

**MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES 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, Evelyn B. Galloway and husband, Edith Ward and husband Bruce, Lynn Stoddard and wife, Kenneth Lee Belnap, Gordon L. 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 bit 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: 9:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap