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5 of July 1722



Horizontal Ruled Form,
John C. Moore Corporation, Rochester, N. Y. Binder and holes to leaves, with Patent 1906.

Thomas Belknap & Chloe Lombard

B. U. S. 1758

D.

H. 26 Aug 1790

b. ~~Brimfield~~, Mass.

d.

res. Holland, Mass. & Winder, Mass. - ~~Cheshire, Mass.~~

m. ~~Brimfield~~, Mass.

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March 1768, Brimfield

D. 5 Aug 1816, Winder, Mass. "Kings Soil" as 47-CK

dan. of Joseph Lombard
& Lydia

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Children: order uncertain.

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B. 19 Nov. 1790, D. 17 Feb. 1873.

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Ch. R.)

3 Sarah, unmarried, 4.4 years old - 7 mos.

B. to Cape 1793, D. 8 Aug. 1873, Eden, N.Y.

4 * Porter H., b. ~~Stafford~~ Still

11 Sep. 1845, B. 18 Aug. 1735, D. 28 Feb. 1878, Eden, N.Y.
Phila. h. Cheshire Mass.

.5 * Phila, b. Cheshire, Mass. 1793, D. 28

B. 2064-1747 D.

5 * Amanda, b. Gheshiro,

B. 5 June, 1748. D.

.7 * Chloe, b. Cheshire,

B. D. 1828.

• 6 * Madison, b. Cheshire.

B. 2 Oct. 1810, D. 6 Sep. 1890, Eden.

B. 21 Mar. 1800, Windsor D. 5 May 1800, at 6 weeks

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[+ 90k - 100k]



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Alvin Belknap & Betsy Hamilton,

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- .9 * Clarissa, B.
 .10 * Emeline, B.
 .11 Marie, B.
 .12 * Louisa, B.
 .13 Horatio, B. 7 Apl. 1823. D. 10 Aug. 1828.
 .14 Orval, B. 27 Aug. 1831. D. 29 Feb. 1854.

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Porter H. Belknap & Mary Edwards

B. 15 Jun. 1795,

B. 16 Jun. 1794, Cheshire,

D. 28 Feb. 1878,

D. 27 Sep. 1861;

Jan. 1816,

dan. of

b. Stafford, ~~Conn.~~

d. Eden, N. Y.

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m. Cheshire, Mass. (Berkshire Co.)

int. 27 Dec. 1815 Windsor, Vt.

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- .15 George, b. Mass., 1814 VR. age 4. 3.
 B. 19 Dec. 1816, D. 21 Aug. 1818, Windsor, Mass.
- .16 Edward, b. Mass., 1. 3.
 B. 16 Jan. 1819, D. 1837, Eden, N.Y.
- .17 * Thomas, b. Aurora, N.Y.
 B. 18 May 1821, D. 14 Dec. 1898, Eden, N.Y.
- .18 * John, b. Eden,
 B. 4 May 1823, D. lvg. 1911, Eden
- .19 * Elias, b. Eden,
 B. 9 Jun. 1825, D. 20 Oct. 1890, Minn.
- .20 * Porter, b. Eden,
 B. 9 Nov. 1827, D. lvg. 1911, Traverse City, Mich.
- .21 * Franklin, b. Eden,
 B. 20 Dec. 1829, D. 23 Dec. 1884, Evans, N.Y.
- .22 Harriet J., b. Eden,
 B. 9 Oct. 1831, D. 16 Dec. 1841, Eden,

— cl. of Porter, D. 21 Aug 1819 (age att 3, CR)
 See George, Windsor VR
 above.



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Warren Fam. of Weymouth.

Phila Bellknap & John Warren
• B. 20 Aug 1797 B. 23 Mar. 1791, Plainfield, Ct.
D. D. 10 Jan. 1873, ae. 83,
• M. 7 Apl. 1813, son of Ezra Warren of Plainfield, Ct. + Dalton,
b. Cheshire, Mass. & mass.
d. Rebecca Dean
res. Ohio, Lockport, Ill.
he rem. 1795 with parents to Dalton, Mass.
mar. Windsor, Berkshire Co. Mass.
Dalton?

Child: (WARREN),

George, b. Lee, Mass.,
B. Jun. 1820, D. 30 Jun. 1821, Lee, Mass.

Thomas, B. Lorain, O.

Elvira, mar. Brown, of Evanston, Ill. res. there,
B. D.

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Grandson Belknap & Henry Luther

.5 June 1798

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L.

b. Cheshire, Mass.

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he of Ohio.

Grandson Harry Luther, West Falls, Erie Co. N.Y.

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Chloe Belknap & Jasper Congdon.

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Children: (CONGDON)

Rosette, m. 29 May 1847, Silas Peck of Eden, N.Y. res. there.
B. 25 Oct. 1824, D. 9 Sep. 1910.

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Madison Belknap & Maria Carpenter

B. 2 Oct. 1810, B.

D. 6 Sep. 1890, D.

M. 25 Aug. 1836, dau. of Amor Carpenter

b. Cheshire, Mass. &

d. Eden, N. Y.

res. Eden.

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Children:

- .23 * Jane, b. Eden, N.Y.
B. 12 Jun. 1837, D. 20 Feb. 1894, Iowa,
.24 * Melvina, b. Eden,
B. 11 Apl. 1840, D. 24 Aug. 1888, Ill.
.25 * Harrieth, b. Eden,
B. 16 Aug. 1848, D.
.26 * Isclia, b. Eden,
B. 26 Aug. 1848, D.
.27 * Emma, b. Eden,
B. 3 Feb. 1853, D.



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Clarissa Pelknap & Samuel Crooker

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Emeline Belknap & B

Algar Swan

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Child: (SWAN)

Darwin, res. N. Collins, Erie Co. N.Y.

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Louisa Belknap & Zephaniah Swan

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he bro.of B.Alger Swan hus.of Emeline her sister.

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Thomas Belknap & Pauline Webster

B. 18 May 1821, B. 16 Aug. 1821, Eden, N. Y.

D. 14 Dec. 1899, D. 13 Sep. 1908, Eden,

M. 23 Apr. 1846, dau. of William Sargent Webster

B. Aurora, N. Y.

&

d. Eden, N. Y.

Catharine Dunting

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Children:

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- .28 * Mattie J., b. Eden, N.Y.
B. 7 Feb. 1847, D. 7 Aug. 1880, Eden,
- .29 George W., b. Eden, unmarried,
B. 29 Oct. 1846, D. 25 Aug. 1899, Eden,
- .30 * Milton C., b. Eden,
B. 7 May 1852, D. lvg. 1914, Buffalo, N.Y.
- .31 Ella L., b. Eden, unmarried.
B. 9 Aug. 1858, D. lvg. 1911, Eden Valley, N.Y.

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John Belknap & Susan Webster

B. 4 May 1823, B. 22 Apl. 1828, Eden,

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M. 31 Dec. 1846, dau. of William Suryth Webster

b. Eden, N.Y.

d. 1vg. 1911,

res. Eden,

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Children:

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- .32 * William E., b. Eden,
B. 21 Sep. 1849, D.
- .33 * Herbert J., b. Eden,
B. 30 Jan. 1856, D.
- .34 Everett E., b. Eden, unmarried,
B. 29 Oct. 1859, D. 18 Aug. 1874,
- .35 * Frank W., b. Eden, ~~married~~,
B. 20 Mar. 1862, D.
- .36 * Eliza C., b. Eden,
B. 18 Mar. 1852, D.

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Elias Belknap & Lydia P. Whitmarsh

B. 9 Jun. 1825, B. 1828,

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D. 26 Oct. 1890, D.

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M. 1 Nov. 1854, dau. of James Whitmarsh of Windsor, Mass.

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b. Eden, N.Y.

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Child:

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Unmarried,
B. 31 Aug. 1867, D.

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Porter Belknap & Sophronia Grover

B. 9 Nov. 1827, B.

D. D.

M. 1830, dau. of

b. Eden, N.Y.

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res. Traverse City, Mich.

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| .38 * Frank, | B. | 1862, | D. |
| .39 * Byron E., | B. | 1864, | D. |
| .40 Anna, unmarried, | B. | 1866, | D. |



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Franklin Belknap & Sarah Frye

B. 30 Dec. 1829,

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D. 28 Dec. 1884,

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Jane Belknap & Lyman Seaman

B. 12 Jun. 1837, B.

D. 20 Feb. 1894, D.

M. 18 Mar. 1853, son of

b. Eden, N. Y.

&

d. Iowa,

res.

Children: (SEAMANS),

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Emma, b. Eden,

B.

1859, D. 1877, Iowa,

Jennie, b. Eddn,

B.

