

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