

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.