

Minutes – Conference Call - Belnap Family Organization

April 9, 2009

On-line: Pat Johnson, Wes Cox, Florence Ilene Ward, Edith Ward

Excused: Audrey Hobson

1. Opening prayer: Wes Cox
2. No new family reps or genealogists
3. Next Conference call at 7:30 p.m. MDT on May 14, 2009 – Pat Johnson will need to be excused on May 14th call and will ask someone to take minutes.
4. Family representatives should be working on email or regular addresses to give to Steve Belnap this fall. Florence Ilene reported that she has a friend, David Belnap, who may help on the Francis Marion line.

Edith asked if anyone has a copy of the Belnap crest.

5. No new information on the possible 2010 reunion sites. Pat said that she will personally visit the Wasatch Mtn. State Park in June and report on the facilities. Wes said that he has personal experience with the Roy Stake camps and loves the natural beauty of the country. There are activities that would appeal to the youth such as volleyball courts, hiking, and overnight facilities if desired.
6. Theme for the 2010 reunion, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap Pioneers: Edith would like to see research about pioneer daily activities: how did they carry water, candlemaking, bedding, knitting, recipes... We discussed the beautiful letters from Gilbert to his wives that are recorded in Heritage with Honor. Pat reported that the youth respond well to pictures and history on video, if they are short and have music. Pat made a DVD of pictures of Amos Belnap's mission to England in 1911.
7. Research projects: Edith reported that she has studied the current on-line genealogy of Jesse Belnap's children and believes there is work to be done. A number of grand children may be missing. After some discussion, it was determined that those genealogists of the BFO that are interested in descendancy research should contact Wes for coordination and sharing of research. We will concentrate on genealogy for now and wait until after Family Search is available before checking temple work. We will get Jesse's descendants done and clear and then do Abraham's and move back generation by generation. We will use the genealogy on-line on Brent Belnap's website as a base. Wes will start with page 1 of Jesse's children, David Belnap and first wife Betsey Gurnsey. Edith will work on page 3, David Belnap and 2nd wife Sally Long. Wes needs volunteers to work on the other children, Jesse, Eunice, Ira, Ansel, Rosel, Elem, Anna, Gilbert, Sally, Polly, Laura, Betsy, Hiram, and Isabel.

We shared an article from a genealogy conference held at BYU. (Mormon Times.com)

1. Genealogists no longer have to visit gravesites – crucial research is available on-line.
2. Sharing is available on-line. We can accomplish meaningful work for our ancestors.

Closing prayer: Edith Ward