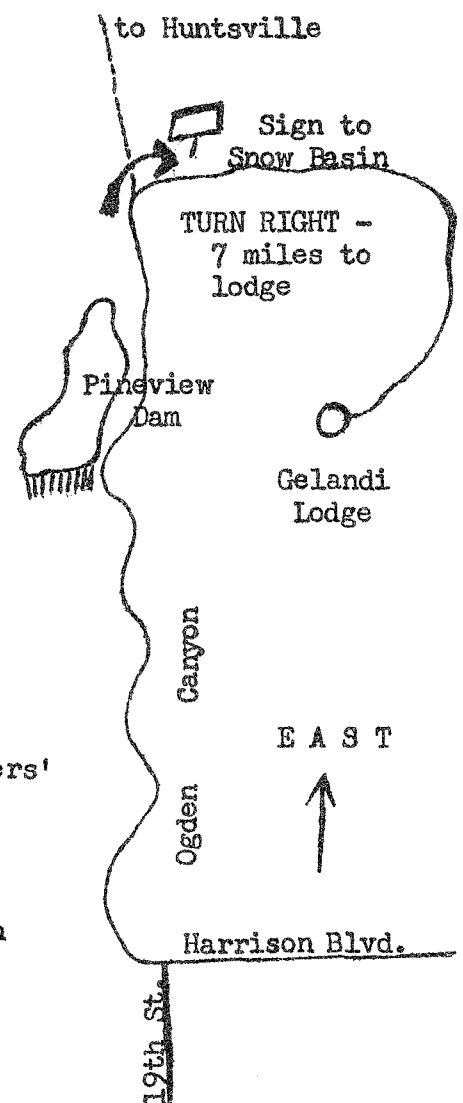
***** CONTEST....will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. and prizes will be given for the winners!!!

***** LUNCH....will be served by Gelandi Lodge or you may bring your own lunch. The menu will be: Choice of tossed green salad or jello salad, Barbequed chicken, potato salad and soft drink. Price: \$1.25 per plate. Pie, cake, ice cream, malts and goodies will be on sale.

***** THE MAIN MEETING, election of officers, report from the president and program, will commence promptly at 1:30 p.m. The reunion will end with a new officers' installation ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

***** CANDIDATES FOR FAMILY OFFICERS:

President: Lorenzo Belnap, Max Belnap, Flora Dotson
1st Vice Pres: Ronald Belnap
2nd Vice Pres: Kieth Belnap
3rd Vice Pres: Flora Dotson
Secretary: Artella Luthy



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GILBERT BELNAP ORGANIZATION

August 18, 1964

The following financial report is a true and accurate accounting of all money received and expenditures of the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization.

Ariella Luthy
Secretary-Treasurer

CASH ON HAND March 1963.....\$ 380.30

Received:

Interest.....\$ 27.93
Dues, Sale of books
and pictures..... 311.61
Coat of Arms..... 34.00
Sale of Belnap books.. 30.00
Receipts.....\$403.54

Total Funds.....\$ 783.84

EXPENDITURES:

Printing of newsletter 1963.....\$ 13.21
Postage & envelopes..... 59.30
Printing of newsletter 1964..... 8.00
Purchase Mary Jane Hammon book.. 10.00
Sent to England for research.... 51.10
Printing for complete Belnap
Genealogy..... 165.53
Printing of Genealogy Packet.... 335.25

Total Expenditures.....\$ 642.39

CASH ON HAND AUGUST 18, 1964.....\$ 141.45

The family has the following material which is paid for:
15 complete Belnap genealogy @ \$50.00 each.
200 genealogy packets @ \$7.00 each.

P. S. Family dues of \$2.50 are now due and we need them!

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL COLLECTED SINCE AUGUST 22, 1964:

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2.45
DUES COLLECTED	\$274.00
DONATIONS FOR RESEARCH	-\$154.61
SALE OF LARGE BOOK	5 @ \$50.00
	-\$250.00
GENEALOGICAL PACKETS	54 @ \$7.00
	\$378.00
GENEALOGICAL PACKETS	15 @ \$3.00
	\$ 45.00
COAT OF ARMS	84 @ \$2.00
	-\$168.00
GILBERT BELNAP BOOKS	5 @ \$10.00
	-\$ 50.00
MISC. SALE OF PICTURES, GEN. SHEETS, ETC.	\$220.18
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED ON ACCOUNT	\$ 48.25
Total	\$1,589.49

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS SINCE AUGUST 22, 1964:

EXPENSE FOR REUNION AT SNOW BASIN	\$177.61
TO COLLEGE OF ARMS IN BRITIAN FOR RESEARCH	\$ 15.50
EXPENSE FOR COMPLETION OF LARGE BOOK FOR LIBRARIES	\$105.49
EXPENSE FOR PRINTING & POSTAGE FOR NEWS LETTERS	\$ 62.45
PART REIMBURSEMENT FOR DR. HOWARD BELNAP ON COAT OF ARMS	\$185.00
EXPENSE BY DELLA FOR PRINTING, POSTAGE, & SUPPLIES	\$ 72.12
FOR A M COLLIERD IN ENAGLAND FOR RESEARCH	\$250.00
FOR FRANK M. SMITH IN ENGLAND FOR RESEARCH	\$200.00
Total	\$1,068.17

\$ 1,589.49
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Bal. on hand Aug. 3, 1966

A. Luthy

MINUETS OF BELNAP REUNION 1964

The Bi-Annual Reunion commenced at 9:30 A.m. at Gelandi Lodge Snow Basin, Ogden, Utah. The events began with rides part way up of Mt. Ogden on the Ski Lift. Bob Belnap had a truck to take others that cared to go from the top of the ski lift to the top of Mt. Ogden, there were 12 who ventured all the way.

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BELNAP REUNION

Aug. 22, 1964

The morning meeting was in the form of a work shop. The opening prayer was given by Flora Dotson. Della Belnap gave a sketch of the first Belnap known in history.

In England our people were known as "Sir _____ Belknapp"- nobility and royalty.

In 1635 our family emigrated from Hertfordshire, England, landing above Boston and settling in Massachusetts. Arland grant furnishes this information. Gradually they have spread out over almost the far corners of the United States and also located in Eastern Canada. Our Jessie Belnap was in the Revolutionary War.

In 1750 Jonathan Belnap freed his colored slave, being one of the first to offer this. In 1770 a large group of the family settled in Newburg, New York. There is still a bridge there called Belnap ^{Page 2}. Also the Daughters of the American Revolution have preserved Isaac Belnap's house there.

From New York the Belnap's moved to Pennsylvania and finally into Ohio. Gilbert Belnap came out west with the pioneers, and arrived in Utah the 15 of September 1850. The first winter he dug, a dug out in the hill near where Della now lives, later building a home.

Gilbert Belnap wasn't the first Belnap to come west. Earlier Belnap's settled in Eugene, Oregon., and there is a Belnap town No 1 and No.2. The name Belknapp is given to a town in Illinois also one in Ohio. There is one named Belknapp in Vermont also.

In Ogden there is a Belnap plat and there is a street called Belnap Circle.

Della also showed her Book of Remembrance.

The next on the program was Merle Belnap and she showed her very complete and interesting Book of Remembrance. After her Jewel Van Orden showed a chart on the Beltoff original form of the name Belnap.

The first Beltoff was in ~~Austria~~ ^{England}. Bel means beautiful, and toft means hill, or the people of the beautiful hill. In the 1400 they moved to France. There the name was changed to Belknoll. Bell meaning beautiful and noll meaning hill. At the time the Hugenotts were being persecuted these people went to England. The name there being changed to Blknappe, but meaning the same as above. It was 1635 when they came to America, and settled in Massachusetts. The p and the e were left off the name and became Belnap. It was Jesse in the family who left of the k, and thus it was as we now spell it, Belnap.

This chart was prepared by Charlene Belnap and Richard B Taylor, of California, shows fifteen generations of the Belnap family for a five hundred year period. Reprints of this chart can be had for \$10.00. The chart starts with John Beltoff of ~~Austria~~ ^{England} and connects with Jessie Belnap.

Last on the program was Flora Dotson who took a few minutes to explain the Quiz contest that was to be conducted during the lunch hour.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Reunion con't. 1964

At. 2:00 P.M. ^{President} Gordon Belnap called the business meeting to order.
Vonley Belnap Opened with prayer.
Lorenzo Belnap Presented the new By-Laws for approval and mentioned the items the organization had for sale to expedite everyone in the research on the Belnap Line.
Max G. Belnap asked to be excused because he was in Calif.
The Oldest living decendent present was Francis Eugene Belnap 84 years old.
The 2nd oldest decendent present was Tirzia Belnap Ross 83 years old.

Vonley Belnap & Lester Belnap, two of the past presidents were also present.

Dr. Dean Belnap asked that he be excused as he was in England.

A Skit based on the Life of Francis Eugene Belnap was presented in the theme of The Time Machine. Then Francis gave a few comments.

A Contest was held for the children under 15, on answers about their ancestry. Also a similar contest was held for adults. The winner of the Childrens contest, was Jenie Belnap. the winners of the adults. contest were, Bonnie Belnap & Phillip G. Wheelwright, The prizes in both contests was a Gode of Arms.

The count of various items and dues collected is:

81 rides on Ski Lift	\$	81.00
Books, Pictures & Etc.	\$	131.43
Dues Collected	\$	123.00
16 large gen. packets @ 7.00 ea	\$	112.00
11 small " " @ 3.00 ea	\$	33.00
37 Gode of Arms. @ 2.00 ea	\$	78.00
Bal on hand at beg. of reunion	\$	1.45
New Bal for new Officers	\$	559.88

Sept. 26, 1964

The election for new Organization Officers was held with the following results:

President: Lorenzo Belnap
1st Vice Pres. Ronald Belnap
2nd Vice Pres. Keith Belnap
3rd Vice Pres. Flora Dotson
Sec. & treas. La Rue Willis
Treasurer Artella Luthy
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.
Lester Belnap closed with prayer.

Artella Luthy

SEPT. 26, 1964

Following is a letter sent by the Retiring President of the Belnap Family Organization, Written to the new Presidency, all Present felt that it would be well worth adding to minutes of the Organization.

September 20, 1964

President Lorenzo Belnap
Hooper, Utah

Dear Lorenzo:

Enclosed is a carbon copy of the letter sent to Gilbert Marriott asking for an accounting of the money spent to print the books and an accounting of the records and materials that belong to the family.

I opened the door for you to have the items moved if you wish. I am sorry that I will not be able to be present Saturday, but I do hope that Gilbert has this information for you.

As I told you on the phone I do wish you success and if at any time I can help you I stand at your service.

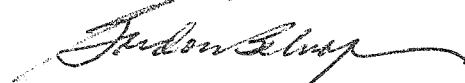
Will you please express my appreciation to the retiring officers for all the help they gave me and the accomplishments during the past two years belong to the officers. Flora is a real "pearl of great price." You really have a dedicated and loyal supporter with her back as an officer.

Ren I would like to express my feelings about the organization and what I would like to see continue. I have become interested in the family and appreciate the family and organization since seeing the mechanics of it function. I have benefited from my term as President and only hope that the family organization was benefited.

1. I would like to see the family continue to publish the annual newsletter and mail it to the family members.
2. I would like to see a more accurate up dating and listing of members names and addresses. In mailing out the notices I must have had 25 or more come back. I believe if we are to be effective we must have the names and addresses of our family. I am sure that with time and effort the names can be corrected.
3. I would like to see an addition made to the 122 page packet we just had printed. I believe we could add 25 or 50 sheets each ~~year~~ reunion and make it a project for getting the information into the family and their libraries.
4. I would like to see the Genealogical Committee organized and functioning as set up in the new by-laws.

My heart-filled thanks to you for your loyal help. I have learned to love you and appreciate the many wonderful people in our family. May we all help you during your term as President and if I can help I will. I hope that we as a family can work together for becoming Saviours on Mount Zion.

Sincerely,



Minutes for the meeting of
Sept. 26, 1964 of the Belnap
Family Organization, Officers

The purpose of the meeting called was for the New Officers elected at the bi-annual reunion to assume responsibility of the Belnap Family Organization.

Meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M. at Della Belnaps home .
Lorenzo Belnap conducted Meeting, with Keith Belnap opening with prayer.

Those present were Lorenzo Belnap, Keith Belnap, Ronald Belnap, Mr. & Mrs Carl Dotson, Della Belnap and Artella Luthy.

Lorenzo read a letter from former Pres. Gorden Belnap, as he was unable to be present, (the letter from Gorden is included in this book on the following page.)

The minutes of the Bi-annual Reunion were read, corrected and approved.

A question was raised about the 16 foot pedigree chart that was displayed at the reunion as being correct, It was stated as far as anyone knew, it was.

LORENZO read a letter from Gorden Belnap to Gilbert Marriott asking for an accounting of all properties that belongs to the Family Organization. Gilbert was not present nor was there a letter supplying the necessary information.

The topic again was brought up as for a permanent place for availability and also safety of records belonging to the family.

Della reported on the distribution of the large Geneology Book that was to be placed in the various libraries. Salt Lake Library accepted the book on the Patrons File.

Logan will accept the book, must be divided in two parts, with a hard back cover for each part, with an index file made for reference.

Boise will accept the book, with cover supplied.

Dr. Dean Belnap joined Mr. A. M. Collier while he was in England in doing some more research on the Collateral lines. Dr. Belnap has given \$100.00. towards this project.

It was stated that any research done on the Belnap lines should belong to the whole Family and not to the one doing it.

Della reported that Ceilings for 17 families were being held in the Salt Lake Temple for completion.

Special assignments were made to the New Officers.

1. Temple Work assignments by Ronald Belnap.
2. A. More up to date mailing to be maintained by Flora Dotson.
3. A News Letter to be organized soon, to help let the family know that more finances were needed for more research in England.

A tentative date of Oct. 24, 1964 was set up for the next meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Artella Luthy

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BELNAP
FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS October 24, 1964

The meeting of this organization was held at the home of Della Belnap. Lorenzo Belnap conducted the meeting and it was opened with prayer by Della Belnap. Time : 7:00

Ronald Belnap made a report on some names that have been found for sealing. The Salt Lake Temple requested that the sealing be done there. Sixteen people are needed to do this sealing: 7 couples and 2 men for witnesses.

President Lorenzo Belnap suggested that we try again to get the records from Salt Lake. In case this could not be done, a tentative date, Thursday, November 5, 1964, was set to do this work. Vice President Ronald Belnap was appointed to supervise and Keith Belnap was appointed to get the people to do the work.

Della Belnap put forth a question as to where names from England (if there were some) should be sent. The group decided that they should be divided among the Salt Lake, Logan, and Idaho Falls, temples.

The motion was made and seconded to have Artelle Luthy remain as treasurer of the organization due to her location in Ogden. She was appointed a part of the secretarial committee. Appreciation to her for her work as secretary was expressed by the group.

A letter was read by Della Belnap from Brother Christiansen that the family group sheets are in the archives and this letter will be put into the minutes.

Flora Dotson read the letter that she and Della had been assigned to write. The letter was approved by the group and ~~Ronald~~ ^{Gordon} Belnap will print it.

It was suggested that each of the children of Gilbert have a family representative to be appointed to the board of directors of the main organization and also have reunions of their own.

A document of the contents of the Belnap Family Files was read by Lorenzo and is now in the minute book.

A report regarding the cost of the printing of the book was made by President Lorenzo Belnap. The woman who printed the book felt that she should have more money. It was not known whether the former president, Gordon L. Belnap, had agreed to pay her this extra money or not. -It- Keith Belnap made the motion to pay the full cost that she asked if it had been promised and to pay the compromise she had proposed if not.

The expenditures for the preparation of the Gilbert Belnap book were also reported.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am for 3 months.

Those present were:

Lorenzo Belnap and his wife Vera
Ronald Belnap
Flora Dotson
Della Belnap
Keith Belnap and his wife Evelyn and daughter Janen
Artelle Luthy
LaRue Willis
Helen Hurt (sister of LaRue)

LaRue Willis

REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSE OF THE
BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION AS OF JAN 1, 1965

Beginning Balance; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;		\$590.45
Kathryn Koldwyn for news letters	\$ 4.00-	586.45
Jewel Van Orden for research	3.00+	589.45
Expense for completion of large book for Libraries	150.00-	439.45
Norma B. Orchard for Index Printing	20.08 -	419.37
Rose Printing Co.	34.57-	384.80
Envelopes for letters	25.00-	359.80
Covers for books for Libraries	35.00-	324.20
Gordon Belnap for Printing Letters	33.45-	291.35
Interest on Account 3/31/65	9.35+	300.70
Interest on Account 6/30/65	5.57+	306.27
Intererst on Account 9/30/65	7.05+	313.32
Sale of 26 Coats of arms @2.00	52.00+	365.32
For Pictures , Postage And Gen. Sheets	20.08+	385.40
Expense for Postage, Pictures, etc.	20.08-	365.32
Sale of Pictures	13.78+	379.10
Gen Sheets	7.35+	386.45
Sale of 2 -\$3.00 Packets	6.00+	392.45
Sale of 22 \$7.00 Packets	154.00+	546.45
Donation - Lester Belnap for research	100.00+	646.45
Other Donations for research	15.00+	661.45
Sale Large Book Mrs. Alma E. Guhin	50.00+	711.45
Postage for Pictures and other items	4.67+	716.12
Sale of 4 Belnap Family Red Books	40.00+	756.12
Sale Large Book Muriel Belnap	50.00+	806.12
Total Dues Collected	48.50+	854.62
Interest On Account 12/31/65	8.27+	862.89
Balance on Hand December 31 , 1965		\$862.89

Howell P. Belnap

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BELNAP
FAMILY ORGANIZATION BOARD MEMBERS January 3, 1965

The meeting of the organization was held at Mrs. H. Earl Belnap in Ogden. President Lorenzo Belnap presided and Alpha Crow opened with prayer at 2:00 o'clock p.m. The main purpose of the meeting was to select a new vice president. The group approved to send a letter of appreciation to Ronald Belnap for his services.

President Lorenzo Belnap read from the by-laws the duties of the vice president and how he should be reappointed.

Four names, M. Wesley Cox, Max Belnap, Dr. Howard Belnap, Hal Belnap, were suggested and the motion was made by Ethel H. McEntire and seconded by Alpha Crow to accept these four names for consideration. Lorenzo suggested that we choose an alternate. By secret ballot Howard Belnap, with M. Wesley Cox as alternate, were elected.

A letter was read by Zeruah Thompson was Charlene Belnap Taylor and her pedigree chart was shown. Lorenzo proposed that we send her a Gilbert Belnap family book in exchange for a chart for the family library. The proposal was accepted and Della Belnap was authorized to send the book.

In a report from Della she recommended that we call this the "Belnap Family Organization" instead of the "Gilbert Belnap Family Organization" so that research may be done on all lines. If necessary this may be corrected at the reunion next year.

Della has asked Mr. A. M. Colliard to compile the records and wills etc., and tie them together in the English Research. This will take more time and more money. They will be documented.

The Salt Lake Genealogical Library proposed that we take the \$50 Family Records to Dr. Delbert Roach and he will photograph it and put all of it on one film. Lorenzo asked if it would be possible to get copies of this film at our expense to send to Lansing, Michigan and Los Angeles libraries. Della will check this.

Lorenzo reported that Rex Lindsay is working on the index for the large book and they'll have it ready for printing by March 15.

Mrs. H. Earl Belnap extended an invitation to come and visit or stay at her home to use the material in the family library that is placed there.

The Jorgenson Book Binding Co. in Roy will supply five covers for our large book for \$67.54. It was proposed that we purchase 8 covers (make each book into two parts). LaRue Willis was assigned to check with the college librarian to see if another company would furnish metal bindings for less.

Evelyn Galloway recommended that we hold reunions in a more central place.

In a discussion of expenses it was revealed that dues are only minor in financing our research. Projects are the main source of revenue.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was noted by Della Belnap that the sealing work was completed as was discussed in the last meeting. Flora Dotson reported that she had received notice that 97 Mead names have been cleared and been sent out to the temples.

Zeruah Thompson offered the closing prayer.

948 West 26th St.
Ogden, Utah
7 Jan 1965

Lorenzo Belnap
President, Belnap Family Organization

Dear Lorenzo: The following items of property belonging to the Belnap family are turned over to you this day to keep in your custody as president of the family organization:

1. One each four drawer metal file, legal size.
2. Seven each binders for family group sheets filled with books mentioned below.
3. One book of family group sheets on the descending lines. Mostly inked.
4. Two each books of family group sheets on the ascending lines. These are on typed copies of regular wight family group sheets and were done some years ago under the direction of and by Della Belnap and Gladys.
5. Three each books of family group sheets made on parchment paper for reproduction purposes. These were largely done by Susan Marriott, Margo Shaw, Wilma Lichfield, Gilbert Marriott.
6. One each book or set of Bruning prints made from the reproducibles mentioned above. These are the ones that were proofed and on which corrections and additions were made by Della Belnap. The reproducibles were corrected to correspond with this proofed set.
7. Record of Belknap family compiled by Samuel Weaver.
8. One book 'Centennial issue Gilbert Belnap and Journal'. This is the book compiled by Della Belnap and the committee named in the book. It is book number 139.
9. One each 35mm positive film of the Belnap Family records as compiled by Glen Evans. The records are in the Lansing Michigan Genealogical Library with another film copy in the Salt Lake Genealogical Library. (Note: This film is currently in the possession of Della Belnap who is transferring the information into more useable form.)
10. Family group sheets on the Jane Richmond line.
11. One copy (typed on plain paper) of the Hyrum Belnap temple records books A,B,C.
12. One rubber stamp and pad. Reading Property of the Belnap Family Organization.
13. One small blue book entitled William Furke Belknap.
14. Two books of History Clippings compiled by Marion Adaline Belnap Kerr.
15. One set of family groupsheets on descending lines through the second generation typed on parchment paper for reproduction purposes.
16. Some carbons, duplicate originals, bruning prints.

This information is given for the purpose of taking inventory and for transfer inventory.

Sincerely yours,



Gilbert E. Marriott

I acknowledge receipt of the above listed materials, and assisted in depositing the same in the basement of the home of Mrs. H. Earl Belnap, 3227 Liberty Avenue, Ogden, Utah, where they are to remain for the access of the family of Gilbert Belnap decedents, until authorization for their removal is given by the presiding officer of the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization.

Signed Lorenzo Belnap - President of Family Organization

Hooper, Utah,
Mar. 4, 1965

Mrs. LaRue B. Willis
1453 E. 8th North
Logan, Utah.

Dear LaRue;

Will you please make proper entry on the records of the family organization, the following information.

"At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gilbert Belnap Family organization, held Feb. 6, 1965, in Ogden, Utah, the names of Howard K. Belnap, M. Wesley Cox, Max Belnap, and Hal Belnap, were approved, in the order named, to fill the vacancy of First Vice-president in the family officers, caused by the resignation of Ronald Belnap, who was elected to that office at the 1964 Family Reorganization meeting.

For various reasons expressed by those persons contacted, the office was not accepted, and the vacancy continued. The President therefore recommended to the Second and Third Vice-presidents, and asked for their concurrence, the appointment of Della Belnap to act in this office until such time when her appointment may be ratified, or another chosen instead, by the official action of the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

Under the date of Mar. 1, 1965, Keith Belnap, second vice-president, gave written approval of this action; and, under the date of Mar. 2, 1965 Flora Dotson, third vice-president, likewise gave approval. These letters of approval are being kept in the presidents file.

Therefore pursuant to these approvals, the president will notify Miss Della Belnap of this action and she will assume the duties of first vice-president of the Belnap Family organization, and will be instructed to proceed in all areas of her office in the full performance of her duties. This appointment to take effect Mar. 5, 1965."

Signed George Belnap
president

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY OFFICERS' MEETING AT HOME OF DELLA BELNAP
April 8, 1965 at 6 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

President Lorenzo Belnap read the form letter regarding family reunions to be sent to all families. A copy is to be put into these minutes and made a part thereof. The letter was unanimously accepted.

The group discussed and formed the "Belnap Family Crier" to be sent quarterly to all families.

Keith Belnap suggested that we establish a master card index, and Dr. Dean Belnap said he would see that this was made up.

Della reported that the Brigham Young University insisted that the Belnap Family Book be documented before they will accept it.

It was suggested and approved to send the Belnap Crier to those interested outside of the Gilbert Belnap family who were not members of the church.

The remainder of the meeting was spent addressing letters.

Signed: L. Sue Willis

La Rue
This is for your minutes.
It was sent to each
Family Representative.
Keith

May 1, 1965

Dear Cousin

No doubt the _____ family will be holding a reunion this year. Possibly you are participating in planning it.

As you know, the GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ASSOCIATION encourages each family to hold its reunion annually. The main family reunion is held every other year. Even in that year, the families comprising the over-all Family Association should hold their reunions.

This year, Lorenzo Belnap, president of the Gilbert Belnap Family Association, is planning to attend each individual family reunion if possible. He would like to disseminate information regarding the organizational progress the Family Association is making in order to perpetuate planned Genealogical research. We hope this would be agreeable with your family.

So that he will know the date of your family's reunion, will you please note the information requested below and send it to: Keith Belnap, 2029 Penman Lane, Bountiful, Utah.

Sincerely,

THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ASS'N.

The date of my family's 1965 reunion is _____.

It will be held at _____ beginning at _____
(place) (time)

The name and address of the individual in charge is:

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY OFFICER' MEETING AT HOME OF DELLA BELNAP July 15, 1965 at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Lorenzp Belnap, Keith Belnap, and Della Belnap. Mrs. Evelyn Belnap, wife of Keith Belnap, was present and acted as secretary in the absence of LaRue Willis. Mrs. Willis was excused because of an emergency operation on one of her children. Flora Dotson was also excused.

Reply correspondence resulting from the newsletter recently mailed to the descendants was reviewed. Some twenty or more replies have been received to date, most of them containing contributions and/or orders for materials. The exact amount of money so received has not been tabulated but is in the approximate of \$100.

Della reported on her recent visit to Boise, and Rexburg, Idaho, where she met with hroups of family relatives and organized them into research groups, assigning them ancestral lines of our progenitors for genealogical research.

President Lorenzp gave a report on his attendance at the joint family reunion of the Mary Belnap Lowe and Adeline Belnap Lowe families, held at Franklin, Idaho. He also reported that he would attend the reunion of the Augustus Belnap family to be held in Salt Lake City, July 24. He said that he was royally received at Franklin and felt that he accomplished some good in explaining the objectives of our organization in furthering research and obtaining the descending family names for our records.

It was then discussed to some length how we may proceed to get the descendant families to hold regular reunions and organize themselves into effective organizations through which we can channel necessary information both to them and from them for a more effective workable organization. It was decided that a letter would be drafted by Keith and mailed to the family representatives and encourage them to hold reunions. It was felt that if we offered to give them help in setting up their organizations, and educate them to do research that we may be able to create interest in the genealogical work, and so obtain as a secondary effect more cooperation with the parent family and its objectives. An enclosure, a sheet of information setting forth helps in getting the individual's family group sheets, as per the request of the LDS church program, would be mailed with the letter.

A number of corrections were found necessary in the large family group record that has been published and sold to some interested family members and for placement in libraries. A compilation of the corrections will be made and forwarded to those who have the books. Along with this will be sent a complete index without charge.

A central committee will be set up for the purpose of correlating the materials sent by the research groups and for other purposes that may come up from time to time. The following names were proposed for this committee to work under Della's direction: Margo M. Shaw, Wendell Belnap, Voletta Blanch and Charlene Simpson.

Della will get a group together in Boontiful, Utah, and organize them to to research. Lorenzo will see if one can be organized in Los Angeles area and will attempt to get a group together when he visits there in August.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

La Rue Willis

July 16, 1965

I guess that this will bring you up to date on what we are trying to get started. We had good success with the last news letter having had only 10 returns of addresses unknown. When you realize that our mailing list should be three times the number that we ~~xx~~ now have to enable us to reach all the possible descendants one can readily see what a tremendous task we have before us to get a record of the descending lines complete. I feel that it is as important to keep track of the descendants as it is the ancestral lines, and if the organization is to live effectively we must obtain and keep a close relationship with the descending families, otherwise when the second generation families are gone we will be so widely scattered that to bring them together would be impossible, for the simple reason that they would lose track of from whom they came. We find that that is the case in some instances now, for we have talked to some of the younger generation and they did not know who their great grand father was let alone who Gilbert Belnap was, who incidently would be their great, great grandfather. I would like to see each first generation family from Gilbert completely organized into a unit which would be able to keep contact with all of each ones descendants, and relay this information to the parent organization. The parent organization would keep them informed of the ancestral work being done and what is available to do, and so make assignments to those whom may desire to be actively engaged in genealogy research from the official records of the family. This plan would end the expensive duplications that we have experienced in the past and keep the program in strict order so that we would all know what had been done, what we were now doing, and what could be done for future activity for the entire family. Then our finances would be put to the most economical and effective use and every one would know that their efforts were going for the maximum benefit of the family as a whole.

This is the message that I am preaching to the reunions which I attend, along with a desperate appeal for financing, and the disposition of the materials we have available.

Thanks for all you have done, and I hope that all will be well with you.

Sincerely yours,

ORGANIZATION

1. A leader of a group in each area, who will receive assignments from Central Committee.

DUTIES

- a. Direct actual research work that has been assigned to the t group.
- b. Compile stories or information about the families found.
- c. Complete Family Group sheets, and send to the Central Committee.

2. The group leader can assign the work among his group as he sees fit.

Be sure to keep good records. Record on each sheet where the material is found. Also keep a record of the Books, deeds and etc., that you have checked so you will not waste time duplicating your work.

It would be advisable to have one person be the recorder for the group, to prepare the sheets to be sent in.

If there should be questions about the material that has already been found and it does not agree with additional information you should find, refer this to the Central Committee, who will try to answer your questions or find out what should be done.

In the Belknap or Belnap Books that have been placed in the library that do not have a record of where the information has been obtained, refer back to their parents sheet. The parents sheet usually has this information.

It is also advisable to record the names of the town, and counties with the correct spelling, and the States ~~and States~~ and countries with the correct abbreviations. The Central Committee will copy the sheets for the Genealogical Society. We do not at this time feel that the new abbreviations are good for personal records.

ORDER OF PEDIGREE IN BELNAP RECORD IN LIBRARY.

Page 961 Bennett Belknap to end of record is being done by the English Researcher.

Abraham Belknap and Mary--- page 714 to 958 *Reynburg*

Samuel Belknap and Sarah Jones-- page 608 to 714 *Baize*

Ebenezer Belknap and Hannah Ayer-- page 437 to 608 *Los Angeles*

Samuel Belknap and Mary Wood-- page 200 to 437 *Logan & 1872*

his other children
Jesse Belknap and Eunice-- page 157 to 200

Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall-- page 58 to 157 *Hal Belnap*

Rosel Belnap and Jane Richmond-- page 4 to 58 *J. L. K.*

Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight and Henrietta Mc Bride-- page 1 to *Adina*

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION NOVEMBER 5, 1965 AT THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP, OGDEN, UTAH, AT 7:20 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Lorenzo Belnap, Vera Belnap, Keith Belnap, Flora Dotson, Della Belnap, LaRue Willis

Meeting was conducted by Lorenzo Belnap, President.

Opening prayer was offered by Vera Belnap.

Items of business discussed are:

1. Keith Belnap reported that Claude Millis was to make master card list. Each family head will be given a code number, with each member of the family to be assigned a sub-code number.

Example: Amasa Belnap - Code 01
Children's code - 017

2. Reunions held summer 1965 were:

Oliver Belnap, Mary Belnap Lowe, Adeline Belnap Lowe, August Belnap, and Frances Belnap.

3. Suggestions concerning 1966 reunion were:

Location - Shelley. Keith will write to Mrs. Roderick Miller

Committee: Garth Belnap, Emery Belnap, Mrs. Roderick Miller

4. Lorenzo suggested that the newsletter stress the continuity of the family organization.
5. Meeting date for the Board of Directors Meeting be set for sometime in January. It was suggested that Dean Belnap attend the Board of Directors meeting to give changes that the church has in mind for family organizations. Della suggested that we also stress family histories.
6. Della gave the following report:
The following groups have been organized:
Zeruah Thompson - Logan - Samuel^{Belnap} and Mary Wood line
Flora Dotson and Leone Baldwin - Pocatello - Richmond line
John Stanford - West Covina, California - Ebenezer^{Belnap} & Hannah Ayers line
Joseph Francis Belnap - Rexburg - Abraham^{Belnap} & Mary Belnap line
A. Kay and Karma Belnap - Boise - Samuel^{Belnap} & Sarah Jones line
Hal Belnap - Bountiful - Jessie Belnap & Eunice Hall line
Rex Lindsay - Bountiful - Mary Wood line
Dean Belnap - Bountiful - McBride line
Lynn Belnap - Farmington - Mead line
7. All members of the family organization are asked to send in anysheets of research to the family organization to be placed in the file.
8. The book for the B.Y.U. will have to be taken apart and documented on each page. There is a need for typists in the family organization, as well as a central committee, to help file, copy and check incoming sheets. The other \$50.00 books are placed in Logan, Cache Genealogical Library; Boise, L.D.S. and State Library and Idaho Historical and Genalogical Library; Idaho Falls, L.D.S. Genealogical Library; and two films in Salt Lake; and also in books in the patron's file.
9. Della is trying to find out the accepted interpretation of the "coat-of arms". The English will do research for 5 L's and 5 S's at the College of Arms at London. Colliard cannot go into this library.
The family has sent about \$200.00 and Dr. Dean has sent about \$200.00 to Colliard and there is still a big area to cover, so perhaps it would be better to to College of Arms library.
10. Della has almost finished typing the copy of filmstrip from Lansing, Michican library. There is some new information there. Her niece has been typing and is being paid \$1.00 an hour. Della asked the family organization to help pay for this typing.
11. It has been asked that any new stories or reprints be done on sheets fitting the Book of Remembrance.

12. Keith suggested buying stationery for Christmas newsletter. LaRue was appointed to type stencils and have stamp made up for return address.
13. An inventory list should be made of file property. Lorenzo should make an assignment.
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Signed: _____

La Rue Willis

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY OFFICERS' MEETING AT THE HOME OF MRS. H. EARL BELNAP, 3227 Liberty Ave., Ogden, Utah at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was conducted by Lorenzo Belnap. The opening prayer was by Della.

Keith Belnap reported that he wrote and asked Lester Belnap to check reservations, tables and chairs, to organize a soft ball team from the Idaho Belnaps, to arrange for two musical numbers, an organist, and a conductor for community singing.

LaRue Willis reported that Lester Belnap had been to Shelley and that Joe Dial had had a meeting and the building and tables and chairs have been arranged for.

The expenditure for the ice cream and the drink was authorized--about \$20.

Keith set up a tentative time for the program which was revised to the following times:

- 10:00 Genealogical Workshop in the cultural hall
(This is under the direction of Della Belnap and Flora Dotson)
- 11:00 Soft ball game between Idaho and Utah
- 12:00 Picnic lunch at city park
- 1:30 Program
- 3:00 Special business meeting in the relief society room for the central family officers, research groups and heads of the family organizations.

A suggestion was made by Della Belnap that the historian have some time on the program. Lorenzo suggested that she make a chart of the historical events of the family for the past year. LaRue Willis was assigned to contact her (Marion Kerr) and ask her to take about ten minutes on the program.

There will be movies for the children and games for the sub-teens who do not wish to attend the program. Keith was assigned to contact Aaron Ross to be in charge of the movies.

It was suggested that invitations be sent to the family representatives and they in turn invite the officers of the family organizations they represent to the special business meeting at the reunion. Lorenzo Belnap appointed himself to compose the letter.

It was suggested that the newspapers be contacted to give notice of the reunion.

Keith Belnap was assigned to make up and print the letters of invitation to the reunion to the family members and see that they are mailed.

Flora reported on the stories she has collected for the Belnap family about some of our progenitors. These will be printed on Book of Remembrance size sheets (about 100 of them) and will be available for sale at the reunion.

A letter from Dean Belnap was read by Della Belnap. This will be placed in the minute book.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm with prayer by Lorenzo Belnap

La Rue Willis

Ogden, Utah
Jan 7, 1966

Dear Artolla;

I have been going to send this to you for some time. Lorenzo said he wanted a report at the next meeting. Hope you can understand this. This report does not include any of the money I sent on to you. I am giving account of the money I kept. Where the money came from and what expenses I had. It late and this type writer just went go where I want it to. Next week I will be working in Salt Lake City. I do not know what hours I will be working. Not sure I can be~~g~~ to the meeting, if it's in the afternoon. I do not get Sat. off like the rest of them do. This they know. This week might be different, because they are having class's this week. The big shots very seldom work on Sat. This I'm counting on. Time will tell.

Expenses since Aug 1, 1965

\$ 6.00 paid to typist who is copying Belknap record from Lansing, Mich. It's the Index.
1.86 postage
2.00 "
1.00 "
4.22 Envelopes for the last News Letter
15.50 To the College of Arms in London. For research on Belknap, and Coat of Arms
3.54 for developing pedigree pictures
3.00 postage
9.00 for Typing (same as above)
\$46.12

\$ 5.00 1 coat of Arms and 1 \$3.00 packet bought by Arias G. Belnap
5.00 1 \$3.00 packet and \$2.00 dues. Jewel Van Orden
7.00 1 \$7.00 packet to Vere Belnap
2.00 1 coat of arms to Greta Wheelwright
\$19.00 Money received since Aug. 1, 1965
41.85
60.85 Total balance

\$60.85. Balance
-46.12 Expenses
\$14.73 balance on hand.

Enclosed is a check from Nuel Belnap of Chicago. *for Research*
Hope you can make this out.

Sincerely,

Artolla

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION JANUARY 15, 1966, AT THE HOME OF EMMA LOU BELNAP, OGDEN, UTAH

Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Lorenzo Belnap, President
Those in attendance were: Alpha Crow, Adaline Belnap (child), husband, Roy Chulk, Allen S. Crow, Voletta B. Blanch, Ethel McEntire, Della Belnap, Keith Belnap, Lorenzo Belnap, Wilford Dean Belnap, Flora Dotson, R. D. Belnap, Ezra L. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr, LaRue Willis

Prayer was offered by Keith Belnap

Items of business are:

1. Report on the temple work by Flora Dotson. There are 87 new family group sheets.
2. Report by Della Belnap on actions of various committees.
3. Report by Keith Belnap on family reunions. Lists of names and addresses are being made electronically by Claude Mills.
4. Report from Knight Kerr. As yet no genealogical work done.
5. Financial report from Artella Luthey by Lorenzo Belnap.
6. Previous meeting minutes read by LaRue Willis and approved by group.
7. Motion for appointment of Della Belnap as vice president to take the place of Ronald Belnap was made by Dr. Howard Belnap and seconded by Richard D. Belnap. Approved by the group.
8. Lorenzo called for recommendations for vice presidents for next year. Austin Belnap was nominated for any office. Della proposed and Knight Kerr recommended that the president be elected for two terms. Dr. Howard Belnap suggested that the first vice president (genealogical) remain.
9. President Lorenzo commended Della for the work she does.
10. President Lorenzo asked if it were desired that a committee be chosen to rephrase the by-laws. Keith Belnap made a motion that a committee be appointed by Lorenzo. Motion seconded by Della, approved by the group. A committee was appointed consisting of Knight Kerr, Richard Belnap, Ezra Belnap.
11. Keith Belnap reported that Joe Dial will take charge of reunion. Date, August 27. Program to consist of work shop at 10 a.m., ball game at 11 a. m. between Utah and Idaho, outdoor picnic at Noon, program at 2 p.m. with games outside and movies inside for children. Tables can be made available. Everyone will bring their own lunch. Drink and ice cream will be furnished by the organization. Moved by Ezra and seconded by Ethel McEntire that reunion be held in Shelley, subject to being able to get the facilities.
12. Lorenzo report on a chart that reveals that the whereabouts of about half of our living relatives is unknown. Dean Belnap stated that we have only one ancestor immigrant. Dean also advised that the temple was closed a few years ago because names were lacking. We can now extract all names of our kinfolk even though they may or may not be on our direct line. President McKay says that during the next ten years the Church intends to put us on a more patriarchal order. The time will come when a priesthood member will have to prove his priesthood before he can enter the temple. The vast majority of our ancestors, those of us in the church, from the present day back to the time of the Magna Carta, are willing and ready to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Spirit World .
13. Dr. Dean advanced \$2.50 to John Stahles, Bountiful, to research family names from microfilm. The computer reveals that 25% of the parishes are on register on microfilm around Sawbridgeworth, England.
14. The next meeting will be held at the home of LaRue Willis at Logan.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Signed: LaRue Willis

Dean Belnap quoted President McKay as saying "The vast majority of our ancestors, those of us in the church, from the present day back to the time of the Magna Charta, are willing and ready to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Spirit World."

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BELNAP
FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS April 2, 1966

The meeting was called to order by President Lorenzo Belnap at 2:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Della Belnap.

Date of the reunion was discussed; two suggested dates were 27th and the 20th. The 20th was decided upon unless all the arrangements are made.

The group approved \$15.00 advance to Keith for rental of the hall.

Joe Dial cannot help with the reunion. Lester Belnap was appointed to check the building and facilities.

The problem of activating the family organization to do genealogy work was discussed. Lorenzo Belnap suggested that we call a meeting of the presidents of families, and family representatives of the family organization and heads of the research groups. Flora Dotson motioned that this meeting be held and all family officers, the board of directors and the heads of the research groups be invited, or done as a call. It was decided to hold the meeting, but work out the details in the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding change in by-laws. The Committee's recommendations were discussed, and the by-laws were altered as follows:

Section 15: The President of the Gilbert Belnap family organization shall be permitted to remain in office for more than one term at a time; but may become a candidate for election to succeed himself, but for not more than three successive terms.

Section 16: The incumbents first, second and third ^{president of} vice presidents ^{+president} shall be the only eligible candidates for office of the Gilbert Belnap family organization. The incumbent vice presidents may be candidates to succeed themselves as vice presidents.

Flora reported from a publication that a vice president be chosen from a certain area as well as the heads of the research groups.

Della reported that nothing had been heard from Colliard; that no word was received regarding the coat of arms even though the money had been sent.

There have been two films placed in the Los Angeles City Library covering from Gilbert Belnap back to 1500 as the Gilbert Belnap organization record. Also in the Lansing, Michigan State Library and the Salt Lake library. In the Patron's file in the archives, the book has been placed in sheets in alphabetical order. This has also been done at the B.Y.U. library.

Reports from the research heads were read by Della.

Flora was appointed to select materials for publication in the Book of Remembrance.

Closing prayer was offered by Lester Belnap. Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Signed: La Rue Willis

Those in attendance were:

Lorenzo Belnap and wife Vera
Lester Belnap
Flora Dotson
Della Belnap
Henrietta ~~Booth~~ Booth
Helen Hurt
LaRue Willis

June 12, 1966

Dear Cousin;

I had good intentions to write before now. The days fly by. Have written several letters today to try to get material for displays. One thing they didn't talk about at the meeting. This has been the job of the Secretary in the past, that is some method of registering the people who come to the Reunion and some way to identify the people there. That doesn't mean she has to do it her self, but it was up to her to get it organized or appoint some one to take care of it. It usually takes several. Thought I had better mention this to you. You could bring it up in the next meeting or have something prepared for it. It would be hard on you to find this out after your arrival at the Reunion.

I'm coping the parts of Dr. Dean Belnap letter that is about genealogy for your minutes.

Bountiful, Utah
May 31, 1966

Dear Della Belnap

I have talked the group sheet problem over with Brother Dale Goodwin once again. Those sheets that were rejected because they had only couples without children, they are now willing to accept, because we made a thorough study. If you will forward them to me, I will take them to him personally and submit them for processing.

Brother Frank Smith is proceeding energetically with his responsibilities and seems to have taken quite an interest in the work.

We are now restricting Brother John Stables to only direct line surnames in his ten mile radius extraction. This limits him to three surnames other than the Belnap surname, and will allow him to proceed more rapidly.

Very cordially yours,

W. Dean Belnap, M. D.

Bro. Frank Smith is trying to connect the Belnap line we have with six generations of Belknaps back of 1500. This six generations run into royalty. Bro. Stables is trying to find Belnaps and there wives of the known lines that we have. Many of the families we have in England do not have the wife's name or who the children married. To Bro. Smith we have just paid \$200. Bro. Stables is working for \$4.00 an hour. This I think the family should know. They didn't give any time for this report. I don't type and think well at the same time. But it is still easier than reading my writing.

Hope all is ok with you and your family,

Sincerely,

Della -

P.S. The group sheets he speaks of with goodwin are 37 family thro gen. Society turned back and English ancestry because we found no children. They are now going to accept them -

*This letter was sent to the presidents
of all the organized families and to the family
representatives*

LORENZO BELNAP
3793 So. 5500 W.
Hooper, Utah

July 19, 1966

Dear

The descendants of Gilbert Belnap, our common progenitor, have increased to proportions wherein they pose a serious problem for an effective, efficient family organization to accomplish what it should. Some of the problems are as follows:

1. Control of research to avoid expensive duplications.
2. Keeping accurate and up to date records of descending posterity.
3. Communication for disseminating important family information pertaining to genealogical findings.

Another matter which needs coordinated attention and organization is the research area open to the family and may be exceedingly fruitful for a rich harvest of names if properly conducted.

A third matter of extreme importance is the full and complete organization of each family unit of the fifteen children families of Gilbert Belnap. These are essential, and if coordinated with the parent organization will be the means of far greater achievements for the entire complex of the Belnap Family Tree.

As one of the officers or representatives of your immediate family, you are invited to attend a special meeting to be held in conjunction with the Gilbert Belnap Family Reunion at Shelly, Idaho, August 20, 1966. This special meeting will be called at 3:00 P.M., immediately following the reorganization session of the reunion, enabling the newly elected officers an opportunity to be a part of this meeting and receive the instruction given.

I urge you to attend personally, but if this is impossible will you appoint someone who will surely be there to represent your family in formulating a program for a more effective and serviceable family organization.

Sincerely yours,

President of Gilbert Belnap
Family Organization

P.S. Will you please notify me by August 1st of your intent or the name of your appointee. If you have a president of the family organization you represent, please notify and invite him also as we do not have any record of the officers.

GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY REUNION, AUGUST 20, 1966, SHELLEY, IDAHO

A genealogy workshop, conducted by Flora Dotson and Della Belnap, was held at 10:00 a.m. Many supplies were offered for sale and on display.

The families gathered in the park for their lunch at noon. Ice cream and punch were served by the organization.

At 2:00 the regular meeting began in the chapel. Keith Belnap conducted. A song, "America the Beautiful" was sung by the congregation; led by Garth Belnap and accompanied by his wife, Belma Belnap.

The prayer was offered by John Belnap.

The minutes of the last reunion were read by LaRue Willis and approved by the group.

A proposal was made by Dean Belnap that the present slate of officers remain in office by acclamation.

President Lorenzo Belnap stated that the chair rules that the motion can not be made until after the by-laws are changed.

It was opened for nominations and Edith Ward, seconded by Henry Belnap, ~~It was moved by Edith Ward and~~ ~~Seconded by Henry Belnap~~ that Dr. Howard Belnap's name be accepted by acclamation. Approved.

It was moved by Garth Belnap and Seconded by Ethel McEntire that H. Austin's name be accepted as second vice president by acclamation. Approved.

It was moved by Jewel Furniss and Seconded by Stokebrook that Gordon Belnap be accepted by acclamation as third vice president. Approved.

Volney Belnap moved and Audrey Patterson seconded that the name of Coelin H. Holbrook ~~to accept as vice president~~ as secretary be accepted by acclamation. Approved.

The proposed changes to the by-laws were read by President Lorenzo Belnap/

Hal Belnap, Richard Belnap, and Herman Stoker were appointed judges of the election.

Comments by Keith Belnap were to the effect that he did not wish to act as president because of numerous other commitments.

Della reported that the tax deeds had been sent to the church and photostated of the home of Vinson Knight in Nauvoo.

Because of the absence of Marion Kerr, historian, Keith read her report. He called for any contributions to the history of the family. The report was turned over to Lorenzo for the minutes.

Community singing, "Our Mountain Home So Dear" and "O Happy Home Among the Hills"; and "America" were led by Garth and Velma.

The report of the descendants was given.

Keith introduced Dean Belnap as the speaker.

Dean discussed the importance of genealogy. President Joseph Smith is the only one who held the keys of organizing work for the dead. He quoted President McKay as saying "The vast majority-----" He also stated that we should leave our personal witness to our children that the gospel is true. He told of his home evening when he had showed the Belnap Code of Arms saying that as we take the name of Belnap and honor it so should we take the name of Jesus and honor it. He referred to the testimony of Gilbert Belnap who had listened to the testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Bruce, son of Hal Belnap, played "Romance" and "Prelude in G Minor." on the piano.

The meeting was turned back to Lorenzo and the results of the election were given. The vice presidents had been put in by acclamation, Della Belnap was elected president, and the amendments to the by-laws were all passed.

Remarks made by Lorenzo, in which he recounted a dream he had had when elected will be placed on a separate sheet in the minutes.

President Lorenzo commended his fellow officers and installed the new officers. Each of the new officers said a few words.

The time was turned ~~by~~ to Keith. He thanked the group, especially Joe Dial and Lester Belnap for the work they did. He also urged us to drive safely.

The closing song was "God Be With You."

The closing prayer was by Rex Lindsay.

SPECIAL MEETING 4:00 p.m.

Lorenzo Belnap showed a chart of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap which consists of 527 families. He proposed that each of the original 15 children be completely organized and that the Gilbert Belnap organization be a clearing house, not holding regular reunions but reunions of officers and representatives. The purpose of the Organization would be for business, legislation and consultation.

He showed a coordinated research chart.

Flora Belnap ^{Dotson} made a report on temple work.
38 family group sheets are prepared
63 sheets are in progress
77 sheets have been cleared and placed in the Logan Temple
207 sheets were reported today--sent in as a result of the research of John Staples.

Dean moved that the central family organization continue to coordinate the genealogy. Hal supplemented the motion to the effect that the second generation be made aware of this coordination and the officers of the second generation actively participate in the coordination. This motion was seconded by Gordon Belnap and Rex Lindsay and was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total on hand at time of reunion August 1966	\$521.32
Donations for research	10.00
Receipts for sale of Gen. Sheets, Pictures, etc.	8.95
Total dues collected at reunion	225.05
Misc. collected on sale of Pictures, Sheets, etc at reunion	179.12
Sale of Gen. Material sold since reunion	42.10
Interest collected on Savings Account	13.86
total income	<u>1,000.40</u>
Total expenses at Shelley	75.63
Expense for Pictures & Supplies for reunion	74.21
Expense for News Letter	39.23
Balance Paid to Dr. Howard Belnap for Coat of Arms	184.39
Expense for Proof Reading of Gen. sheets (Jewel Furness)	16.00
Postage expense accumulated by Della Belnap	4.97
Paid to Frank Smith for research	200.00
Paid to James Parker for research	100.00
total expense	<u>694.43</u>
\$1,000.40	
<u>694.43</u>	
305.97 total on hand 20 March 1967	

A. Luthy

Estimated Number of Descendants of Gilbert Belnap by Generations

First Generation
Gilbert Belnap

second generation
11 children

Living Now
none

second generation
4 children

third generation
103 children

152 total
app. 100 living now

third generation
49 children

Basis fourth generation
of 320 children
est.
4 per family

464 total
perhaps 400 living now

fourth generation
144 children

50% est. fifth generation
married 1280 children
600

1856 total
perhaps 1800 living now

fifth generation 576 children 50% est. married 250

1% est. sixth generation
married 2400 children
12

3400 total
perhaps 3000 living now

sixth generation 1000 children 1% est. married 3

seventh generation
50 children

60 total
perhaps 50 living now

seventh generation
10 children

Estimated Total of Living Descendants
5350

Mailing Contact
527 families or 2600 persons

Attendance at Reunions about

DREAM OF PRESIDENT LORENZO BELNAP

The following treatise is a dream that was given to the writer the night of May 19, 1965. (Lorenzo Belnap). I had been chosen by election to be the president of the Belnap Family Organization at their bi-annual reunion held in August of 1964. The summer was approaching and I felt a need for activity of the family officers to encourage greater genealogical participation among the many families of our kin. I had offered to attend the reunions of the Children Families of the Parent Organization in an effort to explain our objectives and solicit their cooperation in a more complete and effective accomplishment of our goals. With this brief explanation I will now relate my dream.

"I was attending a meeting of some of our relative families and was asked to address the assembly. As I arose to speak it seems we were in a small auditorium which was well filled with a mixed group of adults and their children. I started my speech by expressing my feeling of honor that had been accorded me as being chosen for the leadership of our great family organization which numbered well into the thousands of descendants of our common progenitors.

Just as I was making that expression the rear wall and the side walls became invisible and I could see beyond them where a large number of people were walking in small groups. Their faces were all turned in the same direction and they were all moving steadily along. I observed one of their number that was down on the ground vainly struggling to rise. She reached out her arms for assistance from those around her but they either could not see her or were unable to give her assistance as they completely ignored her efforts to attract them. When I concluded that none of those around her would give her aid I asked if some member of the congregation would please go to her and help her to her feet so that she could go with those of her group.

At that moment the area of vision expanded and I could see many thousands of people, all determinedly heading toward some distant goal. This vista resembled somewhat an expansive beach, the end of which I could not see. The light, as of a brilliant sunrise, glowed brightly in the heavens and the hordes of people were heading towards the light. Most all of them moved at a steady pace, seemingly oblivious of anything occurring around them, as they unhesitatingly strode on to their destination. A few, that is a few in comparison to the many thousands which I could see, were like unto the first one I saw struggling to attain their feet, but could not of their own efforts. Their arms outstretched to the passersby begging for assistance, but being totally ignored in their pleas. I spoke loudly and asked if someone would please help those poor souls to rise that they too could join the others as they so much desired to do.

I was deeply moved and somewhat perturbed at this conduct and I shouted, "Why don't you help those unfortunate souls?" A firm, strong voice came from somewhere and from someone I could not see and said, "You are the one who must help these people. You are not only the president of those on earth, but you are the leader responsible for all of your family kin. You are the one to whom they are pleading for help."

The dream ended here and as I awakened I lay for some time pondering its significance and I firmly resolved that while I served as president of our family organization that I would give my best efforts in the accomplishment of those duties expected of me.

Minutes of the Belnap Family Organization officers meeting was held at the home of President Della A. Belnap, 815 32nd St. Ogden, Utah, 5 November 1966 at 1:30 PM.

Those present: Della Belnap, J. Francis Belnap & Mrs. Belnap, Austin Belnap, Flora Dotson, Lorenzo Belnap & Vera, Henry Belnap, Coelin R. Holbrook.

Pres. Della presiding. Lorenzo Belnap stated that during the years 1965 and 1966, the presidency endeavored to set up Family Reunions of all branches of the Belnap families, during the opposite year of the regular reunion and of the 15 potential reunions only three were held; The Lowe Family, Francis Family and the Hammon Family. He suggested the new officers push these reunions and more be held in 1967. He said the living posterity of Belnaps is around 5,000 with only 200 attending reunions - encourage younger generation to grasp hold of this work, the 3rd generation of Belnaps are few.

Pres. Della said Frank Smith, researcher in England had been paid \$200.00 and 161 new sheets have been sent in. James Parker, researcher was paid \$100.00. The August Reunion in Shelley wasn't too well attended and the expenses were \$149.00. Our fund balance is low.

She also suggested that Dr. Howard Belnap be paid for the "Belnap Coat of Arms" that he had printed for the organization last year.

Three copies of the "Story of Gilbert Belnap" printed in 1950, 52 & 56 are left, and ask what should be done with them. A motion was made and seconded by J. Francis that we keep 2 copies in the files of the Belnap Organization for reference material and one be given to the new Genealogical Library located in the Old Tabernacle Bldg. Ogden.

Keith & Austin Belnap were to contact Marian B. Kerr, Historian, and obtain a report of her activities and when she will complete her books.

New Officers worked hard to get out another Belnap Crier before Christmas, suggesting that Coat of Arms, pictures, family group sheets, etc. be purchased from the organization and given as gifts at Christmas, birthdays, weddings, etc.

Flora Dotson was appointed as editor of another Crier to be published next fall.

All present were given new copies of the names & addresses of members of the Belnap families; Claude Mills did the printing and will make stickers for mailing purposes when needed.

Henry Belnap gave to the organization a copy of a contract, stating when Gilbert Belnap was bound out to learn the trade of a carriage and wagon maker. This contract has been entered in the files of the Belnap Organization.

Meeting dispersed at 4 PM.

Coelin R. Holbrook, Secretary

Minutes of the Belnap Family Organization officers meeting was held at the home of President Della A. Belnap, 815 32nd St. Ogden, Utah, 14 January 1967 at 1:30 PM.

Those present: Della Belnap, J. Francis Belnap & Mrs. Belnap, Austin Belnap, Gordon Belnap, Coelin R. Holbrook and Marian B. Kerr. Pres. Della presiding, prayer by J. Francis Belnap.

Business as follows: Names & Addresses corrected on list. Ogden Genealogical Library Sent a letter expressing appreciation for the book "Story of Gilbert Belnap", it is available if ask for at desk. The Constitution & By Laws of Belnap Organization is listed with the Church Genealogical Society as "Belnap or Belknap Surname Organization". The secretary of organization will be responsible for all material & property in file at 3227 Liberty- she will take care of all that goes in or out of this file.

Pres. Della suggested that the Belnap Film be purchased at a cost of \$5.00 and be placed in the Ogden Genealogical Library.

It is important that the side lines of Belnap families be researched and since Richard & Charleen Taylor are working on Belnap lines, Austin & Dean Belnap were to contact them to see if our lines are related in anyway.

Historian Marian B. Kerr said she was still working on 3 books and has 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ books ready for indexing. Helen is helping her. Marian said she wanted to finish these books before she is released- she is having trouble with her eyes, but is hiring help and thought she could have them completed by Jan. 1, 1968.

Gordon made a motion that Marion continue her work as Historian and that Helen assist her and attend our meetings throughout the year of 1967. Since there needs be a stopping point that it be 1 January 1968, then a new Historian be appointed if Marians' health doesn't permit another year. This motion was seconded and approved.

It was moved and seconded that Della Belnap continue as Family Representative of the Belnap Organization. Also Gordon was to check into the cost of micro filming all material in the files - it would preserve them for future reference in case of theft or fire.

Austin Belnap was to contact all Family Representatives, get dates for reunions and set up date for the Bi-Annual reunion in 1968.

Gordon Belnap brought sample Newsletters from other Family Organizations, consisting of messages from Church Presidency, life stories, pictures of family groups, etc. We could do this in our organization, giving the people something instead of nothing for their dues: 10 or 12 pages of valuable information on Book or Remembrance sheets once or twice a year for \$3.00. Committees could be appointed to find interesting life stories with pictures, etc.

To print 500 copies of 12 sheets would cost \$115.00

Large envelopes at 5¢ each 25.00

Postage 12¢ each
Book of Remembrance sheets

60.00
23.00 Total cost of \$223.00

75 families would have to respond with \$3.00 each to break even. If more paid it would help with research and other expenses of the organization.

A motion was moved and seconded that Gordon proceed with this new idea of a Belnap Family Crier and send out the next two issues - they will include Histories, Pictures, Family Group Sheets, completed, messages from presidency or of other informative messages, etc. The dues of \$2.50 be cancelled and \$3.00 be received from each family instead - All money received will pay for publication of Crier, for research and any other expenses of Belnap Family Organization. That a committee be appointed to help on obtaining histories, etc. for next issue of Crier; and that a letter be sent to remind those of this responsibility if not received within a reasonable length of time - if expense of this Crier is not covered, it will be impossible to continue them in the future.

Dispersed at 3:30 PM

Coelin R. Holbrook, Secretary

15 May 1967

Dear ----:

There will be a special meeting of the Officers and the Family Representatives of the Belnap Family Organization, at Emma Lou Belnap's home, 3227 Liberty Ave. Ogden, Saturday 20th May 1967, at 2:30 PM.

It's important that a representative of each family be present so trust you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Belnap Family Organization
Coelin R. Holbrook, Secretary
3508 Wash. Blvd
Ogden, Utah 84403

Above letter sent to the following:

Mrs. Maude B. Kimball	Henry Belnap	Knight B. Kerr
Earl R. Belnap	Edith Ward	Jewel VanOrdon
Alpha Crow	Vere Belnap	
Richard D. Belnap	Mrs. Zeruah Thomson	

Telephone call to:

Adeline B. Child	Dr. Howard K. Belnap	Ethel H. McEntire
Lorenze Belnap	Jen A. Patterson	

Minutes of Officers Meeting Oct. 22. 1967

Meeting held October 22, 1967 at the home of Della A. Belnap 815-32nd St. Ogden Utah at 2:30 p. m. Those in attendance were; Della A. Belnap, President; Joseph Francis Belnap; H. Austin Belnap; Gordon L. Belnap. Excused were; Coelin Holbrook, Secretary; and Artella Luthy, Treasurer. Those excused have been ill for the past months.

Prayer was offered by H. Austin Belnap.

Old Business; It was reported we have 6 sheets in with the pictures of the families complete. This assignment was given out to the members of the Family at the previous meeting to have this accomplished no later than November 1, 1967.

New Business;

The name of the Family Organization was questioned since it appeared in the constitution that Della Belnap received from the outgoing president that the name was the "Gilbert Belnap Family Organization." Gordon Belnap showed a copy of the constitution of Aug. 1966 showing the name was changed while he was president of the Organization to the "Belnap Family Organization." Membership is this organization, he said, is open to all members whose name is Belnap, Belknap, Belknappe, or any derivation of the surname. It was requested that the secretary go back to the minutes to check and see if membership is open to any one other than the direct line of Gilbert Belnap.

It was pointed out that at the present time both the secretary, Coelin Holbrook, and treasurer, Artella Luthy, are both ill. It may be a few months before they are able to carry all the workload assigned to this job. It was discussed and approved by the officers present that we appoint assistants to these jobs who can assist the Family organization when illness occurs. Della Belnap will recommend several names and

Austin and Gordon Belnap will contact these people. Those suggested by the officers were; Wendell Belnap, Max Belnap, Blaine Belnap, Lorenzo Belnap and Elma Ross.

H. Austin Belnap reported that he knew of very few families who held reunions during this year. It was reported the Mary and Adaline Lowe families held a joint reunion. It also suggested that since Hooper is 100 years since Gilbert Belnap obtained a homestead in Hooper, that the Belnap Family Organization Reunion for 1968 be held at Hooper, Utah, July 20, 1968. This date and place was approved by the Family Officers present. H. Austin Belnap said he will prepare an agenda and program for the reunion and present it to the officers at the next family meeting.

H. Austin Belnap was directed to contact Marion B. Kerr, the Family Historian and ask her approval to appoint her daughter, Helen Smith, to assist her as Family Historian. If this is acceptable then it was suggested that Helen be contacted to see if she would serve in this position.

H. Austin Belnap was excused at this time so he could attend church in Salt Lake City.

President Della Belnap reported that 220 individuals have paid for the "Belnap Family Crier." This is not total sold since many purchased for children and extra copies. The total received in sales of the "Belnap Family Crier" is \$815.19. This is the most successful seller the Family has had.

During the past few months the Family paid \$100 to John Staples for research, and after miscellaneous expenses, the Family has \$700.64 in the bank. The Family Organization has no unpaid bills.

It was approved by the Officers, motion by J. F. Belnap and seconded by Della Belnap that the funds now held by the Family Organization be allocated as follows;

\$300.00 be held for the printing of the "Belnap Family Crier" to be published in April 1968.
\$100.00 for expenses for Carroll Belnap, if necessary. (This item reported below)
\$150.00 for research work being done by James Parker. (We have paid him \$100 and Dean Belnap matched this with \$100). He has received \$135 and it has been requested by Dean Belnap that we retain a fund of \$200 more or less to pay for research as he progresses.)
\$150.00 as a fund for payment of research work in England being made by Frank Smith.
\$700.00

President Della Belnap reported (as shown above) on a letter she received from a Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap of 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut, that he has acquired 75 pounds of Belknap records and documents. He is going to work on these papers for family history, the line and then make films of the records. Della Belnap suggested it might be of advantage to the Family to take the records we have and send to him so he can see how the family ties in. It was suggested that since he is going to make a film of the papers if he would send us a copy \$100 was set aside for the expense of sending him a copy of our records and for any expense that might arise while he is working on this project. It was approved that Della Belnap write and see how we may help him with this project, both as to time and work and money.

J. F. Belnap reported that since the last Family meeting 67 families, along with 137 children, were sealed in the Logan Temple by the following people; (Sealings done Sept. 22, 1967)

James S. Parkinson	Bonnie B. Parkinson
Gilbert E. Marriott	Helen S. Marriott
Volney B. Belnap	Rose Marie W. Belnap
Lorenzo Belnap	Vera W. Belnap
John S. Marriott	Norma B. Marriott
Della A. Belnap	Jewel B. Furniss
J. LaVille Thomson	Zeruah L. Thomson
Joseph F. Belnap	Mabel H. Belnap
Russel J. Richards	Carleen B. Richards

There remained some names, that came in after that session, that since have been transferred to the Idaho Falls Temple, and these will be done by the Family members in that area.

The contents for the next Family Newsletter were discussed. Gordon Belnap said he was planning on a cover sheet, editorials from Della or officers, and article from Lorenzo Belnap on Belknap Mountain and other cities and people of recent years. Then the balance on the next line of the Belnap chart

No further business was discussed. Dismissed at 5:45 p. m.

Minutes recorded by. Gordon L. Belnap. V.P.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION- May 19, 1968 at 5:40; p.m.

The meeting was held in the home of Della Belnap, 815-32nd St. Ogden, Utah. Present were; Della Belnap, President, Jos. F. Belnap 1st Vice President, H. Austin Belnap 2nd Vice President and Gordon L. Belnap 3rd Vice President. Since the last officers meeting, Coelin Holbrook Secretary passed away and Artella Luthy, Treasurer has been blinded and is not able to function in her capacity.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Della Belnap.
Invocation was offered by Joseph F. Belnap.
Minutes of the previous officers meeting were read and approved.

Della Belnap now has the minute book. It is more and historical record than a minute book. It was suggested that when a new secretary is appointed that the officers watch that the book is for minutes only. The Historical record should be kept by the historian.

The President reported that the family newsletter, "Belnap Crier" has been mailed out and that we have received money from 103 members of the family. For the newsletter, extra pages, Coat of Arms we have received to date \$549.50. Many people have paid that didn't pay last year. Many of the family members who have paid in the past have not as yet paid this year. We should have more money come in. The newsletter has been successful and many good comments have been received. The cost of the newsletter and postage was \$ 403.89.

Reunion notices will be sent out no later than June 10, 1968 and an envelope will be enclosed asking those who have not yet paid for the family newsletter. H. Austin Belnap will print the reunion notice and see that it is mailed.

Della Belnap reported that the Belnap Family received a "CERTIFICATE OF HONOR" for the best organized family in the Church at the Genealogical Seminar. This Seminar was held in Salt Lake City April 4. The Certificate was presented by the General Manager of the Society, Theodore M. Burton. He also is an assistant to the 12 Apostles. She showed the certificate that was presented to the family. This is a real honor.

It was also reported that we have received two certificates for placing the Gilbert Belnap Journal and the film on the Gilbert Belnap ancestral record in the Ogden Genealogical library.

She also reported that when she attended the meeting in Salt Lake many ideas were presented. She thought we should keep in mind the following. Print enough material for extra copies when we print articles and newsletters. Should everyone pay who gets a newsletter, or should we drop off those who don't pay. (It has been the feeling of the officers on this matter that we send to all members so long as we can afford to do so.) We should probably print an index for the newsletter sometime in the future. We should also send copies to the Salt Lake Historian and Genealogical library.

It was decided that the Belnap Family Crier should be printed again next year. The same format to be used. Gordon L. Belnap reported he will feature the family Coat of Arms in the next newsletter.

A general discussion was had concerning the duties of the historian. It was felt among the officers that newsworthy items should be made available and printed in the family newsletter.

Discussed the addresses of family members and it was reported that only 8 copies of the family newsletter come back with improper address. It was felt we are doing a good job in keeping records up to date.

Austin Belnap discussed the family reunion. The reunion will be held July 20, 1968 at Hooper, Utah.

10:00 a.m.	General gathering, reception
11:00 a.m.	Family workshop
12:00 a.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Program
3:00 p.m.	Installation of new officers, adjournment.

H. Austin Belnap will meet J. Francis Belnap next week in Idaho Falls, to plan the program. Assignments to various family members, for cupcakes, decorations for the hall and program will be sent out to the members. The job of greeters, name tags etc was assigned to Lorenzo Belnap. H. Austin Belnap will follow up on the details and report at the next family officers meeting.

Della Belnap reported on the English research and pointed out that the name Belnap and Beltoft are on the same line. There is a possibility we will have a change in the family line.

The next meeting will be held June 29, 1968. Not time or place was set.

Selection of officers will be made at the next family meeting.

Benediction was offered by Gordon L. Belnap

J. F. Belnap and his wife, H. Austin Belnap and wife stayed to see a film of previous reunions.

Officers Meeting June 29, 1968.

Business meeting of the Belnap Family Organization was held at the home of Mrs. H. Earl (Emma Lou) Belnap 3227 Liberty Ave. Ogden, Utah. We have appreciated being able to hold meeting here and being able to keep our Family Files here. (This is no longer possible, and is a loss to the Belnap Family for Emma Lou Belnap died July 5, 1968)

The meeting commenced at 9:30 am. Those in attendance were; Pres. Della A. Belnap; 2nd Vice Pres. H. Austin Belnap and 3rd Vice Pres. Gordon L. Belnap. 1st Vice Pres. Joseph F. Belnap was excused, and Wendell Belnap.

The Family Representatives were also invited to attend this meeting. Those in attendance were; Mrs. Zeruah Lowe Thomson, Mrs. Alpha Coolbear Crow; Allen Crow; Mrs. Ethel Hammon McEntire; Mrs. Estella Belnap Cox. Excuses were received from Mrs. Maude B. Kimball; Lorenzo Belnap, Mrs. Edith Ward and Richard Belnap.

The President reported to the group that only 136 families out of the 500 families had paid for the "Belnap Crier" to date. She asked the Family Representatives to get in contact with their families and try to get more active participation.

The Family representatives were also asked to contact their own branch of the family to invite them to attend the Family Reunion July 20. It will be held in Hooper east of the First Ward. This is the ward whose first Bishop was Gilbert Belnap. The dinner will be held across the street in the Hooper park. The Representatives were asked to get three other persons to bring a cake to be served at the dinner. Also to bring any family item they wanted to for displays.

Wendell Belnap gave a report on making and keeping of a file on the addresses of all Belnaps and also a record of those who had paid for the Crier.

It was decided that there would be drawings held at each meeting to interest and keep the attendance up at the meetings. The prizes would be 2 Coat of Arms, 2 packets of Genealogy, 2 Covers of Book of Remembrance, 1 small radio and 1 small brief case.

The work shop would be conducted by J. Francis Belnap at 11:00 A. M. Displays on Genealogy and a talk by Della A. Belnap on Genealogy displays. A talk by Marion B. Kerr, Historian; Report on the research done and new research program of the Church by Dr. W. Dean Belnap.

Gordon L. Belnap would take charge of the refreshments. Ice Cream and punch would be furnished by the organization.

LaGrand Belnap of Hooper was appointed over the committee for arranging for tables and speaking system.

The afternoon program would be arranged by H. Austen Belnap, He would also conduct the program. The voting of new officers would be conducted by the President. Meeting was adjourned at noon.

BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

Held at Hooper, Utah July 20, 1968. It's been 100 years since Gilbert Belnap and Family arrived at Hooper.

Lorenzo and Vera Belnap took care of the registering of the relatives. Wendell Belnap acted as Treasurer for money paid for the Belnap Crier and etc.

Work shop at 11:00 a. m.

Pres. Della A. Belnap presided and J. Francis Belnap conducted.

Prayer by Lester Belnap of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Marion B. Kerr, Historian, gave a few remarks about Gilbert Belnap, the Patriarch of Belnap Family, who came west.

Remarks by J. Francis Belnap

Dr. W. Dean Belnap talked about research, ancestors, as well as the cousins on collateral Belnap lines.

Talk by Pres. Della A. Belnap on Genealogy and on ancestors going back to England

and in England. She has charts and pictures about the Hall to show what was done and to encourage others. She announced that the luncheon was to be held in the Park across the street and then come back to the Church, the 1st Ward, for the program.

Zeruah Lowe Thomson gave a talk about the quilt blocks made by the Relief Society and each lady put her name on it, Marth M. Knight's name was the square in the middle. Another Quilt top was made by Martha M. Knight by hand. These quilts were on display.

A drawing, under charge of Vice-Pres. H. Austin Belnap, for the Work Shop. Drawing was for the Coat of Arms, a \$7.00 packet of family genealogy and a Cover for the Book of Remembrance.

Lunch was over at the Park from 12 to 2 p.m. The Organization furnished the punch and Ice cream. Several of the ladies made cakes to go with them.

PROGRAM

Della A. Belnap presided and H. Austin Belnap conducted. Helen K. Smith lead a song "My Country 'Tis of Thee", accompanied by Lois F. Belnap. Prayer by Wilford Belnap of Bountiful.

Austin Belnap thanked people for services rendered and bringing cakes and fixing tables.

Gordon L. Belnap had charge of announcing and drawing for prizes which included Coats of Arms and a Book of Remembrance Cover, another \$7 Genealogical packet. Minutes were read by Jewel Belnap Furniss. The minutes were approved. Mrs. Furniss also took the minutes of this Reunion.

Pres. Della Belnap gave a talk. The files for the Family is at 3227 Liberty Ave., Ogden, Utah. On April 4 1968 the Belnap Family Organization was recognized as the best organized Family Group by the Genealogical Society of the L.D. S. Church. Dr. W. Dean Belnap and Della Belnap attended this meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Belnap had on display a large amount of material published by the Belnap Family. Theodore Burton, assitant of the 12 Apostles and Pres. of Genealogical Society, presented the Certificate of the Best Organized family to Della A. Belnap the President of the Belnap Family. The Historians office was turned over to Helen Kerr Smith and she was to be assisted by Adele Kerr Tolman.

Pres. Della Belnap had Past Presidents and Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Researchers that were in attendance, stand up and be recognized. They were;

President, Lester Belnap of Moreland, Idaho
Vice- Pres. and Pres. Volney B. Belnap of Ogden, Utah
Vice-Pres. and Pres. Lorenzo Belnap of Hooper, Utah
Vice-Pres and Pres. Gordon L. Belnap of Ogden, Utah
Vice-Pres Dr. Aaron B. Ross of Ogden, Utah
Vice-Pres. Garth Belnap of Moreland, Idaho
Vice-Pres. Max Belnap of Ogden, Utah
Vice-Pres. Wilford Belnap of Bountiful, Utah
Vice-Pres. Flora Belnap Dotson of Pocatello, Idaho
Secretary, Vice-Pres; Genealogist and now Pres. Della A. Belnap of Ogden,
Secretary; Alpha Coolbear Crow of Salt Lake City, Utah
Secretary; La Rue Belnap Willis of Logan, Utah
Historian; Marion Belnap Kerr of Salt Lake City, Utah
Genealogist; Gilbert Marriott of Ogden, Utah
Genealogist; Zeruah Lowe Thomson of Logan, Utah
Secretary and Treasure; Artella Luthy of Ogden, Utah
Treasure; Arias G. Belnap of Salt Lake City, and Ogden, Utah. He also did the research and printed the last two editions to Gilbert Belnap's Journal.

A word from Marion B. Kerr and her daughter Helen Kerr Smith, the new Historian.

The ballots were passed out. It was moved and seconded that the following be voted by acclamation. For Vice- Presidents, Gordon L. Belnap, Richard Belnap, and Mrs. Evelyn B. Galloway. The results of the balloting for president was H. Austin Belnap.

The change of form of the "Belnap Orier" for the last two years was given by Gordon L. Belnap.

Two songs were sung by Kathleen Belnap Hunter. One from "Promised Valley" and one from "All Faces West." She was accompanied by her mother Lois F. Belnap. Dr. Dean Belnap presented a Skit with young people about "The Role of the Family Organization" in making records by the young.

A Song about Hooper was sung by a quartet led by Lester Belnap. the other singers were Garth, Vere, and Belnap. Vere Belnap added a few remarks about the Lemhi story of Gilbert Belnap.

A drawing was conducted by Gordon for the Cakes, Atache case and a Radio.

A wagon Wheel made by Joseph Francis Belnap of Rexbery, Idaho, was raffled off for \$125.00 to Dr. W. Dean Belnap. The wheel was made in repilca of the wheel of an ox drawn wagon of the pioneers.

Material sold between Reunion 1966 and 1968

50 Belnap Criers
4 Genealogical packets
14 Coats of Arms
6 Books
11 pictures

Material sold at this Reunion--

1 Genealogical packet
4 Family group pictures
6 Coat of Arms
5 1967 Criers
8 1968 Criers 29 paid for Belnap Crier's already mailed to them.

\$ 550.81 in the Bank April 1968
1181.62 Collected for the Crier and at Reunion (\$125 for a wheel; 188 in sales and
155.10 paid for the Crier & etc before Reunion; donations)
1187.53 Total taken in

Expenses---

\$ 529.00 for printing and mailing the "Belnap Crier"
115.30 for the Reunion
91.00 for research of Gen.
25.23 for obtaining pictures for the "Crier"
24.70 " " " " " "
6.75 for postage
802.33 total expense

\$1085.18 in Bank Aug 5, 1968

Expense of the Reunion

\$ 30.60 cost of the invitations
6.16 paper cups and plates
1553 punch
21.00 Ice Cream
10.00 for Hall and park
14.00 for prizes
13.00 book covers for prize
5.00 large pedigree chart
115.29

~~\$120~~

\$320.64 Cheevers Printing
6.39 cards and envelopes
9.83 " " "
12.16 replace page #34
180.00 postage
529.02 total expense for "Crier" 1968

Next years officers were sworn in by Pres. Della Belnap.
Song by congregation was led by Helen K. Smith accompanied by Lois F. Belnap.
It was "Till we Meet again."
Prayer by Henry Belnap of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Financial report Aug 5, 1968

Material sold between Reunion 1966 and 1968

50 "Belnap Criers"
4 Genealogical packets
14 Coat of Arms
6 books
11 pictures

Material sold at the 1968 Reunion.

1 Genealogical packet
4 Family group pictures
6 Coat of Arms
5 1967 "Belnap Criers"
8 1968 "Belnap Criers"
29 "Belnap Criers" paid for that had already been mailed to them.

Expense from April to Aug. 1968

\$ 529.00 for printing and mailing the "Crier"
115.30 for the Family Reunion
91.00 for research of Genealogy
25.23 for obtaining pictures for the "Crier"
24.70 for " " " " "
6.75 for postage
\$ 802.33 total expense

\$ 550.81 in the Bank April 1968
1181.62 Collected for the Crier and at the Reunion (\$125 for a Wheel
155.10 paid for the Crier and Genealogy \$188 for sales and donations)
1887.53 Total taken in Aug 5 1968

\$ 1887.53 Total taken in
- 802.33 expense
1085.20 Total in Bank Aug 5, 1968

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 4:30 p.m. 29 NOVEMBER 1969 IN THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP

ATTENDEES: H. Austin Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap,
Evelyn Galloway, Della A. Belnap and Wendell Belnap

OPENING PRAYER: H. Austin Belnap

Della presented to the group a copy of the Family Organization finances through November 1969. A discussion was held on the CRIER and back-due payments. Wendell Belnap was asked to supply Gordon Belnap with a list of those persons who had made payment on the CRIER in 1968 but have not made payment in 1969. The contents of the next CRIER was discussed, with the format being:

The Coat of Arms
Stories about the Coat of Arms
Pedigree Charts
New family group sheets

Richard Belnap was asked to supply a note for the CRIER on temple work, etc.

A report on the genealogical research being done was given by Della for Frank Smith (England) and Richard Belnap for Jimmy Parker (America). A motion was moved on and seconded to send \$200 to Frank Smith for further research. Jimmy Parker does not currently require any money.

The reunion location was discussed, with an Idaho location given preference. Evelyn Galloway was asked to contact Idaho relatives for potential locations.

The next officers meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., 10 January 1970, at Della Belnap's home.

CLOSING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 4:30 p.m. 17 JANUARY 1970 IN THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Gordon L. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn Galloway and
Della A. Belnap

A discussion was held on the proposed location of the family reunion. It was proposed by formal motion (forwarded by Richard Belnap and seconded by Della Belnap) that the reunion be held at Hooper, 27 June 1970, and that a trend be established to hold two reunions in Utah locations (with the proposed one being the second time in the Utah series) and then one in an Idaho location.

Gordon Belnap asked Richard Belnap to write to Dr. W. Dean Belnap in London and ask him to help get information on the various parts of the Family coat-of-arms for the current issue of the Family CRIER.

Violet Duncan has been asked to serve as Secretary for the Family Organization. The next officers' meeting was set for 6:30 p.m., 4 March 1970, at Gordon Belnap's home.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Richard D. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 6:30 p.m. 4 MARCH 1970 IN THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap,
H. Austin Belnap and Evelyn Galloway

OPENING PRAYER: Evelyn Galloway

Della Belnap presented a financial report. She had received \$3.00 just today bringing the bank total to \$551.80. She also reported that a Larry Johnson has contacted her requesting more copies of the CRIER. He comes through the line of Joseph.

A reunion notice was discussed to be sent out with the billing of past-due payments on the CRIER in the immediate future. Gordon Belnap called Wendell Belnap on the phone to see if he had the list made up of persons who have and have not paid on the CRIER. As yet nothing. Gordon will follow through and see this is done.

Reunion plans were discussed. June 27, 1970 has been confirmed for Hooper again this year. The ward cultural hall and park are reserved for the Belnap Family on this day. The following format was suggested:

- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Registration and Family Display Hour.
Each family to bring something to display.
- 12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Lunch. Each family to bring own lunch.
Family Organization to furnish drink and ice cream. Cakes to be assigned through the Board of Directors as before.
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Election of officers and short program.

Della Belnap made the motion for the Family to furnish the drink and ice cream as they did at the last reunion and Evelyn Galloway seconded it. Evelyn suggested having games and races for the children along the lines the pioneers did and have old-fashioned activities. This would occupy the young ones during the program. Everyone will register as they arrive. Ideas to get Family participation in the displays were discussed. The workshop responsibility was given to Richard Belnap and Della Belnap. The program responsibility was given to Evelyn Galloway.

Della reported on the progress of the restoration of the Vinson Knight home in Nauvoo.

Getting back to the reunion, it was suggested that door prizes be given away again this year. Tickets, name tags, etc. were discussed. The theme this year will be built around the Coat of Arms.

Della Belnap read Dr. W. Dean Belnap's letter from London recommending we stop looking. It was moved by Gordon Belnap that we have Frank Smith go ahead with searching the area of Essex and Hertfordshire until he has exhausted the \$200.00. If nothing can be found, then we will discontinue our efforts for the time being in England. This motion was seconded by Richard Belnap.

The coming Family CRIER was discussed - number of pages, etc.

The election of officers was reviewed. A set-up proposed by Gordon Belnap was to have each officer move up the line and just elect a 3rd Vice President each two years, so that each officer would hold an office for eight years, the last two being as president. Austin Belnap suggested most businesses do it this way. Also, an executive secretary should be appointed with a paid salary. This plan would hold continuity with what is going on. The nominating committee will be the past presidents.

The next meeting was set for 22 April 1970 at 6:30 pm at Della Belnap's home for the officers, and 7:30 p.m. for the Board of Directors.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE BRITISH MISSION

TELEPHONE:
KNIGHTSBRIDGE 8867/8

50 PRINCES GATE
EXHIBITION ROAD
LONDON, S.W.7

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
QUICKMERE LONDON SW7

February 25, 1970

Mr. Richard D. BELNAP
282 North 3rd West
BOUNTIFUL, UTAH 84010

Dear Richard,

It was good to hear from you. I shall be very happy to go to the Royal Society of Genealogists and Royal College of Arms and see if we can't get to the root of the family crest coat of arms problem. I have been anxious to do this, and it serves as a good excuse to get me there in one of the future preparation-days that we have in the mission.

I am forwarding your letter to Brother Albert FIELD, our genealogy chairman for the British Mission. He is an expert genealogist, and will be happy to investigate your genealogy in the Kent area. He lives just north of London, so it will not be difficult for him to make the transport anywhere in the London area, which is Middlesex County or Kent, which is just to the southeast of us. He shall communicate with you directly, and will bill you for his services. I shall also try to get up to Tilty Abbey in Essex to make a brass rubbing of one of our ancestral peoples, who is buried in the Abbey there. It would make an interesting addition to the family magazine.

I have had Frank SMITH, our director of research in the Genealogical Society, proceed with doing all of the peerage BELNAPS. Those are the ones from the 14th to the 15th century, which we cannot connect ourselves directly to, but nonetheless, we feel, are related to us. The Church takes it upon itself to do the royal and peerage lines. This about exhausts our efforts in Britain. As I visit in the area, I will go specifically to each of the County Record Offices wherever BELNAPS could possibly be found--Kent, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex and Warwick--and see what we can discover. If nothing can be discovered through these sources, I believe we had better terminate our heavy investigations in Britain for the time being and concentrate on the descendant collateral lines of Abraham BELNAP, our common immigrant ancestor to the Colonies. There are literally thousands of sheets that can come out of that research, and therein lies our major emphasis for the future.

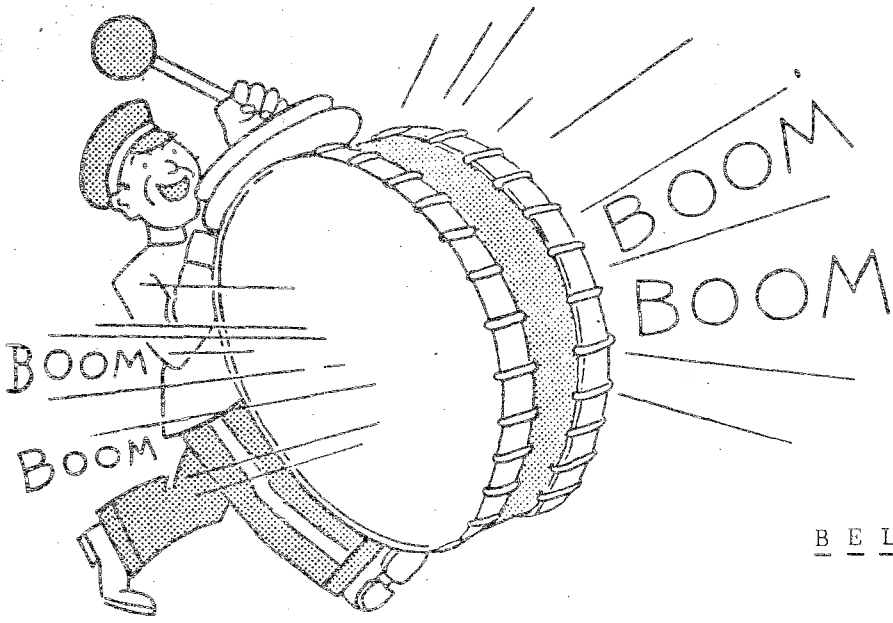
Please let me have a copy of each of the BELNAP publications. I would like to add them to my Book of Remembrance.

Give my warmest personal regards to everyone.

Faithfully yours,



W. Dean BELNAP
President of the British Mission



REUNION

B E L N A P

F A M I L Y

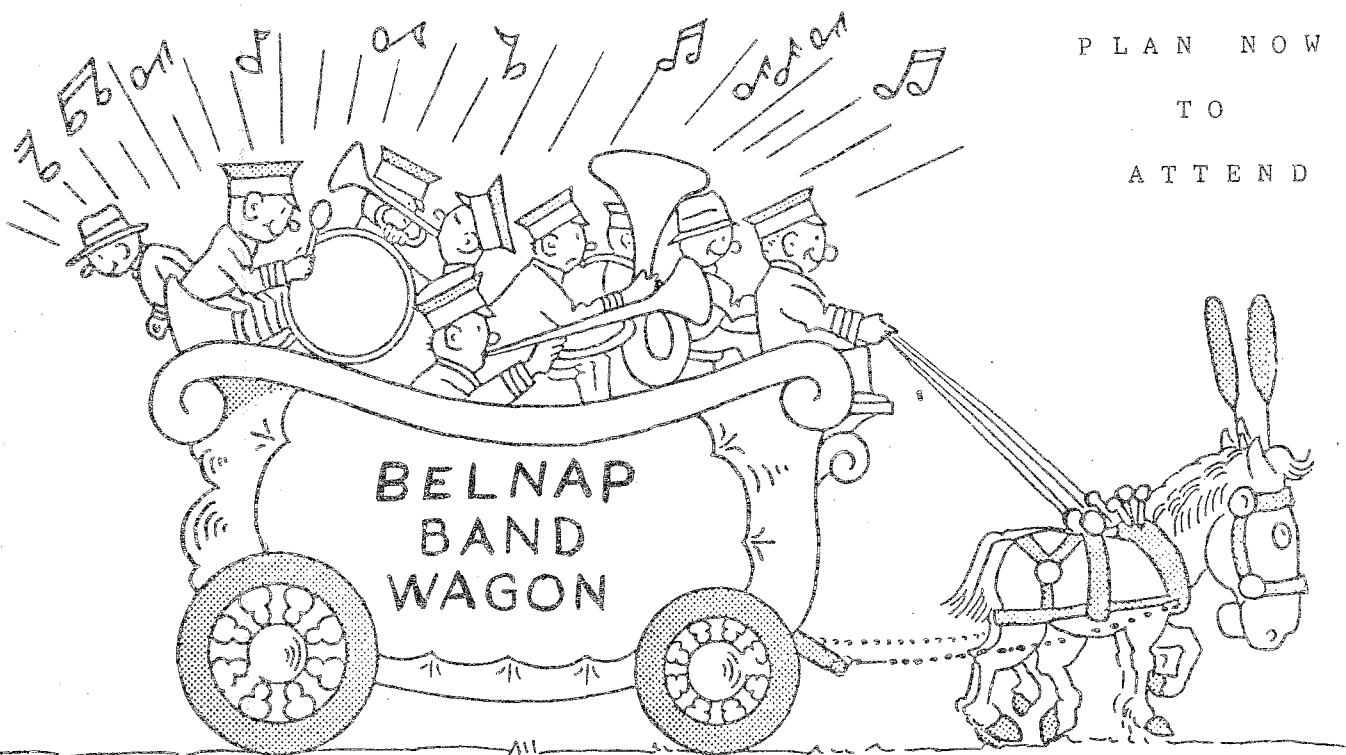
DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1970

PLACE: HOOPER, UTAH
(10 miles West of Ogden)

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DISPLAYS - FUN - FOOD - PRIZES

VISIT WITH YOUR COUSINS



PLAN NOW
TO
ATTEND

The above is the first notice of the reunion sent out to all Family members on the mailing list. Another will be sent later.

May 1969 \$137.00 balance in Bank.
-480.00
7.00

\$539.78 cost of printing, mailing Crier
-480.00 paid on paper
59.78 balance to be paid

Other expenses

\$88.20 for Conf. on Records
12.50 moved files to Gordons
10.10 copy Genealogy
24.92 postage (re-mail Criers and Notices)
59.78 printing
195.50 expenses

\$841.00 collected- 189 paid for Crier

\$652.50 balance in Bank.

Sold since Jan 1969.

14 Coats of Arms
4 Genealogical packets
18 back issues of "Belnap Crier"

13 "Criers" returned, no forwarding address

The above is a financial statement turned in by Della A. Belnap who has been acting as treasurer in the absence of an appointed one.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 6:30 p.m. 22 APRIL 1970 AT THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP

ATTENDEES: H. Austin Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn Galloway, and Della A. Belnap. Gordon L. Belnap was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

President Austin Belnap conducted the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting held were read by Evelyn Galloway and approved.

A discussion of the ballot for the next officers was held. Those names to be put on the ballot are:

President: Gordon L. Belnap
1st Vice Pres: Richard D. Belnap
2nd Vice Pres: Mrs. Evelyn Galloway (not definite if she will remain)
3rd Vice Pres: Three names were given to be contacted:
Richard Miskin of Idaho,
Dr. Howard Belnap of Ogden,
Hal Belnap of Bountiful

Richard Belnap read a letter from Dr. Dean Belnap on English research. He also gave his report of information for the Family CRIER.

Discussed games at the reunion to be held during the workshop and display period for the children. Bud Belnap was suggested to be contacted for directing the games. The afternoon program was discussed. Songs and musical numbers were suggested. Nothing definite was decided on.

It was reported that the CRIER would be mailed some time in May. The next officers' meeting was set for 27 May 1970 at 6:30 p.m. at Gordon Belnap's home.

MEETING OF FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES HELD AT 7:30 p.m. AFTER THE ABOVE MEETING

ATTENDEES: Henry Belnap for William Belnap Family
Dr. Howard Belnap for Joseph Belnap Family
Bruce and Edith Ward for Amasa Belnap Family
Zeruah Lowe Thomson for Adaline Belnap Lowe Family
Richard D. Belnap for Vinson Belnap Family
Evelyn Galloway for Reuben Belnap Family
Alpha Crow sent word to be excused

Each representative was asked to assign five cakes to be brought to the reunion for lunch. Discussed the workshop and displays. Nothing definite for the program.

Richard B. Taylor offered \$2.50 donation to the Belnap Family for every pedigree chart sold if we would let him print one page in our Newsletter. This chart is 20 feet long and sells for \$10.00 each.

CLOSING PRAYER: Bruce Ward

Minutes recorded by Della A. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 6:30 p.m. 27 MAY 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Evelyn Galloway, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap.
H. Austin Belnap was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Joy M. Belnap

In the absence of Austin, Gordon conducted the meeting. Gordon read the minutes from the last meeting held 22 April 1970 at the home of Della A. Belnap. Minutes were approved as read.

The FAMILY CRIER is printed and mailed out to the Family members. Only five have come back. Della has corrected the addresses and re-mailed them. Della mentioned a few letters she has received acknowledging receipt of the CRIER and their payment and the favorable comments regarding it. The mailing list for the Family was reviewed. A better way to keep up on the changes was discussed.

Gordon proposed the idea to dispose of the Family Representatives and do it on a Regional Representative basis or else incorporate both in order to reach more families in other states other than Utah and Idaho. The unanimous feeling was that both are needed. Area Representatives will be appointed after the reunion when the new officers go in.

The reunion coming up on June 27 was discussed. The place has been cleared and the notices have been mailed out. Evelyn reported the program is coming along. LaGrande Belnap has been given the assignment for having the park and pavillion ready. Registration of Family members was discussed. Gordon will contact Wendell Belnap to see if he will accept the assignment of seeing to the registration. The workshop under the direction of Della and Richard Belnap was discussed.

A printed self-guided tour sheet will be handed out as they register to explain items on display and the agenda for the day. This will be done by Gordon and Joy Belnap.

Bruce and Edith Ward have been given the assignment of getting the ice cream and punch for the reunion (about 15 gallons punch). Della took the assignment of obtaining paper plates for dessert, cups and napkins. Family Representatives took the assignment at the last meeting of each one assigning five cakes to their line of the Family.

It was suggested that all living grandchildren be honored and to give them a special invitation for them to attend. There are 63 still living. The oldest one present will be given a token of esteem.

Gordon will write to Bruce E. Belnap in Florida regarding old movies of reunions belonging to his late father, H. Earl Belnap, to see if we might borrow them to show this year.

Della reported we have one family in the Logan Temple and three families in the Salt Lake Temple for sealing. She read a letter from Frank Smith regarding research in England. 29 sheets have been sent in on collateral lines from Essex. Brother Smith is low on funds and requesting more. The question keeps arising as to whether we should discontinue now that the work has slowed down, or send more money. Gordon suggested a meeting with Family Representatives and hold a day of fasting and prayer to see what decision could be reached.

CLOSING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 7:00 p.m. 17 JUNE 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Wendell T. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Evelyn B. Galloway. H. Austin Belnap and Helene K. Smith were excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

Gordon Belnap conducted the meeting in the absence of Austin Belnap. Minutes were read and approved by Joy M. Belnap. Gordon reported as yet he has received no answer from Bruce E. Belnap regarding the movies of past reunions belonging to H. Earl Belnap, his father.

Della Belnap reported that Edith Ward had called her regarding the punch to order - 20 gallons instead of 15. She will put the announcement in the Roy paper of the Belnap Reunion. Della will put it in the Ogden paper.

Richard explained the registration to Wendell. He has had name tags with the Belnap Coat of Arms printed on them for each person to put on as they register. Richard reported on contacting family representatives to bring a display to the reunion. All but the families of Mary, Oliver, Isadora (?) have been contacted. Gordon is anxious to get this information so the tour sheet can be compiled. The program and workshop were discussed. Helene K. Smith, the Historian, will not be at the reunion. Richard will pick up the records from her and bring them to the reunion with him. The personal assignments of those present were reviewed and discussed.

Evelyn Galloway read through the program outlined. Kenneth VanderDoes will be the Master of Ceremonies. All 63 living grandchildren will be honored by giving them a red or white carnation. The past presidents will be given a token also. The oldest grandson and granddaughter will be presented with a book.

Richard read the letter from Dr. W. Dean Belnap regarding his findings in England about the Belnap Coat of Arms.

CLOSING PRAYER: Evelyn B. Galloway

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
HELD 27 JUNE 1970 AT HOOPER, UTAH, PARK

Registration began early - by 10:00 a.m. handled by Wendell T. Belnap. An invocation was given by Dr. Howard K. Belnap at 10:45 a.m. followed by an "early bird" drawing for door prizes, conducted by H. Austin Belnap. At 11:00 a.m. the workshop session was presented by Della A. Belnap and Richard D. Belnap. Della reported on the genealogy work that has been done since the last reunion. There is still a lot yet to be done and she made a plea for help for family members to do this temple work. The Family is presently paying Frank Smith \$4.00 per hour for research in England.

Maude B. Kimball, granddaughter, gave a very interesting sketch of Gilbert and Adaline Belnap during the first few years of their marriage, and of her father, Gilbert Rosel, their first child.

Helene Kerr Smith, Family Historian, could not be in attendance so her brother, Knight B. Kerr, reported on the historical information and also made a plea to the family members to please send their articles in to be kept in the Family files. Also to please identify them (pictures) so years from now they can be identified. An old-fashioned album that had once belonged to Mary Belnap Lowe was presented to the Belnap Organization along with several pictures that needed identifying.

Richard and Della explained the family displays around the Cultural Hall of the Hooper Ward beginning in Nauvoo in 1836 and ending at the present time in Hooper. Several families had brought lovely items for display and many old relics belonging to Gilbert. John Belnap, one of the oldest living grandchildren, told about the pictures and historical sketches of Gilbert and about living in early Hooper. He still resides in Hooper.

At 12:30 p.m. the blessing on the food was given by Hal R. Belnap and the group adjourned across the street to the park for lunch. Each family was asked to bring their own lunch with punch and cake and ice cream being furnished by the Family Organization. Outdoor games were directed by Francis A. (Bud) Belnap.

At 2:30 p.m. the program under the direction of Evelyn B. Galloway was presented. The Masters of Ceremonies were Raymond Vander Does and Richard Wilson. A skit entitled "The Family Tree" was presented by Evelyn, Ernest, Glen and David Galloway; Raymond, Valerie, Della, Bud and Carolyn Vander Does; Gloria and John Jaques; and Richard and Grant Wilson. This was very cleverly done following back on a pedigree chart. A variety of dances, calypso, tap and ballet, were given by Jenny Sly. A number of readings were given by her mother, Bernice Cox Sly.

At the beginning of the program the grandchildren of Gilbert were honored. There are 63 living and they had all been sent a special invitation to attend. There were 28 who actually came. They were: Maude B. Kimball, Polly Estella B. Cox, Ethel B. Belnap, Lettie Hammon Stoker, Arias G. Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Jewel B. Furniss, Della A. Belnap, Gladys B. Carwin, Earl R. Belnap, Joseph F. Belnap, David Evan Belnap, Thelma B. Schultz, Zeruah Lowe Thomson, Edith Lowe Law, Henry Belnap, Ivy B. Wilson, Nellie B. Lewis, Lester Belnap, Wilford Belnap, Hazel B. Lindsey, John M. Belnap, George E. Belnap and Voletta B. Blanch. They were all presented with long-stemmed red and white carnations. The four living past presidents, Lester Belnap, Volney B. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Della A. Belnap, were honored and given a book of verse. The three oldest living grandchildren were then honored: Lettie Hammon Stoker, age 87; Henry Belnap, age 87; and John Belnap, age 87. *Fern B. Fowers also attended.*

The LaGrande H. Belnap Family of Hooper were next on the program. Kevin and Gregg Belnap sang "Billie Boy" with Kevin accompanying them on a ukelele. Then Kevin sang alone the song "Blowing in the Wind". A male quartet from the George Ellis Belnap family, namely Francis A. (Bud), LaGrande, Darwin and Liriden, sang a fun song and "Sing Along".

H. Austin Belnap presented the names for new officers for the coming two years that had been nominated by the nominating committee. All the names were read and he suggested to the group present that they be put in by acclamation. Max G. Belnap made the motion and Della A. Belnap seconded the motion from the floor. The following officers listed will preside over the Belnap Family Organization for the years 1970 to 1972:

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J. Francis Belnap, 3rd Vice President

Appointed officers as follows:

Joy M. Belnap, Secretary
Wendell T. Belnap, Treasurer
Helene K. Smith, Historian
Della A. Belnap, Family Genealogist

The above officers were sworn in by outgoing president, Austin, and he then gave his closing remarks to the family. He then finished the drawings for the door prizes (which incidentally, were donated by him).

The benediction was given by David Evan Belnap. The reunion adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Balance - Cash and Bank - January 1, 1970 \$ 700.51

Income:

Criers and Donations (77 paid for) \$436.25

Interest on Savings: 17.18

 January 6.23
 March 5.94
 July 5.01

8 Coat of Arms sold @ 2.00 each 16.00

TOTAL INCOME 436.25

SUB-TOTAL \$1,169.94

Expenses:

Frank Smith for Genealogy Work 200.00

Copy Work 4.00

Postage mailing items sold 3.00

CRIER expenses - 1970 334.22

 Cheever Printing 183.17
 Postage 151.05

Notices for Reunion 48.00


 Postage and envelopes 34.00
 Printing notices 14.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 589.22

BALANCE as of June 25, 1970 \$ 575.71

 Cash on hand 61.47
 Savings Account 514.24

I hereby certify this to be a true statement of the finances of the Belnap Family Organization at the time the funds were transferred to the new Family Officers.


Gordon L. Belnap, 1st Vice President

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 p.m. 30 SEPTEMBER 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Joseph Francis Belnap and wife, Mabel, Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Wendell T. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Gordon L. Belnap. Helene K. Smith was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

The new president, Gordon L. Belnap called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Minutes of the last meeting held 17 June 1970 and the Reunion held 27 June 1970 were read and approved.

Gordon discussed the Family Crier - rather to continue or discontinue sending the Crier to those who have never paid for it. Frank suggested enclosing an envelope for payment at the same time as the Crier is sent, thereby encouraging response. All present felt the newsletter was very enjoyable and informative for the Family. Richard made the motion to continue as now outlined and Evelyn Galloway seconded the motion.

Gordon assigned Frank to continue researching for areas and things that have the name Belnap. Gordon assigned Richard to research all Belnaps who have been ministers or preachers and report on them for the Crier.

Richard read a letter from Dr. W. Dean Belnap dated 21 August 1970 regarding the Royal College of Arms. The Belnaps did have a Coat of Arms, but it has not been registered with the Royal College of Arms.

Gordon discussed the past reunion and asked for suggestions to help improve for the next one. Richard stated that the workshop was too long. Della commented that the committees were not organized early enough and were not ready to start on time. Frank felt the program was too long. Gordon suggested that the workshop and program might be held together next time instead of holding two different meetings. Joy felt that by having the registration table and the collection of money held in two different places it would ease the bottleneck at the door. The next reunion will be planned for Idaho. Flora B. Dotsun will find a suitable location.

At 7:00 p.m. Brother Frank Smith, the professional genealogist hired by the Family for research in England, arrived and was introduced to the group. He reviewed the Belnap line beginning with Henry and Elizabeth Beltoft. He said that up to 150 years ago there was no accepted spelling of names. People just spelled like it sounded. There are so many different dialects in England that there are so many different spellings of the same name. He explained names found in 1561 (10 generations back from Della) and also stated that record-keeping didn't start until 1538. He also discussed the line of Grace Adam. He brought out the fact that Stallion alias Butler found on some of our records could mean illegitimacy or it could have been used to establish one person from another with the same name in the same area. This one was married to Joan Delow in 1567. He also explained that the wives' names are equally as important as the husbands' names.

Our direct line including wives is our most important obligation. An additional privilege is to collect those living in the United States who could be related, but only if we don't neglect the direct line.

Brother Smith was asked to prepare an index of 1969 of the number of Belnaps, including births, deaths and marriages, now living in England so it may be published in the Crier.

At the present time we have a \$195 deficit to Brother Smith. He was given the go-ahead to continue research in Essex and Hertfordshire and the Family will see that he gets a check for more money to continue research. He was excused at 8:25 p.m. leaving us all very much more informed.

Gordon read the financial report as of 1 January 1970 through to July. Wendell reported from July when he went in as treasurer to the present time. We have \$770.47 on hand. (See following pages.)

Reminders will have to be sent to those who have not paid for the Crier. Gordon suggested the price of the Crier be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 in order to meet costs. Wendell made the motion to this effect and Frank seconded it.

Richard was asked to set up a similar meeting as tonight with Brother Jimmy Parker, the professional genealogist hired by the Family for research in the United States. This meeting to be held either the last week in November or the first week of December, depending upon Brother Parker's schedule.

Frank made the motion that the Family guarantee \$1,000 per year for genealogical research to be collected through payment of the Crier. All officers to be responsible for this amount by contacting those who have not paid and seeing that it is collected. Richard seconded the motion. A vote of those present: 5 yes, 1 abstention.

Wendell was asked to mail a \$200 check to Frank Smith right away and state that another \$200 would follow soon.

CLOSING PRAYER: Joseph Francis Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Joy M. Belnap

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Balance	June 25, 1970	- - - - -	\$575.71
	Cash on hand	\$ 61.47	
	Savings	514.24	

INCOME:

Reunion 1970	\$314.50	
Pictures, packets, & Research	173.50	
Criers	141.00	
Interest 6/30/70	5.01	
July deposits for Crier	9.00	
August deposits	8.00	
	<u>Sub-total</u>	336.51
	Total Balance fwd and income	<u>\$912.22</u>

EXPENSES:

Reunion		
Supplies for reunion (Della)	37.97	
Door Prizes (Austin)	30.29	
Hall and Park Rent	10.00	
Ice Cream and Punch	49.90	
Plastic & Film (Gordon)	13.59	
	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	141.75
	Balance on hand 30 Sep 1970	<u>\$770.47</u>
	Savings	519.25
	Checking	241.22
	Della	10.00

TREASURER'S Report Sep 30, 1970

Wendell T. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 7:00 p.m. 30 November 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON L. BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Joy M. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Special Guest, Jimmy Parker. Helene K. Smith was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

President Gordon L. Belnap conducted, calling the meeting to order and welcoming everyone present. Joseph Francis Belnap and Wendell T. Belnap were absent. Brother Jimmy Parker, the American genealogist hired by the Belnap Family, was introduced.

Minutes of the last meeting held 30 September 1970 were read and approved. President Gordon asked Brother Parker how best the Family can continue with their research in America. Brother Parker reviewed all he has done from the beginning since Dr. W. Dean Belnap first approached him. He has documented all the Family records that were originally given to him with primary sources. He has checked the 1790 census index of the New England States and found all the Belnaps living at that time and started from there. He checked the Barbour Collection in the Connecticut vital records which are microfilmed records by Lucious A. and Lucious B. Barbour of town and church records in Connecticut. He also checked the Charles Hale Collection of newspapers and cemeteries. The Vermont vital records were checked finding 200 or more through 1870. He said the only multiple source you can use is on the direct line. In Maine he found Jeremy Belnap and family only, who was a minister. Brother Parker explained the records submission service and why it came about - so that single names can have temple work done without waiting for whole families.

At the insistence of President Gordon, Brother Parker recommended a good solid evaluation be made of all research before any more is done in order to know what is done and what is left to be done.

Brother Parker said there are 39 couples of Belnap women married to different surnames all in Vermont. He suggested the Family assign members to get children of these families from Vermont vital records. He also suggested that the Family publish a Family Genealogy in book form, but to be sure it is well-documented and well-organized.

To sum things up Gordon made the motion that we have an evaluation made of what we have done. Della seconded the motion. Brother Parker said it would take him approximately two months to accomplish this.

Another motion that Brother Parker prepare family group sheets of what he has found and send them back to the Family so we can tie material together was made. Richard seconded the motion.

Brother Parker left at 9:00 p.m. He stated that at the present time he does not need funds, as he is still using money from an agreement with Dr. Dean Belnap.

The next meeting was set for some time in the Spring.

CLOSING PRAYER: Joy M. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 p.m. ON 20 May 1971 AT THE HOME OF GORDON L. BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Della A. Belnap, Joseph Francis Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Wendell T. Belnap excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

President Gordon welcomed all present. The minutes of meeting held 30 November 1970 were read by Joy and approved by the group.

Della reported on Frank Smith and English research. Money was sent to him before the postal strike. There has been a slow-up of research in England. Brother Jimmie Parker has apologized for not doing as promised, but has further church assignments that take more of his time. Six months have gone by without word from Brother Parker, so Richard took the assignment to talk to Brother Parker and clear the matter. If he can't handle the work, we would like what he has completed to date turned into us. Richard also took the assignment to check with Frank Smith on the derivative of Belnap names and 1970 census of England of Belnaps still living in England. He is to ask them to furnish a report of what they are doing instead of hearing nothing from them.

Expenditures were approved of Belnap funds to xerox copies of missing Belnap family group sheets to bring family records up-to-date from personal records of Della.

Richard presented some more information on Annetta and Martha McBride Smith, born 17 March 1805, Chester, Warren, New York, sealed 26 January 1846 for time only to Heber Chase Kimball, plus 7 other women (widows of Joseph Smith). Also Martha McBride was resealed to Joseph Smith, Jr. on 26 January 1846. Source: G.S. film 183374 (current temple record) old number 25163, part 4.

Gordon mentioned that a place for the 1972 reunion should be decided on before the publication of the CRIER. It had been decided on Idaho from past meetings (two in Hooper then one in Idaho). Shelley, Idaho Falls or Pocatello were suggested. Richard proposed it to be held at Shelley. Evelyn seconded the motion. A tentative date of 24 June 1972 has been set. Frank to check with Shelley people if all right to go ahead before we publish the CRIER.

A brief discussion about restoring the original cabin in Hooper was held. No conclusions drawn.

Gordon reviewed information for this year's CRIER. A phone call from Marion B. Kerr (historian 1958 to 1970) indicates she wants to give report to the Family in CRIER with pictures of her books and compilations. Cheever printing who has done the CRIER in the past has gone out of business. Richard will check with Hercules as to cost of printing.

Frank suggested matching numbers to be on the CRIER and remittance envelope as well as the card for drawing of prizes at the reunion. This to be put in both 1971 and 1972 CRIERS to instill remittance to be sent in.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 7:00 p.m. on 3 May 1972 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Della A. Belnap, Wendell T. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Joseph F. Belnap and Helene K. Smith were excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Joy M. Belnap

President Gordon L. Belnap conducted. The first item of business was the coming reunion. The date will be changed from June 24, as previously planned, to August 19, 1972. A flyer to announce the reunion will be taken care of by Gordon. It was voted unanimously for Idaho this year and Joseph Francis Belnap to be in charge with the Idaho portion of the Family assisting him. A possible temple excursion to the Idaho Falls Temple was considered. The theme for the reunion will be the historical background of how the Belnap Family migrated to Idaho. Richard suggested it be printed in the "Crier" in the form of a map.

The Family Representatives of the Family are depleting. It was suggested that new ones be elected at the coming reunion. Also the election of officers was discussed. Gordon will write to Frank and ask him to accept the office of president as he is next in line. It was suggested that Wendell remain as treasurer, Joy remain as secretary, Della remain as genealogist and Helene remain as historian. Evelyn desired to remain as third vice president rather than move up, leaving the offices of first and second vice presidents to be filled.

Wendell reported on the finances. The Family spent \$800 on genealogy last year. Della reported on the genealogy work received from Frank Smith in England. Della was asked to furnish an accounting to be published in the "Crier" as to how much work has been done. Della also read an interesting letter from Dr. Dean Belnap from England who has been checking on the peerage lines.

A tentative meeting has been set for August 2nd to set the final details and plans for the reunion.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 7:00 p.m. on 9 August 1972 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Wendell T. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Helene K. Smith, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Joseph Francis Belnap was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

President Gordon presented ideas as to the program for the coming reunion. He has received a letter from Norma B. Neibaur with the program being presented by the Idaho portion of the family. The Idaho theme is going over very well.

The Criers have been sent out containing numbers for the drawing of the wooden lawn chair made by Frank and donated to the Belnap Family. They must be present to win as there is no way of knowing who has what number. Gordon will contact different people for gift donations.

Items for sale will be taken up to Idaho to be sold at the reunion such as pictures, Criers, Coat-of-Arms, etc. Evelyn will help Della with the supplies and items for sale. Registration will be handled by the Idaho relatives. Wendell will take care of the money and receipts. A proposed outline of the day was gone over beginning with the registration at 9:30 a.m.

Della read a letter received from Frank Smith in England reporting his findings in Essex. It was voted to continue sending him money as is needed.

New Family officers were reviewed for the coming election. Richard will move up to president. Evelyn has asked to resign as vice president, leaving three vice president positions to fill. The names of Dr. Dean Belnap, Knight Kerr and Max Belnap were voted on. These three will be notified and asked if they would consider running for the offices of vice president at the next reunion.

Future plans for the family were discussed and reviewed, such as having regional reunions and regional representatives to encourage more participation.

Gordon will send a letter to all Family Representatives notifying them of the special meeting to be held during the reunion and to encourage them to get their families out.

CLOSING PRAYER: Wendell T. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
HELD 19 August 1972 AT MORELAND, IDAHO WARD

This year's theme was "Migration of Belnaps to Idaho" with general chairman Lester Belnap and Garth Belnap as Master of Ceremonies.

Registration began at 9:30 a.m. and Belnap Family President Gordon L. Belnap called the meeting to order to begin the reunion at 10:30 a.m. The invocation was offered by Lawrence Belnap. The morning program consisted of: First, Boyd Belnap's daughters, Cheryl, Marlene and Serena, sang "Let There Be Peace" and "Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians", accompanied by Velma Belnap on the piano. Then, Newell Belnap gave a talk "Reuben and Augustus Belnap in Idaho." Vere Belnap then did a novelty number with his puppet. Vere also gave a talk about "Gilbert Belnap in Limhi".

At 11:30 a.m. Della Belnap reported on the genealogy accomplished since we met last. Helene Kerr gave an appeal to get historical information turned in to her. Wendell gave a financial report to the family. Garth Belnap made a motion to accept and approve the aforementioned and Arias Belnap seconded the motion. Nominations and balloting for new Family officers for 1972-74 were conducted.

At 12:00 noon the meeting dismissed for lunch. Emery M. Belnap gave the blessing on the food. The drinks and dessert were furnished by the Family Organization and everyone brought their own lunch.

There was a meeting for Family Officers and Family Representatives at 1:30 p.m. while the rest of the relatives visited and played games until 2:30 p.m.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with a continuation of the program. Lawrence Belnap gave a talk on "Amasa and Oliver Belnap in Idaho." Benon Palmer Whyte told of "Joseph, Mary and Adeline Belnap in Idaho". Following this talk President Gordon L. Belnap installed the new Family Officers. (See sheet following minutes) Arlo Belnap from Iona sang "The Bridge Builder", accompanied by his wife on the piano. Dr. W. Dean Belnap remarked on "Genealogical Work in England", about Abraham from Sawbridgeworth who was a Non-Conformist. A continuation of the door prize drawings was held. The following relatives were lucky enough to have winning numbers: Wendell T. Belnap won a framed Coat-of-Arms; Esther Dial from Shelley won a Book of Remembrance; Lois B. Erickson won a transistor radio; Flora B. Dotson won a set of glasses; Adella Vander Does won a \$7.00 genealogical packet; Jean Hansen won a Book of Remembrance; Marie Law Hurst won a radio; James Marriott won an attache case; Margaret B. Reese won wallet size genealogical pictures; Hal Belnap won pictures; Wallace Belnap family from Arizona won three sets of pictures; and Marvin M. Benson from Boise won the beautiful, handmade wooden chair that was donated by Joseph Francis Belnap. All of the prizes were lovely and the winners were grateful and happy.

About 4:00, after a very successful and enjoyable reunion, the closing song was sung - "And Here We Have Idaho", directed by Garth and accompanied by Velma Belnap. The closing prayer was offered by Joseph Francis Belnap.

Incoming president Richard D. Belnap officially adjourned the reunion until we meet again in 1974.

See reverse side for new officers going in for 1972-74. All approved as outlined. There were no nominations from the floor or any write-ins.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

*New Officers for 1972-74
Accepted & installed at reunion*

BALLOT FOR FAMILY OFFICERS

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

August 19, 1972

PRESIDENT:

. Richard D. Belnap

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

. Dr. Dean Belnap

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

. Dr. Knight B. Kerr

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3RD VICE PRESIDENT:

. Max G. Belnap

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

all approved

Secretary Joy M. Belnap

Treasurer Wendell T. Belnap

Family Genealogist Della A. Belnap

Family Historian Helene K. Smith

Editor, Belnap Family Crier Gordon L. Belnap

(MARK YOUR BALLOT AND TURN IN NO LATER THAN 1:00 p.m. TODAY.

THE NEW FAMILY OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED DURING THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE FAMILY REUNION.)

Report- Della Belaap Aug 9, 1972

May 20, 1971 \$39.41 Balance

\$39.41
 1.40 pictures
 26.00 4 criers & 2 Packets
 10.00 1 Coat of Arme, 1 Gen packet
 .20 2 pedigree pictures
77.01 balance July 20,

77.01
 -26.81
50.20 Balance in Aug *Mar* 1972

3.00 1 Crier
 35.00 1 coat of arms, 5 criers.
 1 gen. packet, envelops

88.20

88.20
 -40.05
48.15 balance Aug 9, 1972

Expense

\$6.96 postage & pictures
 1.65 postage
 2.00 temple sheets
 4.40 pictures for crier
 3.00 pictures for crier
 3.80 copy of Genealogy
~~265.00~~ copy of Gen. Charts
26.81

\$10.45 flowers for Marion Kerr
 8.40 copy of Gilberts Journal
 .95 envelopes
 1.15 temple sheets
 11.22 return postage on criers
 2.72 postage
 .76 return postage on criers
 2.40 copying genealogy
 2.00 postage
40.05

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 4:00 p.m. ON 2 December 1972 AT THE HOME OF DELLA BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, and Joy M. Belnap. Walter B. Kerr was present for Knight B. Kerr. Helene K. Smith and Knight B. Kerr were excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

President Richard conducted and welcomed all present. He stated that the funds for Frank Smith are down to \$20 and if we are to continue our research in England, we need to send him another \$200 as per our commitment. Gordon moved that the Family Organization continue their research and forward another \$200 to Brother Smith. Dean seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

The cost of the "Crier" was discussed. Costs are rising and less people are paying for their copy. If we stay with our commitment to Brother Smith of \$200 every quarter, more financial support is needed. The money the "Crier" is taking in is not enough. Della suggested that the names of those who are not paying for their copy of the "Crier" be taken off the mailing list. Gordon felt just the opposite. He said you never know who you will touch or when you will spark an interest in genealogy or the Family and felt that all should continue to receive the "Crier". Joy suggested that some desire the "Crier" but presently feel they could not afford it. Dean made the motion to send the "Crier" to everyone on the mailing list and keep it at the same price. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. No one opposed the motion after all ideas were presented. Rather than raise the price of the "Crier", it was suggested that it be cut down a few pages to cut costs. Della mentioned that the direct line should be corrected from Henry Belnap to Lawrence Belnap and put into the "Crier".

Richard will draft a letter and have it printed to thank the Family members for their support and to remind them of their obligation to pay for their "Crier".

As discussed in the past, the possibility of having regional reunions and regional representatives was reviewed, thereby encouraging more participation and Family unity. Gordon suggested that the Family has outgrown its present organization because the families are getting too scattered around the country. Certain parts of the Family will never be included in a reunion due to traveling conditions if they are always held in Utah and Idaho. He felt they should be held in opposite years in four or five different locations, such as Idaho, Southern California, Arizona, Mid-West and East, so that those members of the Family can feel part of the organization as a whole. Dean moved to have the present officer system remain; in 1973 have 15 sub-Family reunions (each individual child of Gilbert); and in 1974 experiment with four, five or six regional reunions and to appoint a regional chairman to work with the officers of the Central presidency. Balloting could possibly be done by mail. Gordon seconded the motion and all approved. In order to be effective in this, all Family Representatives will have to complete their mailing lists of their immediate families and account for all children, grandchildren, etc. and send them to the Family Organization. All married children or the age of 18 and over should be included on the mailing list.

At this time the meeting proceeded into the FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

Representatives present: Alpha Crow for Lola
Evelyn Galloway for Reuben
H. Lynn Belnap for Oliver
David Evan Belnap for Amasa
Richard Belnap for Vinson

President Richard stressed the importance of keeping a current list of names and addresses of each family. He asked each representative to find out if there are any on their list who do not want the "Crier", but to encourage them to receive it. We need financial support from the "Crier" as well as other donations to the Family Organization. Please find out who are not being accounted for, such as married children of relatives. Turn in your lists so we can include them on our mailing list. Also identify them by family as to grandchild, great grandchild, etc. so we know how they tie in. Richard showed them an example of his family how this can be done. We need them as soon as possible for the next "Crier", preferably by January 1, 1973. Gordon mentioned that from a census standpoint all adults over 18 or married should be on the "Crier" mailing list as they will become adult families. Dean mentioned that this is now the Church procedure. The Family Representatives were given the assignment to do this for the Organization and identify what family they come under.

Gordon mentioned he would like to follow up in the "Crier" one more generation down from Gilbert. Many, many names are missing.

Richard proposed a new numbering system. He will have one set up by the next meeting. This will help bring in the younger generations.

Some of the present Family Representatives need to be replaced - either because of age or lack of interest they are not participating.

The concept of holding Family reunions on a regional basis was explained as is previously stated above. There was interest shown in having four or five different locations in order to accommodate more Family members.

President Richard explained that we are hurting financially. The "Crier" is not bringing in the needed funds for our commitment of \$200 per quarter for research in England, over and above the costs of printing and mailing the "Crier".

Suggestions concerning information to be included in the "Crier" such as more histories and more vital statistics. Dean brought out some very good points regarding building family histories and information for future generations updating direct lines, not collateral lines.

Dean mentioned he would like to set a five-year goal to get out a hard-bound volume of the Belnap Family at his expense to be in all libraries of the Church. All Family members would help to compile information.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 6:30 p.m. ON 28 February 1973 AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP

ATTENDEES: W. Dean Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Helene K. Smith, Knight B. Kerr and Wendell T. Belnap were excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

President Richard welcomed all present and asked for a financial report on money coming in for the "Crier" from Della and Joy due to the absence of Wendell. A rough estimate is that we have taken in approximately \$1,481.00 since last August 1972. We have been able to keep up our commitment of \$200 per quarter to research in England. Another researcher has been added under the direction of Frank Smith. We now have Glenda Perkes in London, Albert Field in Essex and a non-member working also in Essex. Wendell will be asked to mail another \$200 to Frank Smith right away.

Dean mentioned that the church requires two dates for processing each name - the death date and preferably a christening date. There is a possibility of using marriage dates. The Laurence Belnap line needs to be reprocessed. It had gone in previously as Henry and all his family has been sealed to Henry. Dean suggested just sending them in again under Laurence.

Richard explained the numbering system he has established following the pattern of the military. He passed out a copy to each one of his plan.

The Glendex Coding System is a private industry for genealogical research. Dean will check with them and compare in order to set a standard numbering system for our Family. In cases of plural marriage should we use a dash or a paren to clarify? More thought will be given to this plan before it is implemented.

Gordon told of plans for the forthcoming "Crier". It will be approximately 20 pages on both sides. Dr. Howard K. Belnap requests his line of Joseph be included. He has gone to extensive work and effort to put this together and it is all ready to be included this year. It was approved as outlined by those present. The possibility of sending out two papers a year rather than just one big one was discussed. It was decided to stick to mailing only one paper per year and trying to keep it fairly small to accommodate the cost of mailing.

Della reported that 866 names have been sent in to the temples received from our English research.

Dean suggested Della pick up a research team to work on the American line to carry on where Jimmy Parker left off. Possibly use graduate students at the BYU under the direction of Jerry Wells of the Priesthood Genealogical Committee. The cost could be cut almost in half - about \$4.00 per hour rather than \$7.00 or even \$8.00 as is regularly charged by researchers. Carroll Y. Belknap in Connecticut has been sending a great amount to the Belnap Family. Dean suggested he would send Della back to visit Carroll and collect all he has. He encouraged her to give it some serious thought. It would be at his expense. Carroll has done some valuable research on the Belnap line even though he is a non-member of the LDS church. Dean said he would also authorize the team from BYU and work out a financial schedule with them and notify the Family.

CLOSING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP AT 7:00 p.m. ON 3 November 1973

ATTENDEES: Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Wendell T. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Max G. Belnap, Helene K. Smith and Knight B. Kerr were excused. Also present was Rose Ann K. Belnap.

OPENING PRAYER: Dr. W. Dean Belnap

President Richard conducted and welcomed all present. He asked Wendell to give us a financial report since our last meeting. Wendell reported that the Belnap Family Organization has a balance of \$1,034.01 in checking and a balance of \$337.71 in the savings account. The possibility of becoming a non-profit organization was discussed. It was concluded that this would be feasible and that Dean would look into what has to be done and take care of the details. This would make contributions to the Belnap Family Organization tax deductible. Richard seconded the motion.

Richard will write a holiday letter similar to last year's to be sent just before Christmas thanking Family members for their support and reminding them to pay for their copy of the "Crier."

Della said that she has not heard from Frank Smith on English research for some time now but it is past time to send him his \$200. English research has almost diminished and it was felt by those present that we should wait until we hear from him before we send him any further money as he may not need it at the present time.

Dean reported on the Priesthood Genealogical Seminar where they no longer feel that researching on the collateral lines is important. The need now is to keep our responsibility to our grandmother lines and into further research here in the states. Carroll Y. Belknap in correspondence with Della and Dean reports that he would not be ready to meet with the family as mentioned in the last meeting. He suggested that next spring would be a good time. Research to be held off until we can compare with Carroll to keep from duplicating his work.

Dean enthused us all by stating that stories would be published from Gilbert Belnap's Journal (the red book) and will be incorporated into the new hardbound book that he is planning. He will instigate American research from Samuel Belnap's line to include four grandmothers' lines - Eunice Hall, Eunice _____, Mary Dickinson and Sarah Jones. Richard moved the motion and Gordon seconded it. All voted in favor. The agency from the BYU, Gendex University, will work with Dean, editorialize and do the printing and binding. Dean discussed his plans and dreams for the book. Additional information from Carroll will be included, as well as histories, stories, letters, genealogical lines, etc. The book will include down to Della's generation. Supplementary volumes will include down further to the present time. The first volume will be about 1,000 pages with a possible deadline date of Christmas 1974. The cost will be around \$5,000. He would like to place a book in each branch library (65 presently). Each Family Representative will be contacted to update the information on the 15 children of Gilbert. Gordon made the motion that Dean be granted permission to contact all representatives for this information. Richard seconded the motion and all present voted in favor. Joy will work with Max to update the family representative list with phone numbers for Dean. Max to be assigned to contact them and see if they will remain or recommend someone else to take their place on their line.

Richard discussed reunions - whether they are going to remain the same or go to a regional basis. A meeting to be set up in December for all family representatives. He will have Claude Mills prepare a listing of members according to states and prepare for a regional reunion. This next reunion is scheduled for Utah. Bountiful (possibly the Woods Cross and Bountiful Regional Center - or the old Valley Music Hall building) was strongly considered. Gordon made the motion to hold it in Bountiful and Joy seconded it. The second Saturday in August, August 10, 1974, was tentatively set. Gordon to see about door prizes. Dean to work on a program centered around information to be in his book.

Gordon mentioned again that the problem of sending the "Crier" continually to family members who have never ever paid one cent for it is getting worse. The cost of paper and postage is getting higher and the mailing list is larger every year - up to 650 now. Postage alone has doubled over when we started. It was felt that we would continue as presently doing in sending to all on the list. The 1974 issue will be published but in 1975, instead of a "Crier", push the book that Dean is preparing. The cost of the 1974 "Crier" will be raised to \$5.00 per issue.

The next meeting was set up for December 1, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. to involve the family representatives concerning what has been discussed this meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER: Gordon L. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF DELLA A. BELNAP AT 6:00 p.m. ON 1 December 1973

ATTENDEES: (Officers) Richard D. Belnap, Max G. Belnap, W. Dean Belnap, Wendell T. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Helene K. Smith. Excused was Knight B. Kerr.
(Representatives) Edith and Bruce Ward for Amasa, Lynn Belnap for Oliver, Gilbert Marriott for Gilbert R., Howard Belnap for Joseph, Walter Kerr for Hyrum, Alpha Crow and her husband for Lola, Kenneth L. Belnap for William James, Hal and Joyce Stoddard for Isadora and Richard D. Belnap for Vinson.

OPENING PRAYER: Dr. Howard Belnap

President Richard welcomed all present and informed the group that they are the Board of Directors and have the privilege of governing the Family. He encouraged them to get together as a board and hold meetings.

Dr. Dean explained about his forthcoming book. It will consist of the main Belnap line with some collateral lines. Two chapters will deal with English history and the origin of the Belnap name. One or two chapters will be devoted to our descendent ancestor, Abraham Belknap, the first to come to America, down to the first convert, Gilbert Belnap. Extensive information of Gilbert and his wives, Adaline and Henrietta will be given, as well as a chapter on each of the 15 children. This will include three generations of detail and history with the fourth generation (to Della) listed by name. Histories and pedigrees will be entwined together with photos, etc. so not to lump all one type together. Expense of the first volume was discussed. It is hoped to do about 300 copies for about \$5,000 to cost about \$25 per book. It will be documented for accuracy both for the church and the Family. Representatives were given the assignment to get the information on their respective lines and furnish this information to Dean for the book. A working capital is needed. Dean, Wallace and Henry Belnap are furnishing funds and all others are invited to help.

Richard explained to the group about becoming a non-profit organization and asked for their ideas. This way our donations to the Family Organization would then become tax deductible. Dr. Howard made the motion to incorporate as a non-profit organization and Helene seconded it. All present voted in favor. Wendell and Joy to furnish Dean the information needed to carry this forth.

The Church is asking the youth to obtain oral histories from their grandparents using a tape recorder. Richard charged all representatives to look into this and work with the youth in obtaining their histories and not to try to do it all themselves. They should also work the histories over to make them factual and concise before getting them ready to print. Family Representatives were given the deadline of May 1, 1974 or sooner to get in their three generations from Gilbert with pictures and histories and the fourth generation listing children. Review the red book (Gilbert Belnap's Journal) and make changes and additions as necessary to update information received. As a prototype it will not be as expensive as it may seem. It will encourage more families in the Church to follow the same pattern and will be a very worthwhile genealogical tool.

Richard discussed reunions again. We feel we are not ready to go on a regional basis as was previously planned. August 10, 1974 will be the next reunion (tentative) in Bountiful. Richard to find a suitable place. Individual families are encouraged to hold their reunions on opposite years. At the 1974 reunion Dean will set up a display corner to instill interest in the book and various families will put on skits, plays, poems, etc. to further instill interest.

Our research in England has slowed down. Frank Smith has just about gleaned all he can. He is still working on the wives' lines. The McBride and Richmond lines are doing well. Dr. Jerry Wells from the BYU, and his associates are working part-time on American lines and will visit Della after the holidays.

Della mentioned the response of money coming in on the "Crier". A very low percentage are paying for it. She charged the Representatives to find out who on their lines really want it sent to them and who just are not interested at all. Richard invited families to get their information sent in for the "Crier" as Dr. Howard did on Joseph's line in the 1973 edition. Richard plans to have Vinson's line ready for the next issue. Edith Ward took the charge to have Amasa's line ready. The price of the 1974 "Crier" will raise to \$5.00 per copy.

Dean made the motion to appropriate \$200 for research for four grandmother lines and more as necessary. Richard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

A meeting for the family officers was set up for Saturday, January 26, 1974 in Bountiful. Richard will notify of time and place.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lynn Belnap.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE BOUNTIFUL WARD AT 7:00 p.m. ON 26 January 1974

ATTENDEES: Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr, Helene K. Smith and Wendell T. Belnap.

OPENING PRAYER: Max G. Belnap

All present were welcomed by President Richard. Family reunion plans were discussed. The Valley Music Hall building is not available, Richard having inquired as to this possibility. He suggested that Bountiful Park would be a good possibility with good facilities for a reunion. Richard will check into the cost, availability, etc. Max will check with the Weber Heights Stake Camp Lamondi for availability in August. No definite date for the reunion has been set.

Dr. Dean has sent a packet to the 15 family representatives containing information he would like them to compile on their part of the family line for the book he is printing. They are to respond by May 1, 1974.

A new savings account will be opened for the funds collected in advance for the forthcoming book. About 600 will be printed at a cost of \$25.00 each. The size of the book will be $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11".

The CRIER plans were discussed and reviewed. We must try to keep it smaller due to rising costs. Richard will have Vinson's line to be included in this issue taking 8 pages. The cost will have to be \$5.00 this year.

Frank Smith needs more money in English research now. American grandmother lines now tie in with English research. A check for \$200 will be sent to him right away as per the Family commitment. Della discussed English research with Dean concerning Belnap names in London, Middlesex.

Wendell gave the financial report. As of December 31, 1973 we have a total of \$1,551.95 in savings and checking. Wendell was asked to extract some from the checking account and put it into savings to draw interest.

CLOSING PRAYER: Wendell T. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP AT 7:45 p.m. ON 16 May 1974

ATTENDEES: Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr, Della A. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap. Excused was Helene K. Smith and Max G. Belnap.

OPENING PRAYER: Dr. W. Dean Belnap

President Richard asked Dean to report on the response he has had from the Family Representatives on the material he requested. Dean said that he has received some, but that there is still a lot to come in. Dean will contact them all again personally. He must get the material in if the book is to be out this year. He has proposed to title the book "Heritage With Honor" with chief content to be our book of remembrance with the histories and testimonies of our ancestors, with a title page. He enthusiastically outlined the book as follows: Preface.

Chapter 1 - "Our family as multi-generational" (about 10 pages).

" 2 - "Our roots go deeply" - origins in Britain and Europe. Five pages on the heritage of the House of Israel, Normandy Invasion, William the Conqueror. This to be a living history.

" 3 - "The mystery of Sawbridgeworth" - name from Beltoft on down to Belnap.

" 4 - "New world destiny" - what inspired Abraham to come to America. The Pilgrim fathers of New England - Descendents of Abraham on down with female ancestry.

" 5 - "Great North American movement - the Belnap Family History" - histories, stories, fun, tragedies, etc.

" 6 - "Gilbert finds himself" - struggling to find himself and finds gospel.

" 7 - "Movement of the restored gospel."

" 8 - "Behold and with much fruit" - his role as patriarch of the family.

" 9 - "Fifteen branches" - four generations of the 15 children.

" 10 - "Our first fruits and firstlings of the flock" - our book of remembrance

Cover of the book to be silver and black Coat of Arms and Cobalt Blue background. Now that we are incorporated the question was asked if we should copywrite our Coat of Arms. No conclusion.

The format of the CRIER was discussed. The coverpiece will be a picture of Dean's book to spark interest in it. Richard said that the CRIER must be typed and ready for press by the first week in June or Hercules can't print it for us. It is proposed to have 20 pages this time.

The reunion will be held on June 29, 1974 in Bountiful. Richard will send a flyer out to the family next week. Dean to make reservations at the Junior High School for all day - or at least until four o'clock. Items mentioned: Dean wants a half an hour to promote his book with large card on easel and pictorial displays about publications. Richard to call all family representatives for talent for a program. Show films of early reunions. Have periodic door prize drawings. Have the election of officers. Knight to prepare an analysis sheet for the end of the reunion. Names for a third vice president were suggested. LeGrande L. Belnap of Salt Lake City was motioned by Knight to be the first choice to contact and Dean seconded it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 1974 at 7:30 at the Bountiful Ward.

CLOSING PRAYER: Knight B. Kerr

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE BOUNTIFUL WARD AT 7:45 p.m. ON June 19, 1975⁴

ATTENDEES: Richard D. Belnap, Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Della A. Belnap.

OPENING PRAYER: Max G. Belnap

President Richard welcomed all present. To bring things up-to-date, Joy read the minutes from our meeting held May 16, 1974 and they were approved.

The "CRIER" has been taken to the printers, but the machines are full and they will not be able to get to it until the middle of next week. It will be about 30 pages this time.

Final plans for the reunion this month were discussed. Dean will take about an hour and a half to promote his book. He will have displays of historians books to encourage family members to send their articles in to Helene Smith. There is a strong possibility that the book won't be ready for the reunion.

The morning session of the reunion will consist of remarks by President Richard, a genealogical report by Della, an historian's report by Helene, election of officers, part one of the presentation on the book by Dean, and a few drawings. Then lunch will be from 12:00 to 2:00. After lunch part 2 of the presentation on the book will be given by Dean, installation of officers and more drawings will be held. Movies of old reunions will be shown and Parley Belnap will play the piano.

Assignments were given as follows: Games and children's activities under the direction of Max. Registration and picture taking assigned to Gordon and his family, along with showing reunion films. Door prizes - Richard will talk to Austin Belnap. Drawings will be taken care of by Knight Kerr. Joy to send special invitations to all family representatives to attend the reunion, or have someone to represent their family line come in their place, for a special meeting. Each representative to be responsible for five cakes. Ballots will be prepared by Richard and a financial statement of the Belnap Family will be prepared by Gordon.

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

(new address listings for 1974 were given to Della, Richard, Max and Dean by Joy.)

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

HELD AT THE BOUNTIFUL, UTAH, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL & PARK

June 29, 1974

At 10:30 a.m. the Belnap Family Reunion was officially started with President Richard D. Belnap welcoming everyone present.

The opening prayer was offered by Wilford Belnap.

Knight Kerr gave the historian's report in the absence of Helene K. Smith.

Della A. Belnap presented the genealogical report

An election of officers was held. President Richard explained the ballots and they were distributed. Results were given out later.

W. Dean Belnap then gave a talk advertising his book, Heritage With Honor. He explained what the book will be about. He is compiling material from the red centennial book of Gilbert Belnap, along with new material sent to him. He explained that the book would be approximately 300 pages and he plans to have 600 printed. He also gave the tax exemption identification number that the Belnap Family applied for: A:FA1439 SF:EO:74-937. He stirred quite an interest.

The closing prayer was given by Walter Kerr and the group dismissed to the Bountiful Park for lunch at noon.

A short meeting was held for the Family Representatives at 1:30 p.m. at the school. Those present were: Edith Ward, Alpha Crow, Lynn Belnap, Knight Kerr, Gilbert Marriott, Richard Belnap, Evelyn Galloway, Dean Belnap, Howard Belnap, Voletta Blanch and Joy M. Belnap.

Mailing lists are being updated. Amasa's line will be published in the 1975 "Crier." Clarification was made as to what information Dean needs for his book--four generations from Gilbert. Histories are also needed. Dean will call all the representatives who are not present to inform them.

At 2:00 p.m. the body of the reunion reconvened at the school. The opening prayer was offered by H. Lynn Belnap.

Dean showed 100 slides building up to the ancestry of the Belnap Family in preparation of his book.

Parley Belnap's son played a violin solo of "I Am A Child of God." Two small boys (Daniel and David) sang "Do What Is Right" accompanied by Parley on the piano. Parley then played several

versions of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" arranged by himself. He finished with "Sweet Is the Work."

Neal Galloway played the "Love Theme from Romeo and Juliet."

A film of some old Belnap Reunions was shown.

President Richard read Family statistical report since our last reunion prepared by Gordon L. Belnap, acting since the death of treasurer Wendell T. Belnap.

Results of the elections were given and the new officers were sworn in with each giving a brief response. The officers for the next two years are: Dr. W. Dean Belnap, President, Dr. Knight B. Kerr, first vice president, Dr. Max G. Belnap, second vice president, and LeGrande L. Belnap, third vice president. Other officers appointed remained the same.

The Bruce E. Belnap family (Myrum) from Florida was the farthest away in attendance. There were others from Arizona, Idaho, California, and Utah represented. Many families had four generations present.

Many door prizes were won at various drawings throughout the day (books of remembrance, travel clock, framed Belnap Coat of Arms, etc.).

Four of Gilberts original grandchildren honored were Lettie S. Taylor, Lester Belnap, Henry Belnap, and John Belnap. They were all 92 years of age and given special honor for being present.

Closing remarks were given by new president W. Dean Belnap and the reunion adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

BALLOT FOR FAMILY OFFICERS

WELSH FAMILY ORGANIZATION

JUNE 24, 1974

PRESIDENT:

. Dr. M. Dean Belnap
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1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

. Dr. Knight B. Kerr
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2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

. Dr. Max G. Belnap
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3RD VICE PRESIDENT:

. LeGrande L. Belnap
 _____

MARK YOUR BALLOT AND TURN IN NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. TODAY.
THE NEW FAMILY OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED DURING THE INSTALLATION
CEREMONY NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE FAMILY REUNION.

Unanimous voting for above.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP AT 8:00 p.m. on
November 15, 1974

ATTENDEES: W. Dean Belnap, Max G. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy
M. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr.

OPENING PRAYER: Max G. Belnap

President Dean brought us up-to-date on his book. The Century type style for his book was shown. He said the book would be to the printer by Wednesday or Thursday of next week. He said the cost of the book would be \$10,500 to \$11,000 and would be finished by December 15. About 500 copies will be bound at a cost of \$25, which will bring in \$12,500 with cellophane additional. He will keep 100 in reserve not bound. Volume I will have 550 pages. He needs \$4,500 more money by Wednesday.

Dean suggested a Christmas letter be sent by December 1, which he will take care of. A new address listing to be sent to Claude Mills for name labels. He wants to push the book in a letter to go out immediately. Dean suggested rather than the original idea of the book, have a prototype of what each of the 15 sub-families should be doing on their own--not give them a Book of Remembrance. If we compiled everything Della has on hand (5 books) would be less useful to the family. He suggested microfilming and giving it to all branch libraries, rather than each family. Then anyone interested could have it available--about 100,000 pages. He mentioned a corporation called the New Agency Institute of Family Research. This takes in all professional genealogists--Frank Smith and David Gardner, fee \$5.00 per hour--Bloomfield Group and BYU Groups.

Dean moved to have Della's material microfilmed along with Carroll Belknap's records as previously mentioned. Gordon seconded the motion. Della needs help and he suggested bringing in the new agency. This will be brought up with the family representatives.

We need to push family reunions this next year with all the 15 sub-families on their own as it is an opposite year to the Gilbert Belnap reunion.

Changes are to be made in the family representatives as follows: Augustus--Joseph Francis Belnap elected as family representative to replace Vaughn L. Belnap. Meet with family reps the summer of 1975 to bring up the idea again of having area reunions. Max to contact Hal Stoddard for Isadora's line to see if he wants to continue. Also Fern Palmer for Mary's line. Martha Jane's line is weak. Dean to contact Dian M. Roberts and her sister Bernice Dunford (Ethel McEntire's daughters) to help. Adaline's line--Zeruah L. Thomson has been ill. Dean will call

her. Oliver's line--Lynn Belnap will be replaced this next summer. Reuben's line--Evelyn Galloway will be called by Dean. Richard to remain for Vinson. Kenneth Lee Belnap to be called by Dean on William James's line. Knight to call Alpha Crow for Lola's line. Della to talk to Howard Belnap for Joseph's line.

IRS needs specific name for tax purposes. Must change our name to read "Gilbert Belnap Family Organization" from present of "Belnap Family Organization." Checks will have to be changed. Knight moved to accomplish this and Della seconded the motion.

Knight reported on a new finding of the Church. A new publication "The Journal of Mormon History", Volume I--No. 1, the first issue has an article by Michael Quinn about Vinson Knight as being the first presiding bishop of the Church and how it came about. This publication is an annual journal and newsletter and to receive a copy the dues are \$4.00 per year. He mentioned if anyone was interested to contact the Mormon History Association with Kenneth Godfrey as secretary, 1302 Edvalson, Ogden, Utah, 84403. The editor is Richard Sadler of Weber State College. Knight also mentioned that Weber State College wants to specialize in Weber County histories.

Next meeting will be held in January.

CLOSING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 10:25 p.m.

Miscellaneous Note: Chishall Manor Belknaps--original people now presently in England. Not Sawbridgeworth Belnaps. Northwest portion of Hertfordshire.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF W. DEAN BELNAP AT 7:00 p.m. on
February 22, 1975

ATTENDEES: W Dean Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Zeruah L. Thomson and daughter Marilyn, Alpha C. Crow and husband, Howard K. Belnap and wife Nedra, Knight B. Kerr, Helene K. Smith, Wilford Belnap Ivelyn B. Galloway and husband, Edith Ward and husband Bruce, Lynn Stoddard and wife, Kenneth Lee Belnap, Gordon W. Belnap, and Joy M. Belnap

OPENING PRAYER: Knight B. Kerr

President Dean mentioned he had 750 bound copies of his book. With 100 to be sold to various libraries, including a gift to the Church Historians Office, that leaves 650 left to sell. He deposited one with the Library of Congress.

Dean discussed the various chapters of the book. The book is a history as much as it is a genealogy. All four generations are available. He encouraged the family representatives to hold reunions this year. All families pick up where the book leaves off and bring our records up to the present time. The Epilogue bears testimony of tying families together--even non-members--for all eternity. With 14.9% inflation, the cost rose from \$25 (as he had first proposed) to \$39.50. The book is approximately 700 pages. Help requested for funds.

Secretary Joy gave the financial statement. Dean added that 1,000 shares of stock for family research have been set up. Made contribution to Institute of Family Research at Dean's expense for shares in stock. The Institute will mail out at cost the remaining books. He pleaded with those present to carry the message out to individual family members that the book is ready and needs to be picked up.

Dean intends to publish a supplement to alleviate errors and omissions at no extra cost.

The family representatives present were asked to hold their reunions and each one reported:

- (Amasa) Edith Ward will try to get a reunion going this summer. Check back with her in a month.
- (Augustus) Yes, one will be held in Blackfoot, Idaho.
- (Francis) Dean will call Max.
- (Gilbert R.) Dean will call Gilbert Marriott to try.
- (Hyrum) Knight said yes.
- (Isadora) Lynn said he and Hal Stoddard would investigate.
- (Joseph) Howard said they are small but he will try.
- (Lola) Alpha said they are small but she will try.
- (Mary & Adaline) Zeruah said they could possibly hold one

together since both are Lowes.
(Oliver) Dean said yes. Lynn will continue until summer.
(Reuben) Evelyn said yes they will hold one in June
(Vinson) Richard said "never."
(William) Kenneth said yes.
(Martha Jane) No one to report.
Dean will follow up on these.

President Dean discussed the dispersal of his books. The family representatives are to do as much as they can locally. The rest are to be mailed out.

Dean made a motion to have a stipend \$500 retainer to set aside funds to combine all collateral lines in America. Work with Della, Carroll York, etc. It was moved by Knight and seconded by Richard. All voted in favor. The Preface of the book was read.

The intent of the Family Organization is to see that original records are available. Begin compiling now. A ten-year assignment for Della, Dean, Institute of Family Research. Dean would like to see it installed all over the United States in libraries for original sources.

Dean said he would get a bid on a 10-page "Crier" by the Institute of Family Research per cost to print. Richard will get a bid from Hercules. It was decided to keep the "Crier" this year brief, printing only corrections for the book and vital statistics. All were in favor of this idea.

Helene gave her historian's report. Not much is coming in. She would appreciate receiving more.

The book is geared for family home evenings to inspire children to continue the work. Thanks to Dean for the book and to Della for the information.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers was held July 28, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Gordon L. Belnap.

Meeting was conducted by Knight B. Kerr, vice president, due to the absence of President Dean Belnap.

The opening prayer was offered by Max G. Belnap.

Those present were: Knight B. Kerr, Max G. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Pat Kerr (Knight's wife).

The purpose of this meeting was to make final arrangements for the coming reunion. Knight reported that only one family (Gilbert R.) had turned him down in his request for a number for the program. He has had a definite commitment from 12 families. A wide variety of talent will be represented. This program will be scheduled for 2:00 Saturday afternoon and Knight will be in charge of the Saturday morning business meeting also. At about 10:30 a.m. Della will report on her genealogy, Walter Kerr (for Helene K. Smith) will present a report for the Historian, Gordon will make a Treasurer's report and President Dean will give his President's message to the Family. Then there will be an election of officers - a 3rd vice president is needed. It is suggested that Hal Belnap be asked to accept this position. Also, LeGrande Belnap desires to be replaced, but Dean will talk to him and see if he won't stay and support the family officers. Many names were discussed as possible officers: Howard K. Belnap, Hal Stoddard, Lynn Belnap, Keith Belnap, Hal Belnap, Bert Sommer, Blaine Belnap and LaGrande Belnap (Hooper).

Gordon made a brief financial report. There is \$220.00 in checking from the general account and \$183.17 (less interest) in the book account.

Games and activities are planned for the children under the direction of Elin, Maxine and girls.

It was suggested by Dean that a temple session to the Ogden Temple be planned for those desiring at one of the early evening sessions around 3:15 or 4:00 p.m. and they would be through to attend the barbecue at 6:00.

Max reported that the Hooper Ward and Park are reserved both days. The meat cost \$30 and will be ready. He has dug a deep pit to cook it in. There will be potato salads, jello salads, hard rolls, root beer, etc. LaGrande (Hooper) has arranged the orchestra at a price of \$150 for the group. The cost for the Friday evening event (dinner and dance) will be \$2:00 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12 years of age.

Saturday morning will be breakfast under the direction of Dean. There will be pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, milk and Tang for a cost of \$1.25 each. It will be served from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Registration to be under the direction of Gordon and Joy. Max to arrange a public address system for both Friday and Saturday.

Closing prayer was given by Knight B. Kerr at 10:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
HELD AUGUST 6 AND 7, 1976
HOOPER, UTAH

The Belnap Family met Friday evening, August 6, 1976, at the Hooper LDS Park for a barbeque dinner under the direction of Max G. Belnap. The opening prayer and blessing on the food was offered by Harold Belnap. Max had dug a deep pit in the ground to cook the meat and it was served with rolls, salads, and root beer. This was most successful at a cost of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12. Adella VanderDoes and Bud Belnap each won a door prize.

Following the dinner a dance was held at the Hooper Stake Center. The Master of Ceremonies for the dance was LaGrande Belnap (Hooper). There was a live dance group called "Separate Pieces" who really got the group dancing. President Dean and his wife Elen started the dance by being the first out on the floor. It was estimated that 150 were present, some participating, some just watching and enjoying the sights.

Saturday morning, August 7, 1976, promptly at 8:00 a.m. breakfast was served under the bowery of the Hooper Park. Some had stayed overnight at the park in campers and trailers, so getting there that early was not a problem for them. Dean and Elen were in charge of the breakfast serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, tang and milk for a cost of \$1.25 each person. The opening prayer and blessing on the food was offered by Donald G. Belnap. A huge clear salad bowl was kept filled with tang for any refills. The breakfast was very successful.

A very brief family representative meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting house.

At 10:30 a.m. the general meeting was held in the cultural hall of the ward meeting house. Dr. Knight B. Kerr, 1st vice president, welcomed everyone. It was hard to get a count of the various families attending because some only came the night before and some came only on Saturday. The most in attendance was Hyrum's line with 15 and second was Oliver's line with 12. We had a very good turnout over the two-day period.

A musical selection was given by the Vaughn L. Belnap family (Augustus) before the opening prayer.

Della gave a genealogy report stating that 212 individuals had been baptized, endowed and sealed. Also 113 couples were sealed. She told some interesting stories about our ancestors. Jesse Belnap was a blacksmith, a SeaBee and an artificer.

Florence Ilene Ward (Amasa) gave a clarinet solo.

Nineteen grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap who were present were honored. They were:

Nelle Lewis (William James)
Henry Belnap (William James) oldest at 93
John Belnap (Francis Marion) oldest at 93
George Ellis Belnap (Francis Marion)
Voletta Blanch (Francis Marion)
Volney B. Belnap (Hyrum)
Della A. Belnap (Hyrum)
Jewel B. Furniss (Hyrum)
Ethel McEntire (Martha Jane)
Alpha C. Crow (Martha Jane)
Lester Belnap (Oliver)
Hazel Lindsey (Oliver)
Wilford Belnap (Oliver)
Flora B. Dotson (Oliver)
Ezra Belnap (Augustus)
Ethel B. Belnap (Reuben)
Estella Cox (Reuben)
Vyrl C. Baker (Lola) youngest present
Eunice Smith (Lola)

Walter B. Kerr (Hyrum) presented the historian's report in the absence of Helene E. Smith. Family members were asked to please turn in items of interest to the family historian.

A financial report was given by Gordon L. Belnap (Hyrum). Costs of the "CRIER" were discussed and family members were urged to please pay for their copy. Postage and printing costs have risen and funds to continue are greatly needed.

Rose Ann Belnap (Vinson) gave a beautiful vocal selection.

President W. Dean Belnap gave a report on the status of the Belnap Family and what has been accomplished over the years.

An election of officers for the next two years was then held. Hal Ross Belnap (Oliver) was elected as third vice president and the other officers moved up the chairs with Knight B. Kerr moving into the office of president. It was moved and seconded with a unanimous vote for the other officers.

Many of Dean's books were purchased throughout the reunion.

A piano selection was played by Ann B. Jenson (Hyrum). After a closing prayer the group dismissed for lunch.

After lunch the Family reconvened to the cultural hall at 2:00 p.m. for the afternoon session and talent program.

After the opening prayer a piano selection was given by LaDale Vander Does (Reuben).

A humorous skit about Little Red Riding Hood was presented by family members under the direction of Nedra M. Belnap (Joseph). The cast members were: Narrator - Jean B. Platt;

Rock - Howard K. Belnap, Mother - Klis H. Volkering, Babbling
Brook - James Platt, Wolf - Brent J. Belnap, Hunter - Gordon L.
Belnap, Grandmother - Richard Belnap, Little Red Riding Hood -
Vola McDonald.

A novelty piano number was played by Kyle Palmer (Mary).

Next a dance number was performed by Terry Smith and Susan
Belnap (Oliver).

A magic act, "The Phares of Them All" was presented by the
Phares T. Horman family (Lola).

LeGrand Belnap (Salt Lake) was in charge of the door prizes.
Those who won in the afternoon were: Heber C. Williams, Marilyn
Lee, Max G. Belnap, Kelly Belnap, Joe Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap,
Scott Belnap, Allen Crow and _____ Lindsey.

The final number on the program was a mixed chorus selection
by members of the George Ellis Belnap family (Francis).

The 1976 Belnap Family Reunion was a huge success and came
to an end with the closing prayer at 4:00 p.m. with everyone
tired but happy. The many helpers on each committee reserved our
applause.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers was held September 11, 1976 at the home of Wilford Belnap at 7:15 p.m.

Those present were: Knight B. Kerr, Hal R. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Joy M. Belnap.

Excused: Helene K. Smith and Max G. Belnap.

The opening prayer was offered by Hal R. Belnap. President Knight B. Kerr conducted the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was an evaluation of the recent reunion. Various comments were discussed. It was the general feeling that it should have been contained in one day because of the loss each day for those who couldn't attend both. But it was also felt by all that it was a tremendous success this year.

The address listing and mailing list was discussed. Many new and good ideas were brought up. Gordon proposed a goal this year to have the mailing list brought up-to-date and to separate those who actively participate and buy the CRIER from the ones who don't seem interested at all.

Gordon also proposed to get the Belnap genealogy books up-to-date and have better records kept. He suggested having 15 different books, one for each individual child of Gilbert. Then take all the books to the reunions for the families to copy information if they desire. In order to do this, the Family Organization must commit some money to get the 15 binders and to pay someone to do the typing and proofreading.

The next meeting was set up for October 8, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Hal Belnap.

Dismissed about 10:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the Belnap Family Organization officers was held October 8, 1976 at the home of 3rd Vice President Hal R. Belnap at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Della A. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr and Hal Belnap. The opening prayer was offered by Hal R. Belnap.

Meeting was presided over and conducted by President Knight B. Kerr. Minutes of the meeting held September 11, 1976 were read and approved by Secretary Joy M. Belnap.

Secretary Belnap reviewed the finances of the organization. There is approximately \$900 in the Crier account and about \$60 in the Book account. Money for the 1976 Crier is steadily coming in, but the money for the book has slowed down considerably. The financial situation of the book was reviewed. Ideas were discussed to use as an incentive to get the loan of \$8,000 paid off. More planning will be done on this later. A car raffle was proposed.

Hal called Dean Belnap regarding the status of the Carroll Y. Belknap records in Connecticut. To this time no definite commitment has come of it. Dean will continue to follow through on this.

Family representatives need to be asked to help get the records up to date and to encourage members of their particular line to purchase the book. The 3rd vice president (Hal) has the assignment of working with the family representatives and to see that each family line has an assigned representative. At the present time, the Hyrum Belnap line needs a new representative to replace Knight B. Kerr. It was agreed that a meeting in the near future will be set up to include all the family representatives for discussion of items required from them. The following is a proposed agenda for that meeting:

1. Updating family records - Hal Belnap (Joy and Della to assist)
2. Sales representative and publicity chairman for the book, etc. - Knight Kerr
3. Reunions - general and individual - dates, activities, programs, etc. - LeGrande Belnap or Hal Belnap
4. Histories of family members, not just vital statistics - Helene K. Smith
5. Monies for research on collateral lines - Max Belnap (Della assist)

Family genealogist Della Belnap reported on the temple work done this past year. From June 1975 to June 1976 there were 212 individuals and 113 couples to be sealed sent in. These have now been cleared. These names were on the grandmother lines.

The next meeting was set up for November 6, 1976 at 1:00 p.m. This will be a seminar-type meeting and will include all the family representatives as well as all the officers of the organization. It will be held at the home of President Knight B. Kerr. Secretary Joy will notify all involved. Each vice president will be asked to talk about his own jurisdiction according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Belnap Family Organization.

The closing prayer was given by Della Belnap at 9:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers and Family Representatives was held November 6, 1976 at the home of President Knight B. Kerr at 1:00 p.m.

Those present were: Knight B. Kerr, Alpha Crow, Allan Crow (Alpha's husband), Kenneth Lee Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Brent Belnap (Gordon's son), Hal R. Belnap, Helene K. Smith, Max G. Belnap, Della A. Belnap and Carol Belnap (Della's neice).

Excused: Edith Ward, Ronald F. Belnap and W. Dean Belnap. The rest were not reported or represented.

The opening prayer was given by Max G. Belnap. President Knight welcomed all present. Joy read the minutes of the October 8, 1976 meeting and they were approved.

Della explained what the Carroll Y. Belknap records were. He has recently died and has a vast amount of Belnap-Belknap records which our Organization would like to have.

Hal discussed how to go about updating the family records, not only for ourselves, but as their priesthood assignment for the Church. He passed each one a copy of a family group sheet and instructions on how to fill one out. Many helpful ideas were discussed. Also the procedure was given on how to submit sheets to the Genealogical Society of the Church.

Gordon suggested having each Family Representative have his (or her) own copy of his particular family line so he knows what has been done and where they need to go from there. This idea was accepted by the Representatives because at this point they don't know where to begin.

Gordon and Joy to reproduce a copy of what the Belnap Family now has and get it to each representative.

Claude Mills to be asked to reproduce computer listing and addresses of all descendants and update them.

President Knight referred to the Book account loan of \$8,000. Ideas were discussed as to how to instill interest in the family members to purchase the book. Family representatives were asked to set a goal to sell 5 more per each family line this year. Max suggested family representatives assign a sales representative in each line to push the sale of the book and to advertise what is available. Max will take the Francis line himself and guarantee the sale of 10 books.

Gordon and Richard to get the flyer drafted and printed to send to the family members by Thanksgiving.

Hal assessed the last reunion. Very successful but the feeling was to hold it all in one day. The groups were different Friday night from Saturday. The barbecue was very successful Friday night (250 people). The breakfast the next morning was not too successful. Throughout the day more came. Figure about 350 in all attended. That is only about 8% of the family members. It was proposed we have it on one day next time, possibly begin at noon with lunch, then program, then finish the evening with possibly another barbeque and dance. Or begin at 2:00 and continue. More planning on this later. It could possibly be held again in Hooper. Seem to have a better turnout when it is held in Utah than in Idaho. A tentative date was set at Saturday, August 12, 1978. Minimize entertainment and maximize genealogical material.

Families were encouraged to hold their reunions on the odd-numbered years.

Helene spoke on getting histories in from family members. This also to be included in the letter to be sent out before the holidays.

Max brought up a letter that several of the family members have received from a man in Provo who claims to have Belnap information for sale. We have everything he has for sale. His price is \$60 - our price is \$10. Della showed our packet and pedigree chart of just what we have. He only reproduces what is already on file in the genealogical society records. We have corrected and updated our material that he probably isn't even aware of. We hope family members haven't or will not be taken in by it. Our letter to the family should also make mention of this so they won't be deceived.

Research on the grandmother lines was discussed. More work needs to be done.

Max read a recount of a dream of former family president, Lorenzo Belnap, concerning how the family is all tied together and our responsibilities to them. This was written in 1965.

The closing prayer was offered by Carol Belnap at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers was held October 14, 1977 at the home of Hal R. Belnap at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were: Knight B. Kerr, Max G. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, W. Dean Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Brent Belnap (son of Gordon).

Excused: Helene K. Smith and LeGrande L. Belnap.

The opening prayer was offered by Max G. Belnap.

President Knight B. Kerr conducted and welcomed all present. Secretary Joy was called on to read the minutes of the March 11, 1977 meeting. They were read and approved by those present. The motion was made by Hal to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Gordon.

Gordon briefly discussed finances of the Family. About \$700 in bank. We have supplies left to be sold, Coats-of-Arms, etc.

A rough draft of the 1977 CRIER was handed out and gone over for approval. The CRIER will not be sent out to everyone this year - only to those who send in a card stating they desire to have it. Only about 500 will be printed. Membership cards were discussed - blue ink on white stalk. Everyone will receive one who desires to belong to the Family Organization.

The reunion next year will be held in Hooper. Max to make final arrangements and report back.

Youth Organization was mentioned. Notify secretary of interest.

New sheets have been added to the original packet and plans are being formulated to print these and make new packets for sale to the family.

The Constitution and By-Laws for the Organization were discussed and will be printed in the 1977 CRIER.

15 individual family books are now available and will be updated. One for each child of Gilbert Belnap.

Dean reported on his experiences with the late Carroll Y. Belknap's family in Connecticut. He was sent there to oversee the packing and bringing back the records given to the Belnap Family Organization (in care of Dean). He had to sign a commitment of custody when they gave him the records and want a report in about a year. Dean suggested to the officers that Della take the four file drawers of records and review them as Dean has not had the time for thorough examination. Material is not too well organized. He was very thorough in his research and has a lot of early records. The Stamford Public Library in Greenwich, Conn. has a "Heritage With Honor" (Dean's Book) donated by Carroll Y. Belknap designated with a metal plaque.

Della mentioned receiving a letter from Frank Smith concerning research in England. He is down to \$50 in funds and has five more parishes left to search. We should give him the go ahead to finish these five parishes and send him more money. He is extracting grandmother lines as well in the 12-mile radius from Sawbridgeworth.

Dean suggested the Family Organization set the following priorities:

1. Get 5 parishes completed.
2. Have the 15 books completed and brought up-to-date.
3. Grandmother lines worked on.
4. Collect more information on collateral lines descending from Abraham Belknap.

The Research and Genealogical Committee (as mentioned in the Constitution) should be reinstated and have some positive direction in accomplishing outlined goals. Hal suggested that we mention in the CRIER that we are looking for people to help do the research and interested parties contact us to formulate this committee.

Dean mentioned that Claude Mills is losing his computer rights and we will be unable to run our address listings off. Hal, because he lives in Bountiful as does Claude, was given the assignment to contact Claude and see what can be done.

Reunion plans will be discussed at a future meeting to be set up with the Family Representatives. A meeting will be set for January 7, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. in the Relief Society Room of the Bountiful South Stake Center, 1300 South Main in Bountiful. Joy to send a letter to each Representative and the vice presidents are to call each one located in their vicinity. Hal to make these arrangements.

Family histories should be encouraged to be written by all members of the family and filed in a central location for value to the generations to come.

Knight mentioned that he had two restoration experts look at Gilbert's log cabin in Hooper for the purpose of restoration possibilities. It is estimated that only 2/3 of the cabin is original. The estimated cost to restore is too high a price for the family now - about \$4-5,000. Some of the logs are missing. Experts have not yet given final views on whether it would be worthwhile or not to restore it. If the State of Utah would do it, would the Family Organization be interested in donating it? "This is the Place State Park" is looking for a cabin built in this year (time period). They would dismantle it and set it up again in the Park. About 1/3 needs to be replaced. Windows have been enlarged using modern nails. The cabin is now on George Ellis Belnap's property in Hooper. He said he (Ellis) would deed a piece of this property to the Belnap Family - but the problem is who will maintain it and protect it after it is restored? After much discussion, it is the general feeling of those present that if the State of Utah doesn't want it, then to scrap the idea of restoration as far as the Belnap Family is concerned.

The closing prayer was given by Brent Belnap at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 1978

A meeting for all officers and family representatives of the Belnap Family Organization was held on Saturday, January 7, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bountiful South Stake Center in Bountiful. There were 17 present:

OFFICERS

Knight B. Kerr (Hyrum)
Max G. Belnap (Francis)
Hal R. Belnap
Joy M. Belnap
Gordon L. Belnap
Della A. Belnap

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Edith Ward, Representing	Amasa
John S. Marriott,	" Gilbert R.
Mrs. Alpha Crow,	" Lola
Mrs. Marilyn Lee	" Adaline
Marvin M. Benson	" Oliver
Kenneth VanderDoes	" Reuben
Kenneth Lee Belnap	" William

OTHERS

Bruce Ward
Allan Crow
Brent Belnap
Claude Mills

Meeting was conducted by President Knight B. Kerr and he welcomed all present and everyone was introduced.

The opening prayer was offered by Kenneth Lee Belnap.

Gordon was called upon to present the proposed budget for 1978 and to explain the financial statement for 1977. Everyone present received a copy of both statements. The financial report was accepted unanimously without correction. The proposed budget was discussed. The "CRIER" is not out yet but will be soon. It is presently at the printers.

Della reported on the items sold and items left to be sold. We still have about 45 of the old packets left that are being updated as they are sold. It is proposed that a new one will be printed that is more than double in size and will be professionally printed with a hard cover to be sold to the Family in the future. This will be sheets beginning with Gilbert and going back into England.

Max was called on to report on reunion plans for August 12, 1978. He has arranged to have the Hooper Chapel and Park again this year. He opened a discussion as to whether we should have a two-day event again this year, or have it all contained in one day. Marilyn Lee mentioned that only two families stayed overnight in campers last year. She proposed a one-day reunion. It was felt by those present that it would be a better turnout for a one-day reunion. Those from out-of-state also agreed this would be better for them. Events and activities were suggested. It was felt the dance last year brought in more of the younger generations. Also having a nice dinner prepared. Many various ideas were exchanged. John Marriott suggested we look into the purpose of a reunion and why we have one. Max read from the Constitution and By-Laws of the Belnap Family Organization the outlined form and purpose of holding a reunion. Bruce Ward from Idaho spoke on how those from out-of-town feel about the hours the reunions are held. A vote was taken for Friday beginning around 4:00 or Saturday beginning at 4:00 or 6:00. The majority felt Saturday would be the most successful day for the reunion. Max then asked for the full support of all present in having the dinner, programs, workshops and finish the evening off with a paid orchestra for a dance. The older ones present felt they should have the meetings begin earlier in the day, around 2:00, then

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have the dinner, etc. This was agreed upon by all present. Max charged the Family Representatives and Officers present to make sure everyone is contacted. Then about 30 days before the reunion, send in the number (approximate) of how many plan on attending the dinner so we can have some idea of how much food to prepare. Last time ran a little short. Tickets to be printed up and pre-sold. Gordon suggested we have all (little children, too) to be included in the meetings so they can be knowledgeable on what the Family is doing. Kenneth Belnap proposed we have a softball game for those who are sport-minded.

The following is the proposed agenda for the 1978 reunion:

2:00 to 4:00 Registration and browsing.
Have each Family bring a display.
15 Books of Remembrance (1 for each child of Gilbert)
to check information and dates.
3:00 to 4:00 Softball game in park.
4:00 to 5:30 Dinner (deep-pit barbecued beef, salads, etc.)
5:30 to 6:30 Program (Family members participating).
6:30 to ---- Dance.

Knight asked for ideas for a program. Each Family will be asked to furnish a number. Representatives were asked to send Max a talent listing of their Family members that we could draw on for the program.

Claude Mills reported on the computer listing for our mailing lists. His company no longer will furnish this service. He suggested we rent computer time which will cost approximately \$50-\$60 for each update and runoff. This is a very important item for the Family with approximately 1,000 on the mailing list. He said he will go ahead then and see that this gets done. The Family Organization would then reimburse him for any expense he might achieve.

Della read the letter from Frank Smith and his research continuing in England. He has five more parishes on grandmother lines to complete. The vote was unanimous to send him more money as needed. She explained to the Representatives who Carroll York Belnap was and that we now have his records. (See 1977 "CRIER" for more information on him.) Dr. Dean Belnap went to Connecticut and brought back four file drawers of Belnap records on loan to our Family.

The closing prayer was given by Kenneth VanderDoes at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
HELD AUGUST 12, 1978
HOOPER, UTAH

President Knight B. Kerr welcomed all present to the reunion. The opening prayer was offered by Kenneth Lee Belnap at 2:45 p.m.

Games were held over at the park for children 8 and younger to keep them happy and occupied during the business meeting.

Della A. Belnap gave the genealogical report for the family.

The Phares T. Horman family presented their magic act.

Those grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap who were present were given special recognition. They were:

Inez Belnap (Roswell) oldest present at 93. Knight's wife Pat Kerr pinned a corsage on her.

Lester Belnap (Oliver) age 90. Pat Kerr pinned on him a boutonniere.

George Ellis Belnap (Francis) age 87

Hazel Belnap Lindsey (Oliver)

Ethel B. Belnap (Reuben) age 83

Wilford Belnap (Oliver)

Volney B. Belnap (Hyrum) age 83

Marie West Belnap (Hyrum)

Allen Crow (Martha Jane) age 80

Nellie Lewis (William James) age 80

Door prizes were won by Sherane Belnap from Rexburg and Dr. Howard K. Belnap from Ogden.

The Bruce E. Belnap family (Hyrum) traveled the farthest distance to be present from Clearwater, Florida. Three from California were also present.

Nominations for officers were held. Nominees were Hal R. Belnap - 1st vice president, Keith Belnap - 2nd vice president, LaGrande H. Belnap - 3rd vice president. Richard D. Belnap moved and seconded that nominations be closed and accept the nominees by acclamation. All voted in favor. They will be installed after dinner.

The headstones at the cemetery were discussed. The Gilbert Belnap headstone is illegible and needs to be re-engraved. Most thought it a good idea to have this done. Donations for this project were solicited.

Hal R. Belnap mentioned the new Church four-generation genealogy program. We need to stimulate the younger members of our families to get the Spirit or Elijah and do their four generations and also to prepare to go to the temple. The Oliver family held a reunion last year with 180 in attendance.

More door prizes were won by Richard D. Belnap, Nedra M. Belnap, and Brent Belnap.

The closing prayer and blessing on the food was offered by W. Dean Belnap and the group dismissed to the park for a deep-pit barbequed beef dinner.

After a delicious beef dinner over in the bowery of the Hooper LDS Park, family members reconvened back in the Hooper Stake Center for a program. Dr. Howard E. Belnap introduced the program. The Cottam and Jordan families (three adults and 13 children, the youngest being four years old) from Bountiful sang a variety of songs in various groupings.

Dr. W. Dean Belnap installed the new officers (Max, Hal, Keith and LaGrande).

Max G. Belnap, new president of the Belnap Family Organization, gave some pertinent remarks.

Knight B. Kerr, outgoing president, gave special thanks to Max for cooking the delicious dinner and organizing his crew. Marilyn Lee was also thanked for her table decorations.

More door prizes were won by John Marriott and Brent Belnap.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Conrad Jensen and the reunion for 1978 came to a close at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

A meeting for all Officers and Family Representatives was held November 11, 1978 at the home of President Max G. Belnap at 1:00 p.m. Minutes were taken by Brent J. Belnap in the absence of Secretary Joy M. Belnap.

Present: Max G. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Keith Belnap, Brent J. Belnap, LaGrande H. Belnap, Voletta Blanch and Howard K. Belnap.

Invocation was offered by Hal R. Belnap.

President Max said he had sent letters to all Family Representatives and some had legitimate excuses for not being present.

At the last meeting held November 3 approved present officers except Helene K. Smith as historian. Contacted all others and got their approval to serve. A replacement for historian in Helene's place has not been found. Want Representatives here to give input - still searching.

Max reported that Knight Kerr had said the Vinson Knight home in Nauvoo will be completed next month and that by the end of this month they need anything that could be placed in the home. They desire articles, personal and time era, to be put in the home. Della has a Vinson Knight account book and mentioned that Zeruah Thompson has a quilt made by Martha Knight. Another sister has a black dress. Coolbear line has Martha Knight's wedding dress. Olive Jensen has some furniture of the period from Hyrum Belnap's home. Max suggested a liaison person be appointed to collect things for the home. Keith has a hand-crank sewing machine from England over 100 years old. More will be done on this later.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine if the Family Constitution needs to be changed. At the meeting held for Representatives on August 12 at the reunion, Representatives were asked to contact family members for input. Max gave a handout on Church policy regarding family organizations. Howard said he doesn't see anything he'd like to change. He wasn't sent a handout.

Review of handout was discussed by everyone: (Max used his family as an example.)

- Recommendation in 1977 to stress family organizations.
- Married couple immediate family organization.
- Grandparent organization formed when children are married.
- Gilbert Belnap ancestral organization.
- In 1979 families will send in one 4-generation family group sheet that is fully accepted and corrected by family members.
- Church will only accept sheets from family organizations.

Max read in the Belnap Constitution where it stated the purpose of the family, then referred to Ezra Taft Benson's talk at the last general conference. The ancestral organization should not interfere with grandparent organization.

Keith read the ancestral organization is only for genealogy gathering and filing, coordinating genealogical activities, catalogs, histories, journals, books, etc. Everyone agreed that our organization does this. Later read where once the objective is completed, the organization might be dissolved. Gordon said "might" does not mean "have to." Keith said we need to determine the extent our family now needs to cover and what we have accomplished as an organization. Have we fulfilled our objectives?

The new program now is to eliminate duplication and make family records more exact and complete. Beyond the four generations is optional.

The Belnap Family has put records in about 9 branch libraries. Della stated things in the records could now be updated and a lot more histories included. Keith said then that we haven't really fulfilled our objectives. Hal said that you could search for years - how long do you want to keep searching? The Family could become a hobby organization helping only others fulfill their goals. Do we want to do that? Hal said the new extraction program eliminates identity of the family. Sealings put the families together. The extraction program will not put families together. Keith said then it appears the family has completed its goal.

Hal said we still need a depository for records. Said the Church has killed family genealogy work beyond four generations. He asked what is left that really needs to be cleaned up. Aren't we about as accurate as we can be? Keith summed things up by saying the extraction program will perform baptisms, endowments and sealings, but we must put them together as families.

Gordon said our Family is one of the leaders in the organizations of the whole Church. We have set the pattern. He said our Family is blessed to have been in the Church for a long time. He said that if we want to continue to lead, we must determine where we stand. New programs are for new converts to the Church. Ancestral organizations are not taboo. We still need to act as clearing houses. We still can have reunions. With new members joining the Church, the Family can take on a new stature.

Keith said we should keep the organization as a sort of "headquarters". Max said we do need this type of organization to draw on. Della said we need this to help others who are just starting. She read the letter from Van Orden that said to keep the Crier coming.

Gordon said we need our organization to make sure the younger generations hold their reunions and organize. He said we could combine organizations and still hold reunions. This was followed by extensive discussion.

Howard made the comment on his family (Joseph) how generations lower down lose interest in the larger organization.

Voletta said she is trying to decide between the two (Gordon and Hal). She said she thinks it should be kept and interest the younger ones.

LaGrande said he thinks we should follow Church policy. He said our immediate need is to organize younger families, but should still keep the larger reunion.

Keith suggested we get the feedback from the Family Representatives and act on that information concerning the Family Organization.

Max will send a letter out to all Family Representatives with minutes of this meeting with some instructions about building their own records of their descendants. Gordon said that if they had wanted to be here, they would have been. The Representatives have outlived their usefulness. Most of them are indifferent. That is why we should maintain the main organization. Some families have lost the level and are now ancestral levels. He suggested the Family Organization be:

1. A place to come to for records that are complete.
2. Insure that duplication doesn't go on.
3. Maintain contact and encourage family members - doesn't matter what level. Organize families even to the youngest level.

Keith said we need to decide mechanics at the officer level; take suggestions and weigh them and come up with a proposal as how to do things and have them voted upon by the group.

Max indicated that only two Representatives were here - should we go ahead with the meeting. Hal was here in place of Marvin Benson on Oliver line.

The Crier was the next point of discussion. Gordon gave a financial report. He indicated that more money was taken in this year than any other year before. He gave the reunion expenses. We now have \$2,500.07 on hand. Keith said this shows how interested the Family still is in the organization and reunions. Gordon said that there were 923 Criers sent out for 1977 (early 1978) and that only 159 were paid for - that is only 17% response. The mailing list has 1,057 names, with 79 names added this year, 18 names removed, 197 addresses changed or added. We have 66 unknown addresses, 9 this year who don't want the Crier sent to them. Over the years about 50 to 75 have refused the Crier. There were 12 books (Heritage With Honor) sold this year. There were 199 registered members in attendance at the reunion this year, hoping everyone signed. Gordon indicated the response is too low on the Crier and the materials sold at the reunions is way too low. He said he would like to be in charge of next year's reunion (1980). He would like to put out a Crier that is general in scope and then each family put in what they want to have printed. The families could send in what they want and how many ordered for their line. He said that several years ago a girl came back into the Church because of the Crier. He said what is the worth of a soul. We should keep the Crier going just for that reason. LaGrande said keep it going as long as we don't go in the hole financially. Howard said to keep it going even if they are the only ones interested. There is new interest in new groups by dropping down a level. We should center our attention on the next generation and continue as long as there is interest.

Max suggested each family form a committee and document four generations down from Gilbert and send into the Church. Hal said it would be too big. Max said if we do it again, it must be right. We could hire it done. It was unanimous that

three generations could be clean cut, or start from Rosel down four generations.

Keith suggested that because it was snowing they should wrap things up and dismiss.

A motion was proposed by Howard that the Organization remain in tact. It was seconded by Hal. All voted unanimously the affirmative.

A motion by Max to get a letter out and inform them of the Crier.

A motion by Howard to organize the Family at a lower level.

A motion by Gordon to carry down the lines only as far as the family is interested. This was seconded by Keith. He said we would act in our rightful role as an ancestral organization as long as the Family is interested.

A motion by Gordon to publish the Crier on a limited basis. Each family put information into it for their own family at our time of request. The master organization put out 10 pages of general information and history available to the mass mailing. The individual families pay for what they want sent out to their own members and charge their families only for what they want added. Still mail Crier to everyone. This was seconded by Keith. This was followed by a great debate. Howard said it wouldn't work - too hard and complicated. Said let the families print their own newsletters.

Motion that the Crier be published in March 1979 (approximately) with four generations from Rosel included. A final edition. Then abandon Crier and then have it come out under a different format and name. This was seconded by Keith and voted unanimously to the affirmative.

Max wrapped it up and proposed we perfect genealogy for 3 generations and request Family Representatives to give names for a committee to purify the information. Need a Historian - would welcome any suggestions.

The next meeting will be held January 5, 1979 (Friday) at 7:00 p.m.

Benediction was given by LaGrande Belnap.

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Minutes of the meeting held January 5, 1979 at 7 P.M. at 3655 Tyler
Ave., Ogden, Utah.

Officers and family representatives in attendance:

Max Belnap	Della Belnap
Keith Belnap	Kenneth Belnap
Richard Belnap	Knight Kerr & wife

Excused: Hal Belnap

Each family representative was asked to submit names for a historian and a member from their family line for a genealogy chairman for each descendant family line. Richard Belnap will be the genealogy chairman for the Vinson Belnap line.

Dean Belnap was approved for appointment as the family historian.

Gordon Belnap was selected as the chairman of the 1980 family reunion.

The family organization will update and document the Rosal Belnap, James McBride and Vinson Knight family group sheets and publish these sheets to all family representatives as an example of the work which we are expected to do for updating the family group sheets for the 4 generation program. When these sheets are sent to the family representatives, the assignment will be made for each descendant family unit a group sheet for each descendant family head (each of Gilbert's children as the father or mother) to the family organization, using the updated sheets as a guide for preparing the sheet which they are assigned to submit.

When the family receives the 15 family sheets the work will be correlated and used to prepare a Gilbert Belnap group sheet for distribution to each family member.

After this generation is completed the 15 descendant families will be asked to update one successive generation of group sheets, updated, for publication by the family organization.

All of this is planned to comply with the July 1979 genealogy program of family group sheets to be submitted by family organizations instead of by each member.

We solicit your help to make this project possible.

Belnap Family Organization

Max G. Belnap

Max G. Belnap, Pres.

MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

A meeting for the Belnap Family Organization officers was held January 12, 1980 at the home of Hal Belnap in Bountiful at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were: Max G. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Wilford Belnap, W. Dean Belnap, Phil McMullin, Maxine Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Della A. Belnap.

Excused were: LaGrande H. Belnap and Keith Belnap.

The opening prayer was offered by Gordon L. Belnap. President Max G. Belnap conducted the meeting.

President Max has drafted a letter to be sent only to the Family Representatives concerning the documented family group sheets. He read it to the group for approval. It was decided by the group to send this letter to all Family members and not just the Representatives. Max will rewrite the letter accordingly and see that it gets out.

A special guest invited by Dean Belnap, Phil McMullin of the Institute of Family Research, Inc., was introduced to the group. Brother McMullin explained that most people do not think of the family organization in a broad enough sense - the Family of Man, which ^{is} a huge organization, all related to each other. Brother McMullin explained the computer print out program his company has and showed an example of part of the Packer Family and how it shows each generation from the original immigrant down to the present child. Three families are in a pilot program and he invited the Belnap Family to participate in this program that would be prepared for the Church to review. He indicated that on page 44 of the booklet, "A Nobel Son: Spencer W. Kimball", that the family of President Kimball ties into the Belnap Family and are cousins. This means that the Belnap Family has done work for the Kimball Family and President Kimball wasn't even aware of it. The Institute of Family Research, Inc. is a non-profit company that acts as a clearing house for family records. They put it on micro-fisch and send information to branch libraries. This also includes non-member families. This program is not an official program of the Church, but one the Church would like to have. He suggested the Belnap Family be an advanced guinea pig for a study that he could take to the Church and show what well-organized families can accomplish. About 8 people are needed to set this program up: one person who can coordinate the project for about 2-3 months and have an assistant with genealogical experience to give their time on the CRT and program the information into the computer. He and Gordon talked about the mechanics of the hardware and the language the program is written in and just what the machine can do. Dean mentioned this would be a real service to the Church as well as to the Belnap Family. Max felt this program would speed up our objective of getting our information done. More discussion will be done on this before any decisions are made. Brother McMullin left about 8:30.

It was felt by those present this would be a good step for the Family to take and the cost will be about \$250, depending on the set up. Dean suggested a meeting inviting the Family Representatives to present the information to them for their ideas and acceptance. Gordon suggested we be a pioneer in this field and go ahead and do it. Gordon motioned we do it and Hal seconded it. Max felt the Family Representatives should be counted in on the vote. The decision

should be positive, Gordon said, as we here are the governing body. It was voted all in favor of those present to get involved in the program.

Gordon reviewed the financial statement. He suggested that Dean be paid the money from the savings account on the book and that the Family authorize this. Max accepted the financial statement and approved payment be made to Dean. The Gilbert Belnap marker at the Ogden Cemetery has been re-engraved and the ball permanently placed back in place. The bill for \$448.00 to Bott's will be paid.

Gordon reviewed plans for the coming reunion. Several family members have indicated they do not want it to be held in Hooper again. A place needs to be decided upon. Many locations were suggested. The Institute at Weber State College or Ogden High School were pinpointed. Max suggested to compare prices to rent the facilities. Most present felt Weber State College to be the best location. Tentative date set for the reunion was August 9, 1980, on a Saturday. The World Record Conference is August 12-15, 1980, so we want to avoid that date.

A letter to invite the Family Representatives to visit the Institute of Family Research to view the program will be written and sent after Max can confirm a definite time and day for this. It was tentatively set for January 26, 1980 (Saturday) at around 1:00 p.m.

Crier material was discussed. The four generation sheets will be printed since they have been documented. This would be about 6 sheets. Then other information that we have accumulated will be included.

Claude Mills needs to be notified for a mailing listing. He was not at home when called.

The closing prayer was given by Hal R. Belnap at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT THE HOME OF MAX G. BELNAP JUNE 6, 1980 AT 7:00 P.M.

President Max G. Belnap welcomed all to his home. Those present were: Max, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, LaGrande H. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Knight E. Kerr and his wife Pat Kerr.

The opening prayer was offered by LaGrande H. Belnap.

Minutes of meeting held January 12, 1980, were read and approved by Joy M. Belnap.

Where?
Max reviewed the work at the Family Institute of Research. Five families were represented. (Minutes taken by Brent J. Belnap January 26, 1980 at 1:00 p.m.) The families all supported the idea and moved to go ahead with the program on the computer. Max reported that 14 of the 15 books are now completed. Now we have to have an access number put on them for each family. This is needed to print family group sheets. We have had support from all the families except Augustus and Martha Jane. Max had his people do it. More hours and time were spent on this project than he thought there would be. Max has received the bill from the Institute for \$710.75 to the present time. We still have about 35 sheets left on Martha Jane family. Dr. Howard K. Belnap paid for his entire family (Joseph) alone. One computer broke down and lost the program. A lot of time was lost as it had to be redone. This program has proven to be more expensive than ever anticipated. Max read a letter he has written to be sent to all family representatives concerning the "Who Am I?" print out. He showed an example of the Francis line.

Gordon moved we pay the bill of \$710.75 to the Institute of Family Research and Knight seconded it.

A new setup will be laid out for the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization to modernize it. The family has outgrown the ancestral organization and it was suggested we go into a grandfather organization. Max showed material he picked up at the genealogical society concerning the Grandparent organization. Do we want to change the structure now and maintain only an advisory council for families on down the line? Hal asked what could we do as an advisory council. Max said they can come in and draw on what we already have on hand. Gordon said we should retain the Master Depository of data but not be responsible to get it out to anyone. The ancestral organization has lost its impetus because of the many families down from Gilbert. The family has grown too large. Each family should continue on now on their own and strengthen their own families. These families can get information from ancestral organization as needed, but be responsible to keep their own lines up. A lot of discussion back and forth was put out among all present. Gordon suggested the

past presidency be an advisory council to furnish information on a cost basis. All agreed it is time to disban the Gilbert line and move down to the grandfather lines. Max suggested these comments be accepted. Max moved to put before the next reunion a vote of dissolving the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization and Gordon seconded it.

Max discussed the process of how we need to send in our four generation group sheets and wanted to know if we should present it at the reunion. It was thought that they would all be receiving it in their wards and not needed at the reunion.

Gordon reported that the ship USS BELKNAP (CG-26) was recommissioned on May 10, 1980, and is sitting in the harbor at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. It will be homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. It is the first ship of her class to be modernized and equipped with Terrier SM-2(ER) long range missiles. Gordon's son, Brian L. Belnap, is serving a mission in Philadelphia and had the opportunity to attend and take a tour of the ship. It was a thrill for him and he was given special attention due to the fact that he had a nametag on that said his name was Belnap. This invited a lot of questions and raised eyebrows. The program booklet has a Belknap Coat of Arms on the cover that is almost identical to the one we have in the family.

Gordon reviewed the tentative agenda of the 1980 reunion to be held in Huntsville. It is hoped we can get in the building by 8:00 a.m. Max moved that the agenda be approved and it was seconded by LaGrande.

Gordon reported that the "CRIER" will be ready in a couple of weeks. Only 300 will be printed this year.

Knight mentioned that Dr. Richard Roberts of Weber State College is writing a history of Ogden. Could the family give him a copy of Heritage With Honor? Knight's wife suggested it be given to the College library rather than to him personally. All agreed this would be better then more could have access to it for research. Gordon seconded it and all voted in favor.

Material sent in for Dean's book can be picked up at the reunion; all manuscripts, etc.

The closing prayer was offered by Knight B. Larr and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap