

771 Cary Drive
Caly 94277

Saw Landis, Feb. 17.

Dear Cousin Carroll:- you no doubt
^{wonder} what has become of me. Am just
slowing down considerably.

I was looking thro some of my
mathers pictures & keep-sakes not
long ago & found this clipping &
thought it would interest you.
You can keep it with your Belknap
collection.

There is very little kept & am
give you a family history other
than some of my grand-parents
descendants. I made a few corrections
on the enclosed. Uncle Wlto Jinos
wife was the mother of all of his
children. The second wife was the
widow of a cousin, somebody Belknap.
His last wife was a child-hood friend,
she out-lived him. In the last list
you sent, Mrs L. M. Belknap is listed.
She is Gilbert Belknaps widow, he died
last summer & she may have by now as

she had been quite ill. I haven't
heard from the Oregon cousins for
some time. Clark wrote once about
Richard Taylor. It seems he had
quite a lot of family history. He
lived in Southern Calif when Clark
mentioned him.

Am sorry I cannot be of more help.
If I do run on to any thing will
pass it on to you.

As ever

Arto

Art's son:

Edwin H Bayley 799-5147
25 Harrison Ave
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Club wed
Phone for reservation

December 9 1970

Dear Arta:

I owe you thanks for the photo, which I'm glad to add to my collection of Belknap photos -- and for the information about my grandfather's early pastorates, which I did not have. . . And most of all, thanks for coming to see me. I wish I had much more personal contact with cousins who can remember things I need to know -- such as your comment that "Jesse was a twin," which confirmed a point on which we had been having to rely on statements made not by Belknaps but by descendants of Esther Parker's brother Stiles Parker.

Handwritten: See Belknap

I'm enclosing a copy of a memo that I'm mailing today. Can you add to it?

I suppose I should warn you that the obituary of my grandfather Corrington which you brought may contain some errors -- which is also true of all other obituaries of him that I have seen, and they disagree on many points.

Do you know the correct spelling of Corrington's middle name? My father spelled it "Gavitt," and so have some other people. But others have spelled it "Gavette" -- both in his name and in names of other descendants of Jesse. For example:

Corrington Gavfette Gilbert (grandson? of Hannah) born Nov 22 1871
Peter Gavette Gilbert (son of above)

Incidentally, I've run across a record of the service of Jesse and his brother/ Elijah in the War of 1812. Till now, have had only a mention of this by a daughter of Aunt Gumi, Elizabeth Jane (Starr) Turner, back in 1919.

Yours, gratefully.

25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
Aug. 19, 1968

Dear Arta:

Please forgive my long delay in writing to you to ~~thank~~ thank you for coming to talk with me. The illness and death of Peg's mother interrupted all normal life, here. Only today am I going to start answering the mass of letters that have accumulated since you were here. Peg, still, is immersed in trying to answer the flood of letters about her mother, from all over the country. Her mother was widely known and honored for her single-handed work in finding and restoring the birthplace of Carl Sandburg and then founding an organization to maintain it as a public possession. And Peg, being Peg, feels she must answer personally and individually each letter she receives. I keep praying that there'll be no more of those letters for a while, so that I can take Peg away for a month or two for the long vacation she needs after five years of feeling that she had to be at the end of a phone line day and night. What I want to do is to take her to Europe for a while — just where doesn't much matter, except that she'll probably wish to go where we have old friends.

I hope you know how much it meant to me to talk with you. The only other member of our branch of the family that I ever met was Cumi's eldest daughter — Elizabeth Jane Starr (Mrs. Garrison Turner) — more than fifty years ago, almost sixty indeed.

~~Today~~ Much of my time is being spent trying to trace and expand the record of the family as a whole, and our own branch in particular. A lot of it involves correcting the errors that have piled up on top of each other, in past years. One thing that pleases me is that we have verified completely the accuracy of the list of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap as set down by Elizabeth Jane about 1916 — and we have traced the marriages of all of them, and the children of most of them. But there is still much to do. I long for the day when I can say that I've gone far enough to be able to start writing some sort of history of the family and its name.

But Oh so many unsolved problems. Today I'm going to get back to dealing with about thirty of the toughest ones — writing to people who may be able to help.

Meanwhile, my deepest thanks

Perla

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Addressed to me —
meant for Mrs Carroll Belknap
you! 25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
06878

MRS. GLENN A. BAYLEY
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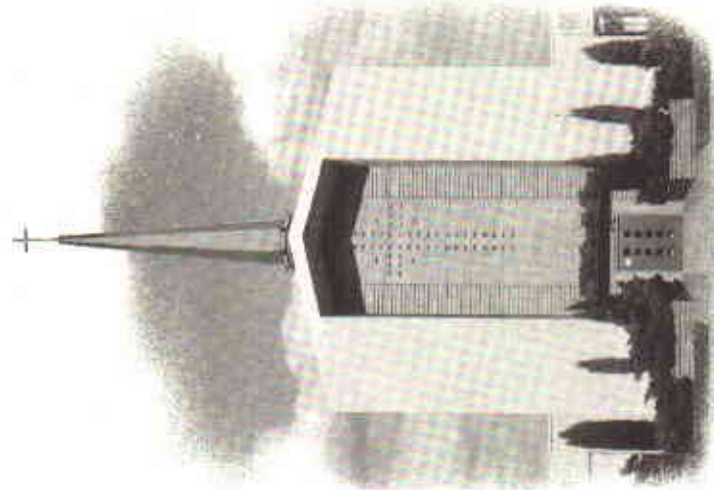
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Mr Canall Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside, Connecticut
06878

Dear Cassius Carroll & Peg:-

Am home again in sunny
California, but it is almost as
cold the last few days as in N.Y.
I came last week, had a very
nice flight, fine views. Every time
I fly across the continent I can
not help thinking about our
grand parents & great grand parents
struggling along with bits of
teams & covered wagons for six
months. How did they ever have the
courage to start out? Edwin & me
& I enjoyed our day with you
both so much. It was so nice to
become acquainted, & I do hope we
will meet again. I still have a
picture in my mind of your sweet
little grand-daughters. I have made
one trip a year to N.Y. ever since
Edwin has been back there. This
son Steven (4) will probably be out here
for the summer, he came last summer.
This is a picture of our church, I think
you would like to see a little of the places

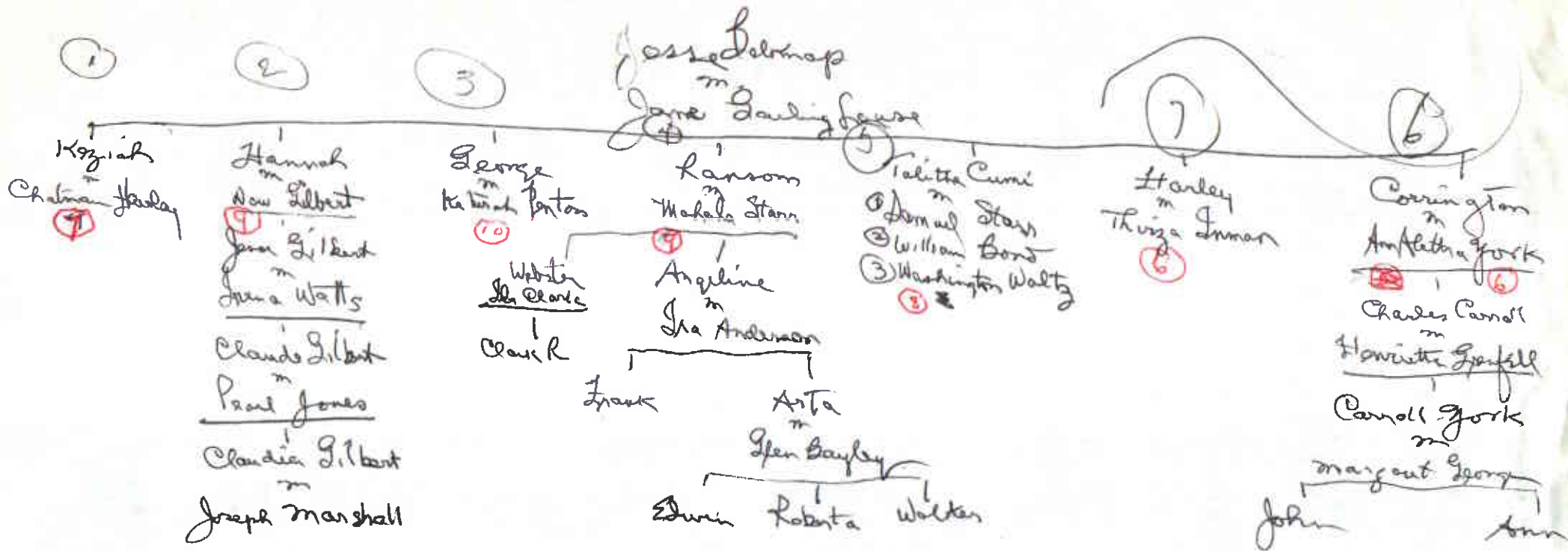


FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
San Leandro, California

of your grandfather's work in
this part of the world.

Now I hope this finds you both
well & enjoying life as it leaves
us. As ever, Arts.

June 6. am sending this air-
mail because I have been so
slow in writing.



Manda, May 13

Mr Carroll Belknap.

Dear Cousin: I am visiting
my son & family on Long Island.
While I am in N.Y. I hope
to see you & get acquainted.
Edwin works for Pan Am. Among
his shifts change from week
to week & he has various
days off. His next day off
are the 24th 25th & 26th. If any
of these days suit your convenience
we will arrive here or around
which ever it is.

Sincerely

Artes Bailey - Mrs Helen
25 Harrison Ave
Massapequa, New York
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PEG

1/4/67

The cousin who may come to see us in May is Mrs. Glenn Bayley, of San Leandro, California. She has a son whom she visits at Massapequa, L. I.

Her maiden name was Arta Anderson.

She is the daughter of Angeline Bellmap -- one of the twin daughters of Ransom Bellmap (Clark's grandfather and brother of my grandfather Corrington).

She writes:

"My mother was one of the Bellmap twins and Mrs. Forney (Rose's mother. CB) looked enough like them to be one of them. Uncle Carrington was the minister of our Methodist church here, way back when it was part of a circus."

The twins were: Angeline (married an Anderson) } born in 1854
 Adeline (married a Kyle) }

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Mrs. Glenn Bayley
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Dec. 3, 1967

Dear Cousin:

I'm most grateful for the information in your letter -- and I thank Clark for telling you about what I'm trying to do. As I suppose he told you, I'm working at the task of editing and extending the many thousands of pages of Belknap family records that were assembled by Henry Wyckoff Belknap of Salem, Massachusetts, before his death in 1946. Actually, he stopped work on Belknap genealogy at the end of 1927 -- so there are 40 years to be added to his records.

In your own case, the record (from a manuscript put together some years ago by someone in Washington or Oregon) ends with a brief entry about your mother. Like this:

"ANGELINE (Anderson) 1854-1950?"

So, forgive me, I have a lot of questions to ask of you.

- (1) Was 1950 the correct date of your mother's death?
- (2) What was ^{your} ~~the~~ father's full name? And his dates (birth and death)?
- (3) What were the names of all their children, and their dates (birth and death)?
(Including, of course, the date of your own birth)

Forgive bad typing -- at home on a Sunday morning. I'm spending the morning in an effort to write to all the many fine people who are helping me. In many cases, this means giving them the information they want, in return for what they ~~me~~ give me. . . If there's anything I can tell you that you'd like to know, please ask for it. By good fortune, the ~~me~~ records of our own line (yours and mine) are extraordinarily complete from as far back as 1500 and up to your generation and mine.

That reminds me to ask you another question. Can you tell me anything about the "Susie" (Susan? Susannah?) who is said to have been the twin sister of our great grandfather Jesse?

I was interested in your comment about the close resemblance of my Aunt Mary Forney to your mother and her sister. Even today, I keep encountering these family resemblances. For instance, there's a Robert Belknap in Kenya in Africa, whose photo looks exactly like a photograph of me at his age.

By all means do try to visit us when you come East in May. My wife and I will look forward to meeting you..

Sincerely,

Carroll York Belknap

25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
Jan. 8, 1868

MEMO TO Mrs. Glen[✓] Bayley
FROM Carroll Belknap

Thanks a lot for your letter of 1/5. It tells me what I needed to know.

Glad you really plan to see us when you visit your son.

Our phone number is 203 -- 637 -- 1223.

Forgive brevity. I've just received a thousand sheets of genealogical records from our Mormon cousins in Utah -- who spell it Belnap but are probably descended from the Jesse Belknap who was the uncle of our great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap. So I'm swamped with work.