1860, D. 19 Jul. 1876, Iowa,



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Belvina Belknap & Elgeva Horton

b. 11 Apl. 1840,

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b. 24 Aug. 1888,

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b. 25 Dec. 1859,

son of

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Children: (HORTON)

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Nettie,

B. 1861, D. 23 Oct. 1866, Eden,

Alice, mar. 30 Dec. 1891, Robert Pratt,

B. 4 Aug. 1866, D.



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Harriet Belknap & Josiah Dole

B. 16 Jun. 1843, B.

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M. 10 Dec. 1862,

b. Eden, N. Y. son of

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Children: (DOLL)

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George, b. Evans, N.Y. mar. 13 Nov. 1909, Sophia Shrano,

B. 1 Apl. 1866, D.

Bertha, b. Evans,

B. 20 Dec. 1867, D. 7 Jul. 1874, Evans,

May, b. Evans, mar. 18 Mar. 1890, Warren Halby,

B. 3 Jun. 1869, D.

Erna, b. Evans, mar. 1 Jan. 1896, Leslie Paley,

B. 17 Nov. 1875, D.

Luella, b. Evans, mar. 12 May 1908, Michael Eckhardt,

B. 24 Feb. 1881, D.

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Frank W. Belknap & Laura Norton

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B. 20 Mar. 1862,

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b. Eden, N.Y.

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Iselia Balkman & Francis Pound

B. 26 Aug. 1848, B.

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M. 27 Oct. 1870, son of

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Children: (POUND)

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Clarence, b. Eden, N.Y.

B. 20 Nov. 1871, D. 30 May 1881, Eden,

Ransom, b. Eden,

B. 18 Jan. 1876, D. 20 Aug. 1904, Eden.

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Emma Balknap & Noah Hanger

D. 3 Feb. 1853, B.

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M. son of

b. Eden, N.Y. &

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Hattie J. Belknap & William Smith Prand

B. 7 Feb. 1847,

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D. 7 Aug. 1880,

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M. 16 Dec. 1874,

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Milton C. ^{John} Belknap & Nettie ^{B.} Hambleton

B. 7 May 1852,

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res. Buffalo, N. Y. 1911.

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Children:

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- .41 * Grace Viola,
B. 11 Jan. 1877, D.
- .42 * Howard S.,
B. 24 May 1879, D.
- .43 Harry A., unmarried,
B. 3 May 1885, D.
- .44 Warren D., unmarried,
B. 7 Nov. 1887, D.
- .45 * Edna Mae,
B. 19 Apr. 1890, D.



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William B. Belknap & Aurelia Thomas .

B. 21 Sep. 1849,

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B.26 Aug.1862, D.



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(1894-1901)

Eliza C. Belknap & David Babcock

B. 16 Mar. 1852,

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Children: (BARCOCK)

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Warren La Venn, a Phys., mar. 30 Dec. 1896, Helen Wood,
B. 14 Mar. 1873, D. 11 Jan. 1900.

Herbert Luzerne, mar. 5 Dec. 1900, Flora Morrell,
B. 19 Jan. 1875, D. 11 Jan. 1900.



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Frank Belknap & Rose Roseberry

P. 1862,

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Herbert J. Belknap & Jessie B. Rathbun

B. 30 Jan. 1856,

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Children:

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- .47 Grover Charles,
B. 29 Jun. 1885, D.
.48 Clarence Herbert,
B. 5 Nov. 1891, D.

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Byron E. Belknap & Nettie Head

B. 1864, B.
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res. Marion, Ind. 1907.
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Children:

- .49 Bessie, B.
.50 Bennie, B.

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Grace Viola Belknap & Alfred D. Wender

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Children: (WANDER)

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Howard,

B.28 Jun.1902, D.

Mildred,Paulina,

B.27 Jan.1905, D.

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Howard S. Belknap & Anna Nelson

E. 24 May 1879,

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Children:

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- .51 Ethel Margaret,
B. 9 Jan. 1904, D.
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B. 20 Aug. 1905, D.

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Edna Mae Belknap & Charles A. Mc. Bain

E. 19 Apl. 1890, B.

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M. 23 Mar. 1911, son of

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Eulbert Belknap & Alice Frink

B. 26 Aug. 1882,

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Children

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- .53. Genevieve Francis,
B. 4 Jan. 1904, D.
.54 Harriet Eliza,
B. 7 Dec. 1905, D.
.55 Ward Herbert,
B. 20 Oct. 1910, D.

ALVIN BELKNAP
son of Thomas Belknap
and Chloe Lombard
b 19 Nov 1790, Holland, Mass.
d 17 Feb 1873

& Betsy Hamilton

A physician.

CHILDREN

- i *Clarissa
- ii *Emeline
- iii Marie
- iv *Louisa
- v Horatio b 7 April 1823 d 10 Aug 1828
- vi Orval b 27 Aug 1831 d 29 Feb 1854

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LINE OF DESCENT, p. 1

5 John Belknap

Born 21 Sept 1725, Woodstock, Conn.
Married 24 April 1747, Brimfield,
Mass. Lived at Holland, Mass. Died
at Holland, in early 1812 (before
13 February).

& Elizabeth (last name uncertain; shown as
"Ball" in one Brimfield vital record and
as "W-torn" in another copy, the "torn"
being a description of the defacement of
the entry; said to have looked something
like "Wallis" by one investigator who
examined the record about 1880). Probably
died between 1790 and 1800, at Holland.

LETTER DATED June 15 1971

5. John -- first child of Joseph and Prudence. Lived at Holland till his death in early 1812. Like his father, served in the French & Indian War in 1755. Also served in Revolutionary War in 1755-77, as did his son John Jr. Was in troops besieging Boston, till evacuation by British. Inventory of his possessions, after death, indicates that he may have been a carpenter by trade. In 1800, after his wife had died and all his sons had left Holland, he apparently was living with his younger brother William, then a selectman of the town. At time of his death, was probably living in home of his oldest daughter Eunice and her husband Jeremiah Sherman, who was administrator of his estate.

6. Thomas -- This son of John married a Brimfield girl, Chloe Lombard (some of that family spelled it Lombard) and moved to the Berkshire Mountains in NW Massachusetts. His youngest brother Elijah settled in a nearby town in the same area, Peru. Another brother, John Jr, went to Oneida County, N. Y. and two of his sons eventually settled in western N. Y., near Buffalo. Occupation of Thomas is not known.

June 15 1971

Mr Bruce W Belknap Jr
Route 1, Box 650
Edwards, Miss. 39066

Dear Bruce:

My great thanks to you and your father, for sending me the finest and most complete piece of contemporary genealogy I have ever received. I'm immensely grateful. It enables me to bring down to the present a record of an important branch of the family.

I'm enclosing two pieces of material:

(1) Your line of descent from Abraham Belknap, down to the 9th generation in America -- at which point your records pick up the story.

(2) Copy of a recent letter to a West Coast cousin, in which I tried to clarify the English background, a ~~XXXXX~~ of confusion to her and to many other Belknaps.
(source)

In (1), the record of the first 6 generations comes from research in vital records, land deeds, wills, and other documentary sources. The statements about the 7th, 8th, and 9th generations come from information supplied in 1911, by some member of your family -- possibly Grover Charles or his brother Clarence Herbert -- to Henry Wyckoff Belknap of Salem, curator of Essex Institute and a professional genealogist, whose unfinished effort to compile a Belknap genealogy is in my possession.

As I think that genealogy is much more than merely names and dates, I should tell you something about these ~~XXXXXX~~ ancestors of yours.

1. Abraham -- was a typical New England settler, presumably recruited by the Massachusetts Bay Company which spent ~~XXXX~~ 200,000 pounds (equivalent of many millions of present-day dollars) in years of sending English villagers and their families to the Bay area -- a middle-aged man with a wife and children, hungry for land. The land allotted to him was mostly worthless salt marsh, but he made a go of it in the ~~seven~~ years he had left after settling at Lynn. Wick

2. Samuel -- the eldest son. When Abraham died, Mary was left with a very poor farm and four children: Samuel, almost 16; Joseph, 10; John, 8; Hannah, 3 or 4. Mary was then 48 years old. The main burden of supporting this family would naturally fall on Samuel, who became a "joiner" which might mean a ~~XXXXXX~~ maker but more likely just meant cabinet carpenter.

Between 1643 and about 1660, there's no sure record of where Samuel lived, though he ~~XXXXXX~~ owned, ~~in~~ about 1653, two very small lots on eastern Long Island and may have lived there briefly. A little before 1660, he acquired a large lot in Salem, a big part of downtown Salem today. But by 1671 he had moved to Malden, nearer Boston -- and then went to the new town of Haverhill, where he spent the rest of his life ~~XXXXXX~~ and owned some good farm land.

3. Ebenezer -- became a joiner, like his father, but acquired a considerable amount of land around Haverhill. His family is said to have been the ~~XXX~~ longest-lived family in America, as all but one girl who died young lived to almost 100, or longer.

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Another John Jr

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It may interest you to know that the only multi-millionaire Belknaps -- the Louisville family -- are also descendants of Joseph and Prudence, through their youngest son William.

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5. John -- first child of Joseph and Prudence. Lived at Holland till his death in early 1812. Like his father, served in the French & Indian War in 1755. Also served in Revolutionary War in 1755-77, as did his son John Jr. Was in troops besieging Boston, till evacuation by British. Inventory of his possessions, after death, indicates that he may have been a carpenter by trade. In 1800, after his wife had died and all his sons had left Holland, he apparently was living with his younger brother William, then a selectman of the town. At time of his death, was probably living in home of his oldest daughter Eunice and her husband Jeremiah Sherman, who was administrator of his estate.

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February 16 1971

Mr Ames D Belknap
Route 1, Box 690
Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Dear Mr Belknap:

I'm most grateful for your letter. It has given me the clue I needed, in order to trace your ancestry. So I have found the link that connects your family to the first Belknap in America, Abraham.

I'll gladly set it down on paper for you, just as soon as you can give me all the information you can supply on the last three generations.

On the enclosed copy of the chart that Bruce sent to me, I have checked in red the names on which I have dates, names of spouses, names of children. I'm hoping you can help me by giving similar information. To illustrate, here's an example -- from my record for Thomas, brother of your great great grandfather John:

Thomas Belknap
Born 18 May 1821, Aurora, N Y
Died 14 Dec 1899, Eden, N. Y.
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Lived: Eden, N. Y.

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Born 18 Aug 1821, Eden, NY
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Daughter of William Suryth Webster & Catherine Dunting

Children:	Hattie J.	b. Eden N Y, 7 Feb 1847	d. 7 Aug 1880, Eden
	George W.	b. Eden, 29 Oct 1848	d. 25 Aug. 1899 -- unmarried
	Milton C.	b. Eden, 7 May 1852	d. living 1911, Buffalo
	Ella L.	b. Eden, 9 Aug 1856	living 1911, Eden Valley, N. Y.
			Unmarried

Marriages of children: Hattie married William Smith Brand, at Eden, 18 Dec 1874
Milton Chapin married Nettie B. Hamilton, date unknown.

Now of course that's a pretty complete record. Not all my records are that good. For instance, I don't have the date of death of John, Thomas' brother. And I can't well hope you can give me as full information as this on all the names that I have not checked on the chart. But please do your best. Even partial information is better than none. For instance, full dates when you can; but year only when that's all you have.

Meanwhile, thank you for helping me.

Cordially,

O. G. Loomis

Jan 28 1971

VELMA:

Help!

I'm trying to identify a Porter Belknap who was living in 1820 -- not years nor any other Porter in my files.

You, in your diligent searching, are the person most likely to have run across him.

Have you?

Said to have been in "western New York" about 1820.

Feb 16
Found him!
CyB

James W. DeLap
Rt 3, Box 550
Edwards, Miss. 39066

June 9, 1972

MR. CARROLL YORK Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside, Connecticut
06878

Dear Mr. Belknap,

I was quite pleased to hear that you were able to trace our ancestry back to the days of Abraham. Enclosed is the information that you asked us to try to obtain. My father compiled the information and tried to put it into the form of the example of Thomas that you sent us in your last letter.

I am sorry that I have not written you sooner. I was busy trying to finish school and it looked as though I couldn't get any of the other members of my family to write to you - though I did manage to get my brother, Amos, to send you the information you needed to trace our ancestry back to Abraham.

I will anxiously await our ancestral

history that you so kindly said you
would set down on paper for us. I
also would be deeply interested in a copy
of the genealogy that you are pre-
paring if it would not be too much of
an inconvenience to you.

Your interest and efforts are
deeply appreciated.

Cordially Yours,
Bruce W. Bellamy Jr.

See Thomas Belknap + Chloé Lumbard
(Brinkfield)
Ch. 4 Porter II.

January 28 1971

Mr Bruce W Belknap *JB*
Rt 1, Box 650
Edwards, Miss. 39066

Dear Mr Belknap:

I'm glad to have your letter, for every extension of the genealogy I'm preparing is welcome. So I'll do my best to trace your ancestors, Porter Belknap.

To do this, I'll need some help from you, for he was not one of the Porter Belknaps in my files. So the first thing I must ask you to do is to do your best to supplement the chart you sent me. The more detail you give me, the better the chance of finding his parentage. For example:

- Full names or middle initials, on all names in your chart. Your Porter, for instance, may have gone by his second or middle name and be listed in my files by his first name.
- Full dates, not just the year. The coincidence of a detailed date may sometimes point to an identification that otherwise might be missed.
- Names of spouses, in full if possible. But even a wife's first name may be enough for the necessary tracing. Just today, I've finally identified the lineage of a young man who, back in 1968, could go no ~~farther~~ farther back than his ggg grandfather -- but did give the first name of that man's wife. Today this small bit of information matched up with a missing portion of a branch that I've been tracing for a long time -- and the identification is unmistakable.
- Place names -- where born, where lived, where died, all these, please. They are vitally important. Once we have place names, we can search census records, vital statistics, property deeds, wills, and other documentary sources -- including gravestones. Even just name of County often helps.
- Family traditions, no matter how slender or dubious. They often yield a clue that solves a problem.

Together, we should be able to tackle this problem, I'm sure. Of course, there's no charge for my work. I get help by giving help freely and gladly.

Also, please give me the address of ~~XXX~~ Margaret Helen Belknap. I should write to her, for she has some questionable points in her chart -- and can give me some information that I need.

For a starter, I enclose a copy of my notes on the Abraham from whom all American Belknaps are descended. It is entirely based on documented facts from contemporary records.

Cordially yours,

Ch. Lumbard

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Dance W
Belknap J.

Sunday, January 24

Dear Mr. Belknap,

I am a senior at Mississippi State University majoring in Electrical Engineering. My hometown is Edwards, Mississippi. Last summer, when my family and I were visiting my brother in New Orleans, I looked in the telephone directory and found two Belknaps listed. So I persuaded my father to call the Miss Margaret Helen Belknap that was listed in hope that we might possibly obtain some information on Porter Belknap, my great, great, great, grandfather as shown on page three of the "trees" I have enclosed. Miss Helen Belknap was very interested but could not remember any Porter Belknap, but she said she would - and did - send us her family history in hope that it would be of some help to us. The other Belknap, who is listed in the New Orleans telephone directory, is Miss Helen Belknap's brother.

I have summarized into "tree form" the

information Miss Helen Belknap sent me. Miss Helen Belknap's information on her family is quite complete, so in my summarization I basically concerned myself with the male names. This "summarized tree" I also have included as I thought that you might be interested in it, because Miss Helen Belknap told us that you are also interested in the Belknap history and that we might contact you in hope of possibly obtaining some information on Porter Belknap. Now that I have received Miss Helen Belknap's family history, I am not only interested in tracing my branch of the family back, but I would also like to try to tie the other branches together that are connected to Miss Helen Belknap's family tree, because it seems as though Abraham Belknap, who came from England in 1637 as shown on Miss Helen Belknap's family tree, was the origin of the Belknaps in this country.

I would deeply appreciate any information you could supply on Porter Belknap, who came to western New York from Massachusetts about the year 1820. I also would appreciate

a "tree-type form", such as I have enclosed,
of your family history if you wish to do
so. Page three of the enclosures contains all
of my family history that I know about.

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Dear Bruce:

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Don B. B. B.

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June 15 1971

Mr Bruce W Belknap Jr
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Dear Bruce:

My great thanks to you and your father, for sending me the finest and most complete piece of contemporary genealogy I have ever received. I'm immensely grateful. It enables me to bring down to the present a record of an important branch of the family.

I'm enclosing two pieces of material:

(1) Your line of descent from Abraham Belknap, down to the 9th generation in America -- at which point your records pick up the story.

(2) Copy of a recent letter to a West Coast cousin, in which I tried to clarify the English background, a ~~XXXXX~~ of confusion to her and to many other Belknaps.
(source)

In (1), the record of the first 6 generations comes from research in vital records, land deeds, wills, and other documentary sources. The statements about the 7th, 8th, and 9th generations come from information supplied in 1911, by some member of your family -- possibly Grover Charles or his brother Clarence Herbert -- to Henry Wyckoff Belknap of Salem, curator of Essex Institute and a professional genealogist, whose unfinished effort to compile a Belknap genealogy is in my possession.

As I think that genealogy is much more than merely names and dates, I should tell you something about these ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ancestors of yours.

1. Abraham -- was a typical New England settler, presumably recruited by the Massachusetts Bay Company which spent ~~\$200~~ 200,000 pounds (equivalent of many millions of present-day dollars) in years of sending English villagers and their families to the Bay area -- a middle-aged man with a wife and children, hungry for land. The land allotted to him was mostly worthless salt marsh, but he made a go of it in the ~~some~~ years he had left after settling at Lynn. six

2. Samuel -- the oldest son. When Abraham died, Mary was left with a very poor farm and four children: Samuel, almost 16; Joseph, 10; John, 8; Hannah, 3 or 4. Mary was then 48 years old. The main burden of supporting this family would naturally fall on Samuel, who became a "joiner" which might mean a ~~XXXXX~~ maker but more likely just meant cabinet carpenter.

Between 1643 and about 1660, there's no sure record of where Samuel lived, though he ~~XXXXXXXX~~ owned, ~~in~~ about 1653, two very small lots on eastern Long Island and may have lived there briefly. A little before 1660, he acquired a large lot in Salem, a big part of downtown Salem today. But by 1671 he had moved to Malden, nearer Boston -- and then went to the new town of Haverhill, where he spent the rest of his life ~~XXXXX~~ and owned some good farm land.

3. Ebenezer -- became a joiner, like his father, but acquired a considerable amount of land around Haverhill. His family is said to have been the ~~XXX~~ longest-lived family in America, as all but one girl who died young lived to almost 100, or longer.

4. Joseph -- His birth is placed at "about 1700" as that year seems to be the most probable one. We have definite dates for only a few of Ebenezer's children. All of Ebenezer's sons, including Joseph, left Haverhill in search of land for themselves or for their children. After serving for a short time at Haverhill in 1722, in a "scouting party" or "patrol," Joseph went south to Woodstock in NE Connecticut in 1723 or 1724. There he was a "cordwainer" -- that is, a shoemaker. When he married Prudence Morris, the Deacon's daughter, the Deacon gave him 20 acres to live on. In 1742, Joseph sold this small farm and moved to Holland, Mass. -- then known as the East Parish of South Brimfield. There he built a dam and operated a saw mill. His large family stayed there and in adjacent Wales and Brimfield till late in the century, when its males dispersed into northern New England, western Massachusetts, and New York State. Joseph served in the French & Indian War in 1755, as did some of his sons.

5. John -- first child of Joseph. Lived at Holland till at least 1783, possibly 1793. Like his father, served in the French & Indian War in 1755 and appears to have served in the Revolutionary War in 1775-77, as did his son John Jr. (If you wish to confirm this, look him up in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War -- something I have not done.) Toward the end of the 1700's, he disappears from any records we have found.

6. Thomas -- This son of John married a Brimfield girl, Chloe Lombard (some of that family spelled it Lombard) and moved to the Berkshire Mountains in NW Massachusetts. His youngest brother, Elijah, settled in nearby Peru. Other brothers went to Oneida County, N. Y. and two eventually settled in western N. Y., near Buffalo. Thomas seems to have stayed in the Berkshires all his life. I know nothing of his occupation.

cousin *****

Please check my records against what you and your father know. I'll welcome additions and corrections. My record for Herbert J., for instance, shows the birth of only two children: Grover Charles 29 June 1885, and Clarence Herbert 5 Nov 1891. I hope you can give me fuller information, including the parentage of Jessie Rathbun.

And I hope you can tell me the occupations of the men named in the sheets your father so kindly compiled. That's part of the story.

It may interest you to know that the only multi-millionaire Belknaps -- the Louisville family -- are also descendants of Joseph and Prudence, through their youngest son William.

At the risk of telling you what you already knew, perhaps I should explain such dates as 1589/90. Till 1752, the New Year began on March 25. So we now show dates from Jan 1 to March 24 both Old Style and New Style -- before 1752. New Style, the second year, is according to our present reckoning.

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Dear Mr. Belknap

Sorry I haven't written to you sooner, but writing seems to be a hard thing for me to take time to do.

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We were ~~very~~ pleased to receive the information you sent us pertaining to our descent from Abraham Belknap. Also, the information concerning the English background of the Belknap family was most interesting. It seems fantastic that such information can be found and compiled. I realize that you, and Henry Wyckoff, have put much effort, hard work, and dedication into your Belknap genealogy. We deeply appreciate your work and concern as I am sure many other Belknaps do.

In your last letter you said you would like to know additional information pertaining to my relatives, as a genealogy was more than just names and dates of birth and death.

Herbert John was born in Erie County, New York, and later became a general farmer in Champaign, Illinois, where Grover Charles was born. When Grover Charles was about 13 years old, the family moved back to Erie County, New York, where Herbert John was a truck farmer for about 8 years. Then the family moved to Vandalia, Illinois, where Herbert John bought Willowdale Plantation and became again a general farmer. Herbert John sold Willowdale Plantation to George Council and moved to town.

Grover Charles stayed on at Willowdale and worked for George Council. Grover Charles and his wife lived at Willowdale until George Council sold Willowdale and bought Manhattan Plantation in Arcola, Mississippi. Grover Charles then moved to Arcola as overseerer for George Council. After two years Grover Charles left Arcola, bought a place at Edwards, and called it Oakdale. He lost Oakdale to the Federal Land Bank in 1933, due to the Depression. From 1933 to 1937 Grover Charles and Bruce Webster rented Oakdale from the Federal Land Bank. In 1937, Grover Charles and Bruce Webster bought Oakdale back from the Federal Land Bank. In 1939, Grover Charles ~~XXX~~ deeded his share of Oakdale to Bruce Webster and moved to McComb, Mississippi, where he bought a small place and was a general farmer until he died.

Bruce Webster became a general farmer and finally paid up the Federal Land Bank in 1970.

Grover Charles Jr. finished the tenth grade and became a fisherman.

Helen Belknap finished at MSCW, taught school at Lumberton, Mississippi for awhile, incurred tuberculosis and was cured. She then married and became a housewife.

Evelyn Belknap received a master's degree in nursing, taught nursing in various places, and is now a private nurse.

Herbert John recieved a Ph. D in Analytical Chemistry at University of Texas. He is now employed in Dallas, Texas.

Kathryn Belknap Babcock received a Ph.D in Physical Education from New York University, taught Physical Education for awhile, and then became a housewife.

We found additional information on the parentage of Jessie Rathbun that you asked for. Her father was Charles S. Rathbun. Her mother was Anna Baker Dean, who was the 2nd wife of Charles S. Rathbun. The first wife of Charles S. was Harriet Newell. Jessie Rathbun's grandfather was James Rathbun and her grandmother was Polly Crane.

Clarence Herbert Belknap was an M.D. who specialized in babies. He married twice. His first wife died of some disease. He was married only a short while the second time before he was killed in a car accident. He never had any children.

Grover Charles Belknap Sr. had a twin sister, but she died at the age of about 18 months from carbuncles.

Now you know just about everything about my relatives that I know myself!!

If you have gotten the information from the sheets we sent you in my last letter, please send it back because Daddy forgot to make a copy of it and does not wish to have to contact his brothers and sisters again for information.

Again I would like to mention that I am also deeply interested in obtaining a Belknap genealogy. Please inform me of your progress and your plans as to whether you are compiling the genealogy as you acquire it, or are waiting to acquire the genealogy first and then compile it in some sort of form. I realize it would be asking too much of your time and effort to send me a rough copy of your genealogy if you do not already have such a form compiled; but I would like to know how far you have gotten on the various branches and sub-branches, and thus I would know of your loose ends so that I may help you complete your genealogy.

I sincerely hope I don't sound pushy. Ever since I discovered from Margaret Helen that the Belknaps in America were descended from Abraham and his three sons, I have dreamed of "running down" all

← of the branches and sub-branches of Abraham; but I thought it virtually impossible until I contacted you.

If you don't mind, I sure would like to know more about yourself than just your name and address. Your time, effort, and consideration will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours

B. W. Belknap Jr.

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File Bruce Belknap

February 13, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap,

Thank you for the information and your willingness to help. You asked for all the information that we have on Porter Belknap. The following is an excerpt from HISTORY of the CITY OF BUFFALO and ERIE COUNTY, VOLUME 1. This book contains illustrations and biographical sketches of its prominent men and pioneers. It was edited by H. Perry Smith and published in Syracuse, N. Y., by D. Mason & Co., 1884.

Belknap John, p o Eden Valley, general farmer and gardener, born in Eden in 1823, was assessor seven years and highway commissioner six years; wife Susan, daughter of William Webster, born in county in 1828, married in 1848; children living four--William E., Catharine E., Herbert J., and Frank W.; Edward E., died when fourteen years of age. Parents Porter and Mary (Edmonds) Belknap, both of Massachusetts, came to Erie county in 1816; the former was Major and Colonel in the old State militia for many years.

Belknap Thomas, p o Eden Valley, retired farmer and gardener, has been in the lumber, stock and dairy business, born in Aurora in 1821; wife Paulina, daughter of William Webster, born in county in 1821, married in 1846; children four--George, Milan C., Ella, and Hattie; the latter died in 1880. Parents Porter and Mary (Edmonds) Belknap, both of Massachusetts.

This information comes from pages 735 and 736 under "Brief Personals."

According to my Father, Bruce Webster Belknap Sr., our family is descended from John's son Herbert J.

I hope that this information is useful and I would certainly appreciate any information that you can find.

Yours truly,

Amos D. Belknap

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P.S.--My brother, Bruce Jr., is away at college.

File *Thomson*
(Bruce)
JOHN SHERMAN from Carroll Balknap

June 24 1971

In the past week, I finally completed a long search for the descendants of the Thomas Balknap (son of John I. Holland) who married Chloe Lumbard. The result is to add something like 100 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ entries, down to the present, to the record of descendants of Joseph Balknap & Prudence Morris.

What happened to this Thomas may be of interest to you. He married in Holland in 1790, stayed there till 1794, then went to Windsor, Mass., finally to nearby Cheshire. Meanwhile his brother Elijah married and settled at nearby ~~XXXX~~ Peru, Mass. These locations ~~xxxx~~ along or near the old Berkshire Trail may perhaps suggest that in trying to learn where John II went after leaving Holland you may wish to search records in that area of NW Mass -- which, interestingly, is next door to Rensselaer Co., NY.

Thomas stayed there, and so did some of his sons. The next move of his descendants was a jump all across NY State, to Eden NY -- near Buffalo. I have details and dates; but don't suppose they'll be of interest to you.

Census 1790, Holland, shows only William and John I. So my question about whether it was John I or John II there in 1793 (on chart sent you) is answered by saying that John II had left Holland before 1790 census time.

In an earlier memo to you, I asked if you could look up the name of town for the "J Ballanap" shown in 1810 Census Oneida County NY, page 281 -- males 1, 10-16, 1, 26-45; females none -- as reported by you some time back. This cannot have been the Jesse who was at Rome in 1800 census -- ~~right well be our John III~~ -- so the location is important. I hope you can check this when you find time -- for your memo on this subject did not show town.

Information brought together in working out the record on Thomas (above) has raised some new questions about John I and John II. But I shan't trouble you with them till I have obtained factual data on a few essential points. Wish me luck.

July 6 1973

Dear Bruce:

I've neglected you shamefully. Partly, this was because at the time when you began talking about working on Belknap genealogy you were about to enter officer training camp -- and that gave me what seemed like a plausible reason for not distracting your mind. More important, I couldn't at the time think of a good way to say what I'd have to say -- and under the pressure of much urgent work I just postponed dealing with your request for more information than I could possibly supply.

Yet you have been much on my mind, for it makes me feel pleased to know that a young Belknap wants to work on the task that most of us have not touched till we were old. I want to encourage you -- yet I also must try to make sure you know what you are getting into, and that you know what you are trying to do.

It seems to me that what you perhaps need most of all, right now, is something that I didn't have when I began serious work on the family history when I retired from business life: a reasonably broad knowledge of what has been done thus far, by those who have tackled this task. So I'll attempt to summarize the record.

Isolated "family trees": Since the middle of the 19th century there have been many individual efforts to trace the line of descent of certain individuals. Some of the results, in typed or handwritten form, are on file in such places as the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Others have found their way into print in such commercial publications as the Compendium of American Genealogy and other similar pseudo-encyclopedias. *Almost* Without exception, as far as I've found, they are questionable -- relying of family tradition or incorporating information without verification whatever has been found in print. They often provide good starting points, but they can't be accepted without verification from documentary sources such as Vital Records, wills, deeds, Bible entries, contemporary correspondence, gravestones, etc. Many of them contain gross errors that could have no other source than an unfettered imagination. -- Many ~~many~~ errors perpetrated many years ago, such as the statement that when Abraham came to America he was accompanied by two brothers: "Joseph" and "Thomas." The fact that Abraham had no brothers with those names, and that all his brothers stayed behind in England, was proved and published in 1914 -- yet one genealogical compilation still repeats that error in its annual editions and unwary amateurs copy it.

In other words -- it pays to be wary when looking at anything we find in print or in manuscript, if it doesn't offer proper proof of accuracy (which it seldom does).

Even when we turn to ~~more~~ extensive attempts at broader genealogy, the same wariness is often needed. Here are the chief such attempts:

Franklin Belknap, of Chicago, Ill. He and another descendant of a New Hampshire branch created, about 1900, a so-called "Belknap Family Organization" to work on the family's genealogy. Though I think it never had more than two members, this "organization" did some rather good work, mostly on branches stemming from New Hampshire. This work never got out of Franklin's notebooks -- of which I have a copy. Helpful, for he dug into sources that other workers didn't find. But sometimes wrong on minor matters.

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Commander Charles Belknap, USN: He began work, by long correspondence, while a young officer in the Navy and continued after retirement, helping others who were working along similar lines in the late 1890's and early 1900's. After his death, his son regarded his notes as sacred, refusing to let anyone see them -- but after many years finally gave them to NEHQS, where they now are. Some fine scholarly work, though limited in scope -- notable for the unusual thoroughness with which he recorded the exact documentary source of every entry.

Henry Wyckoff Belknap: The best and fullest work ever done on Belknap genealogy, with two main divisions -- first, the discovery of the English ancestors back to 1500, which were published in NEHG Register in 1914 and 1931 -- second, the systematic tracing of the lineage of about 2500 members of the family in America. Most of what is known today derives from his great work. Yet he also did harm by disseminating a lot of his early errors. As a young man, before 1900, he had no background for genealogical work; he had to learn by trial and error as the years passed. Meanwhile, he was generous with what he had learned -- and gave out a great amount of incorrect information which was accepted without question. Later, about 1920, he completely rewrote the many hundreds of sheets in his record file -- correcting the errors he had detected -- but in 1926 abandoned the task and from then on merely filed any new data that happened to reach him. American part of the

Hiram Belnap: One of the Mormon branch, who spell the name without the k. In the early 1900's he undertook to develop as much of the family genealogy as possible, for normal Mormon religious motives. Coming East, he centered his first effort on finding the parentage of the Jesse Belknap (Rev War soldier) from whom he was descended, and came up with something that no experienced genealogist has accepted. He visited HWB (Henry Wyckoff Belknap) and got just about everything that HWB then had -- much of it unfortunately what I call "early HWB" -- full of errors that HWB had not yet spotted. Hiram also contributed errors of his own in his compilation of a large mass of records. After his death, one of his daughters continued his work by increasing its coverage of living Mormon Belnaps; and another daughter, now quite old, is still loyally keeping it going as secretary of the "Belnap Family Organization" in Utah, to which I gladly contribute as a dues-paying member though not of that religion. This daughter, Della, has been kind and generous to me, giving me complete copies of the hundreds of pages of records built up by her father, her sister, and herself, and keeping me posted on whatever new she learns. Alas, her voluminous records are full of perpetuated errors which she doesn't like to correct. Among other defects, they include all the many, many errors made by a man named Glen Evans.

Glen Evans: In the 1940's and 50's, Evans was a minor member of the staff of Michigan State Library and began to tackle genealogical work on behalf of a relative who wanted to trace her Belknap lineage. From this beginning, he went on to produce a large body of Belknap genealogy -- depositing one copy at the Grand Rapids Public Library a year or so before he died. He was the ultimate in how-not-to-do-it. He read voraciously and widely and grabbed everything he found, making no effort to verify anything and he miscopied what he found, inventing new errors as he went along. He solved gaps in lineage by attributing parentage to anyone who might possibly have been the father. His output, of which I have a copy, contains every error known to genealogists. ~~Yukx~~ In contact with Hiram Belnap's daughter Flora, he got the unreliable material from her records and used it without checking for accuracy. Then, in turn, he gave her all his equally erroneous (and almost fraudulent) material -- which Flora incorporated into her records. I damn Evans repeatedly, for the time I've wasted in trying to verify some of his erroneous statements; yet I have to spend that time because every once in a while he turns out to have found something that nobody else has known -- even though I know that the result of my effort may be mere proof that he invented another Belknap who never existed.

Dick

Charlene Bellmap & Dick Taylor: This husband and wife have rendered great service by stimulating interest in Bellmap genealogy. The chart they have produced is useful for a partial view of some of the relationships among some branches of the family, and it contains a lot of names of present-day Bellmaps who are not on record elsewhere. I have tried to help them as much as possible, by directing attention to errors in the chart and by attempting to trace the ancestry of persons for whom they couldn't find a link to the chart -- which has helped me, too, by adding more entries to my records. There are still some errors in the most recent edition of the chart, for I haven't always been successful in suggesting corrections -- but they are minor errors, not major ones, for I think he finally discarded "Mary Webster" as the name of Abraham's wife and "Jeremy" as the name of one of Abraham's sons.

These are the main predecessors of my own effort -- though I'm omitting some less important ones. So now, finally, I come to someone else who makes errors -- me.

Don't think for a moment that it's possible to compile a whole family genealogy-- embracing all known branches -- without making mistakes. It's not, as I know from painful experience. I too have passed out information that I believed to be correct, only to discover later that it contained errors. And what makes it worse is that I simply don't have time -- always -- to write again to the correspondent whom I misled a year or more ago, even when I remember which of many correspondents it was.

What I'm doing is ~~it~~ based on all the collections I've named, plus others of less scope. But the heart of my work is the magnificent body of data built by HWB. When he died in 1946, it vanished from sight, for he had no children. But I found it in a museum attic, some years ago, covered with the thick dust of a quarter-century, and got permission to make electrostatic copies of the hundreds of pages of notes and thousands of pages of correspondence. I'm the only person who has touched it since he died.

What I have done with it has been primarily to extend and expand it -- increasing his 2500 entries to approximately 4500 -- and to edit and revise it when I found errors that he had not detected.

I've now reached the point at which I feel I must stop collecting new data, in order to do what I've not yet done: i.e., reduce all my additional material ~~to~~ final form and weave it into the file of HWB's records. This is a huge task, but I must do it, even though I'm aware of the fact that there are hundreds of living Balknaps whom I've not found.

So perhaps you can see why it's impossible for me to do what you'd like me to do. The only way I could give anyone the whole of what I've got would be to make electrostatic copies of thousands of sheets -- and even this can't be done now, for about half of my material is in rough form, unorganized and not yet fitted into the chronological sequence. All I can do for you or anyone else is what I've always gladly done: answer specific inquiries about the line of descent of individuals, when I have the answer. More than that, no can do.

Does this wordy letter help you see what you might do? I hope so. To aid you in seeing what's involved in this sort of work, I'm enclosing my notes on one of your ancestors. It's one of the results of five years of effort by two men -- myself and a Balknap descendant who had been trying to find a solution since 1934.

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Back in 1934, this man had written to HMB, protesting that information that HMB had given him on the records of the Belknaps at Brimfield, Mass. (including nearby Holland and Wales) could not possibly be correct. As HMB had long since ceased work on Belknap genealogy in America, the protester got only a polite acknowledgement of his protest. When I got in contact with him, ~~about 1963~~ his problem was still unsolved.

It was a big wide problem. Neither HMB nor anyone else had what even resembled a sensible record of the early years of the branch founded by Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris at Woodstock, Conn. The VR for Woodstock were incomplete and undependable. So were those for Holland, Wales, and Brimfield, where the family had expanded after leaving Woodstock.

The two of us worked on this problem over a period of five years, in which our correspondence grew to fill three fat filing envelopes -- perhaps around 800 sheets, plus lots of wills, deeds, court records, etc. Eventually we could agree on a fully verified batch of sheets like the one I'm enclosing -- covering Joseph and Prudence and all their children and grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

Which is how come I could trace your ancestry when you first contacted me. Until we had done our job, your ancestor John did not appear properly in any known records. Meanwhile, I'd had to remove from the Joseph-Prudence branch a batch of some 80 persons whom HMB had said belonged in that branch -- their lineage had proved to be quite different.

And that, Bruce, is what genealogical work is like.

My best wishes to you,

3 Ebenezer Belknap
Born at Salem, Mass., Dec 1667.
Married at Haverhill 25 Feb 1690/1.
Died Nov 1762 at Haverhill. Lived
at Haverhill, Mass.

4 Joseph Belknap

4 Joseph Belknap
Born about 1700, Haverhill, Mass.
Married 17 March 1724/25, at Wood-
stock, Conn. Died 20 July 1788, at
Holland (Brimfield) Mass. Lived
at Woodstock till 1742, then moved
to Holland.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Belknap

5 John Belknap
Born 21 Sept 1725, Woodstock, Conn.
Married 24 April 1747, Brimfield,
Mass. Date and place of death not
known, but death occurred before
13 Feb 1812, the date of appointment
~~of administrator of his estate.~~
administrator

6 Thomas Belknap
Born 6 Sept 1758, Holland, Mass.
Married 26 August 1790, ~~Holland~~
(Brimfield)

of administrator of his estate.

6 Thomas Belknap
Born 6 Sept 1758, Holland, Mass.
Married 26 August 1790, Brimfield,
Mass. Date and place of death
not known. Lived at Windsor, Mass.
and Cheshire, Mass., till at least
1810 (year of birth of last child).

& Hannah Ayer; daughter of Nathaniel Ayer
and Tamesin Turlear (possibly a variant
spelling of Thurlow?). Born 19 Dec 1672.
Died at Haverhill, Nov 1779, aged 106 years,
11 months.

& Elisabeth (

& Prudence Morris; daughter of Deacon Edward
Morris & Elisabeth Bowen, of Woodstock, Conn.
Born 9 August 1792. Died 7 January 1780, at
Holland (Brimfield) Mass.

& Eliz BETH

& Elizabeth (last name uncertain; shown
as "Ball" in one part of Brimfield vital
records and as "W - torn" in another copy,
the "torn" being a description of the
defacement of the line).

& Chloë Lombard; daughter of Joseph Lombard
and Lydia -----, of Brimfield, Mass.
Born 6 March 1768, Brimfield. Died at
Windsor, Mass., 5 August 1816.

& Chloë Lombard; ~~daughter of~~ Joseph Lombard
and Lydia -----, of Brimfield, Mass.
Born 6 March 1768, Brimfield. Died at
Windsor, Mass., 5 August 1816.

78 Porter H. Belknap
Born 12 Sept 1795, Windsor, Mass.
Married --- January 1816, Cheshire,
Mass. Died 20 Feb 1878, Eden, N. Y.
Lived at Eden after 1820, but may
have been briefly at East Aurora.

87 John Belknap
Born 4 May 1823, Eden, N. Y.
Married 31 Dec 1846, Eden.
Lived at Eden. Date of death not
known, but was living in 1911.

96 Herbert J. Belknap
Born 30 January 1856, Eden, N. Y.

& Mary Edmunds; name of father not known,
but her mother was a Prinee. Born 16 June
1794, Cheshire, Mass. Died 27 Sept 1861
(most likely at Eden, N. Y.).

& Susan Webster; daughter of William
Suryth Webster & Catherine Bunting.
Born 22 April 1828, Eden, N. Y.
Date of death not known. (Last child
(Frank W.) was born 20 March 1862.)

& Jessie B. Rathbun

February 16 1971

Mr Amos D Belknap
Route 1, Box 650
Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Dear Mr Belknap:

I'm most grateful for your letter. It has given me the clue I needed, in order to trace your ancestry. So I have found the link that connects your family to the first Belknap in America, Abraham.

I'll gladly set it down on paper for you, just as soon as you can give me all the information you can supply on the last three generations.

On the enclosed copy of the chart that Bruce sent to me, I have checked in red the names on which I have dates, names of spouses, names of children. I'm hoping you can help me by giving similar information. To illustrate, here's an example -- from my record for Thomas, brother of your great great grandfather John:

Thomas Belknap
Born 18 May 1821, Aurora, N Y
Died 14 Dec 1899, Eden, N. Y.
Married 22 April 1846
Lived: Eden, N. Y.

& Pauline Webster (sister of Susan, by the way)
Born 16 Aug 1821, Eden, NY
Died 13 Sept 1903, Eden, N Y
Daughter of William Suryth Webster & Catherine Bunting

Children:	Hattie J.	b. Eden N Y, 7 Feb 1847	d. 7 Aug 1880, Eden
	George W.	b. Eden, 29 Oct 1848	d. 25 Aug. 1899 -- unmarried
	Milton C.	b. Eden, 7 May 1852	d. living 1911, Buffalo
	Ella L.	b. Eden, 9 Aug 1856	living 1911, Eden Valley, N. Y.
			Unmarried

Marriages of children: Hattie married William Smith Brand, at Eden, 18 Dec 1874
Milton Chapin married Nettie B. Hamilton, date unknown.

Now of course that's a pretty complete record. Not all my records are that good. For instance, I don't have the date of death of John, Thomas' brother. And I can't well hope you can give me as full information as this on all the names that I have not checked on the chart. But please do your best. Even partial information is better than none. For instance, full dates when you can; but year only when that's all you have.

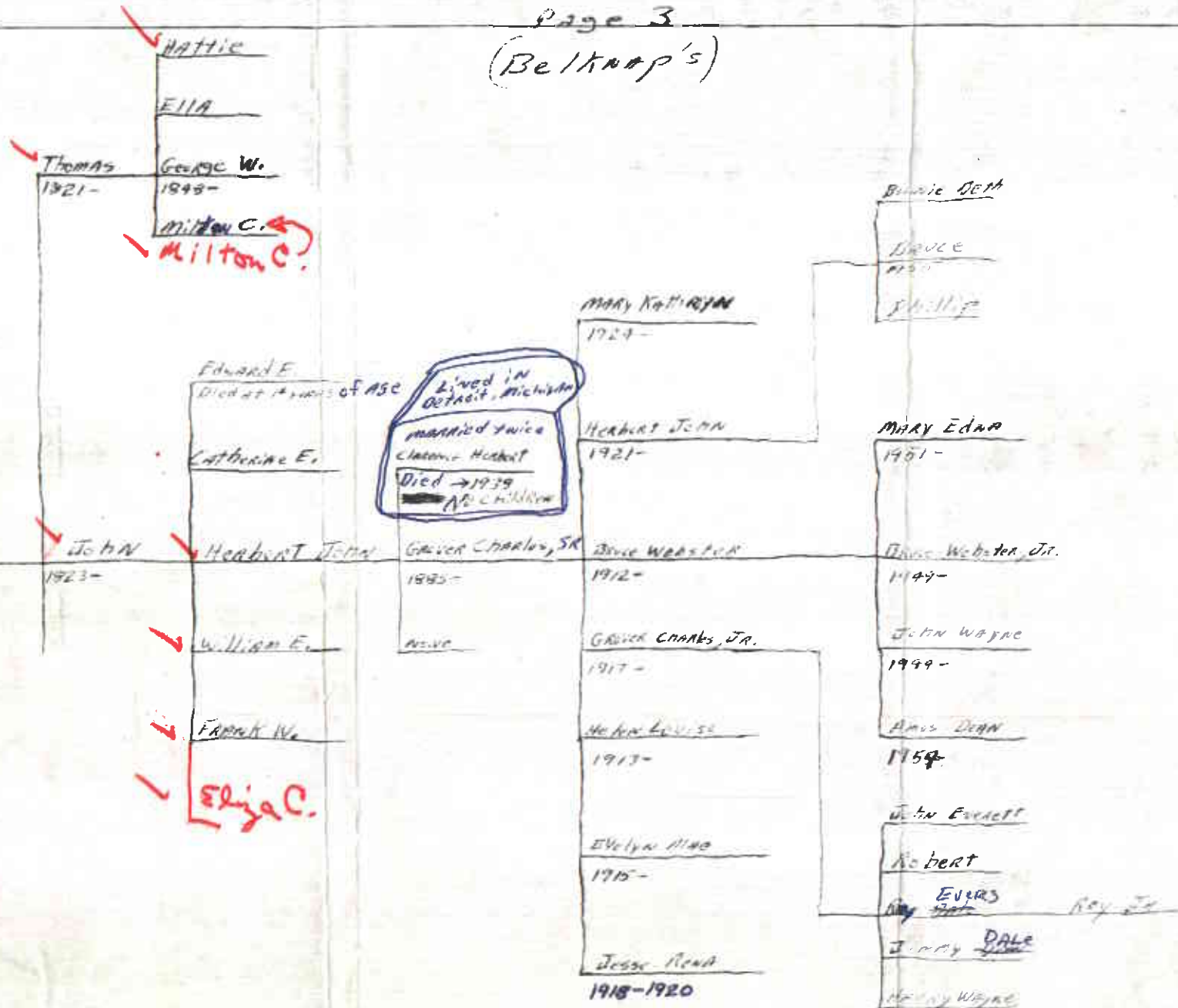
Meanwhile, thank you for helping me.

Cordially,



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(Belknap's)



GROVER Charles Beltway, Sr.

BORN June 29, 1895, Champaign, ILL.

Died MAY 27, 1961, McComb, Miss.

MARRIED Oct, 1911, Vandalia, ILL.

MARRIED Oct, 1939, Vicksburg, Miss.

Lived at Vandalia, ILL.; Arcola, Edwards, and McComb, Miss.

Died McComb, Miss. buried Edwards, Miss.

First wife - LULA EDNA STICKLER

BORN 1897, OLCUT, ILL.

Died MAY 30, 1928, Edwards, Miss.

Daughter of DANIEL STICKLER and
BARBARA KENA YIBBS

Second wife - SUSIE ANNIE WALTON

DAUGHTER OF JOHN E. WALTON and
BESSIE HARRISON

Children

Bruce Webster BORN Vandalia, ILL., August 3, 1912

Living at Edwards, Miss. (1971)

Helen Louise BORN Arcola, Miss., Nov. 12, 1913

Living in Vicksburg, Miss. (1971)

EVELYN MAE BORN Edwards, Miss., Oct. 9, 1915

Living in Laurel, Miss. (1971)

GROVER Charles, Jr BORN Edwards, Miss., July 27, 1917

~~Died~~ MARCH 29, 1959 Edwards, Miss.

Jessie Rena BORN 1919, Edwards, Miss.

Died 1920, Edwards, Miss.

Herbert John BORN Jan. 1, 1921, Edwards, Miss.

Living in Dallas, Texas (1971)

MARY Kathryn BORN Dec. 29, 1924, Edwards, Miss.

Living Columbus, Ohio (1971)

Edna Emily BORN Oct. 14, 1940, McComb, Miss.

Living Summit, Miss. (1971)

MARRIAGES of Children

Bruce Webster MARRIED Leila Downing; Jackson, Miss., Dec. 28, 1942

Helen Louise MARRIED Robert L. Cox; Jackson, Miss., April 8, 1941

EVELYN MAE MARRIED Lewis H. Beverly; Laurel, Miss.

GROVER Charles, Jr. MARRIED Pauline Dotts; Raymond, Miss. Oct 9, 1937

Herbert John MARRIED Rebecca S. Truax; Memphis, Tenn. Sept. 2, 1952

MARY Kathryn (Babcock) MARRIED Ted W. Hildebrandt; Columbus, Ohio; June 16, 1962

Edna Emily MARRIED Raymond Nason, McComb, Mississippi.

Grover Charles Belknap, Sr.

BORN June 29, 1885, Champaign, ILL.

Died May 27, 1961, McComb, Miss.

MARRIED Oct, 1911, Vandalia, ILL.

MARRIED Oct, 1939, Vicksburg, Miss.

Lived at Vandalia, Ill.; Arcola, Edwards, and McComb, Miss.

Died McComb, Miss. Buried Edwards, Miss.

First wife - LULA EDNA STICKLEN

BORN 1887, Decatur, ILL.

Died May 30, 1929, Edwards, Miss.

Daughter of DANIEL STICKLEN and
BARBARA RENA YIBBS

Second wife - SUSIE ANNIE WALTON

Daughter of JOHN E. WALTON and
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Bruce Webster Belknap SR

Born August 3, 1912, Vandalia, Ill.
Married Dec. 28, 1942, Jackson, Miss.
Lived, Vandalia, Ill, Arcola, + Edwards Miss
Living Edwards, Miss. 1971

Mattie Leila Downing

Born May 8, 1921, Raymond Miss
Daughter of James M. Downing + Mary
Janetta Williams

Children: John Wayne Born Jackson, Miss Feb 24, 1944 Living New Orleans, LA 1971 (Married)
Bruce Webster, Jr. Born Jackson, Miss Nov 7, 1949 Living Edwards + State College 1971 (Not married)
Mary Edna Born Jackson, Miss March 16, 1951 Living Edwards, Miss 1971 (Unmarried)
Amos Dean Born Jackson, Miss Dec 11, 1954 Living Edwards, Miss 1971 (Unmarried)

Marriages of Children

John Wayne Married Nancy Jane Worrell, Leaned, Miss. June 21, 1970 (No Children)
Daughter of George Worrell and Kathryn Liscumb
Lipscomb

Helen Louise ^{Belknap} ~~Cox~~

Born Arcola, Miss. Nov. 12, 1913

Married April 8, 1941, Jackson, Miss.

Lived Arcola, Jackson + Vicksburg Miss

Living Vicksburg, Miss. 1971

Children: None

Robert Leroy Cox

Born Aug 13, 1914, Bolton, Miss.

Son of Robert Eugene Cox + Sallie Richardson

Lewis H. Beverly

Evelyn Mae Belknap

BORN Oct 4, 1915, Edwards, Miss.

MARRIED

Laurel miss

Lived Edwards, Jackson & Laurel miss,

Living Laurel, Miss 1971

Children: None

Grover Charles Belknap, JR.

BORN JULY 27, 1917, Edwards, Miss
Died March 29, 1959, Edwards, Miss
Married OCT. 9, 1937, Raymond, Miss

Lived: Edwards, Miss.
Buried: Edwards, Miss.

Children: John Everette BORN Raymond, Miss
William Robert " Raymond, Miss
Roy Evans BORN Vicksburg, Miss
Jimmy Dale BORN Vicksburg, Miss
Harry Wayne BORN Vicksburg, Miss

PAULINE BUTTS

BORN: March 11, 1920 Raymond, Miss
Daughter of William Butts + Maybelle Ford

Living	Vicksburg, Miss. (1971)
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Living	Edwards, Miss. (1971)
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Herbert John Belknap

BORN: JAN 1, 1921, Edwards, Miss.

MARRIED: SEPT. 2, 1952, Memphis, TENN.

LIVED: Edwards, Miss., Memphis, TENN. + Dallas, TEXAS.

LIVING Dallas TEXAS 1971

Rebecca Sue TRUAX

BORN SEPT. 22, 1928

DAUGHTER OF Bruce TRUAX + Winnie D. GORDON

Children: Bruce David BORN March 21, 1955

Philip Duane BORN May 10, 1957

Bonnie Beth BORN Dec 16, 1961

LIVING Dallas TEXAS 1971 (UNMARRIED)

LIVING Dallas TEXAS 1971 (UNMARRIED)

LIVING Dallas TEXAS 1971 (UNMARRIED)

MARY Kathryn Bellnap Babcock

Ted W. Hildebrandt

BORN: Dec. 24, 1924, Edwards, Miss.

BORN:

Adopted: 1929, Dr. Warren Babcock, Detroit, Mich.

SON OF

Married: June 16, 1962, Columbus, Ohio.

Lived: Edwards, Miss., Detroit, Mich. + Columbus, Ohio

Living: Columbus, Ohio 1971

Children: Peter Warren BORN Aug 28, 1963 Columbus, Ohio

Living 1971

July 22 1971

Mr Bruce W Belknap Jr.
Route 1, Box 650
Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Dear Bruce:

I'm glad to receive your letter of July 15, for a week ago I finally got some long disputed documents which add to my record of John Belknap of Holland, Mass., so that what I told you about him needs revision. I enclose a sheet showing the revisions -- and also a revision in the paragraph about Thomas, in my letter of June 15, which seemed unclearly worded when I reread it.

I'm grateful for the additional information you sent. You certainly have reason to take pride in the record of your father and your grandfather, in what they accomplished after the Depression.

I'm returning, as you asked, the set of sheets prepared by your father. I have made copies for my files.

I'm delighted to know of your interest in Belknap history. Most people wait too long to do much about it. My own work, since I retired from business, has centered around collecting information -- trying to correct old errors (there are lots of them, widely current) -- and tracking down descendants of Belknaps whose trail had faded out, years ago. It's a huge job. My files now have something like 4500 names in them; I don't know exactly how many, for there are hundreds that I've not yet had time to put into organized form and therefore still remain in informal notes. It's only lately, for example, that I've been able to add to the line of John of Holland, Mass., some scores and scores of his descendants (including you), although I've been working on him for five years, with the aid of one of his descendants in California.

I can't possibly, at this time, attempt to give you any outline showing the many branches of the family. That's much too big a job, for there are hundreds of branches since Abraham died in 1643, ~~have been~~

Some days, I hope, I can start writing the hundreds of pages that will be needed to produce a Belknap genealogy. Meanwhile, the only thing that comes anywhere near doing the job is a long chart drafted by Charlene Belknap and her husband Richard Taylor, 1812 Ortiz Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 -- which they can supply for \$15. It's about 25 feet long and contains some hundreds of names, showing many branches of the family. It has lots of errors, mostly minor, yet it's helpful. What got me into this task, years ago, was irritation over the errors in the chart. I began by trying to tell the Taylors about their errors -- and wound up trying to produce a real genealogy. I've pestered Dick and Charlene into correcting some of the mistakes; but lots remain. Yet the chart is worth having, I'm sure.

Some months ago, the Taylors sent me an irate letter from a young Belknap who disliked the chart's emphasis on worldly success, patriotic services and other such-like matters now not popular with your generation. He stressed that his own forebears had been farmers, plain and simple. When I wrote to him I asked him -- in effect -- what he was trying to brag about, for all of us Belknaps are descendants of farmers. In my own case, my grandfather was the first in our branch to do anything else.

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Edna Emily Belknap

BORN: Me Comb, miss. Oct. 14, 1940

MARRIED:

Me Comb, Miss

Living: McComb, Miss 1971

Children:

Emily Ramona

Raymond Nason

BORN:

SON OF

Living: McComb miss 1971 (unmarried)

July 22 1971

LINE OF DESCENT, p. 1

5 John Belknap

Born 21 Sept 1725, Woodstock, Conn.
Married 24 April 1747, Brimfield,
Mass. Lived at Holland, Mass. Died
at Holland, in early 1812 (before
13 February).

& Elizabeth (last name uncertain; shown as
"Hall" in one Brimfield vital record and
as "W-torn" in another copy, the "torn"
being a description of the defacement of
the entry; said to have looked something
like "Wallis" by one investigator who
examined the record about 1870). Probably
died between 1790 and 1800, at Holland.

LETTER DATED June 15 1971

5. John -- first child of Joseph and Prudence. Lived at Holland till his death in early 1812. Like his father, served in the French & Indian War in 1755. Also served in Revolutionary War in 1755-77, as did his son John Jr. Was in troops besieging Boston, till evacuation by British. Inventory of his possessions, after death, indicates that he may have been a carpenter by trade. In 1800, after his wife had died and all his sons had left Holland, he apparently was living with his younger brother William, then a selectman of the town. At time of his death, was probably living in home of his oldest daughter Eunice and her husband Jeremiah Sherman, who was administrator of his estate.

6. Thomas -- This son of John married a Brimfield girl, Chloe Lombard (some of that family spelled it Lombard) and moved to the Berkshire Mountains in NW Massachusetts. His youngest brother Elijah settled in a nearby town in the same area, Peru. Another brother, John Jr, went to Oneida County, N. Y. and two of his sons eventually settled in western N. Y., near Buffalo. Occupation of Thomas is not known.

Lt. Bruce W Belknap Jr.
44th TRANS Co. (LT TRK)
TRANS BN, Sp Trps APO SF



MR. CARROLL YORK Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside, Connecticut
06878

29 JUN 1973

1515 HOURS

DEAR MR. BELKNAP,

I have now completed ~~the~~ Airborne AND Ranger Schools at Ft. Benning, AND AM NOW AN Airborne, Ranger, Infantry Second Lieutenant stationed with a truck company that has NO trucks AT Naha Air Base in Okinawa. The company is presently acting AS A stereodone company.

Anyhow, I AM AGAIN prepared to pursue the Belknap genealogy once AGAIN. I got the addresses of quite A few Belknaps in various cities AS I traveled by POV to SAN FRANCISCO for my fount call. I AM going to contac these Belknaps ASAP. I received NO reply from the one I tried to contac in DALLAS. Did you know that there ARE some Belknapps living in Phenox, ARIZONA.

HAVE you been able to find ANY information on the ancestry of Kenneth FRANCIS Belknap JR.? CAN you give me the

Addresses of any other Belknaps that might have such information on the Belknap name as you do have? Is there any way that I may somehow obtain some of the valuable Belknap genealogy that you possess, or will it be only feasible to wait until you can somehow compile and catalog the information.

I am looking forward to hearing from you; and again, your time, effort, and concern will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
Bruce W. Belknap Jr.
Bruce W. Belknap Jr.
Lt., Infantry

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