

The name of the office was changed to Belknap Springs June 15, 1875. About 1891 the name was changed to Belknap Springs."

I can find no J.H. or R. S. Belknap of the Alpine Belknap's, so don't know if these 2 men are of the Benton Co. Belknap's.

Sincerely,

*Ray Barrett*

Jan. 26, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mrs. Milne. Hope she's answered by now, and has added more info. All those bits and pieces help.

Have you written to Violet Belknap of Jefferson, Ore. lately to see if it's possible she may have the address of Reva Barrett? Violet is the one who first asked me if there was any relationship. She had sent Reva some of the papers.

As to copying any Belknap info for Byrnicie and Sylvia. I've already sent them all you've sent me in the past. I certainly don't mind typing one or two pages at all, but some, that are many many pages I find it hard to get around to doing.

In looking thru my correspondence with Violet I find that she sent some things to someone else. Here is exactly what Violet says: 'Could you by any chance be related to Reva Barrett? I sent some of The Old Lady Belknaps' writings also ledger to Lovina Belknap Christian a long time ago when a friend found them when wrecking a house near Coquille (Ore.)--everyone there called her 'The Old Lady'. I felt I shouldn't keep them so mailed them on. Have always wished I had copied some of it.'

What you've sent thus far, and I've sent to Sylvia & Byrnicie. Consists of:

1. 'Line of Descent of Electa Belknap' (Both original & corrected copy)
2. 'Belknap Genealogy From 1588- (Compiled by Henry Wycoff Belknap)
3. 'Garlinghouse' (Sylvia copied it for me)
4. 2 page letter to Gladys Gray on the migration of Jonas & Jesse (dated Dec. 4, 1970)
5. 'Genealogical Data for Jonas N. B. as known 24 Oct. 1969'
6. 5 page letter to Claudia dated 2-29-68 (page 5 revised 11-1-69 about 'the backward extension of the Eng. ancestry'. (sent to me by Velma)

So we have lots of info thru your kindness in sharing and we are very grateful. By the way, do you have a copy from Sylvia Richardson that is headed 'Pioneer Family Statistics--Belknap'? This is compiled from the bk. 'They Laughed, Too' by Edna A. Mintonye, pub. 1968 by the Naylor Co. If not, let me know and will send you a copy.

Can't remember if I've sent the following, seems I have. But anyway, it's taken from a book (forget the name) by a man named MacArthur who has taken every geographical name for towns, mountains, creeks, etc. in Ore. and has traced the origin of their name.

'Belknap Crater---Deschutes & Linn counties. This is one of the important features of the Cascade Range, & lies just north of McKenzie Pass. The crater and its enormous lava fields are easily seen from the McKenzie Hwy. and produce a spectacle that is awe inspiring to say the least. The crater has an elevation of 6877 ft. It was named for J. R. Belknap, an early resident along the McKenzie River and a son of R. S. Belknap who developed Belknap Springs. J. H. Belknap was interested in the toll road that was built over McKenzie Pass in the early 1870's.

'Belknap Springs, Lane Co. R. S. Belknap located these springs in Nov. 1869 and conceived a plan for developing them. They now bear his name. Salt Springs Post Office was established Oct. 26, 1874, with Belknap postmaster.

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GENERATION IN  
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JONAS NEWTON Belknap

Born 1759, Enfield, Conn.  
Lived at Belchertown, Mass., Cherry Valley, N.Y.,  
(?) Worcester, N. Y., Ontario County, N. Y., and  
Hardin County and Hart County, Kentucky.  
Died 1824, Hart County, Kentucky

& Esther Parker -- daughter of Elijah Parker and Martha Stiles.  
Born 1766, Bolton, Conn. (Place not certain)  
Married in 1783, Belchertown, Mass.  
Died (probably) 1815, Ontario County, N. Y.

Jonas enlisted as a private in the Massachusetts militia, in same company as his father, on 3 May 1775, and fought with his father on Bunker Hill, at age 16. After the death of his father, he re-enlisted in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment and served in that regiment till the end of the Revolutionary War -- being one of the few men who served from the beginning of the war to its end. Discharged from the Army in June 1783, by General George Washington, with award of a badge for good and faithful service, and with rank of sergeant. Shortly afterward, married Esther Parker and began moving westward. In his later years, received a pension as result of having been wounded during the war. Was in a number of battles, the most important being Saratoga and Yorktown.

CHILDREN OF JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP AND ESTHER PARKER

(Some of the dates of birth are not yet ~~completely~~ verified.)

Samuel, born 1784 -- married Sarah <sup>Hunt</sup> Jones in Ontario County, N. Y.  
Elisha, born 18 Jan. 1789 -- married Bettie Briggs, Ontario County, N. Y.  
-- said to have married (2) Lucy Finch, in Ohio  
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Jesse, born 26 Jan. 1792 -- married Jane Garlinghouse in Ontario County, N.Y.  
Susannah, twin sister of Jesse -- married David Chatfield, in Ontario Co.  
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Cynthia, born probably in 1797 or 1798 -- said to have married Isaac Newton  
Orrin, born 1799 -- married ~~Mary~~ Draper

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JONAS BELKNAP

Born 1786, birthplace not known  
Died 1852 or 1853  
Date of marriage not known

and Mary Ann Garlinghouse Birthdate not known  
(Known as Polly, in Oregon) Died 1867, in Benton Co., Oregon

CHILDREN OF JONAS BELKNAP AND MARY ANN GARLINGHOUSE

Orrin, born 25 Sept. 1815 -- married Nancy Starr  
Silas, born 1817 -- married 1836 ~~Clarissa~~ (Clarinda?) Todhunter  
Electa, born 1820 or 1821 -- married Stephen Howell  
Rachel, born 1822 -- married Austin Howard  
Eleanor, born 1825 -- married Charles Bales (Baylis?)

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ELECTA BELKNAP

Born 1820 or 1821  
Married 2 Jan. 1838, in Allen Co., Ohio  
Died 15 Sept. 1861

and Stephen Howell

Born 1817 in Ohio (or 1816?)  
Died 1877 (probably Benton Co., Oregon)  
Married (2) Polly McFall (date not known)

CHILDREN OF ELECTA BELKNAP AND STEPHEN HOWELL

Austin, date of birth not known -- married Susan Jane McFall  
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Mary Ellen, born 25 April 1843 -- married Peter Hoover  
Nancy -- born 6 Nov. 1852 -- married John Armstrong Bounds  
Sarah -- date of birth not known -- married Emerson Redenour

Feb. 26, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I'm glad you've finally identified Reva Barrett, now lets hope you can trace her down, or at least a relative of hers.

I'll see what Sylvia or Byrniece can come up with on Silas & Clarinda and Eleanor & Charles. Byrniece especially has better access to the census and DLC books as she belongs to a genealogical society in Coos Bay. Which reminds me, believe Sylvia is going to send to Wash. D.C. for the DLC claim of Polly and see if she can find what 'the letter enc.' means.

Am also glad Mrs. Milne has been able to send some info. Maybe all the bits & pieces ~~XXXX~~ will fit together one of these days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



Mrs. Kay Barrett  
P.O. Box 943  
Seaside, Oregon 97439

Dec 7 1970

Dear Kay:

Much thanks for the record of Elesta's marriage. It helps in many ways. For instance, it places Jonas (jr) and his family in Allen Co. Ohio when Jesse was there. And it places ~~XXXX~~ Starrs there, too -- for the Rev John W Starr, brother of Jeremiah Starr, was father of Nancy Starr who married Orin, son of Jonas (jr) -- and had a farm next to this Orin's in Balknap Settlement in Oregon -- as no doubt you know.

As you must know, I've been <sup>indicate</sup> interested in tracing the westward route of our branch of the family, and most of it is pretty clear now. But I don't always know when they moved separately or together. For instance, preliminary evidence of land deeds in Licking County, Ohio, seems to <sup>indicate</sup> that Jonas may have been the first to move from Kentucky to Ohio -- followed by Jesse -- and a little later by Elijah. And that Jesse was the first to leave Licking County, Jonas second, Elijah third. But I don't know whether Elijah went to Allen County. Maybe Clinton Balknap, descendant of Elijah, will know. I'll send him a copy of this letter.

In citing documents on settlement of estate of Jonas (jr) you say: "Letter enclosed (with the document) ~~indicates XXXXXXXX~~ settlement date was in 1849 & Jonas was living as late as Jan 31 1853."

QUESTIONS: By "settlement" in the quoted sentence, you mean the date when Jonas settled on the farm, don't you?

How could he be alive in 1853 when his heirs finished ~~XXXXXX~~ probate Aug 20 1851?

Aunt Kit, as you know, gave 1856 as date when Jonas reached Oregon -- which confused me at one time.

I'm writing to Violet to express sympathy for death of her husband Gilbert. Long time since I've heard from her. Like you, I wish I knew how her papers could be preserved. Especially the Bible that you mention.

Next time you need copies of anything I've written, don't type them yourself. Just ask me to run off copies for you. Thank Heavens for my copying machine. I couldn't live without it.

Rose (Forney) Harrison, granddaughter of Jesse's son Corrington, died Dec 15 in Providence R I. So now I'm the last living grandchild of Corrington.

LIFE pictures ~~in~~ of Balknap factory, Laconia N H. Yes, I saw it. Lots of Balknaps in Vermont and N H in 18th and 19th centuries. I haven't tried to trace that one, yet. Probably somewhere in my records of more than 4000 persons.

Riverside, Conn., is a section of Greenwich -- one of seven sections each of which has its own post office.

I've been rereading your letters to see if you ~~EEEE~~ ever told me your own Balknap

KAY BARRETT (Copy to E Clinton Belknap)

Feb 21 1971

I have identified REVA BARRETT.

Though she is (or was) a descendant of Jesse Belknap, brother of Jonas (jr), it may well be that she is (or was) a cousin of your husband.

I say "or was" because the last address I have for her is dated 1951. It was:

511 Campus Avenue Pullman Washington

Her line of descent:

Jesse Belknap and Jane Garlinghouse  
George Belknap & Keturah Penton  
Lovina Jane Belknap & Samuel Henry Christian  
Katherine May (Katie) Christian & L. C. Barrett  
Reva Barrett

I can't, at the moment, give you place and date of the marriage to L. C. Barrett nor birthdate of Reva.

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Your letter, Jan 26 (Forgive delay in replying)

-- "Family Statistics, Belknap," from Minteye book They Laughed Too. Yes, please send. I've seen only references to it, in Starr family material.

-- E S Belknap, of Belknap Springs, Ore. Haven't identified him yet.

-- Ditto for his son J H Belknap.

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Something I hope you can work on. I have children of all children of Jonas Belknap & Mary Ann (Polly) Garlinghouse except these:

Silas Belknap & Clarinda Tedhunter (I'm sure it was Clarinda, not Clarissa)

Kleener Belknap & Charles Bayles. (They must have lived near Belknap Settlement, as he signed Polly's application for letters of administration on her husband's estate.)

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Have received a lot of helpful material from Mrs Milne. And have sent her a correction of her error on Orin (son of Jonas and Mary Ann). She had him as son of his brother Silas. I gave her documentary proof of real parentage.

KAY BARRETT from C. Y. B.

1/12/71

Wrote to Mrs Milne today, misdating letter as you'll see -- copy enclosed.  
to a Belknap in Iowa.

Re. Reva Barrett. She lent, some years back, the most nearly complete version of Aunt Kit's writings that I have yet seen. Unfortunately, even this version is blank on the later part of the trip from Iowa to Oregon -- the very part on which there's disagreement in what has been written by other people. So I keep hoping I'll find how to get in touch with Reva and ask her aid in tracing the missing portion of the manuscript.

Have noted your wish that I send duplicate copies of material to Sylvia and Mrs Hansen. Will do. But am not sure I know what I've sent you thus far. So don't know what I haven't sent that I might now send. XXXX Suggest you tell me what I've sent XXXX up to now. From time to time I MAY draft a memo answering someone's question -- then send copies to others -- and haven't always kept records of names of these others. Careless.

Should have told you that Mr and Mrs Snucker spend winters in Florida. But you'll find the book worth waiting for. It's unique. Chapter on Hunt's Hollow told us the long unknown date of death of Esther Parker, wife of Jonas Newton Belknap -- so we found location of her grave -- but no stone on it.



Jan. 7, 1971

Dear Carroll:

I want to thank you for your last two letters, both of which were appreciated. No, I don't mind having my name and address included. It's fine with me. Of course you have Sylvia's address and I think her aunt, Mrs. Byrnic Hanson, 738 No. Bay Drive, North Bend, Ore. 97459. The 3 of us have met and we exchange the info you send. The only new names I might add are: Mrs. H. Bayard (Frances) Milne, 2009 Lybecker Rd., Pullman, Wn. 99163. In her 1968 letter to me she states: 'The Belknaps are not my line, the query was placed by another person of whom I had inquired about Jeremiah Starr, hoping in some way to connect him to the family of John W. Starr (Rev.), he had 17 ch. most of them settling around Monroe and later throughout the Willamette Valley. John W. Starr's brother, Moses Starr brought his family west a few years after John W. but he died just as he got to Clackamas Co. His wife came on to the Belknap settlement. They had about 17 ch. also. The Starrs and Belknaps intermarried frequently but the Belknaps are not my line. I seem to run across a lot of Belknap info from time to time, but have never filed it so am not sure where to put my hands on it at this time. Someone who is working on the Belknap line, and whom I believe has a lot of info is: Mrs. Margaret K. Smith, 35552 Roca Dr., Fremont, Calif. 94536. The Jeremiah Starr records in the probate file seem to be missing. The way Benton Co. court house keep their records, it's a wonder more people haven't walked off with more.'

I haven't written to Frances since, and just discovered that I've never written to Mrs. Smith either.

You ask about my tie with Electa. My husband descends from Electa and husband Steven Howell's dau., Nancy Ann Howell marrying John Armstrong Bounds. Nancy and John's son, John ~~Elmer~~ ~~Bounds~~ dau., Mary Alice Bounds married Wm. Henry Parker and their dau. Anna Ethel Parker m. ~~Henry Anderson Barrett~~ Howard Barrett, my husband's parents. Looks like I'd better stop and think a little next time!

Also, I have no idea who Reva Barrett is. Violet Belknap mentioned her in a letter, asking if I was some relation. I had never heard of Reva. Violet sent her some Belknap info yrs. ago but didn't keep a copy of what she'd sent.

I had no idea Bertha Hanson had died. I was going to wait till after the holidays, then write to her to see if she had to latest info you have sent me. I hadn't written in some time and that it was time to bring her up to date, she was so enthused about the Belknap information.

Re the info on Polly Belknap's donation land claim. I copied what I sent exactly as put in Vol. II of Oregon Donation Land Claims. I haven't any idea what was meant. I've never seen the original tho it would be something to look in to. Byrnic and Sylvia plan to go to Corvallis one of these days and see what they can find in the Benton Co. Court House, so I'll bring this to their attention and see what they can come up with. Maybe the letter that is mentioned will be on file somewhere and they can obtain a copy. Let's hope so.

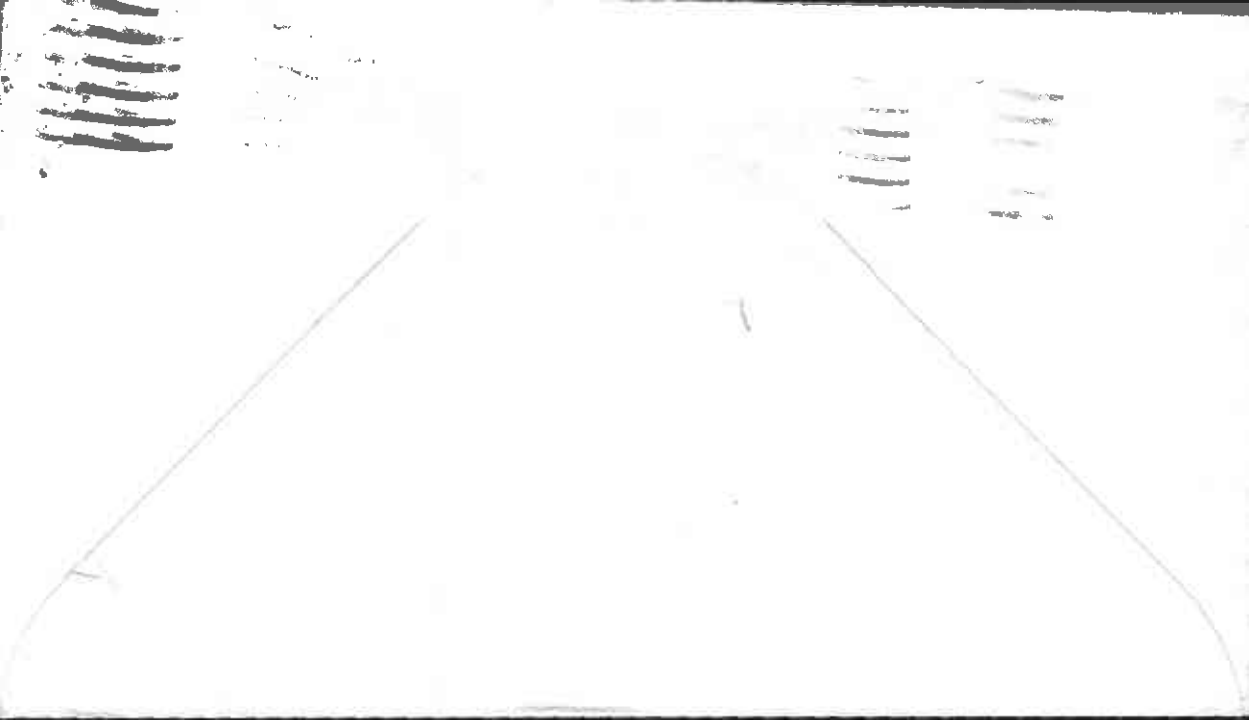
Whichever one of us gets to the Alpine Ceme. will take a pic of the grave of Jesse & Jane and send it to you, if you don't have one already.

You might want to write to Frances Milne telling her of the connection between John W. and Jeremiah Starr. Seems my writing comes in spurts and I don't have time to do as much correspondence as I'd like. Also, you mention your copy machine. How I wish I had one. When you send several pages to me that you've

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Mr. Carroll York Belknap  
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already done on your machine, you might send a copy to both Sylvia and Byrnice, then I won't have to retype it all as the 3 of us try to see that the other two have the same info. You've helped us so much already, its unbelievable and a thrill to have so much on one family.

I might add the the bk. 'Early History of Springwater' is now \$5.25. Inflation hits everyone I guess. The Schnucker's are on vacation in Florida and the book cannot be ordered till they return April 15, 1971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.











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April 26, 1968

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I certainly appreciate the xeroxed copy you sent. It's really interesting. I'm now in the process of trying to obtain the marriage certificate for Stephen and Electa. The Probate Court in Allen Co. couldn't find one, but gave me the address of the local Historical Society, so I still have hope. I haven't been able to see any Ohio census and would need to know where her parents were in 1830 anyway.

Last Sun. we stopped by the Alpine cemetery on our way home from visiting friends and copied the inscriptions on the Belknaps. Didn't have time to see if Glenbrook or Bellfountain have cemeterys but will do so next time we have a chance. The following I copied from Vol. II of Oregon Donation Land Claims. You may already have it, but will send it along anyway.

#1550 BELKNAP, Polly, & heirs of Jonas Belknap, Benton Co.; settled claim Aug. 20, 1851. Letter enc. indicates settlement date was in 1849 & Jonas Belknap was living as late as Jan. 31, 1853. Jesse Belknap gave MA as Jan. 15, 1813. Signers of affidavit: Abiathan Newton, Herman C. & Randolph Buckingham.

If you wish me to send the gravestone inscriptions, other Belknap land claims, and the 1870 Benton Co., census, just let me know. I don't know what you have or need.

I decided to go ahead and order the Taylor chart on the Belknap's and that day received a letter from Fern Martin saying she was sending her chart & I could have it copied. I'd already sent for it tho, and after seeing how blurred hers is in spots, I wish I hadn't. I hope the one they send me is in better shape than hers. The top part of her chart is cut off, but notice the date is 1400-something, too hard to read. The information you sent starts in 1589/90. How far back does the chart go? Has it been proven back to the 1400's?

Neither Jonas or Mary Ann are buried at Alpine. Did they come to Ore.? Jesse and Jane are buried there but are not listed in the 1870 census. Jesse's stone says: Jan. 26, 1792--Nov. 19, 1881 wife Jane March 26, 1792--Dec. 10, 1876.

Have the Taylors written a book about the Belknaps? Seems they either were, or intend to do so, and I'd like to obtain a copy. So many questions, & I hope you don't mind. Must close for now, and thank you once again for taking the time to send me the information.

Sincerely,

Kay Barrett

Kay Barrett  
(Mrs. Frank L.)

J. L. Hansen  
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Mrs. Frank L. Barrett  
P. O. Box 943  
Florence, Oregon 97539



Mr. Carrol Y. Belknap  
25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn. 06878

P.O. Box 943  
Florence, Ore. 97439  
April 11, 1968

Carroll Belknap  
25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn. 06878

Dear Mr. Belknap:

You can't imagine how pleased I was to receive your letter yesterday. When I wrote, I really didn't have much hope of your being able to give me Electa's parents so you can imagine the shock. I also had a letter yesterday from Bertha Hansen with whom I've been writing for about two months. Am also writing to Mrs. Gilbert M. Belknap, Rt. 1 Box 157, Jefferson, Ore. 97352 whose husband descends from Jesse. She sent me a note someone in the past had written, that stated Electa married Stephen Howell, but she didn't know how Electa was connected to the Belknap's. The note says: Electa Belknap b. 1821 and died Sept. 15, 1861. Doesn't give any places. Married on Jan. 2, 1838 to Stephen Howell. Crossed the plains from Iowa in 1852 and settled near Monroe, Ore. Their children were: (this is from my notes)

Austin Howell--b. ? d. Jan. 1903 m. Susan Jane McFall-7 chld.  
Wm. Howell--b. ? d. ?--m. (1) Mary Rexford, died 1877 (2) Arista Brown  
He had 4 children  
Silas Howell--b. April 29, 1845, d. March 19, 1924. m. Jerusha Ann  
Hayden on Dec. 25, 1864. 5 children.  
Mary Ellen Howell--b. April 25, 1843 in Van Buren Co., Iowa. Died  
Aug. 31, 1912. Married Sept. 8, 1859 to Peter Hoover.  
13 children.  
Nancy Howell--b. Nov. 6, 1852 at Bellfountain, Ore. Died May 6, 1939  
M. John Armstrong Bounds. 4 children, one named Electa  
Sarah Howell--m. Emerson Redenour

Stephen was b. 1816 but don't know where. He died in 1877. He also m. Polly McFall after Electa died. They may have had a son Walter who died in 1922. A woman once made up a Howell-Carter booklet (Stephen had 2 known brothers, one whom m. Margaret Carter) had she had things terribly mixed up. She also had so much trouble getting people to answer her letters. She had Stephen m. to Sarah Redenour who was his daughter but got that straighten out myself by an elderly woman whose mother was Mary Ellen Howell Hoover.

Now when I looked over the donation land claims bks. for Ore. I didn't know Electa was the mother of Nancy. Then I obtained Nancy's death certificate later. This is what I have: #2025--Stephen Howell, Benton Co., Ore. Born 1817 in Ohio. Arrived in Ore. Oct. 3, 1852; settled claim Oct. 1, 1853. Married Electa Jan. 2, 1838, in Allen Co., Ohio. Affidavit: Isaac Rambo, David Hawley, Lewis A. Rambo and Wm. Howell. Next chance I get, will copy down all the Belknap's listed and send them on to you. Should be able to see the books in about a wk. and a half. I must also get busy and send to Allen Co. for the marriage record.

The enclosed land claim map was sent to me by Mrs. Gilbert Belknap. She copied it from somewhere and I've done this copy from hers. Will ask her where she got it and then see if I can't get a photocopy made. Then will send Bertha and you one.

Now I hate to ask this as it might be too much of an undertaking, but



I would like all the information you can send me on the Belknap's. If this is asking way too much, please don't hesitate to say so. Have you seen the 20' long history of the Belknap's that Mr. & Mrs. Taylor of Nev. have made? Maybe if it's of your Belknap's I can just send the \$10 and save you the trouble.

I'm going to have to make copies of everything sent to me on the family and have it xeroxed-not sure I spell that right-then can send copies on to other interested Belknap's. Did that for my Rickabaugh line and it sure helps.

I'm so grateful for the help you've given me already and hate to ask for more, but anything you can tell me will certainly be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Kay Barrett*

Mrs. Frank (Kay) Barrett

*Sarah Davis*

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LINE OF DESCENT OF ELECTA BELKNAP

First seven generations from authenticated records, chiefly those owned by Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, and now on loan to Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut. Eighth generation from information supplied by Mrs. Frank Barrett. (4/16/68)



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Dec 4 1970

CLINTON BELKNAP -- CLAUDIA GILBERT -- KAY BARRETT

Here's a copy of a brief memo I wrote today for Gladys Gray, the wonderful woman who dug up -- in several years of expert effort -- most of what ~~MEMO~~ we now ~~KNOW~~ know about the quarter-century when our family lived in Ontario County, NY.

Some day I'll write a much fuller story -- when I'm sure of all my facts.

So please help me correct any errors I have made in this first short summary.

Note revisions

GLADYS:

Dec 4 1970

I'm impelled to send you a copy of a newspaper piece (1927), about my father's sister Mary. It came to me on the death of her daughter Rose a week or so ago. Because you became so deeply interested in my people during your long work on the family of Jonas Newton Balknap, I think that you must sometimes have wondered "what became of them, after they left Ontario County?"

So maybe I should preface the enclosure by summarizing the story of my own branch: Jesse and his descendants.

As you already know, the next stopping place after Ontario County was Kentucky -- Hart and Hardin Counties, circa 1820. Jesse and his brothers and two of his sisters didn't stay there more than a few years. "Couldn't put up with slavery," says family tradition. So, by 1830, they were in Licking County, Ohio -- just east of Columbus. I've summarized that part of the record in what I wrote about Elisha.

Some of Jonas Newton B's children stayed there: ~~EMIX~~ Esther and her husband Gamaliel Garlinghouse; Cynthia and Isaac Newton. And Orin, who set out to join his brothers in Oregon but went back to Licking County when his wife ~~ANNYKYNH~~ died on the way west. And Elisha, after he came there in 1830.

But Jesse, Elijah, and Jonas(Jr) didn't stay put. In the middle 1830's (or maybe a year or so sooner) Jesse sold his Licking County land to his brother-in-law Gamaliel and moved his family farther west: to Allen County in NW Ohio -- beginning all over again the same old task of clearing wooded land.

After a few years in Allen County, the next move came -- overland to Van Buren County in SE Iowa -- arriving there in 1839. ~~It is said.~~ Brother Elijah was then (or "thenabouts") in next-door Wapello County. And Jonas (Jr) and his family were in that area, but I don't know just where.

Then, seven or eight years of apparent prosperity, till very suddenly in 1847 Jesse (and probably Jonas Jr, but certainly two sons of this Jonas ~~XX~~ ; Silas and Orin) decided to succumb to "Oregon fever" -- to the known dismay of at least one of the womenfolk: Keturah Penton, wife ~~MX~~ of Jesse's oldest son, George.

Why all this continual "moving on?" The traditional explanation, by the members of the next two generations, was a fatalistic "It was in their blood" and I still hear ~~IMH~~ these words sometimes. But the true explanation, I feel sure, was something much more basic -- the simple fact that these people were farmers who necessarily had large families.

Their forefathers, too, had been farmers -- in Massachusetts and Connecticut -- in times when there was virtually no ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ farm labor to hire. In early New England, the "hired hand" was so uncommon as to be notable when he existed. So in order to farm that hard land, sons were essential -- as many as possible. But when the sons grew up, it was never possible to provide enough nearby land for them -- so most sons had to move to places farther on, where land was available -- and sometime the fathers took the lead in moving, by selling out and taking their whole families to new places, as Jonas Newton B's father Samuel did when he sold his land in north central Connecticut and took his ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ wife and children to the newly ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ opened "Murrayfield Plantation" in central Massachusetts.



One pseudo-genealogist, Glenn Evans, has explained the moves as being "a search for free land." It was no such thing, till the very end of the story. The land on which Jonas Norton & and the Garlinghouses settled in Ontario County wasn't free for the taking. It had to be bought. The same thing had been true when Jonas's father Samuel moved to Murrayfield Plantation, which was a land-selling enterprise. It had been true before, when his grandfather, also a Samuel, had come from Haverhill, Massachusetts, to northern Connecticut. Not free land, but land available for ~~purchase~~ purchase. It was true again, in Kentucky and ~~then~~ then in Ohio. ~~I think (but don't know for sure) that it was also true in Iowa.~~

The first and only free land they found was in Oregon, in the Willamette Valley. There the members of my tribe filed "Donation Land Claims" and settled in a compact group of farms with their patriarch, Jesse, in its center. But I'm getting ahead of my story.

Jesse, in 1847 when my tribe left Iowa, had long since become an acknowledged leader. It was perhaps only natural that he was elected captain of that wagon train -- which had something more than 100 wagons, according to one record. He remained captain ~~until~~ till the train reached Soda Springs, near Fort Hall in the SE corner of Idaho.

#### Jesse's

There the family divided. ~~His~~ elder children and their husbands went on to Oregon by a newly opened southern route: the Applegate Road -- southwest down the Humboldt River ("the river that dies") -- across the Black Rock Desert -- past Mount Shasta -- finally across the Rogue River on a ferry operated by some tame Indians -- and so into the Willamette Valley. I shudder when I think of that hard route, which is described in detail in De Voto's "Year of Decision," which tells the story of the first migrant train that followed it in 1846, one year before my people did. (De Voto also shows the truth about these early emigrants: that they were and had to be people of substance, able to defray the high cost of the journey. "The migrants," he wrote, "came later, when the railroads ~~were~~ had been built.")

Meanwhile, Jesse and Jane and their younger children (and some of the others, I'm not sure which, ~~except for Hannah and her husband Dow Gilbert~~) waited at Soda Springs or Fort Hall till the spring of 1848 and then went on to Oregon by the old Oregon Trail (US 30 on today's maps) up to the vicinity of Walla Walla, then down the south bank of the Columbia River, and eventually to Belknap Settlement on the Willamette -- where the town of Alpine is now, and where many of my tribe are buried.

I have a copy of an old hand-drawn map showing the farms they lived on -- Jesse in the center, ringed about by his children: Kessiah and her husband Chasman Hawley; Hannah and her husband Dow Gilbert ~~(Lorense Gilbert)~~ ("Lorense Gilbert" in the Walbridge book); Ransom and his wife Mahala Starr; George and his wife Keturah Penton; Talitha Cumi and her husband Samuel Starr -- and Polly Belknap (Mary Ann Garlinghouse, widow of Jesse's brother Jonas) and some of her children. Jesse's youngest children, my grandfather Corrington and the still younger Harley, were still living with him when that map was drawn.

That was the end of the traveling that began back in Haverhill about 1700. The "old ~~folk~~ folks" would remain farmers. The next generations, beginning with my grandfather Corrington, would start entering the professions and business. There's more to the story -- much more -- and someday I'll try to put all of it on paper.

But perhaps I've gone far enough to answer the question that must have been in your mind: "How did they come out?" . . . ~~Thank~~ Thank you, they came out all right.

*It was  
De Voto's  
story*

*NoX  
family*



November 25 1970

Mrs Frank Barrett  
P O Box 943  
Florence, Oregon 97439

Dear Mrs Barrett:

Re

I got a shock this morning. A letter from Sylvia Richardson said you had given her my name, and something prompted me to dig out the file folder bearing your name, and I found that I had never answered your last letter, dated April 26, 1968.

It still bore my scribbled "N Y A" across the top -- meaning "not yet answered" at the time when I left for a longish vacation in Spain. But somehow it had squirmed out of the NYA file and had sneaked into your folder; and so got overlooked when I returned. My apologies -- very deeply abashed.

Now, having apologized, may I call you "Kay" as so many of my correspondents do? I run across your trail continually.

Your 1968 letter:

Did you ever find the marriage certificate of Stephen and Electa?

Excerpt from Oregon Land Claims: Have you run across any further information about date of death of Jonas Belknap (husband of Mary Ann Garlinghouse, "Polly")? I still don't know just when he arrived in Oregon. Do you?

Gravestone inscriptions in Alpine Cemetery. Yes, please. I have only a few of them. And need all, for dates that are lacking in my records.

You asked about Dick Taylor's chart. He means well, but he just publishes what is sent to him. He verifies nothing. I don't use his entries until I have proved them to be correct -- which doesn't always happen. . . . As far as I know, neither he or Charlene has published anything else about the Belknap family. Meanwhile, they have helped me a lot, by sending me inquiries that they couldn't answer. They are good people.

I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to Mrs Richardson, as some parts of it may be of interest to you.

Looking at my copy of what I sent you long ago, I see some points on which new information has been obtained. Should pass it along to you.

ABRAHAM'S WIFE: In 1969, field workers of the Salt Lake Genealogical Society found the record of Abraham's marriage: at Latton, Essex, 28 Oct 1617; to Mary Stallion, daughter of Thomas Stallion & Mary Dalton. . . It's good to be able to stop arguing with people who have invented surnames for Mary.

JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP: There were errors and deficiencies in what I sent to you -- most of which have now been remedied in the process of developing proof that Carol Anne's ancestor Elisha was son of Jonas Newton B. I enclose a copy of the part of the report (for Mrs Jane) that shows the known facts. Please destroy what I sent you in 1967 or 1968. As you can now see, we have altered many points, on basis of sound original documentary data.

Cordially,



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LINE OF DESCENT OF ELECTA BELKNAP

First seven generations from authenticated records, chiefly those owned by Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, and now on loan to Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut. Eighth generation from information supplied by Mrs. Frank Barrett. (4/16/68)

GENERATION IN AMERICA

1 ABRAHAM Belknap

Born Sawbridgeworth, Co. Hertford, England  
Baptized 15 March 1589/90 (Old style and New Style)  
Lived at Netteswell, Essex, and Northweald, Essex  
Emigrated from Epping, Essex  
Settled Lynn, Massachusetts, 1637  
Died Lynn, Sept. 1643

& Mary (maiden surname unknown) -- Married before 1620 -- no other dates known, except that she survived husband.

2 SAMUEL Belknap

Born Northweald, Essex, England  
Baptized 16 March 1627/8  
Lived at Salem, Malden, Haverhill, Massachusetts  
Date of death not known

& Sarah Jones -- daughter of Robert & Elizabeth Jones, Hingham, Mass.  
Born (date not known)  
Died 18 April 1689, Haverhill  
Date of marriage not known

3 EBENEZER Belknap

Born Dec. 1667, Salem  
Died Nov. 1762 (possibly 1765), Haverhill  
Lived at Haverhill

& Hannah Ayer -- daughter of Nathaniel Ayer and Tamesin Turloar (Thurlow?)  
Born 19 Dec. 1672  
Married 25 Feb. 1690/1  
Died Haverhill Nov. 1779 (aged 106 yrs, 11 months)

4 SAMUEL Belknap

Born at Haverhill, date of birth uncertain  
Lived at Mansfield, Enfield, Windsor, Conn.  
Died before 6 Dec. 1757, Windsor (now Ellington)

& Mary Dickinson -- daughter of James Dickinson and Mary Wood, Rowley, Mass.  
Date of birth not certain; probably 29 Nov. 1703  
Married 9 July 1723  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Date of death not known

5 SAMUEL Belknap

Born at Enfield, Conn. 13 June 1731  
Lived at Windsor, Conn. and Belchertown, Mass.  
Died 18 June 1775, at Cambridge, Mass., after fighting on Bunker Hill on June 17

& Mary Newton -- daughter of Stephen Newton and Mary Gibbs, Windsor, Conn.  
Born 8 Nov. 1737  
Married 19 June 1754  
Date of death not known

GENERATION IN  
AMERICA

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JONAS NEWTON Belknap

Born 1759, Enfield, Conn.  
Lived at Belchertown, Mass., Cherry Valley, N.Y.,  
(?) Worcester, N. Y., Ontario County, N. Y., and  
Hardin County and Hart County, Kentucky.  
Died 1824, Hart County, Kentucky

& Esther Parker -- daughter of Elijah Parker and Martha Stiles.  
Born 1766, Bolton, Conn. (Place not certain)  
Married in 1783, Belchertown, Mass.  
Died (probably) 1815, Ontario County, N. Y.

Jonas enlisted as a private in the Massachusetts militia, in same company as his father, on 3 May 1775, and fought with his father on Bunker Hill, at age 16. After the death of his father, he re-enlisted in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment and served in that regiment till the end of the Revolutionary War -- being one of the few men who served from the beginning of the war to its end. Discharged from the Army in June 1783, by General George Washington, with award of a badge for good and faithful service, and with rank of sergeant. ~~Shortly afterward, married Esther Parker, and began moving westward.~~ In his later years, received a pension as result of having been wounded during the war. Was in a number of battles, the most important being Saratoga and Yorktown.

CHILDREN OF JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP AND ESTHER PARKER

(Some of the dates of birth are not yet ~~completely~~ verified.)

Samuel, born 1784 -- married Sarah Jones in Ontario County, N. Y.  
Elisha, born 18 Jan. 1789 -- married Bettie Briggs, Ontario County, N. Y.  
-- said to have married (2) Lucy Finch, in Ohio  
Elijah, born 1785 -- married Catherine Garlinghouse in Ontario Co., N. Y.  
Jonas, born 1786 -- married Mary Ann Garlinghouse in Ontario Co., N. Y.  
Jesse, born 26 Jan. 1792 -- married Jane Garlinghouse in Ontario County, N.Y.  
Susannah, twin sister of Jesse -- married David Chatfield, in Ontario Co.  
Esther, born 1796 -- said to have married Gamaliel Garlinghouse  
Cynthia, born probably in 1797 or 1798 -- said to have married Isaac Newton  
Orrin, born 1799 -- married Mary Draper

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JONAS BELKNAP

Born 1786, birthplace not known  
Died 1852 or 1853  
Date of marriage not known

and Mary Ann Garlinghouse  
(Known as Polly, in  
Oregon)

Birthdate not known  
Died 1867, in Benton Co., Oregon

CHILDREN OF JONAS BELKNAP AND MARY ANN GARLINGHOUSE

Orrin, born 25 Sept. 1815 -- married Nancy Starr  
Silas, born 1817 -- married 1836 ~~Clarissa~~ Clarinda Todhunter  
Electa, born 1820 or 1821 -- married Stephen Howell  
Rachel, born 1822 -- married Austin Howard  
Eleanor, born 1825 -- married Charles Bales (Baylis?) Bayles



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Connecticut 06878  
April 6, 1968

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

I'm glad Fern Martin gave you my address, for I think I can help you, for I've recently been digging up some information for a descendant of Rachel Belknap, sister of the Electa whose parentage you ask about.

There have been a number of Belknap girls named Electa. This one was the daughter of Jonas Belknap and Mary Ann Garlinghouse, who were married in Ontario county, New York, and afterward moved west -- over a period of more than 30 years -- to western Oregon. According to the records in my files, Electa was born in 1820. If so, then she was probably born in the area near Columbus, Ohio, as the family did not go on to Iowa until 1839 or later. It would be 1839 if Jonas and Mary Ann accompanied his brother Jesse (my great grandfather) on the move from Ohio to Iowa; but I have no certainty on this point. When Jesse and all his children and grandchildren moved from Iowa to Oregon (Monroe) in 1847 and 1848, two sons of Jonas -- Orin and Silas -- went with Jesse. But Jonas and Mary Ann and their daughters are believed to have stayed behind for a few years, arriving in Oregon in 1853 -- though there is some evidence, which I have not yet studied thoroughly, that Jonas became a landowner in Oregon in 1849.

I should add that Mary Ann, wife of Jonas, was known by the nickname of Pelly, in Oregon. Her sister Jane was the wife of my great grandfather Jesse.

Please write me and tell me all that you can, about your relationship to Electa.

And if there is any other information you <sup>would</sup> like from me, please ask for it.

I think it will interest you to know that Mrs. Bertha Hansen, 993 E, East Date Ave., ~~Porterville~~ Porterville, California 93257, is descended from Electa's sister Rachel.

Any information you can give me about Electa and her husband Stephen Howell will be welcome. All that I know, from old documents, is that they were in Benton County, Oregon, on May 17, 1853. I do not know when and where they were married, or what children ~~they~~ they had. So I'll be grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

Carroll York Belknap

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P.O. Box 943  
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April 4, 1968

Carroll York Belknap  
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Dear Mr. Belknap

Your name was given to me by Mrs. Fern Martin of Perris, Calif. I have been having trouble finding the parents of Electa Belknap born 1821, possibly in Iowa, and died in 1861. She married Stephen Howell and they came to Oregon in 1852.

There were many Belknap's near Monroe, Oreg. where they settled, but so far Electa does not tie in with them. I'm not sure whether they were from Iowa. If you can help me I'd be most grateful and if I can help you in any way with your family tree, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Frank Barrett*

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