

**MINUTES OF BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST 2004
HOOPER, UTAH**

The Reunion for the Belnap Family Organization commenced registration at 10:00 a.m. in the original LDS Chapel in Hooper that Gilbert and his family attended. The day was a very warm, cloudless day and everyone was pleased that the meeting house was air conditioned. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first Belnap Family Organization Reunion that was held October 4, 1904, in Hooper. A handout at the door was a copy of the minutes of the first reunion held in 1904 that had been published in the Ogden newspaper. Dorothy Harper (Martha Jane) greeted everyone as they registered and tickets for door prizes were given out as dues were collected.

Relatives convened in the Chapel where Vice President Mark Goodmansen (Lola) welcomed everyone. President Wes Belnap was excused. The congregation sang "O Ye Mountains High" and the invocation was offered by W. Dean Belnap (Oliver).

VP Mark spoke of the centennial reunion and how the Belnaps have continued to get together every two years since that time. Vice President Brent J. Belnap (Hyrum) spoke on why the Belnaps settled in Hooper and the important part that Gilbert and his family played in settling Weber County. He then gave some insights on the dedication of the new 119th LDS Temple just recently dedicated in New York City. VP Brent serves as the Manhattan Stake President and was chairman of the temple committee for the past two years. He bore his testimony of how grateful he is for his ancestry through Gilbert Belnap.

A standing roll call showed those present by family: Gilbert Rosel - 3; Reuben - 14; Joseph - 0; Mary - 0; Hyrum - 15; Augustus Weber - 5; Vinson - 2; Amasa - 16; Adaline - 2; Martha Jane - 11; Lola - 12; William James - 6; Oliver - 16; Francis Marion - 13; Isadora - 0. Many relatives arrived throughout the morning who were not included in the count. Dorothy Harper reported that she attended two weeks ago a reunion for Robena Greenwell where they had 244 in attendance. Stanley Belnap (William James) reported that his father Henry's ranch and homestead have been converted into a City Park in Almo, Idaho. It is called City of Rock or Castle Rock. Hal Belnap (Oliver) reported that Flora Dotson, the oldest living grandchild of Gilbert in her mid-nineties, is living in Springville, Utah, and is almost completely deaf. Hence, she couldn't attend today.

At this point, VP Mark recognized that the two remaining living grandchildren of Gilbert were Flora Dotson (Oliver) and Merle Baker (Lola). Merle was present and she was presented with a pink carnation and given an instant camera. Veora Belnap was the oldest relative present at 86 years, and she was given the other pink carnation and an instant camera. The youngest person present was Mariah Corbridge at the age of 7 months, six generations from Gilbert. She is the daughter of Rachel Corbridge. Her grandmother said a few words at the pulpit. The granddaughter of Adella Vanderdoes was also given an instant camera. Wallace and Carol Belnap (Oliver) were given a journal for having come the furthest from Mesa, Arizona. Brent Belnap from New York City was eliminated as an officer.

VP Mark asked the past presidents to stand and tell the years they served. There were five present: Gordon L. Belnap (Hyrum) (two terms), Max G. Belnap (Francis Marion), W. Dean Belnap (Oliver), Richard D. Belnap (Vinson), and Brent J. Belnap (Hyrum). Max mentioned that he had compiled a book on the Francis Marion line and it was ready at a cost of \$30 each. Dean mentioned that his book *Heritage With Honor* is now out of print, but that it can be purchased on a CD for \$5 each.

Everyone was encouraged to browse at the display tables. There were some very old maps to view, an old picture of four sisters: Martha Jane Hammon, Lola Coolbear, Mary Louisa and Adaline Lorinda, an old dictionary and photo album, 1930 clippings, Mead Family temple record books, etc. Items for sale were: past Criers, Coat-of-Arms pictures suitable for framing, Coat-of-Arms pins, pictures, and the current 2004 Crier.

The benediction was offered by Hal Belnap and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Richard Belnap treated everyone to free popsicles in various colors and flavors out on the lawn. Games were set up for the children: a candy search in shredded paper, fish pond, scavenger hunt, drawing, etc. A good time was had by all. An approximate count for the day was 130.

After lunch most reconvened in the cultural hall. VP Brent explained the video that was playing at the side. It was a video of past reunions back as far as 1936, some in color, some in black and white. This video was made available to the Family Organization by Bruce E. Belnap (Hyrum) of Florida (not present). Larry Julian asked if he could take a few minutes and tell of his experiences in Nauvoo. VP Mark then showed his presentation of his research in England on Sir Robert Belnap. He also had a booklet on this research for sale at \$20 each.