

Belnap Family Organization Minutes
July 9, 2009, at 7:30 MDT

Skype conference call: Brent Belnap, Wes Cox, Nathan Cox, and Pat Johnson

The conference call started at 7:30 p.m. using Skype on our computers. Wes reported that the representatives are having a hard time setting up on Skype and asked about other alternatives.

Brent Belnap reported that he changed jobs in June and has conference call capabilities with his new job. He will find out the new number and report back. It will allow us to use the toll free conference call set up as before.

Brent reported that he received the disk of photos of Amos Belnap from Pat Johnson. Amos Belnap, the son of Joseph Belnap, served a mission to England in 1911-1913. Excerpts from his mission journal and several photos were sent to Brent to post on the Belnap website.

Wes reported that the Weber Co. Sheriff requested any stories and information about previous sheriffs. Wes will give them a copy of Gilbert Belnap Lawman. Brent suggested to also send a copy to the Archives at Weber State. The historian of early history at Weber State has photographs of Gilbert's sons, Hyrum and Joseph, and would be interested in history about Gilbert Belnap.

Brent Belnap said that FACEBOOK may be the social connection of the future. He has 71 Belnap relatives connected on his BFO facebook page so far. The new generation relates to facebook and Brent has received feedback from them that they are interested in their heritage. Facebook puts the responsibility of submitting information, address, etc. on the ones opting into facebook instead of the family representatives trying to find them. Brent reported that he received 22,000 hits in June on the BFO website. Brent also heard of a registration system that could be installed on the BFO website so that Belnap relatives can register their email addresses and we can communicate about reunions and family news electronically. The cost of the registration process is expensive to set up, about \$200-300.00, but the BFO spends much more on postage. There has to be an easier way for the family representatives to find the addresses of the thousands of descendants of Gilbert.

Brief discussion about Wes's daughter in Australia and a talk about Gilbert's testimony, Pat's family reunion experiences on the Joseph line, and comments from Wes's son, Nathan.

Closing Prayer: Pat Johnson

Next conference call: Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 7:30 MDT by telephone conference:
Toll-free 1-888-276-0347, participant code: 33844552#