

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