

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