

**MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION  
OFFICERS MEETING  
HELD AT THE HOME OF MAX G. BELNAP JUNE 6, 1980 AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Max G. Belnap welcomed all to his home. Those present were: Max, Della A. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap, LaGrande H. Belnap, Hal R. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr and his wife Pat Kerr.

The opening prayer was offered by LaGrande H. Belnap.

Minutes of meeting held January 12, 1980, were read and approved by Joy M. Belnap.

Max reviewed the work at the Family Institute of Research. Five families were represented. (Minutes taken by Brent J. Belnap January 26, 1980 at 1:00 p.m.) The families all supported the idea and moved to go ahead with the program on the computer. Max reported that 14 of the 15 books are now completed. Now we have to have an access number put on them for each family. This is needed to print family group sheets. We have had support from all the families except Augustus and Martha Jane. Max had his people do it. More hours and time were spent on this project than he thought there would be. Max has received the bill from the Institute for \$710.75 to the present time. We still have about 35 sheets left on Martha Jane family. Dr. Howard K. Belnap paid for his entire family (Joseph) alone. One computer broke down and lost the program. A lot of time was lost as it had to be redone. This program has proven to be more expensive than ever anticipated. Max read a letter he has written to be sent to all family representatives concerning the "Who Am I?" print out. He showed an example of the Francis line.

Gordon moved we pay the bill of \$710.75 to the Institute of Family Research and Knight seconded it.

A new setup will be laid out for the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization to modernize it. The family has outgrown the ancestral organization and it was suggested we go into a grandfather organization. Max showed material he picked up at the genealogical society concerning the Grandparent organization. Do we want to change the structure now and maintain only an advisory council for families on down the line? Hal asked what could we do as an advisory council. Max said they can come in and draw on what we already have on hand. Gordon said we should retain the Master Depository of data but not be responsible to get it out to anyone. The ancestral organization has lost its impetus because of the many families down from Gilbert. The family has grown too large. Each family should continue on now on their own and strengthen their own families. These families can get information from ancestral organization as needed, but be responsible to keep their own lines up. A lot of discussion back and forth was put out among all present. Gordon suggested the past presidency be an advisory council to furnish information on a cost basis. All agreed it is time to disban the Gilbert line and move down to the grandfather lines. Max suggested these comments be accepted. Max moved to put before the next reunion a vote of dissolving the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization and Gordon seconded it.

Max discussed the process of how we need to send in our four generation group sheets and wanted to know if we should present it at the reunion. It was thought that they would all be

receiving it in their wards and not needed at the reunion.

Gordon reported that the ship USS BELKNAP (CG-26) was recommissioned on May 10, 1980, and is sitting in the harbor at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. It will be homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. It is the first ship of her class to be modernized and equipped with Terrier SM-2(ER) long range missiles. Gordon's son, Brian L. Belnap, is serving a mission in Philadelphia and had the opportunity to attend and take a tour of the ship. It was a thrill for him and he was given special attention due to the fact that he had a nametag on that said his name was Belnap. This invited a lot of questions and raised eyebrows. The program booklet has a Belknap Coat of Arms on the cover that is almost identical to the one we have in the family.

Gordon reviewed the tentative agenda of the 1980 reunion to be held in Huntsville. It is hoped we can get in the building by 8:00 a.m. Max moved that the agenda be approved and it was seconded by LaGrande.

Gordon reported that the "CRIER" will be ready in a couple of weeks. Only 300 will be printed this year.

Knight mentioned that Dr. Richard Roberts of Weber State College is writing a history of Ogden. Could the family give him a copy of *Heritage With Honor*? Knight's wife suggested it be given to the College library rather than to him personally. All agreed this would be better, so that more could have access to it for research. Gordon seconded it and all voted in favor.

Material sent in for Dean's book can be picked up at the reunion; all manuscripts, etc.

The closing prayer was offered by Knight B. Kerr and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap