

**MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR  
OFFICERS & FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES  
February 19, 2000, Ogden, Utah**

A meeting for all Officers and Family Representatives was held at the home of Gordon and Joy Belnap at 1592 Oakcrest Drive, Ogden, Utah, at 10:00 a.m. There were 13 present, namely: President Les Hill (Reuben), Secretary/Treasurer Joy M. Belnap (Hyrum), Historian Steven A Belnap (Hyrum), Richard D. Belnap (Vinson), Glenda H. Guinn (Martha Jane), A. Kay Belnap and Pat B. Johnson (Joseph), Iola B. Murray and Audrey B. Patterson (Francis Marion), Edith Ward and husband Bruce (Amasa), LaRue B. Willis (Oliver), and Gordon L. Belnap (Hyrum). Vice President W. Dean Belnap (Oliver) and Benon P. Whyte (Mary Louisa) were excused.

President Les Hill welcomed all present and called on Pat B. Johnson to offer an invocation.

After everyone present introduced themselves and stated the family they are representing, President Les admonished all family representatives to fulfill their responsibilities by updating the address list and sending in marriages and deaths on their lines. We are in need of a few more representatives as some are not responding.

President Les proposed instead of printing a "Crier" to print histories and information on the internet thereby saving the Family Organization money for printing and postage. For family members to funnel their information, pictures, stories, etc., to be set up on the web site, and indicating "Web page revision as of this date." Some in the group mentioned they would prefer having a printed copy. Les said they could print it off the internet if they wanted a copy. There is somewhat of a web site out there now, but it is far short of what is needed and has a lot of errors in it. Les said maybe he would assign Brian L. Belnap to keep up the web page if this is the route we want to go.

Les mentioned that it was time for a change of officers. Richard proposed that the nomination for candidates for family officers be made at the next reunion and not with today's group. That way every family could nominate someone. The family representatives could work with their family line to enter the names for office. This proposal was seconded by A. Kay Belnap. Richard stated he felt his son, Richard, would be one he would nominate for president.

The last reunion held in Sugar City was discussed. Les asked for pros and cons. Some felt it was better to have the reunion not so structured and formal. Some didn't like it as well. The games and activities were all given a good report because of the variety. Everyone had a great time.

This is the year for the next reunion. The date will be August 19, 2000. This is a change to the third Saturday. It was voted to be held in Utah in Hooper and celebrate the sesquicentennial of Gilbert's arrival in Utah. Iola and Audrey said they would contact their brother LaGrande Belnap to see if the Hooper Ward and park across the street were available.

They will get back with Les ASAP. As soon as a place is decided upon, Les will make a flyer which he will send down to Joy who will get it printed and mailed out to the 1300 Family Members.

The events of the reunion were then discussed. It was decided to have it begin at 10:00 a.m. for registration and displays before lunch. There are three remaining grandchildren of Gilbert left out of 160: Flora Dotson, Olive Moran and Vyrl Baker. They should be honored. Election of officers should be during this first meeting. Pat Johnson suggested having someone give a web page demo to show people how to do it. It was agreed to have a quilt (quilts) ready to tie to raffle off. This was a big hit at the last reunion. Pat Johnson and LaRue Willis will take care of this. The medallion game played at the last reunion to get people to mingle and meet other family members was another activity they wanted to do again. Les and Richard will do this. Glenda said she would again take care of getting games set up for the younger children, such as finding coins in sawdust, face painting, fish pond, etc. She will get with Benon to help her. Glenda said she would again be the roving photographer and get pictures of the activities as she did last reunion. Les also mentioned he has a digital camera that would work for the web page. There will be a few items for sale along with the displays. Gordon suggested having a quiz show with many questions concerning the family to be answered. All those who got all the answers right to be given a frisbee. Les asked Gordon to again take care of getting the frisbees ordered. Iola was given the assignment to have her family prepare a skit.

The Belnap Family Organization will furnish the drinks and popsicles. Richard took this assignment.

Past president Brent J. Belnap was contacted in New York by speaker phone to participate in the conversation. They discussed the points of having the "Crier" put on the internet. Brent, who is also editor of the "Crier", said he thought it could be done quite easily. He has a lot of information to be printed as there was no "Crier" printed in 1998 or in 1999. They also discussed the computer disk update.

Richard D. Belnap offered the benediction at 12:45 p.m.