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Land Syst.

As much land as could  
be tilled with one plough  
(and 8 oxen) in a year

Dec 9 1970

CLINTON:

Your letter 12/6.

D A M N.

You're forcing me to do the hard digging that I've been avoiding for five years.

For longer than that, I've known that the data on our earlier generations in America are shaky -- inconsistent -- debatable -- and dependent mostly on who put them on paper -- with no two persons agreeing on all points.

Thus far, I've worked out, in acceptable form, only the facts for our first Abraham and for Jonas Newton Belknap. In between them, I've done little or nothing -- being swamped with efforts to get information from living people while they're still alive. (Some six of my correspondents have died in the past three years).

To try to arrive at any worthwhile correction of erroneous or questionable entries, I'll have to order from NEHGS something like 50 books that have been cited by various people -- NXM a few at a time is all that they'll send. And then still be left with the old old problems created by (1) the unreliability of Massachusetts vital records before about 1800, ~~XXXXXX~~ (except the relatively few that had been remade and published by NEHGS), and (2) the dubious veracity of old New England town histories.

And I'll be duty bound to follow up every hint in Evans work, even though I've often found that he cites sources that contain not one word on the person concerned. I have to keep in mind that once in a while I find he has something that nobody else has -- and is right about it. But I continually damn him for the time he makes me waste.

So I shudder when I look at the set of sheets that accompanied your memo, for at every glance I see old problems and debatable entries -- and questionable sources, such as the Compendium and other commercial enterprises which printed (without verification) whatever was sent to them by nice little old ladies.

Heaven help me, I'll have to face this task someday. But not now. There are other things that I must do first, in the next three months. And in the end, I may come out with nothing more nearly accurate than HWB's notes were.

So much for that.... Should tell you that to make my work more difficult, I'm trying to get hold of a set of Evans' stuff much bigger and more detailed than anything of his that you and I have yet struggled with. I've seen samples of it -- a few pages -- and can't justifiably omit trying to get all of it.

ECB from CYB

1/6/71

I think I should send you the enclosed lists of Licking County deeds, in case you find any use for them. The two deeds for Elijah ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ will probably determine approximate dates for arrival in and departure from Licking County, if this is of interest to you. I may some day get copies of Jesse's deeds, for same purpose.

You'll be interested in noting how our Belknap's bunched together, in Ohio.

Ferris was of the Woodstock family -- same main branch as Louisville family.

I have not yet tried to identify the others: Horace, James M, James W, Jarvis, Henry, William, Sarah(may have been wife of Ferris). Do you have anything on them?



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5/1/1968

To Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Connecticut  
From Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

This is a brief memo to let you know I am still around. Have been so busy during the day that by the time night comes around I haven't much drive left for concentrated review and analysis of records. I do want you to know however that I appreciate very much the valuable data and copies of information to others you have sent my way.

Am enclosing copies of three summaries I secured from the Mormons at Salt Lake City, Utah, some time ago. You probably already have them all but in case you don't they may fit in some place to tie some bits of information together. They pertain to Ebenezer. ca 1677, son of Samuel B; ~~XXXX~~ Samuel Belknap, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ca 1700 son of Ebenezer B. and Hannah Ayer; and Elisha Belknap, 18 Jan. 1789. This latter individual would, according to my records, be a brother to your Jesse and my Elijah, all sons of Jonas N. but this sheet from the Mormons gives the name of the father only as "Mr. Belknap". I notice in referring to the material from the "Parkers in America" that the record there also fails to say specifically that Esther Parker married Jonas Belknap. It says only that Esther married "a Belknap", I believe.

Until I received the copies regarding Elijah's children from the HWB files, I thought I had nailed down the family of Elijah as consisting only of James M., Gamaliel, Joseph Gillett and ~~XXXX~~ Mary J. My old Aunt Anna Belknap of Cedar Vale, Kansas, who was past 90 when she died some three years ago and who had prided herself on keeping track of the Belknaps, was most emphatic in saying that these four list above were all the children Elijah had. ~~XX~~ They may have been all she knew about but it would appear that she could have been in error. The fact that the HWB listings include ~~my~~ grandfather, Joseph Gillett, an uncommon name (i.e. Gillett) in the Belknap line and gives his year of birth correctly would lead me to believe that HWB's list of Elijah's offsprings may have been founded on good information. He does not show his source of information for this listing does he?

In your memo of 4/7/68, paragraph 7, you mention a "friend Abjiah Wright" and comment that you recalled seeing this name some place else in the records relating to the Belknaps but couldn't at the moment recall where it was. He is carried as the husband of Roxanna Parker, da of Elijah Parker and "a Miss Stiles" in the "Parker in America" entry relating to Esther Parker.

In your memo to Dick Taylor under date of 4/22/68 you have a typographical error in the listing of children of Ebenezer. You show "(4) a daughter, born about 1796." I am sure you meant 1696 and have so noted on my copy.

Could I prevail upon you to again examine your notes from the 1800 census regarding Jonas and his family? In your memo to me under date of 4/7/68, paragraph 6, it is indicated that the 1800 census listed Jonas and his wife as having "1 son 16-25

3 sons under 10  
3 daughters 10-15 and  
1 daughter under 10"

I am wondering if by any chance this might have been carried as ~~XXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXX~~ 3 daughters under 10 and 3 sons 10-15. If so that would just about have hit it on the head since it is quite possible that Cynthia may not have been living by that date, unless you have evidence to the contrary, and the name "Jesse," the twin of Susannah, could easily have been taken by the census taker as referring to a girl. Just thought it might make a recheck of the information from the original source worth while. Tried to check it myself



in the genealogical section of our State Historical Library but they don't have the 1800 Onatrio, New York, film and didn't seem sure they could get it for me.

In one of your memos you raised a question as to my verification of date of birth of Elijah. This date was verified through two sources: the family record of James M. Belknap via his daughter Sopha Belknap Eudy of Cisco, Texas and the 1850 census record of Wapello County, Iowa, which carried Elijah as 65 and his wife, Catherine as 61 and his daughter, Mary J. as 20. it ~~XXXX~~ also shows the place of birth for Elijah as Massachussets, for Catherine as Pennsylvania and for Mary J. as Ohio.

On August 14, 1967, when I was in Washington, D. C., I stopped in at the National Archives and made a list of the Belknaps, some 33 in all, who served in the War of 1812. They ranged from private through corporal, sergeant, fifer, musician, pay master, quarter master, ensign, 2nd. Lieutenant, Lieutenant, captain to Lt. Colonel Isac Belknap Jr., Commander of (Belknap's First Regiment N.Y. Militia. 26 were from New York; 4 from New Hampshire, and one each from Ohio, Virginia and Massachusetts. Am enclosing a copy of the roster I made up from the film files in Washington. (See War of 1812, Microcopy 602, ~~XXXX~~ roll 15.)

*C. Belknap*

*I have removed Tamar Vinton from my master summary as <sup>a</sup> 1st wife of Jones Belknap. C.B.*

12/23/70

Clinton?

A belated Merry Christmas to you.

You ask about the Louisville Belknaps -- whom my Methodist preacher grandfather always called "those damned secessionist Belknaps." They are descendants of Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris, of Woodstock, Conn. and Brimfield, Mass. Dick Taylor's chart shows a part of this line -- with some small errors. John Sherman and I have been working on this branch for several years, as he is also a descendant of the Brimfield Belknaps. HWB and others made serious errors because of faulty V. R. Sherman and I now have it nearly straightened out -- though he doesn't yet accept some of my tentative notions. Still working on it.

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January 17, 1971 *EB*  
MEMORANDUM

Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn, 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood St., Lincoln, Nebr, 68502

Thank you for that list of Licking County, Ohio, deeds. I may try to get the dates for the Elijah transactions but according to the headings as to dates covered it would appear that the sale of his property would have been by or before 1836. Subsequent to that time he lived in Franklin County for a period of time before going on to Iowa.

You asked if I have any information as to the identity of the Belknaps you named in your memo of January 6, 1971. James M. Belknap was the oldest son of Elijah. I believe the listing of James "W" Belknap is in error. I think someone read a long hand "M" for a "W". Please compare the description of the James "W" Belknap grantee deed on page 1, entry 12, with the grantor entry on the next page to Orrin from James M. Belknap - (2nd entry on page).

Elisha Belknap had a Henry, born ~~####~~ 8 May 1817 and a grandson William, born in 1834 (Oldest son of Lacy) but that William wouldn't have been more than 14 within the 1848 ending shown for this group of deeds. The record doesn't seem to show when the William shown on the third page was disposing of land to Oren Bigelow came into possession of said property.

The only Horace Belknap that comes to my mind is the Dr. Horace Belknap, born in Connecticut in 1791 who accompanied a wagon train across the country to the west coast in the late 1840s. He was the ancestor of Jack Belknap in Iowa you will recall. Sorry ~~###~~ I'm not of more help.

ECB from CYB

1/21/71

Thanks for your careful letter about spelling of Van Cleave.  
I distrusted spelling used by HWB.

Eventually I may handle this and innumerable similar instances  
by showing in parentheses the variant spellings that have  
been found. So your note is very welcome.

I continually find it impossible to say that any one spelling  
of a name is the right one -- for the letters of the alphabet  
are merely symbols for sounds, and the spelling used at any one  
time or place simply reflects the way a name sounded to the  
person who set it down according to way those symbols were  
pronounced at that time and place (which often isn't the  
way they are now ~~pronounced~~ pronounced).

In my boyhood, it annoyed me to have my Spanish-speaking  
friends call me "Bayl-ka-noppeh." Now I realize that they  
were just pronouncing the name much as it was pronounced  
in Chaucer's time. probably

Forgive this digression on an old grievance of mine -- the  
harm done by the generation of alleged teachers who have  
forgotten that language is sound, ~~not~~ black marks on ~~paper~~ paper.  
not

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Here's one for a test. A given name occurring in one  
highly respected New England VR -- "Elyah." No problem,  
for I knew the name of that person. But rather ingenious,  
phonetically.



January 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

Re: Your memo of 12/18/70

Thanks for filling me in on the fact that the Joseph Belknap carried in the 1820 US Census for Hardin County, Kentucky, was not the brother of Jonas N. I had been fairly sure in my mind that he must have been.

Regarding the spelling of the last name of Joseph Gillett## Belknap's first wife I have concluded that in the early days of 1850 it was spelled as one word, Vancleave, without the capital C. but that in later years it has been spelled Van Cleave, with the capital C by many of this line. Here is a resume of the matter and if, after reviewing same, you have any suggestions ~~please~~ please advise.

According to the Dictionary of American Family Names by Elsdon C. Smith, 1956, the family name went back to the Village or Duchy of Cleve (Cliff) in far West Germany near the Netherland border. Said dictionary lists the name in the following order: Van Cleave, Van Cleve, Van Cleef, Van Clief. One large World Atlas that I consulted, carried the name of the village as Kleve.

As you know, Evans carried it <sup>(the family name)</sup> as Van Cleve and I fell into the trap of thinking the Vancleave carried in the 1850 US Census in Wapello County, Iowa, was ~~####~~ just a goof on the part of the census taker. Actually, as you know, the "Van" comes from the Holland Dutch meaning "from."

In drawing up what I had hoped to be a final draft of the Joseph Gillett Belknap records, my attention again fell upon the Vancleave spelling as carried in the 1850 census and in retrospect I suddenly realized that Sopha Belknap Eudy, grand daughter of Elizabeth, had been quite consistently spelling the name "Vancleave" without the capital C. I decided that her relationship to Elizabeth should be sufficiently close to conclude that the family way of spelling the name was Vancleave and settled on that spelling.

Upon receipt of your inquiry I wrote Sopha to specifically inquire if she were sure of the spelling. She replied that actually it was spelled "Vancleave" in her father's old Bible. Sounds to me like someone in her father's family must have had a German background and entered, or listed, the name with the "ie" in it with the last letter of the "ie" or "ei" combination in German determining whether one sounds the "e" or the "i".

In the James M. Belknap family records the Spelling was Vancleave. James M. was an older brother of Joseph Gillett and, of course, brother-in-law of Elizabeth and had lived in the Wapello County, Iowa area when Joseph and Elizabeth lived there.

Since the "Vancleave" spelling appears only once and was not consistent with the Vancleave spelling historically carried otherwise, and since alleged descendants of this branch of the family now living in Ottumwa, Iowa and San Antonio, Texas spell the name Van Cleave

I have again come back to the ~~####~~ that spelling but with the capital C this time. Comments ?



1/24/71

Reference: 49,40,32,24,15,3,1

8th Generation

FAMILY GROUP No. 49-1 Husband's Full Name

LACY L. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap, (1899), Apt. B-23 Trendridge Rd., Lincoln, Nebr. 68505 who furnished information regarding Lacy (1808) & wife and Willard J. Belknap. He said these were confirmed by his sister, Ethel Belknap (Mrs. H. M. Ochsner), b. 1902, of Madison, Nebr. Continued in note, bottom of page. Compiler Clinton Belknap Address 2019 Harwood City, State Lincoln, Nebr. Date 1-15-71	Birth	5	7	1808	Richman, (Richman, Iowa)	Ontario Co.,	N. Y.	
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.	3	2	1833				
	Death	16	2	1887				
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation	Farmer						
	Church Affiliation							
	Military Rec.							
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	Elisha Belknap						
	Mother's Maiden Name	Bettie Briggs						
	Wife's Full Maiden Name	Eliza Carney						
	Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	13	12	1813		Ontario Co.,	N. Y.	
	Chr'nd							
	Death	11	5	1906				Note: CYB memo of 10/4/69 gives birth place for Eliza Carney as "near Lakeport, N.Y." as stated in printed obituary after her death in 1906.
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation if other than Housewife							
	Church Affiliation							
	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	Her Father							
	Mother's Maiden Name							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-33	1	WILLIAM Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	2	4	1834			
		M Catharine Whitver	Mar.	1	3	1857			
			Death						
			Burial						
49-32	2	WILLARD J. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	26	4	1836		Licking Co. Ohio	
		M Sarah Martin	Mar.	9	12	1857			
			Death	4	5	1929			
			Burial			Creston		Nebr.	
49-34	3	WESLEY Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3	9	1838			
		M Statira Hollingshead	Mar.	21	6	1864			
			Death						
			Burial						
49-35	4	ELIZABETH C. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	22	10	1840			
		F Peter T. Claton	Mar.	25	12	1864			
			Death						
			Burial						
49-36	5	WARREN Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19	12	1847			
		M Sarah Lookman	Mar.	1	9	1870			
			Death						
			Burial						
49-37	6	WILBER B. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	8	1852			
		M Cornelia Cole	Mar.	15	6	1873			
			Death						
			Burial						
	7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	Source of Information continued:					
			Mar.	Electrostatic copies of records from the Elisha Belknap (1787) Bible as furnished by Mrs. M. R. (Jane)					
			Death	Belknap, 1615 Ovid Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, also					
			Burial	confirm Elisha as the father of Lacy Belknap (1808).					
	8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	(See Family History notes on Elisha Belknap #49).					
			Mar.						
			Death						
			Burial	The above named list of children of Lacy Belknap are					
	9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	from records of Elizabeth Cynthia (Belknap) Claton					
			Mar.	as copied in long hand 8 February 1953 by her grand-					
			Death	daughter, Dorothy Main, 1309 Boyd St., Des Moines,					
			Burial	Iowa. (See Jane (Mrs. M. R.) Belknap files.)					
	10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth						
			Mar.						
			Death						
			Burial						



Dec 11 1970

MEMO FROM CYB  
TO: John Sherman  
Clinton Belknap  
Dick Taylor

This Saturday morning, I'm in no mood for continuing the pick and shovel drudgery of pursuing wills and deeds and vital records; nor in even a mood to plunge into an equally basic task that is going to bury me from sight during the next two or three months. So I'm going ~~to~~ to pause for a moment, to impose on you by asking you to appraise my proposed answer to one of the errors I must deal with when eventually I begin writing even so little as a history of my own branch of the family -- let alone a whole Belknap genealogy.

There are many such errors, none of which seems to have been dealt with in print or in manuscript, as far as I can find. One of them, which is far too prevalent to be ignored, is the "legend of two brothers." Thus far, I'm impressed by the obvious fact that when I've merely said it's an error I haven't convinced many people. So I think I'll have to try to show not ~~merely~~ just the facts but also the way in which the legend probably arose.

Here, as in some other parts of the family history, I'll be treading the thin line between genealogy and history. A genealogist can (or perhaps must) confine himself to stating the proven facts. A historian can (and must, I think) present inferences and interpretations of the facts, even to stating suppositions and hypotheses as a physical scientist must do -- provided he makes it clear that his hypotheses are hypothetical, not factual. He can't, for example, dismiss the Beltoft-Belknap problem by saying as H W Belknap did, about the Sawbridgeworth family, "It is impossible to say whether they were Beltofts or Belknaps." On the contrary, that's just what he must say -- as an hypothesis based on interpretation of the known facts. So, some day, that's just what I'll do.

But now I'm dealing with a simpler problem: the legend of two brothers. It has taken many forms. For example:

remembers

(1) In branches of the family in which the oral tradition goes back only a few generations (as in the descendants of Pilgrim Belknap in NY, N Dakota, ~~XXXXXXX~~ and Iowa; and in the Louisiana branch which ~~remembers~~ only a beginning in New Orleans in mid-19th-century), the legend usually starts with the presumed immigration of ~~two brothers~~ two brothers -- names not known -- who came to America at some unknown ~~date~~ date from somewhere in Europe: Scotland, England, even Austria in one instance. In some variations, the two brothers are given names, sometimes the names of the first known men back a few generations from the present, sometimes names that seem to have been coined by pure imagination.

(2) In branches in which there's an oral or written tradition of descent from early Massachusetts Belknaps but no memory of Abraham, the legend may be either descent from two brothers whose names are not stated or descent from two whose names are known-- sometimes Samuel and Joseph, correctly -- sometimes from others with untraceable names.

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(3) In branches where the name of Abraham is known but the "two brother" legend persists, it takes the form of saying that when Abraham came to America he was accompanied by two brothers, sometimes named, sometimes not named. When these

two ~~XXXXXX~~ brothers are named, the names given to them are not the names of ~~XXX~~ any of the known brothers of Abraham, as shown in the English records (church registers at Sawbridgeworth and Netteswell, wills, etc), which indicate plainly that all of Abraham's brothers remained in England and had children and grandchildren there and died there.

- (4) ~~XXX~~ Another variation, originating orally before genealogists, ~~XXXXXX~~ discovered Abraham at some time in the 19th century, is that the ~~XXXXXX~~ first Belknaps in America were three brothers, one of whom died without leaving any children, so that all living members of the family descend from the other two brothers (who usually are not named).

This fourth variation (which happens to be the one I heard in my childhood and later) is the one that interests me most, for it is the one that comes closest to the truth and also is the one that seems to ~~XXXX~~ suggest how the legend originated.

~~XXXX~~ a workable

The facts from which ~~XXXXXX~~ hypothesis can be evolved are these:

- Abraham lived in America only six years after being allotted land at Lynn.
- When he died in Sept 1643 his oldest living child (Samuel) was only 15.
- He left three young sons: Samuel, Joseph, John.
- John lived long enough to sign a deposition 27 March 1655 (aged 20) but no other record of him has been found, so presumably he died unmarried. *Before 1671 death of "theirs friends"*
- The other two brothers, Samuel and Joseph, married and had children.
- None of their children was born or grew up where the memory of Abraham ~~XXXXXXXX~~ (after his brief life in Lynn) can be assumed to have persisted.
- The burial place of Abraham has never been found. Nor has his will been found, although known to have been probated.

From these facts, it seems only natural that memory of the name of Abraham might readily be lost, by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren -- whereas these descendants might well remember that their own ancestor Samuel or Joseph had a brother. As time went on, later generations in the 18th century might well forget the names of those two brothers, ~~XXX~~ remembering only that there had been two brothers, from whom all American Belknaps were descended.

This seems to me to be the way in which the two-brother legend must have originated during the two centuries (up to about 1850, I believe) in which the ~~XXXXXX~~ existence of Abraham was unknown to his descendants. (I have found no mention of Abraham in anything published or put in manuscript form before the second half of the 19th century. Have you?)



From this hypothesis I move to the conclusion that belief in any variation of the two-brother legend could persist only among branches descending from Abraham through his sons Sanuel or Joseph -- and that therefor a branch which has such a legend, even though talking of descent from other brothers arriving later in America, is prima facie descended from Abraham -- and probably legitimately, since an illegitimate son, whose parentage cannot be verified, would be unlikely to know or perpetuate that tradition.

clearly

As I said -- hypothesis -- but ~~it is~~ separated from the known facts on which it depends.

I need some such hypothesis in dealing with present-day Belknaps who believe that they descend from some later immigrant. And I'll need it when I come to write anything about the record of the family, for I can't just ignore widespread beliefs.

So I'll be grateful for your comments. Please.

ECB

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

Have just tonight taken time to sit down  
and study George May's communication to you  
under date of December 18, 1970, regarding  
Asa Newton identity and your response to him.  
Thank You for sharing this additional  
information with me.

Had an interesting experience this  
past week. Discovered in our State  
Welfare office an employee by the  
name of Shirley Beltoft, da of  
Oscar Beltoft of Nelson, Nebraska.  
She hasn't any idea of where her  
father's family originated in America  
or when. Said she was sure her  
mother ~~of~~ was of Danish descent  
and would ask her father but she  
didn't seem to think he would be  
able to provide the names of his  
ancestors beyond a generation  
or two.

Have you ever encountered the  
Beltoft name in this country?  
I never had but I should add  
that I had never really gone  
searching for it either.  
ECB.



ECB from CYB

Jan 21 1971

**BELTOFT**

Your note about a living Beltoft amazes me. To see why, just read note I sent to John Sherman a few days ago. It summarized the story -- but it didn't go into all the possible detail.

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What I know about the Lincolnshire Beltofts ~~comes~~ wholly from the letters and notes sent to HMB by Charles Bernau. For more than twenty years, that fine workman chased down every lead he could find -- on Belknaps and Beltofts. Spelling being what it had been, he tracked down everything that might be (but wasn't) a variant of either name -- including even such a name as "Bulletat" on the off chance that it might mean Beltoft. (In Latin, name was written De Bello Tofto.) *(Beltoft)* I can't translate.

He came up with nothing but the petering out of the Beltoft name as the last recorded males died and only females were left -- just as happened in the old knightly Belknap family during the reign of Henry VIII.

He found Belknap descendants of the Sawbridgeworth family in Essex and near London, into the early 19th century -- and then that trail died, too.

Now this discovery of yours opens the door again.

I hope you'll follow up on this opening. Any clues will help -- not just names of known ancestors, but names of any other known Beltofts past or present -- and above all, places -- so we'll know where to look -- for that's the one best way to start tracking.

CLINTON from CYB

Feb 8 1971

BELTOFT

Thanks for note about Danish origin of present American Beltofts. I think you must be right in guessing that some English Beltoft went to Denmark, as I see ~~and~~ no other way of accounting for the surname. It could not have been taken to England from Denmark

Family surnames not used (at least not often) in England until 12th century -- i.e., century after the Norman conquest. I do not know when surnames began to be used in Denmark; but I doubt that they came into use there as early as in England. Seems to me that the most likely origin for Beltoft surname in Denmark would be arrival in Denmark, sometime after ~~1200 or 1200~~ 1100 or 1200, of a member of the English family that already was using that surname.

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Lincolnshire, where the English family lived, was in heart of the part of England captured and settled by Danes -- well before the Conquest.

Of that Lincolnshire family, I find nothing known before the Conquest. First mention is in Domesday Book, compiled as list of available taxpayers, for William I shortly after the Conquest. It shows (I'm quoting from memory, but I'm sure quite accurately), "Of Beltoft there is one carucate of land." A carucate was as much land as could be tilled with one plough and eight oxen in one year. This would indicate relatively low status as a land-owner. But a small holding was natural at that time, because of the confiscation of large holdings by the Normans. As historians point out, the pre-invasion "nobility" were generally reduced to being yeoman -- i.e., farmers with small holdings. The possession of title to any land at all was indication of higher status before the Invasion. (I'm over-simplifying, but what I'm saying is essentially true.)

Subsequently, the Lincolnshire Beltofts seem to have prospered. Some five or six coats of arms are described in various books on heraldry. I haven't looked them up, to find dates when granted. But can assume between 1200 and 1400, as in case of other non-Norman families.

Of course it's possible that the Beltoft of Domesday Book was a Dane in William's army -- there all sorts of so-called "Norman" in it, from Scandinavia and even from Sicily -- for adventurers from many parts of Europe flocked to join the army that ~~William~~ William was preparing for the invasion. So this Beltoft might have been one of the many who were rewarded by being given land confiscated by the invaders. But the small size of the holding makes this seem unlikely. So I think, as I've said, that the Lincolnshire Beltofts were of a family settled in the Danish part of England long before 1066. And in the troubled years after the Conquest, when "~~presentation of Englishry~~" (proof that the victim of a murder was not a Norman) was ~~sufficient~~ sufficient to evade penalty, a son of a non-Norman family might well find good reason to go back to the place where his ancestors came from.

All this may be of no use to you. But conceivably it might aid you in contacts with these present day Beltofts. So I've written it.

*OK*

ECB from CYB

2/21/71

Thanks for digging into present day Beltofts. I'm relieved to know that I don't have to start all over again, in my thinking about the Beltoft-Belknap problem.

Thanks also for note giving number of Carol Anne's D A R membership. I don't think my effort to help played any part in her success. Not even sure Mrs Jane ever looked at what I wrote. But am grateful to her for the stimulus that led us into pretty complete exploration of life of Jonas Newton B. Wouldn't have worked so hard on it, if I hadn't given word to try to help Carol Anne on Elisha.

Bit by bit, I'm being forced to set down a detailed record of descendants of Jesse -- my great great grandfather. When I've done enough of it, I'll send you a copy. Many dates still just blanks. Have been too busy on many other tasks -- most notably, record of the family group started by Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris, in Woodstock, Conn. Ancestors of our EM only millionaires, the Louisville Belknaps, as well as hundreds of others less fortunate. All preceding records wrong on one big point -- a missing generation.

Dana



2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

*File*

February 28, 1971

To: Carroll Y. Belknap  
From: E. Clinton Belknap

Thanks for your note of February 21, 1971

I was surprised at your conjecture that the summary data you provided regarding Elisha Belknap, son of Jonas N. Belknap, may not have played any part in Carol Anne's success in establishing membership in the DAR. Prior to the introduction of your material Carol Anne's application had stalled completely. Jane had told my wife and I of this personally when we had visited her in Des Moines.

To satisfy my mind on this point I called Jane long distance Friday night and asked her if she had submitted your document to the DAR in establishing Carol Anne's right to membership and she assured that she most certainly had together with all the other material she had put together on her own (and which I know to have been rejected as inadequate). She said she had presented your material because you had the ability to present such material in a much more convincing and coordinated manner than she. I did get the impression that that it may never have really registered with her that the material you compiled had had new basic elements in it that she hadn't already presented. At any rate, I am fully convinced that without your document Carol Anne would still be on the outside looking in so far as DAR membership were concerned!

You lost me going around the corner with the statement in the third paragraph of your 2/21 note in which you refer to Jesse Belknap as your "great great grandfather." I was under the distinct impression that Jesse bore the same relationship to you as his brother Elijah does to me, namely great grandfather. According to the chart I have your father was Charles Carroll, your grandfather, Corrington Gavett, your great grandfather, Jesse and your great great grandfather Jonas Newton. Did I miss a generation some place along the way?

Have heard nothing more from the Beltofts and of course may not.

Am always grateful to you for being included in your distribution of copies of information such as that relating to Reva Barrett

*CB.*

MEMORANDUM

February 3, 1971

To Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Sonn.  
From E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr.  
More regarding Beltoft or Bilttoft

The last of last week I wrote to a Mrs. Ruby L. Huffman of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, whose maiden name I understood, was B eltoft, and today I received a reply. It turns out that she says her maiden name was Bilttoft. However the young lady in the office where I am employed states that they are all off the same branch, with some spelling the name Beltoft and others spelling it Bilttoft. The following is quoted from Mrs. Huffman's letter:

"My father, E. R. Bilttoft, my sister Mrs. Marvin Cast and myself are the only family members in Beaver Crossing.

We have always understood that our grandfather was a norwegian seaman who married a Danish girl and settled in Schleswig, Holstein. The Germans overran that neck of land, and forced the young Danes to serve 3 years in the German army, beginning at age 17. It was a very hard life to which they felt no allegiance, so they came to America while young to escape it, or after serving.

My grandfather was Nis Bilttoft, youngest of his family. My father ~~is~~ Erastus or Erasmus and has always signed his name E. R. Bilttoft. The first generation was quite prone to name their youngsters after their brothers and sisters so there was repetitions of Pete, John, Ras, Nis and Anna. They do not sound especially English to me ; more Biblical.

I believe that there was a time ~~#####~~ when the British Isles were under the Scandivanian~~s~~ domination, and finally they were overthrown and driven back to the continent but which came first, the chicken or the egg, I have no idea.

A family member who traveled in north~~ern~~ Europe said the word 'toft' ~~#####~~ meant a narrow neck of land surrounded by water, and there were names like Ebeltoft. Ebel means apple. But he heard of no Bilttofts.

Several years ago my younger brother, Russell, who lives in California sent the name to his newspaper which ran a column which printed information about family names, crests, etc. It was months before they finally printed the information they could gather which stated " it is believed to be a very old English name." It surprised us, of course.

I am sending your letter to a brother, Charles # in Calif and will ask him to write you about his experience with Bilttoft in Australia, when he was a Navy man in WWII



" Since he spent a vacation last fall in England and nearby countries, I am sure he will be interested to learn what part of the country you believe to be your ancestral home."

Our local reference Librarian is inclined to think that Beltoft as well as Belknap meant beautiful knolls or hills. Both "toft" and "knap" are apparently of old Anglo-Saxon derivation meaning a ~~knoll~~ knoll, ~~low~~ low hill or piece of land set aside as a homestead. Belle or bello in French had the meaning of beautiful but if we go to the Latin it would have a basis meaning of "war" according to her findings. Don't know how much stock you can put in this but thought it might be of interest anyway.

Will keep you informed if and as I may receive any more on the Beltoft angle.

ECB.

January 27, 1971

To Carroll Y. Belknap  
From E. Clinton Belknap

Re BELTOFT

Miss Shirley Beltoft, the young lady about whom I wrote you recently, came back to work this week after a week-end at her parental home with a notation that her great grandfather "Pete" Beltoft "was born in Haderslaben, Schleswig - Holstein, of Denmark in 1849. Came to the U.S. at age of 29 where he became a citizen in 1897."

Learning of my interest in the Beltoft name someone else in the office reported that there were a number of Beltofts living in the rural area around Beaver Crossing, Nebraska. I shall try to follow through to see if their ancestry goes back to Denmark too but since that area isn't very far from where Shirley's family lives *I suspect they may have the same place of origin in Denmark.* Looks like one of those Englishmen may have ventured or drifted across the North Sea!

*E.C.B.*



Borough-English (over)

Land & tenements held  
in ancient burgage  
descend to youngest son.

Burgage - in borough  
& cities - feudal tenure  
by rental in lieu of  
military service.

Anglo-French  
Tenure in  
Burg Engloys  
= Tenure in an  
English Borough —



E CLINTON BELKNAP

RICHARD B TAYLOR

Feb 28 1971

Subject: "Borough English"

When I run across something that may need to be taken into consideration on family history, I like to make sure that it isn't buried in my files alone. Hence this note for your files.

Up to now, I have thought that the fact that Richard Beltoft's will made his younger son Josias his chief heir indicated that his older child Bennet was in disfavor -- and that Bennet was showing dislike of Abraham when he made his youngest son Josias his residuary heir and left Abraham, the eldest son, only 20 shillings.

Now I find that I may possibly have been wrong in this interpretation -- for there may have been, in both cases, a survival of the custom known as "Borough English."

When the Normans conquered England, they found in the main towns or boroughs a practice of making the primary heir not the oldest son but the youngest one. In Norman-French, they called it "tenure en Burgh Englois" -- that is, "tenure in an English borough." Later, it was called "Borough English."

seems

This custom ~~XXXXXX~~ seems to have survived here and there for quite a while after the Conquest, till it gradually vanished. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I find what look like traces of it in early Belknaps in America. <sup>even</sup>

So I can't say flatly that the wills of Richard and Bennet meant what I thought they meant.

C.B.

2/12/71

To Carroll Y. Belknap  
Riverside, Conn  
Fran E Clinton Belknap  
Lincoln, Nebraska

In case Jane Belknap has  
never supplied you with  
Carol Ann's D.A.R. membership  
registration number, she (Jane)  
has just written me a  
two sentence note stating  
that it is ~~550~~ 552072,  
ECB.

ECB from CYB

12/18/70

Your memo 12/12:

Thanks for information about Elijah's movement west.

Two points:

(1) I've meant to ask you, long since, whether you are sure of spelling of name Elizabeth ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Vanocleave. In other places I have found it given as (a) Vanocleave and (b) Van Cleave.

(2) The Joseph in Hardin Co Ky Census 1820 is one I haven't been able to identify. He wasn't brother of Jonas N B. That brother Joseph went from (HWB #304) Massachusetts to West Leyden, Lewis Co, NY and lived and died there -- reported there in Census 1810 and 1820. Identification seems certain. . . . I have found no other Joseph of that generation who could have been in Ky in 1820. Will keep looking for him.



MEMORANDUM

12-12-70

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878

From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

In your December 7, 1970, memo to Kay you raise the question as to whether Elijah Belknap, son of Jonas N., went to Allen County, Ohio, from Licking County. I have no evidence that he didn't but the 1840 US Census does show him to have been in Beldon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, at that time, along with his sons James M. and Samuel and his daughter, (Amazilla) and her husband Joel Eastman and their respective families.

I am not certain when Elijah went to Wapello County in Iowa but, again, the Census records, this time for 1850, in Wapello County, Iowa, shows him to have been there at that time. His youngest son, Joseph, had married a girl born in Indiana within the year. The wedding had taken place in Ohio. The girl's Name was Elizabeth and was later shown to have been Elizabeth Vancleave. With Elijah in Wapello County in 1850 were also James M. (son) and son, Gamaliel and Elijah's oldest daughter, Amanda, and her husband Josiah Garlinghouse. The last three children mentioned also had families of their own.

It's my guess that these Belknaps came to Wapello County about 1845. A son of Gamaliel, Fernando age 7 at the time of the Census was listed as having been born in Ohio but a son of James M. (Sanford) age 5, at the time of the Census was carried as having been born in Iowa.

Incidentally, the 1820 Census for Hardin County, Kentucky, lists, in addition to your Jesse, a Joseph Belknap, over 45; his wife, over 45, 2 sons - one 10 - 15, another 16 - 25 and three daughters, one under 10, one 10 - 15 and one 16 - 25. I have assumed that this must have been the brother of Jonas N. and Uncle of Jesse. Do you agree?

No.  
B 304  
lives + dies W. Leyden, NY  
shown there  
in Census 1810  
1820

*File*  
CARROLL YORK BELKNAP 25 Club Road Riverside, Connecticut 06878

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 ~~MEMO~~ 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.

*CYB*



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 Belknap, 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. "Coukdn'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: ~~XXXXX~~ 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 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 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 JonasX ; 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 ~~EMH~~ 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 B 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 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ purchase. It was true again, in Kentucky and ~~XXXXX~~ 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 ~~XXXXX~~ till the train reached Soda Springs, near Fort Hall in the SE corner of Idaho.

#### Some of Jesse's

There the family divided. ~~XXX~~ older 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 immigrant 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 misfits," he wrote, "came later, when the railroads were ~~XXXXX~~ 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: Keniah and her husband Chatman Hawley; Hannah and her husband Dow Gilbert (~~XXXXXXXX~~ ("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 ~~XXXXX~~ 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?" . . . ~~XXXXXX~~ Thank you, they came out all right.



Nov 30 1970

(A) & (B) -- I'm puzzled by these questions of yours. Don't see the conflicts that you mention.

(D) Authorities cited should be the original ones, in this case G Andrews Moriarty, the great New England genealogist, who reported in NEHG Register 1950 on basis of documentation left by his friend HWB (transcription of North Weald parish register by E C Bernau, received by HWB after he had written his 1931 piece in the Register). ~~REXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXIXAXIAXXOXOXAIAHFIHXHMOVIXXIILHIXXNHHHXXXIXIIIXNXHNIXNHX~~  
~~IHXNEXXRHTIRHMIIQIAXXHAIKHXHXXHVFXXHXY~~ But why not simply say "North Weald church  
register."

(F) I'm disturbed to find you still following Evans on the non-existent Roger and Mary Ingalls. His sole authority for them was an amateurish ~~thing~~ by a nice little old lady, in Illinois Hist Soc Journal. The other references Evans cited ~~XXXXXX~~ did not support the fiction.

(E) I've entered places where Abraham is known to have lived.

(X) (G) -- Hannah -- name of her husband is usually stated as Christopher Osgood ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to distinguish him from his father.

(K) John -- only record of him in Mass. is signature on a deposition in connection with a transaction by Francis Ingalls, in 1656. So he is believed to have died sometime after that date. (Moriarty, Register, 1950)

(L) What is your source for date "1676" for death of Samuel? To the best of my

knowledge no record of his death has been found. (As Moriarty pointed out in Register 1950, H&B had erred in placing Samuel's death "after 1731.") Many amateurs have invented ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ various dates for it.

(H) ~~See~~ Abbreviation "Herts" stands alone, does not need "Co." Full form ~~HEX~~ was ~~HEX~~"County Hartford." Both pronounced as in Hartford, Conn.

(O) See my recent sheet on Abraham for data on ~~Marry~~ Stallion.

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Pergive my emphasis on details. My hardest task is to combat the cynical definition so often heard: "Genealogy is the perpetuation of past mistakes." Too damned often, ~~HEHE~~ that's just what it has been -- especially in the Belknap family. That's what dragged me into this work.



Copy

September 16, 1970

Memorandum

To-Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn

From-E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Please refer to your letter under date of October 29, 1969, to Gladys. You were kind enough to send a copy of same to me. My problem is with the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page one and continuing on page two in which you state that the Salt Lake Genealogical Society had found the record of the marriage of Abraham Belknap to Mary Stallion, daughter of Thomas Stallion and Mary Dalton, at Latton, Essex, 24 December 1595. If this is meant to be the date of the marriage of Abraham and Mary it doesn't seem to correlate with the date, or estimated date of birth for Abraham ~~24~~ (1589) or with the births of the children of the couple. I would hardly seem plausible that they would wait until 25 years after their marriage to start having children. On the other hand, if the date given, 24 December 1595 should refer to the date of birth for Mary Stallion this would seem to mesh very well. Will you please straighten me out on this point?

Sorry to bother you but I seem able to stay away from the genealogy subject for very long at a time.

Hope all is well with you and yours.

*CP*

*11/24/70 Good to talk to you last evening and to know all is well with you!  
C.B.*

FAMILY GROUP No. 1  
This information obtained from:  
See first of refer-  
ences on next page.

(A) Does this mean he was baptised after he had reached maturity and only 5 or 6 yrs before his marriage?

Husband's Full Name ABRAHAM BELKNAP (Formerly BELTOFT)

Birth Date: 10 Mar 1589/90  
Birth Place: Sawbridgeworth, Herts, England  
Death Date: Before 6 Dec 1620  
Death Place: Lynn, Mass.  
Burial: Not known, N. World, Lynn, Mass.  
Occupation: Farmer  
Church Affiliation: N  
Allotted 40 acres at Lynn, Mass. 1637. Net value of estate at death - 47 pounds.

His Father: Bennet Beltoft  
Mother's Maiden Name: Grace Adams

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Mary Stollen  
Birth Date: 25 Mar 1620  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, England  
Death Date: Died young, Was alive 14 Apr 1623  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap" in church records

Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)  
1. ABRAHAM  
2. ABRAHAM  
3. DAVID  
4. SAMUEL  
5. DORCAS  
6. JOSEPH  
7. JOHN  
8. HANNAH  
9. ROGER  
10. Mary Ingalls

Seems unusual that he would be married 25 years before child was born.

S. Andrews Ministry

Birth Date: 6 Dec 1620  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, England  
Death Date: Died young, Was alive 14 Apr 1623  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap" in church records

Birth Date: ca 1622  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, Eng.  
Death Date: 1676  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap" in church records

Birth Date: 2 Mar 1627/8  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, Eng.  
Death Date: 1676  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap" in church records

Birth Date: Bpt 16 Mar 1627/8  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, Eng.  
Death Date: 1676  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap" in church records

Birth Date: Bpt. 7 Feb. 1629/30  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, Eng.  
Death Date: died young  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap"

Birth Date: Bpt. 12 May 1633  
Birth Place: North Weald, England  
Death Date: 14 Nov 1712  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap"

Birth Date: Bpt 10 May 1635  
Birth Place: North Weald, Essex, Eng.  
Death Date: Died after 25 March 1656  
Burial: Registered in church as "Beltrap"

Birth Date: on 1639/40  
Birth Place: Presumably at Lynn, Mass.  
Death Date: Nov 1679  
Burial: Registered as "Beltrap"

Birth Date: never existed.  
Birth Place: cyd  
Death Date: F  
Burial: Roger's wife was sister of Joseph's 2nd wife - EVANS

Birth Date: Neither did she.  
Birth Place: F  
Death Date: F  
Burial: F



ECB from CYB

11/24/70

It was good to hear your voice last night. And kind of you to call. My deep apologies for neglect. I've no excuse -- just reasons, which aren't excuses.

I've been far away, mentally -- in Virginia and Remsalaer County N Y and Oneida County N Y, for instance -- trying to solve such puzzles as the link to a Virginia family of Rev War times, previously unknown -- hurrying to collect information while the only people likely to help me are still living -- getting wills and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ land deeds -- hastening off on wild goose chases prompted by imaginative claims made by nice old ladies.

So postponing from day to day what I wanted to do -- write to people like you and Gladys and others whom I've neglected.

Yesterday, before you phoned, I had started to put myself in position to answer some of the questions you had asked in memos that I had laid aside. Began by looking at what you said about the change of family name in Sawbridgeworth -- found it forced me into re-examining some stuff in my files -- got so immersed that I never started writing, but began to figure how to rewrite some things I had written in the past -- gave up, finally, and went to dinner.

And then you phoned.

So, this morning, I'm doing what I should have done long since -- writing to you.

And finding that I erred in saying that I didn't receive one memo of yours. I ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ had misfiled it and forgotten it.

That was the query about the date of marriage to Mary Stallion, in a memo to Gladys. Alas, in writing that memo I relied on memory and set down the date of Mary's ~~XXXXXX~~ not the date of the marriage -- which was 28 Oct 1617.  
baptism.

I'm enclosing a copy of my latest set of notes on Abraham. If I've sent you earlier versions, please destroy them, for they probably contained an error resulting from misinterpretation of a date -- a statement that Abraham began calling himself Belknap before his ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ father died, which wasn't ~~XXXX~~ actually a matter of record.

Attached to that page of notes on Abraham is something I've just written -- a summary of the recorded facts about the ~~XXXXXX~~ of name from Beltoft to Belknap.

change

It includes a brief bit about the change in pronunciation of Belknap. Some day I'll write much more about that point, for it's not all that simple. No one yet, as far as I know, has been able to establish even an approximate general date for the time when k before n became silent in English, for it was a gradual process which proceeded at differing speeds in various parts of England. Today the only survivor of the old pronunciation (Anglo-Saxon and then Old English) is the way we spell and pronounce the name of King Canute -- originally, in his own time, "Cnut."

Better add, I suppose, that the pronunciation of <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ name in Chaucer's time was doubtless something like "bail-k-nep" or ~~XXXXXX~~ perhaps "bail-k-nop-eh". As late as the reign of Henry V it was still being spelled (in records of Queen Catherine's court) "Bealknap" though the "ea" had probably ceased being pronounced "ay" as in "hay" and had been shortened to "eh."



What I'm trying to say, I suppose, is that we have no just cause to be purists about either the spelling or the pronunciation of the name. If someone calls me Beloknap he is merely reviving a former pronunciation -- and indeed it was spelled just that way by some scribes, more than once.

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I chatter too much. Better get back to answering your memos.

But first, a brief note about another thing that I'm enclosing.

Rummaging through the multitude of sheets in my Gladys Gray file, in search of the memo you had mentioned, I ran across a piece I wrote for her last Christmas -- which I had passed along to my children. . . I think maybe you'd like to see it. So I enclose it.

But in looking at it, I see I must explain what that piece says about the route from Iowa to Oregon. . . . My tribe stuck together as far as Fort Hall, in 1847. Then Jesse and Jane and their younger children stayed behind, while the older children and their families went on -- by a southern route that I had a hard time understanding because that portion of Aunt Kit's writings has been lost and the surviving other documents pick up the story after the first contingent got into southern Oregon -- omitting the tough part between Fort Hall and ~~KINNIKINNICKIN~~ the Rogue River.

Recently, I found that route described in one of Bernard De Voto's books: The Year of Decision: 1846. It tells the story of the first emigrant train that followed that southern route, the Applegate Road, in 1846 -- one year before my people. If you are interested: pages 146-186 and 371-380; and map pp 152-53; and notes on Chapter VI, in back of book. . . My memory of those pages lay behind what I wrote in my little piece for Gladys. The whole book is fascinating -- to me, anyway.

Should add that the second contingent -- Jesse and Jane and the younger children -- took the northern route (old Oregon Trail via Walla Walla from Fort Hall) the next year: 1848. And got to Walla Walla just one week after the Whitman Massacre.

Some day when I'm free from present drudgery, I'll write for my children and grandchildren the whole story -- from Lynn to the Willamette Valley -- and will send you a copy.

Now back to your memos.

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Aug 27: Error on date of Elijah's birth, page 11 of "Parentage of Elisha..." Thanks. I thought I had caught all the mistypings made by the typist who copied my MS. Made this correction promptly, after your memo. Noted that correct date 1785 is shown in the final pages.

Aug 19 -- Letter from nurse Katherine L Belknap. Interesting. I thought she might be the nurse I've been trying to locate -- who attended my uncle Fred in a hospital in California last year. Interested in her comment about "blue eyes." Hereditary in my family, though sometimes skipping a generation. They skipped my son and daughter but all my grandchildren have ~~KINNIKINNICKIN~~ my blue eyes, which I got from my father.

Aug 26 -- copy of letter from Sephy Belknap Rudy, Cisco, Texas. I think my files contain some unresolved data on that family, but haven't searched for it yet. Lots of Belknaps in Texas, as far back as about 1780. My records not too good on them.

Aug 24 -- change from Beltoft to Belknap at Sawbridgeworth. Lack of time to reply adequately was one thing that kept me deferring writing to you. Much that I want to set down for you on this subject when I find time. For the moment, unfinished

business.

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I'm also enclosing two things I set aside to mail to you, long ago -- letting them just accumulate on top of your file:

-- Letter to Dorothy Masters, Sept 15

-- Memo to you from me 12/12 10/18, about twins Jesse Susannah.

August 24, 1970

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn.

From: E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

For more than two years I have harbored in my mind a curiosity concerning your personal theory as to how the Beltofts of Sawbridgeworth knew that the Belknap name was rightly theirs and immediately knew how to spell it -- Belknappe.

I promised myself, however, that I would refrain from asking you until I had done some more work on the subject myself. In recent weeks I have again reviewed and studied not only the rather comprehensive and most interesting memo you sent me under date of August 6, 1968, but also your memo of March 20, 1968, and the attachments thereto, including the copy of your memo to Claudia under date of February 28, ~~###~~ 1968. I located the New England Historical and Genealogical Register at our State Historical Library and reviewed the material you had cited in your memo to Claudia: Vols. 68(1914); 85(1931); and 104(1950). I also found the Dictionary of National Biography at our University of Nebraska Library and reviewed the sections cited in your August 6, 1968, memo regarding Sir Robert Belknap and Nicholas Wotton.

With all of this information at hand I still feel very ill prepared to be making any pronouncements ~~of~~ theories. But anyway for what it's worth here goes:

Your position that the change of names was prompted by the printing of the Bible and religious influence seems to make a lot of sense certainly as far as the given names of the individuals were concerned. The switching from the , what I presume to be a Norman surname, to the more English spelling of the name which meant essentially the same thing could have been related to this same general change over I suppose but I firmly believe it was prompted by something much more profound in the minds of those making the change, namely that Belknappe was indeed their rightful name -- that they were taking something back that they knew belonged to them, out of the past. Changing a surname isn't an every day act.

As to how and why they should claim Belknappe as their rightful name is a matter of conjecture for me, of course, but I can imagine that it could have resulted from a strong family tradition quietly and secretly handed down from generation to generation based upon perhaps one of two theories: (1) That the Judge, Sir Robert Belknap, had, while in exile in Ireland, been indiscreet, and had fathered a son or sons by a woman not his lawful wife and had later, upon his return to England, arranged for her transfer and support in the country village of Sawbridgeworth a short distance outside of London. It would logically follow that she would raise such children under an assumed surname and Beltoft~~s~~ having about the same generic meaning as Belknappe would seem a happy choice. Or ~~\*\*\*~~ (2) During the years of Sir Robert's hectic problems with the crown and parliament, one or more of his children could have adopted the assumed name of ~~#####~~ Beltoft, again because of the basic similarity of meaning, in order to withdraw from the continual critical scrutiny of the public and the government and in order to be in a position to hold property and accumulate wealth without the fear of government seizure. Twice Sir Robert's holding had been seized by the state



the second time only two years following the restoration from the first seizure. It would stand to reason that Sir Robert, being of the legal profession would be likely to help members of his family devise a means of establishing security in their own right and here again in a nearby rural village. Or the Judge's wife might have helped engineer the matter following the death of her husband. She had battled the government in an attempt to have the Judges holdings restored to her only to be ridiculed by some in the government but had finally been given the use of the land during her lifetime with it reverting to the government at her death and only some years later to have been restored to the Judge's son Hamon.

As to why ~~J#####~~ the wife of Bennet and the children of Bennet would immediately take over the name of Belknappe following the death of Bennet, and indeed in the instance of Abraham, before the death of his father we have discussed above. As to how Josias would immediately know how to spell Belknappe seems to me not too much of a problem. If he were educated, as it seems he had been, and if the name had come down through tradition with the "k" sounding. Spelling as words sounded, as they apparently did in those days, it wouldn't be surprising to find him spelling the name ~~Belknappe~~ "Belknappe"

Getting back to reasons why the wife and children of Bennett were determined to immediately use the Belknap surname might possibly be credited, ~~in~~ in part, to an integrity prompted by religion -- doing now, with determination, ~~that~~ that which they knew they should have done all along but didn't have the courage to do until their beloved Josias led the way!

By this time I am sure you have become keenly aware of my poor background in English history and of my equally poor ability to develop theories that could be helpful to you in any way.

I do hope that you will find it possible to divulge to me your theory on the whole subject in addition to the part that the printing of the Bible may have had. Maybe by this time ~~##~~ your theories are no longer just theories but documented fact. I wouldn't be surprised, the way you tie into things and come up with answers!

*df*

ECB from CYB

4/23/71

Thanks for sheet on gravestones in Round Prairie Cemetery, wherever that may be. I doubt in Johnson County -- as this family lived in Des Moines Co, in SE Iowa.

I'm always glad to get new names, for sometimes they help me rescue one of my unidentified Belknaps. This time, I have a pretty full record on that family. Silas was the father -- the others his sons. Descendants of the Newburgh family.

Gravestone does one service for me, on Silas. His middle initial C settles the old dispute over whether his middle name was Gardner or Carner -- and thus the surname of his mother. Carner it must be.

Date given for death of Silas is in error -- and impossible. Someone copied 1810 instead of 1840. He arrived in Des Moines Co in 1833 -- died in 1840.

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I should ask if you want records on descendants of Jonas Newton B -- other than your own line through Elijah.

Between us, you and I have something on all of his children except Cynthia. <sup>From</sup> ~~For~~ time to time, when I have a chance, I transfer my notes to an organized record -- but a long way to go, yet, especially on descendants of Jesse, my great great grandfather.

All I know about Cynthia is that Isaac Newton was in Licking County in 1830's. I haven't yet tried to trace for children.

*File*

Apr. 20, 1971

Memo

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebr.

THANK YOU for sharing The Line of Descent of Jonas Newton Belknap as revised March 12, 1971. I have adjusted my records to correspond therewith. What a great and time consuming effort on your part that this one sheet and attached notes represents!

Am enclosing a sheet I received from Aleda Strausser, 890 Knollcrest Drive, Marion, Iowa, 52302, the other day. She is a distant relative of my wife and knew I was interested in the Belknap family record. Marion is in Linn County, Iowa. Although she doesn't say in what county the records were found, I assume in Johnson County where Iowa City is located. I can't identify any one of the four or haven't done so to date. Will pass the sheet along to you should you find it of any value in ~~##~~ your searches.

*EB*



Iowa City is in Johnson County, Ia

Iowa:

Grand Prairie Cemetery  
Presented by the Nathaniel  
Bellows Chapter of Iowa City, Iowa

Belknap:

Oreon D. d. Dec 19. 1871 1154.1 1710.1  
53 yrs 14 days.

Elisha d. Sept 20. 1849 201 728  
22 yrs 859 1154.5

Orvil C. d. July 7. 1846 1440 1108.2  
26 yrs. 1046

Silas C. d. Oct 1. 1810 1090.1 1150.25  
40 yrs. 1120. 2d. 708.2

Error  
for 1840

H.W.B.  
says Silas C. Ohio 1831  
" in Burlington Ohio  
" Peter in New London Ohio"

*Thanks, I thought I had  
caught all the mistypings.  
C.Y.B.*

August 27, 1970

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn.

From: E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

This is written to correct a statement carried on page 11, paragraph 2, of your "Parentage Of Elisha Belknap" summary.

The statement is made that Elijah and Sally Belknap were listed in the 1810 census for Pittstown, Ontario County, N. Y. and that they were each shown to be in the 16-25 age bracket. The incorrect statement is the one saying that Elijah was born in 1795. He was born in 1785 according to my records. He was married in 1806 to Catharine Garlinghouse in Ontario County and although no mention is made of his family having been carried in the census he had a wife and two children ( Amanda and James M.) also under 10 which should have been reflected in that census. The age breakdown for Elijah, 16-25, would, of course still hold when listing his birthdate as 1785. *date 1785 is shown in final page.*

On first glance, when I read that paragraph (the first part) I thought you were saying that after Samuel's death Elijah married Sally and they were living together when the census was taken. I realized , however, after reading on that no such inference was intended.

Just though I should call your attention to the birth date error for Elijah because I have a feeling that as time goes on this excellent summary you developed relating to the "Parentage of Elisha" will become a frequently quoted document in relation to the Jonas N. Belknap family.

11-8-1970

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riversidem Conn., 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

W5.  
It has now been more than three months since I last heard from you. I do sincerely hope that no illness or other misfortune has overtaken you and that I may again have a communication from you in the near future!



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ECB  
From CYB

10/18/70

Long ago, you asked if I accepted the statement, in Parker in America, that Jesse and Susannah were twins. I replied that I did accept it, on the basis of the known close relationship of Jonas and Stiles Parker, whose descendants made that statement.

This week I got a partial confirmation. Mrs Arta ~~MYKIN~~ Bayley, another great grandchild of Jesse and Jane, came to see me. She was born in 1889 and spent her childhood in Benton Co Oregon and knew all of the children of Jesse and Jane. Her mother was one of "the Belknap twins" -- Angeline and Adeline, daughters of Jesse's son Ransom. We got to talking about the number of twins in our branch of the family, and she said "Of course, Jesse was a twin."

That was all. She did not know the name of Jesse's twin -- which doesn't surprise me, for I already knew that my Benton Co people had lost any memory of Susannah ~~in~~ in recent years, although some of the generation before mine and Arta's had ~~remembered~~ her and had listed her among the children of Jesse and Jane. (remembered)



MA 10718

Lincoln, Nebraska  
October 5, 1969

Carroll Belknap  
Riverside, Conn.

The attached are sent along just in case you don't have listings on all these Belknaps. Taken from the 1968 edition.

Belknap, Harold Raymond, Jr. was also listed in the late addition index but without a summary. Internal Medicine. Address given as 223 Station Hospital, APO N. Y. 09407.

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Diag 28-39 Hon Supt 31-32 (Vallee Lourdes San) Dist Med  
Health Officer 34-39 Chief Med Officer 45-62 Deputy  
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## Hamilton Ont

**APPLEFORD** Robert D Cert PrM (OM) 57 Steel Co of  
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MD 36 Diploma PH 46 Toronto Intern 36-37 Clinician QPD  
37-42 (Hamilton Gen Hosp) Med Officer (Steel Co Can  
Hamilton) 49-- Maj RCAMC 42-48 CMA-CPHA-APHA-IMA-  
ACPrM(F)

**TICE** James Winfred Cert PrM (AM) Med Arts Bldg  
Hamilton Ont Can b 98 Madoc Ont Can MB Toronto Staff  
(Hamilton Gen Hosp) Air Commodore Royal Canadian  
Air Force 39-46 Dir Med Services (Air) AerosMA (past  
pres)-ADIA-ACP(F)

## King City Ont

**O'HARA** William E Cert PrM (OM) 63 R R 3 King City  
Ont Can

## London Ont

**MANNING** George William Cert PrM (AM) 54 Dept  
Med Victoria Hosp London Ont Can b 11 Toronto Ont Can  
MD 40 PhD in Physiol 48 (both at U Toronto) Intern (St  
Michaels Hosp Toronto) 40 Sr Intern Med (Toronto Gen  
Hosp) 45-46 Nuffield Fell Clin Asst (London Hosp Eng) 46-  
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Med Establishment & Sch Aviation Med) Prof Med (U  
Western Ont) Squadron Leader RCAF 40-45 Wing Comdr  
Med Res Unit London 50-53 CMA-Can Physiol Soc-  
AphysiolS-Can Heart Assn-AHA-AMAUS-Ont Med Assn  
(Chm sect cardiolo)-RCP(Can)(F)-Can Clin Investigation S-  
ACC(F)-ACP(F)

## Moncton NB

**BROWN** Robert Julian Cert PrM (OM) 56 Canadian  
Natl Railway Moncton NB Can b 04 Ripon Yorkshire Eng  
MD Alberta 31 Intern (Royal Alexander Hosp Edmonton

1343  
Preventive  
Medicine



A copy of a communication  
from Sophia <sup>Belknap</sup> Eudy, Cisco  
Texas. Dont think I have  
sent it to you before. I seem  
to have no information on  
these specific individuals

Sophia Eudy  
1905 Avenue E  
Cisco Texas 76437

Q.B.  
5/26/70

18 Jan. 1969

I have some notes I have  
taken down as I receive them

I have a Note from a  
Chester Belnap who's  
address is 1306 S. Mesquite  
San Antonio, Texas.

Saying his father was  
Harry S. Belnap who had  
two sisters Elva & Della  
and one brother Chester  
and his grandfather was  
Hiram who's brothers  
Hiram, Ezra and Archi-  
medes all of Penna near  
Raymondsville Pa.

He said he was told  
Hiram went to Court and  
had the R. dropped from  
his name. I guess they  
are the ones mentioned on  
The paper Barrette sent us.

There is another C. R.  
Belknap in San Antonio  
his father was Charles  
Weesley Belknap from  
Worthington Miss. He  
had homesteaded in  
Ohio and fought in the  
Civil War. C. R. Belknap  
did not know his Grand-  
parents name but he had  
an Uncle Jeff and Herb and  
4 others one of his aunts  
name Sarah married a man  
by the name ~~of~~ Scott  
he also had an Aunt named  
Sophia (Sophia) that is a  
coincidence that their  
names would be the same  
as my <sup>(Cousin)</sup> Sister and mine.



do you know anything on  
them? This fellow would  
like to know.

File  
Clinton Balknap  
From CYB

8/6/70

Thanks a lot for the fat file of copies of Mrs Jane's correspondence. Several things in it are of considerable interest to me -- including some Glenn Evans stuff bearing on the problem that I'm tackling with John Sherman.

But the file makes it easy to see how Mrs Jane could have been so misled by the conflicting things that nice old ladies said, plus blunders by Evans (including his frequent citation of sources that contain not one word bearing on the subject he is dealing with).

Attached is copy of letter from George May, about that Belchertown V R.

Thanks for info about the Balknaps in Knoxville, Iowa. I'll follow up.

July 16, 1970 am.

Memorandum to-

C. Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878

From-

E. C. Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

*ack.* Will try to do a little catching up. Thank you for the information on Jack Belknap's line in Knoxville, Iowa. Subsequent to writing you, I had checked the Dick Taylor chart and thought I had come up with information showing that Horace's ~~father~~ <sup>was</sup> the bridge to Samuel and Mary Dickinson, ~~through~~ <sup>ancestors</sup> Abel R. and Electa Carey, and Abel and Elizabeth Stevens, but I guess the chart wasn't trustworthy or I don't know how to read it.

Anyway, I had written Jack asking him if this were right, and also asking if he would share the Journal of Horace's if I paid the Xerox charge, or suggested that if he were interested, I might run off a copy of Kathryn Christian Barrett's presentation relating to your Aunt Kit's diary *in exchange*.

His reply came yesterday, thanking me for my letter, and saying that he really didn't know the link between Horace and Samuel, and it was evident that he really wasn't much interested. Said that he had recently inherited a "geneology" report from a cousin, (Edwin Shady Belknap) who died in January, which "goes clear back to the 14th Century I believe but I haven't had a chance to study it out yet."

"As to the Journal", said he, "That is out...It is so fragil I Haven't even read it all myself. I have hopes of finding time to have a copy made of it, but until then it will not be opened."

I will follow up to let him know my error regarding the Abel Belknaps, and also suggest that he might want to enlist the State Historical Library Curator in Des Moines in getting suggestions on the preservation of the Journal and in making a copy of same. I think I shall then let the matter drop. I shall tell him my source of accurate information re the ancestry of Horace, which will make him aware of your identity, should you care to check him out on this geneology he has inherited. He points out that the late Edwin Shady Belknap to whom he refers is a son of Clifford Belknap, "my dad's youngest brother". Jack's address is 714 E. Robinson, Knoxville, Iowa, 50138. He still operates a jewelry store at 216 E. Robinson, and the 1968 City Directory shows Elizabeth Belknap, "widow of L. D." to be residing at 192 N. Attica Rd., Knoxville, and Josephine Belknap, "widow of Forrest" to be living at 601 E. Robinson, Knoxville. The directory showed 2 children (of Jack S. and Christina) as students: Burton S. and Marjo A., both listing the parent's address as their residence.

I appreciate deeply the copy of your memo of July 7, 1970 to George May, and the copy of his communication to you under date of May 12, 1970. Please do let me know what determination you make regarding the validity of the report to which he refers.



Thank you also for the copy of the Belknap-Brown paternal ancestry. Jane Belknap of Des Moines provided me with this earlier, and had included a third page, a copy of which I am attaching to this memo.

Thanks also for the Dorothy Masters communication and attachment.

*under separate cover*  
The fact that I had in my files the Belknap-Brown ancestry sheet and had not shared it with you focuses attention on the fact that I have other correspondence and information copied from Jane Belknap files, which, to the best of my recollections, have not been shared with you. So---here goes. I am sending copies of same to you at this time. Glance the material over as you have time and discard that which you may already have or which is meaningless to your purposes. At least I will know that it has been shared with you for whatever it may be worth. I am surely grateful for all the material you have shared with me.

To--CYB

From Clinton Belknap, Jult 16, 1970

*Am putting my name stamp on each of the pieces being sent you not because I want them back but just to identify where they came from to you.*

*CB*

**MATERNAL ANCESTRY**

**Julia Ann, Barbara and Robert II, Balknap**

Howe  
1834

WILLEY

**Thomas Howe - Born Dec. 19, 1796,  
at Northhamptonshire, England**

**Married Hannah (surname unknown)  
Born Sept. 1, 1799, at Northhampton-  
shire, England.**

**Son - Thomas - Born July 14, 1834,  
at Northhamptonshire, England**

**Thomas Howe - Born July 14, 1834**

**Married - Ann Hotal - Born June 4,  
1833, died 1915.**

**Son - Charles Edward - Born  
November 24, 1862, at London,  
England.**

**Charles Edward Howe - Born Nov. 24, 1862,  
died June 16, 1903, at Chicago, Ill.**

**Daughter - Rosalind Clara - Born July 18,  
1892, at Chicago, Ill.**

**Married Robert Brown Balknap,  
Nov. 30, 1916, at Chicago, Ill.**

**John Willey (Captain) - Born 1732, died  
Dec. 26, 1803.**

**Married Esther Comstock - Born 1723,  
died 1807.**

**Son - Alfred - Born 1770**

**Alfred Willey - Born 1770 - Died 1830**

**Married Olive Cone - Born 1767 - Died  
1845**

**Son - Sylvanus - Born 1799**

**Sylvanus Willey - Born 1799 - Died 1876**

**Married Malenda Atchinson - Born 1804,  
died 1892**

**Son - Ogden - Born 1832**

**Ogden S. Willey - Born 1832 - Died 1904**

**Married Julia Ann Holbrook - Born  
July 6, 1833, at Buffalo, N.Y. Died  
Feb. 7, 1925, at Chicago, Ill. Daughter  
of John A. Holbrook and Eliza Jane  
Green Holbrook.**

**Daughter - Clara Marandie - Born Jan.  
20, 1866, at Madison, Wisc.**

**Clara Marandie Willey - Jan. 20, 1866.  
Died April 21, 1932, at LeGrange, Ill.**

Howe

*File SOB*

September 16, 1970

Memorandum

To-Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn

From-E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Please refer to your letter under date of October 29, 1969, to Gladys. You were kind enough to send a copy of same to me. My problem is with the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page one and continuing on page two in which you state that the Salt Lake Genealogical Society had found the record of the marriage of Abraham Belknap to Mary Stallion, daughter of Thomas Stallion and Mary Dalton, at Latton, Essex, 24 December 1595. If this is meant to be the date of the marriage of Abraham and Mary it doesn't seem to correlate with the date, or estimated date of birth for Abraham (1589) or with the births of the children of the couple. I would hardly seem plausible that they would wait until 25 years after their marriage to start having children. On the other hand, if the date given, 24 December 1595, should refer to the date of birth for Mary Stallion this would seem to mesh very well. Will you please straighten me out on this point?

Sorry to bother you but I seem able to stay away from the genealogy subject for very long at a time.

Hope all is well with you and yours.

*EB*

*Date of her birth  
marriage in 1617*



ECB from CYB

July 8 1970

Your memo about death of Samuel (Jonas's father) stirs me into tackling a task that I set ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ aside long ago. Should have warned you that EX I was accepting a combination of my family tradition and entries in HWB's notes, disregarding data shown in Mass Soldiers and Sailors. Knew I should search for verification, but didn't see ~~XX~~ how to do it, and went on to chores that seemed more urgent.

Your memo deserves a full answer. In replying, I'll number the paragraphs in your memo, for your convenience.

Par 9, bottom p 1 -- Mass Soldiers and Sailors ... Reason for not relying on it was primarily the notorious unreliability of early militia records, plus general ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ vagueness of entries for Samuel. Militia muster records often fraudulent, for sake of subsistence allowances, etc. I'm biased by my own army contact with instances of padded rolls of militia companies. . . Record shown in book needs supporting evidence for everything beyond date of enlistment. "Service 2 mos & 8 days" (i.e., to Aug 9 1775) seems puzzling and perhaps inconsistent. Date of order for bounty coat is date of order, not application -- does not prove ~~S~~ in service on that date. "Reported deceased," without date, means nothing.

Today I'm asking ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ National Archives for record on Samuel. Doubt they'll have record of mere militia & service -- but should find out.

Meanwhile, I've been inclined to rely on the tradition passed down in my branch of the family, in every generation since Jonas & Esther.

Your par 7 -- Version given by Reva Barrett (one of my tribe) is essentially the tradition handed down orally and in writing in my branch of the family. More fully, in one old family paper: "He (Samuel) was a very fleshy man and was overcome by exertion and the heat (on Bunker Hill)." HWB's entries (source impossible to trace, now) also show death at Cambridge next day.

Par 2 -- Jane Balknap -- lineage books -- should look up in NYC when I get a chance; but they aren't really accurate sources, as merely show what has been said by some applicant and accepted by DAR. Rarely indicate original sources.

Par 3 -- Evans -- apparently repeats a version of the widespread tradition -- but I know nothing to support "wounded."

Par 4 -- Evans to you 1948 -- he apparently slipped in writing "Lexington" instead of Bunker Hill. Just carelessness.

Par 5 -- Evans to Mrs Jane 1948 -- I've noted that letter in the past and thought it possible but unlikely that the Samuel he mentioned might have been Jonas's father. Mention of "Concord" made me think he was probably the Samuel who helped raise a company at Woburn and helped lead it at Lexington (not Concord). The Balknaps at the bridge in Concord were from Winchester.

Par 6 -- Mrs Brown 1942 -- I'll look into the MS VR for Belchertown, reported by George May, to see if it supports the statement that Samuel died at Belchertown. Won't be in Boston till late Summer at earliest.

Par 8 -- Della to Mrs Jane 1968 -- Dear sweet Della has great but unfounded faith in the records assembled by her father (and relied on by Evans, who got them from Della's older sister, now dead). Those records are fine, beginning with the Jesse Belnap who dropped the k -- but sketchy and unreliable on everything before that. (i.e., before about 1770 or 1780) I've learned to be tactful about them; but did manage to get Della to correct some bad errors.

Any ideas on what else I might do?

Mailed to you earlier today, copies of some things that may interest you, which I found in doing ~~for~~ some belated filing. Don't believe I had already sent them to you.



July 6, 1970

To- Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn.

From- E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

1 I have noticed in the summary you prepared for Carol Ann that you had, at least tentatively, accepted the date of death of Samuel, father of Jonas N., as June 18, 1775, and the place as Military Camp at Cambridge, Mass. Is this now firm in your acceptance? And if so, will you share with me your source?

2 Jane E. Belknap of Des Moines, Iowa, said, in a letter dated May 1, 1964, that Samuel died trying to get home the day following the Battle of Bunker Hill where he had been wounded. She gave as her reference Lineage Book, Vol. 158, p. 82 and also cited the same publication, p. 88, for data concerning Jonas N.

3 Glen Evans, in true Evans fashion, stated in his summary to me, February 7, 1951, that Samuel Belknap, the father of our Jonas, "enlisted at Granby, Mass. in 1775 for Revolutionary War Service. He fought at Bunker Hill where he was badly wounded and he died the next day at Cambridge, Mass."

4 In a letter to me under date of January 7, 1961, he had stated that the "father (of Jonas) was mortally wounded at the Battle of Lexington in 1775 and died the following day at Cambridge." This would have meant he died about April 20, 1775.

5 In a letter to Jane E. Belknap under date of September 23, 1948, Evans speaks of certain descendants of Samuel having had "the musket which Samuel held in his hand when he was mortally wounded at Concord."

6 In a summary by Mrs. Milton Brown, Marengo, Iowa, dated November 24, 1942, provided to Mrs. Jane E. Belknap, it was stated that this particular Samuel Belknap, father of Jonas, died in Belchertown, Mass., in 1775. She cited no reference.

7 Reva Barrett, in a letter to Jane E. Belknap, under date of September 2, 1951, said Samuel (father of Jonas) died June 18 at Cambridge, Mass., in camp of heat prostration following the Battle of Bunker Hill. She listed no reference, but Jane Belknap had indicated to me in conversation that Reva got much of her material from the Salt Lake records, as I recall.

8 Della Belknap, of the Salt Lake group, stated in a letter to Jane E. Belknap, September 15, 1968, that they had "good records" for Abraham and Mary down to Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton and their children, but that the information was limited from there on.

9 The one disturbing factor on placing Samuel's death as early as June, 1775, would seem to be his apparent Massachusetts Militia service record--Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. I, page 918. This reference to "Belnap, Samuel, Belchertown, indicates that Samuel answered muster roll dated August 1, 1775. Also Company return [Probably October, 1775] and also filed for a bounty coat or its equivalent from Cambridge, December 23, 1775," and was later reported deceased. *Note. Bracketed portion part of quote.*



July 6, 1970

To- Carroll Y. Belknap  
From- E. Clinton Belknap

This letter isn't written with the desire that you drop your other work to document something for me except for a general reference indication. I am sure that any conclusions you are firm on are well documented, and I shall readily accept your findings. My question really is, are you firm on the date and place of death for Samuel as listed in the Carol Ann material?

CB.

*File*

4/5/70

Memorandum:

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

Was good to get your letter of March 26th. Had assumed that you had either gone on another holiday jaunt, or weren't well.

I had a bout with prostate surgery March 3, but have been back on the job for the past 2 weeks.

Yes, I did receive your copy of the letter to Jane Belknap in Des Moines. While in the hospital I received a letter from her--the first for many months--postmarked March 3. I am enclosing a copy. Her comments to me regarding the C.A.R. membership and her telephone conversation with you at about the same time don't seem to jibe. I fear Jane's health may be failing her to the point that she is confused.

I wrote her, long hand, from the hospital, expressing great surprise that she had not followed through with the material you had so graciously prepared for her at much cost in time and effort to yourself. I find it very difficult to understand why Carol Ann, or her dad, Don of Kansas, didn't help Jane follow through on this matter. And I get the impression that no one in Jane's family has even so much as thanked you for your efforts. This is truly a disappointment, and I intend to express my sentiments to Don when I next see him.

Now for the Garlinghouse matter. I'm afraid we have, in the person of Wendell Garlinghouse, some one who isn't currently very enthusiastic about actively providing us with information and help. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him under date of February 25, 1970, and his response to me under date of March 4, 1970.

Perhaps I tried for too much information in my first communication. Maybe if I had confined my requests to only one or two items, I could have more readily opened the door for follow up communications. Actually, Topeka isn't more than about 150 miles to the south and east of Lincoln, and it may be possible for me to arrange to stop and meet this man personally one of these days.

Do you have any suggestions? Would you care to approach him to see if you can accomplish more than I did? As to the date of Gamaliel's birth, I suppose he could have been a twin, but it does seem that this would have been mentioned somewhere along the line.

CB

Des Moines, Ia  
Sunday Evening

Clinton!

I haven't heard from you for so long. I haven't heard from Carroll Belknap either and his last letter said he had Carol Anne papers ready to go in. Did something happen to him?

I also found out that we went to a lot of work for nothing. Carol Anne belonged to C.A.R. for a long time therefore she could have gone in without all of this fuss.

I was talking to a D.A.R. Lady here and mentioned Carol Anne belonging to C.A.R. and she said that was all she needed. She wrote to Washington but we haven't heard anything yet. They are so slow.



We have had a bad winter  
here and so much snow.  
The snow is all gone now  
but it has been so foggy  
today.

We have had much sickness  
in our neighborhood. I lost  
3 friends near here and one  
was Mr Johnson who lived  
next door and they were our  
very close friends.

Have you been able to find  
out any more of your family?

I haven't been out of town  
all winter even stayed in D.M.  
at Xmas time.

Carol Anne goes to school in  
Fremont, Neb. is going home Mar  
25th and she is going to come  
this way and take me with  
her. I will be so glad to  
go. I haven't been down for  
a long time, but of course

Donald has been up here  
which helps a lot.

Monday A.M.

It is raining like mad  
here this morning but no snow.

I must close now and get  
this in the mail

Sincerely

Jane B.

2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 24, 1970

Mr. Wendell Garlinghouse  
820 Quincy  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Garlinghouse:

Some time ago Dr. Richard E. Garlinghouse and I concluded that we must have had a common Belknap ancestor. He told me that you had gathered considerable material on the Garlinghouse ancestry and had prepared a chart which he would share with me.

Recently, while my wife was in the hospital recovering from surgery which Dr. Garlinghouse had performed, he brought in the Family Tree chart and left it with her for me to see when I came to visit her. I, of course, found it most interesting and it confirms the fact that we do indeed have a common ancestor. Jonas Newton Belknap, father of Esther who married Gamaliel Garlinghouse was also the father of Elijah Belknap, my ancestor.

In case you do not have the identity of Esther's parents and her siblings, I am enclosing a copy of a family record sheet providing this information together with a copy of a section from an 1887 Early History of the town of Spring Water, New York, which you may find of interest. In addition I have the record of the direct lineage of Esther back to Abraham Belknap who came to America from England and settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1637. I shall be glad to share this with you should you like.

In exchange, I would be extremely grateful if you would provide me with the source of your information regarding Esther and Gamaliel and their children. I am interested in the dates and places of birth, marriage and death and also places of residence in so far as you may have them. Do you know the occupation of Gamaliel?

Do you have the name of the father of Gamaliel? You will note that three of Esther's brothers married Garlinghouse girls, including my ancestor, Elijah. Would you happen to know the names of their respective fathers? We have been searching for this.

Esther's father served for many years in the Revolutionary War and her grandfather, Samuel Belknap, died serving in the war. I have more specific data on their records of service should you want same.

I am 64 and a Medical Social Service Consultant with our State Department of Public Welfare. I do hope I may hear from you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

E. Clinton Belknap



WENDELL L. GARLINGHOUSE

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TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612

TELEPHONE CE 4-0577

March 4, 1970

Mr. E. Clinton Belknap  
2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I have received your letter of February 24, 1970, but have been unable to locate any information which I have concerning the Belknaps. However, I am confident that I do have some information and as soon as I find it, I will write to you again.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Wendell L. Garlinghouse*

Wendell L. Garlinghouse

WLG:tr

File

12/21/69

CYB from ECB

After receiving your fine communication of December 16 "In defense of Dick Taylor", I was prompted to immediately write you saying I was sorry I had raised the subject at all. But, quite honestly, I'm glad I did write you or otherwise I would have gone on without fully appreciating all the fine qualities of Dick and his wife as you have so eloquently related them. Thank you!

Your discourse has served to further confirm the basic fairness and objectivity of your own personality characteristics!

May the best be yours in this holiday season and throughout the new year.

ECB.

Om Belknap <sup>file</sup>  
[See Clinton file]

20120 Smith Rd  
Perris, Calif R-1  
92370

Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Belknap.  
Greetings -

In comparing your  
letter with my records.  
I find, a Jesse Belknap  
who was born in 1792. and  
died in 1881. was the son  
of Jonas Belknap.

Jesse wife name was  
Jane Garlinghouse.

Jesse had a Brother  
named Elijah. Born in 1785  
who also married a Garlinghouse  
girl. This Elijah Belknap  
was the father of Joseph  
G. Belknap. who is my  
Grandfather.

I wonder if any of  
this information compares  
with your family rec.  
(over)



It seems the families  
of these Belknap lived  
in Conn. and Mass. at  
one time.

Did you Mr. Belknap  
ever live in Denver Colo.  
and worked at the U.S.  
mint? There was a  
Frederick Belknap who worked  
there, and retired in 1953 or  
1954. I worked there at  
that time but did not  
get to know him very well.

Resp. yours.

G.M. Belknap

689-2641

JL

2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 8, 1969

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn.  
From: E. Clinton Belknap

In your memo of September 29, 1969, You ask if I have checked the census returns for Elijah for 1820, 1830 and 1840 against HWB's list of children. Yes, one of the strongest supports I found for accepting HWB's list was the listing in the 1820 census. That together with the fact that all previously verified information on members of the family well known to contemporary <sup>members</sup> of this branch mesh so completely, prompted me to go with HWB's list.

In the 1830 census the males check out completely. The females -- one under 5; 1, 5 under 10; 1, 10 under 15, and 1, 40 under 50 -- do not check out so well. Assuming that Mary Jane had been born early enough in 1830 to be counted she would account for the 1, under 5. The lack of match of ages for Esther 12, and Amazilla, 18, with the "1, 5 under 10" and "1, 10 under 15," could possibly have been due to an error caused by sloppy recording of the enumerator, or Amazilla may have already been out of the home and on her own and a niece of Elijah's could have been living with the family or there is always the possibility that another girl had been born to the family subsequent to the 1820 census and prior to Joseph Gillett in 1826. Under any circumstances I do not feel that the lack of match need cast any great question upon the list down through Jonas, 1820, and we have contemporary verification of the fact that both Joseph and Mary Jane were members of Elijah's family.

Nothing I have yet come across, other than the apparent slight discrepancy on the female side in the 1830 census has indicated that there was another female offspring.

As to matching the 1840 census with the family members remaining in the home, I find no problem.

Males	Females
1, 15 under 20 (Joseph Gillett) 14	1, 10 under 15 (Mary Jane) 10
1, 50 under 60 (Elijah) 55	1, 50 under 60 (Catharine) 52

You asked if I had checked names on excerpt from Old Northwest Quarterly on HWB's sheet for Elijah which you so graciously provide me. I interpret it more as a list of individuals in a Bible class of the Methodist Episcopal Church than as a special list of Elijah's children. Had he had really been presuming to be giving anything like a comprehensive list of Elijah's children he surely would have mentioned, Amanda, Amazilla and the others. Seems to me there are too many ? marks, dashes and nebulous information on that sheet to be worthy of very much conjecture and concern. The ones he lists definitely can be accepted as children of Elijah, ie, James, Samuel, Jonas. Susannah would, of course be the wife of James M. Who a supposed "Anna" would have been is any ones guess based on such a skimpy listing, it seems to me.

*File*

*Jan 23, 1970*

Memorandum

To Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street. Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

My wife recently returned from a stay of about two weeks in the hospital where she had undergone surgery at the hands of a Richard E. Garlinghouse, MD, Gynecologist. While there Dr. Garlinghouse told her that he had a Belknap ancestor and before she came home he brought into her room and left with her for transmittal to me a "Garlinghouse Family Tree," a copy of which I am enclosing for your files.

It is my intention to follow through with the author, an attorney by the name of Wendell Garlinghouse, of Topeka, Kansas, to learn as much as possible concerning his sources of information for Esther Belknap, 1797, and her children. Will let you know if I come up with anything of value.

*ECB.*



MEMO 12/4/69

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn.  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

In your memo of October 5 you ask how I went about it to get the information sheet on Elisha from Salt Lake. You will recall I also sent you a copy of one from from them on Ebenezer, "abt 1677" and one on Samuel, "abt 1700." I'm sure its no different than you or someone else would have done.

Under date of August 5, 1964, I wrote Mr. Paul P. Royal telling him I was attempting to secure data about my ancestor, Elijah Belknap, and in-as-much as it was my understanding that "your Society has data on a very large number of Belknaps" I was wondering if it might be possible for them to give me some assistance and if there were a charge to advise me of the amount. I enclosed with my letter such information as I then had on Elijah.

On August 17, 1964, I received a reply, a brief note, saying that my letter had been turned over to one of their departments and that he was sure I would be hearing about the matter shortly.

On August 30, 1964, I wrote a follow up letter. Under date of September 8, 1964, I received a letter from Miss Frances Baker of the Special Services section including the following paragraphs, ~~and enclosing copies of records mentioned at the beginning of this letter.~~

" A check of the Master Index of over 27 million cards was made but no reference was found to Elijah Belknap, born 1785, son of Jonas Belknap. This indicates that no one has placed a record on file in our archives representing Elijah Belknap, his wife, or children.

"Our library and Archives are open to the public where you would be welcome to come and make your own searches free of charge. We have made no investigation of the printed books and microfilm records as this would require the services of a professional genealogist, unless you were able to make your own searches.

"The following person in Washington, D. C. will be able to investigate war records for you

Harry W. Frazee  
1911 "R" Street, N. W.  
Washington 9, D. C. "

Under date of February 1, 1965, I received another letter from Frances Baker, a copy of which is attached together with the three sheets mentioned above, and a 3page "Preliminary Steps in Research" and a list of possible genealogists who could make searches for me. A copy of that list is also enclosed.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS INC.  
107 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
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IN YOUR REPLY  
REFER TO:

FB/jd

February 1, 1965

Elmer Clinton Belknap  
2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of August 30, which was referred to me by Mr. Paul Royall. With this letter you enclosed one which you had sent to Mr. Royall on August 5. I have endeavored to find what department your letter of August 5 was referred to and to find a copy of the correspondence which was undoubtedly written to you, but this has not been successful.

A check of our Master Index of over 30 million cards was made, but we were not successful in identifying your Elijah Belknap who had a wife named Catherine Garlinghouse. The only reference to any of the names mentioned was to Elisha Belknap who married Lucy Finch. A copy of this Archive sheet is enclosed.

No investigation has been made in our printed books and microfilmed records. This would require the services of a professional genealogist, unless you are able to come and make your own searches free of charge. Our Library and Archives are open to the public where you would be welcome to come and make your searches.

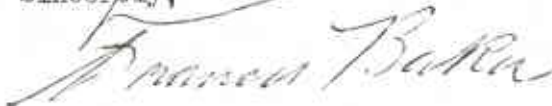
The Society is receiving weekly hundreds of requests for research assistance, which are far in excess of what our limited staff of trained personnel can handle. It was recently ruled that our Research Department would accept no new research accounts.

Enclosed is a list of accredited genealogists who undertake professional research in our Library. These are not part of our research staff. Perhaps one of them would be able to assist you with research if you so desire. It should be understood that while it is believed that the persons named will be able to undertake satisfactorily the work in question, the Society undertakes no responsibility for the arrangements or results, which are private between agent and client.

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The enclosed literature entitled "Preliminary Steps in Research" will undoubtedly offer suggestions of value as you commence your research activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frances Baker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Miss Frances Baker, Head  
Reference Correspondence Service

Enclosures



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RGB from CYB

4/6/70

Date of death of Esther Balknap Garlinghouse, reported by Miss Gray from letter from County Clerk, Licking County, Ohio:

"Feb 13 1879 -- aged 81 yrs, 10 mos and 13 days"



Garlinghouse  
Tree

? Gamaliel <sup>b.</sup> date

→ Verify Esther b. date  
- OK -

- Identify Cynthia Gilbert

- Husband (1) Francis <sup>(ONT)</sup> Gilbert

m. 1875  
no. ch - (2) Avery <sup>(2nd wife)</sup> ~~Quint~~ <sup>Avery</sup>

- Avery's <sup>d.</sup> sister, saint  
m Charles Beltrac,  
son of Eliza J. -

- Parentage Gamaliel

- James - NY Rev

- Eugene C  
Ba 1790

Signer? of SS, through  
Garner ancestry



Galvinhouse

Catherine Dec 1788

Mary ?

Jan 26 March 1792  
Gravestone

1 Keyie d.	1859	8	21
<sup>aged</sup>	46	6	15
$\therefore$ born	<u>1813</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

If correct - 1792 for  
Samuel ?

Lynthe & Gilbert's  
Children

per Miss Ada Avery  
347 Cedar St  
Granville O

Orin - no ch.

Gereno - no info.

Fauna

m. — Kink

Fannie?  
(on chart)

2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 19, 1970

Mr. Wendell L. Garlinghouse  
320 Garlinghouse Bldg.  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Garlinghouse:

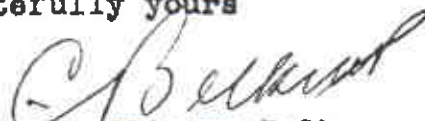
Since writing you in February, the exact date of death for Esther Belknap Garlinghouse, wife of Gamaliel, has been reported by the Licking County Clerk, Ohio, as having taken place in Licking County, February 13, 1879. Though you might like to make this notation on your Garlinghouse summary.

I surely do hope that you will find it convenient to let me know if your records show the source for the date of birth for Gamaliel as 1792 and also the name of his father. Or, if you can direct me to someone else who might be able to supply this information I shall be most grateful.

There has been conjecture on the part of Carroll York Belknap, retired market analyst of Riverside, Connecticut, who is now spending almost full time on Belknap genealogy, that Gamaliel Garlinghouse was the brother of Catharine, Mary and Jane, all of whom married Belknap boys (brothers of Esther Garlinghouse). However the date of birth for Jane, wife of Jesse Belknap, taken from the grave stone, is March 26, 1792 which would place her birth in the same year as Gamaliel's as shown by your summary. This would seem to disprove Carroll Belknaps conjecture unless, of course, Jane and Gamaliel were twins.

It isn't far from Lincoln to Topeka and if you feel a personal conversation about these matters would be more fruitful than writing I shall be glad to arrange to drive down some day this spring at your convenience.

Gratefully yours

  
E. Clinton Belknap



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Memo 12/10/69

SOME ODDS AND ENDS

To Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn 06878  
From E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 68502

In your ~~undated~~ memo to Gladys Gray, Violet Belknap (Mrs. G. M.), George May and myself, mailed by you 12, November, 1969, you state in paragraph 6 that "Family tradition says Catharine, Jane and Mary (Garlinghouse) were born in Pa." In the case of Catharine, wife of Elijah, there is something more than family tradition. The us Census for Wapello County, Iowa, gives her birth place as "Pa."

In your memo , or communication, of November 17, 1969, to Gladys Gray, you raise the question as to when the Belknaps, Garlinghouses, et all moved from Kentucky to Ohio. In the case of Josiah Garlinghouse mentioned in my memo to you under ~~XXX~~ date of 12/9/69, we know that Lacy Garlinghouse was born in Ohio in 1830 because he was listed as 20 in the 1850 census. In the Elijah Belknap family Joseph was born in Ky in 1826 but the birth place for Mary Jane, born in 1830 was given as Ohio in the 1850 Wapello County, Iowa census. This might be of some help in determining the facts.

✓ You also expressed concern as to how to go about the digging out the Belknap facts in Ohio. I'm under the strong impression that most of the facts sought would center primarily in ~~XXXXXX~~ Licking and Franklin Counties and I get the impression also that there has been considerable historical source material preserved that would be available to one if he were actually on the scene and had a local contact such as Mrs. Ada Avery, to give suggestions and counsel as to where to go to go to find the information sought. Mrs. Avery sounds pretty alert and resourceful to me. As for me attempting to follow through on any of this material I jut don't have the time to get into it and I know better than to start because once I get going on something like this I have a hard time putting it aside.

As I stated to you in my letter of 9/30/69, I do not have any other source for listing a "Roger" as son of Abraham except Glen Evans. I have read your treatise on the Ingalls and find no fault with your conclusion.

✓ When I was in Lansing, Michigan, in December, ~~1966~~ 1966, reviewing Belknap genealogical records in the State Library, I joted down some notes as to references listed by Glen Evans in relation to data pertaining to children of Jonas Belknap. I reviewingg those notes I find the follwing for Orin, b. 1799, Cattaraugus Cgunty, N. Y., d. ~~181X~~ 1873, Pataskala, Ohio, Licking County. r. N.Y., Ohio, Michigan. Married Mary ~~XXXXXX~~ A. Draper, b. 1805 d. 1858 Pottawattamie (Council Bluffs) Iowa. Evans lists Charles Belknap as his ~~source~~ source. No

1956 orig

✓ Do your records show Mary Draper to have died in Pottawattamie County, Iowa? And if so, do you have the background? Did Orin start West with his family as others of Jonas' family had earlier , lose his wife enroute at Council Bluffs, and turn back. Do your records place him in Michigan for a time during his life? I did a quick check of the 1850 census for Pottawattamie County, Iowa but found no Orin Belknap in the county at that time.

E.C.B.



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FROM CYB TO ECB

Dec 18, 1969

Your helpful letters 12/9 and 12/10, for which I'm grateful. More pieces for my jig saw puzzle. They'll all fit together some day/.

(1) Census record Catherine born Pa. Noted.

(2) Date of move Ky to Ohio -- evidence is accumulating that places it in mid-1820's, soon after death of Jonas N B.

(3) Research in Licking and Franklin Cos, Ohio. This is now under way. If you run across anything, fine, but don't make special effort. Census records, when I get to them, will probably help a lot. I may, as usual, keep you informed when progress is made -- but just so someone besides me will know about it.

(4) Orin -- record you copied from Evans notes, Lansing, <sup>was</sup> based on notes of Cdr Charles Belknap.... I'm not sure I ever sent you sheets on Orin (Sr), for HNB's pages on him were sadly confused and I never got them straightened out in my mind until I read the long three-way correspondence among HNB, Orin Jr, and C C Belknap of Bramerton. I'm enclosing copy my notes based on those letters (with some emendations by me, on basis other information known to be reliable) . . Should now give you essential excerpts from that correspondence, in order to explain errors by the Commodore and by HNB, who got his depe from the Cdr, before hearing from Orin Jr.

IN 1919:  
FROM LETTERS FROM ORIN JR, "I was born in the big pine woods of Michigan, 50 miles NW of Detroit. My father's family always lived on the frontier. The wild buffalo of the plains and the skin teepees (sic) of the Indians who roamed the old Buffalo Range were known to me in my young ~~childhood~~ <sup>manhood</sup>. . . My father died .. in Pataskala, where he owned a store at the time of his death. . . My mother's name was Anna Draper. She married my father in 'York State' near the headwaters of the Susquehanna, where my father built a flat boat in which they floated down the Susquehanna and the Ohio to the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky, from whence they moved to central Ohio; to Michigan; to Northern Illinois; and starting from there to join his brother Jesse in Oregon, proceeded to western Iowa in 1854, where my mother's health failed and where she died March 3rd 1856. . . His second marriage was in the fall of 1856."

MY NOTES ON UNDERLINED WORDS AND DATES:

(back in Orin Cyb.)  
Anna Draper: Cdr Charles B had it Mary A Draper. So did HNB, till he heard from Orin Jr. (HNB also had it "Mary Caswell" at one early time).. . . Gladys Gray found a Draper family near or in Honeoye at that time. . . Name might possibly have been Mary Anna, with first name not used in the family?. . . Orin Jr does not give date of marriage of his father and Anna Draper; but list of their children makes it seem they must have married circa 1824; and must have been in N Y State at that time, as not in Ky or Ohio Censuses 1820. Place of marriage might well have been Catteraugus Co, NY, which Cdr Charles B gives as place of birth of Orin Sr (See next paragraph).

Susquehanna: An obvious impossibility, accepted without question by HNB, who never went west of the Hudsch. I think an error by Orin, Jr, as only river possible was the Allegany -- which rises mainly in Catteraugus Co. I so change it in my records.

1856 -- Evans and Cdr say Orin Sr's wife died 1858. I accept 1856, stated by Orin Jr, because he mentions that year several times in various connections; obviously it was



a year firmly fixed in the mind of the 17 yr old boy that he was in 1856; he could not easily have been wrong on that date for so many occurrences as he mentions in his letters. Cdr Charles B's "Pottawattamie (Council Bluffs)" agrees with Orin Jr's "western Iowa" for place of Anna's death; I think I'll accept it, though I haven't yet found the Cdr's source for that entry, and perhaps I should say "possibly" or "said to be", in my final record.

GRATUITOUS COMMENT ON CENSUS RECORDS: They are tremendously helpful -- BUT they are not evidence of any fact except that "this is what was printed." The census taker may have erred -- often did. The printer may have erred -- doubtless often did, being a printer. Result: Census record can be taken as factual only when supported by valid contemporary evidence. Does, however, indicate probable presence in location at time named. (Example: gross errors in census records of one CYB in his childhood, when I dug them up to prove my US citizenship when I first applied for a passport.)

RACHEL -----, Possibly a Garlinghouse. Yes. But no trace of any Rachel Garlinghouse yet found except Abiather Newton's wife. Search for Rachel is widespread, among all Ont Co families. A Rachel G who married J N B would have to be a sister of James or John G, of course. (?)

JOSIAH GARLINGHOUSE m. Amanda B -- not yet identified.

LACY G m. Mary Jane B -- apparently son of Josiah G, above. My guess, just that, is we'll find Josiah G is son of Esther B and Gamaliel Garlinghouse. But our research in Licking Co will probably give us the correct answer, whatever it may be.

We already know that Charles Bellnap who married Harriet Avery, aunt of Ada Avery, was son of Elisha B Jr, and I'm in correspondence with his ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ descendants in Ohio.

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Don't be surprised if Lacy G and Mary Jane turn out to be first cousins. Marriages of ~~the~~ "own cousins" occurred a number of times in our family.

Census records -- Josiah and David Garlinghouse, Iowa. Helpful. I'll not let myself guess about their parentage, yet, except as above on Josiah.

Again, thanks for all this help.

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NOTE ON CATTARAUGUS COUNTY: Cdr Charles B, meticulous workman though he was, sometimes drew wrong conclusions from valid data -- taking place of baptism as place of birth (which it often wasn't), or place of marriage as place of birth or place of death. In this instance, Orin Jr's letter makes it likely that Orin Sr married Anna Draper in ~~the~~ Cattaraugus Co, but from Waite we know he was born Ont Co. I think Cdr Charles B got right place of marriage, then misinterpreted it. Seems probable, knowing his mental habits as I do.



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2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
12/9/69

To Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

In your memo of October 15, 1969, sent jointly to Claudia Marshall, et al, including myself, you ask whether we agree that the source of the exact statements about the children of Jonas and Esther, furnished to D. B. Waite by Mrs. Cynthia Avery, granddaughter of both Jonas Belknap and James Garlinghouse, must have been the family Bible of Jonas and Esther. My answer, for what it may be worth is yes!

I wish to also indicate my agreement with your analysis and conclusion presented in the second paragraph of your memo to Gladys Gray, George May and myself, October 17, 1969, regarding the strong case for the validity of the data presented by D. B. Waite.

REGARDING YOUR MEMO OF 12/2/69.

{ page 1 ( No. (1) under  
"Unfinished Business."

I find myself, as usual, nodding agreement to your analysis and the conclusions projected therefrom. It is noted both in your memo of October 17, mentioned above, and in this memo of 12/2/69, that you call attention to the position that we do not yet know the last name of Rachel, the 2nd wife of Jonas N. Belknap, who died 4 July 1815 in Ontario County, N. Y. ( page 2, par. 2, your letter to Mrs Gilbert M. Belknap, 21 Oct., 1969). This may be only a wild guess, and, indeed, that's all it is, but I suggest that one should not automatically rule out the possibility of it being Garlinghouse.

In reviewing the notes in my census file record, I have put my hand on a record of Josiah Garlinghouse who married Amanada Belknap and who, with their family was living in Wapello County, Iowa in 1850. This family's 3rd daughter also had the name of Rachel (Spelled Raichel by the census enumerator). There possibly could be some remote chance that this daughter was named after a Rachel on the Garlinghouse side of the family - a more likely possibility than for the second wife of Jonas, as such unless she also were a Garlinghouse.

I also found in this Josiah Garlinghouse household a 20 year old young man by the name of Lacy Garlinghouse. He is shown to have been a farmer, born in Ohio. A Lacy Garlinghouse, you may recall, was named by old Aunt Anna of Cedar Vale, Kansas, as the young man who married Mary Jane, the youngest daughter of Elijah, in 1855, "and moved with him to Southern Missouri!" Whether it was this same Lacy, a brother possibly of Josiah, or whether it was another Lacy is not known by me. From the census record and dates of birth one would be led to think that this particular Lacy Garlinghouse was more than likely the oldest son of Amanda and Josiah and surely Mary Jane would not be marrying the son of her own older sister!

12/9/69

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To Carroll Y. Belknap  
From E. Clinton Belknap

Here is the census record for Josiah Garlinghouse, which, so far as I can determine at the moment, I have not previously shared with you:

The Josiah Garlinghouse and Amanda Belknap household as enumerated in schedule 1093 of the 1850 U.S. Census for Wapello County, Iowa, by Jos. H. A. Street on Nov. 13, 1850.

Josiah Garlinghouse age 40, male, born N.Y., Brickmason, Owned real estate valued at \$240.  
Amanda Garlinghouse 42 female, born N.Y.  
Lacy Garlinghouse 20, male, farmer, born in Ohio  
Roseanna, 18, female, born in Ohio  
Mitchel, 16, male, born in Ohio  
Mary, 14, female, born in Ohio  
Rachiel, 12, female, born in Ohio  
Henry, 6, male, born in Indiana

The enumerator indicated that both Lacy and Roseanna had attended school within the year.

The Josiah Garlinghouse schedule followed immediately the listing for Joseph Belknap and his wife Elizabeth who had been married within the year. *(Son of Elijah)*

Have also uncovered another Garlinghouse in the 1850, Wapello County, Iowa census -- a David Garlinghouse whose household is carried in schedule 1116 as follows:

David Garlinghouse, age 40, male, farmer, b. N.Y.  
owner of real estate valued at \$1060  
Catharine, 22, female, b. Ky.  
Lavina, 11, female, b. Ind.

Jasper (sic), 6/12, "F" (sic) although the last three previous lines had also been "F" with the last two of the three indicated by ditto marks and it had not been the practice of the enumerator to again list an "F" or an "M" unless there were a change in gender for the name, different than those listed above, so, I believe, he intended to change the listing to an "M" but goofed and instead of listing the "M", which he intended, listed an "F". Jasper's birthplace was listed as Iowa.



March 26 1970

Dear Clinton:

Forgive long delay. We took a vacation in the Caribbean -- since then, delayed in resuming correspondence by a lot of things. But did find time to try to answer a phone call from Mrs Jane; sent copy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to you.

I'm most grateful for the big sheet showing descendants of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse, for it gives us the names of their children beyond Cynthia. Here are some comments, which you may wish to pass along to Wendell Garlinghouse if you haven't already done so.

(1) First column: Does Mr Garlinghouse confirm our belief that the Garlinghouse girls were also the children of James and Eleanor? Does he have a record of the sisters of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Gamaliel? Or can we help him by giving such information as we possess?

(2) Same column: Birth date given for Gamaliel (1792) is troubling; and may cast doubt on my belief that the Garlinghouse girls were Gamaliel's sisters. Gravestone of Jane, wife of Jesse Belknap, shows birth 26 March 1792; and this date has long been used in my branch of the family. Does Mr Garlinghouse have proof for birth date of Gamaliel,

(3) Same column: If Esther Belknap was related to a signer of the Declaration, it was not through her paternal line. Might have been through the Parker line, but I know nothing on this. Mr Garlinghouse might be interested in war record of Esther's father -- and possibly in the fact that Gamaliel's father James Garlinghouse was also in Rev War service (M J records).

(4) Top lines: Cynthia <sup>Miss</sup> Garlinghouse. Name of her first husband was Franklin (not Frank) Gilbert, according to ~~MM~~ Ada Avery in letter to Gladys Gray recently. He was one of the Ontario County Gilberts named by Waite. His brother Lorenzo Dow Gilbert married Jesse's daughter Hannah. Youngest child of Cynthia (Riley Garlinghouse) was presumably named for Franklin's brother Riley Gilbert. . . . ~~XXXXXX~~ According to ~~MM~~ Ada Miss Ada Avery, Granville, Ohio, children of Cynthia, by Franklin Gilbert, were Orin (no children), ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Sereno (no further information), and Fauna, who married ---- Kirk. Top line of this chart shows a Fannie ~~XXXXXX~~, daughter of Sereno, married Frank Kirk. Could this Fannie be the Fauna named by Miss Avery? ~~XXXXXX~~ If so, is chart correct in showing her as daughter of Sereno, not of Cynthia? Or is Miss Avery in error? . . . Cynthia married (2) Christopher Avery -- his 3rd wife -- no children by him. . . . Christopher Avery's sister Harriet married Charles Belknap, son of Elisha Jr. and I have names of their children from Avery Genealogy, if as you want them.

in 1875

Forgive bad typing. I'm trying to get used to an electric typewriter.

S. J. Avery



GARLINGHOUSE FAMILY TREE

Received by E. Clinton  
Belknap from ②  
Richard E. Garlinghouse D.D.  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
(14050 27th, 68502)  
who stated that ①  
Wendell Garlinghouse,  
an attorney, of  
Topeka, Kansas was  
the author.  
E.C.B. 1/23/70

Samuel Garlinghouse 1792-1873  
m. Esther Belknap, b. April 1, 1797

(It is reported that Esther Belknap  
was a relative of one of the signers  
of the Declaration of Independence.)

Wendell Garlinghouse  
820 Quincy  
Topeka, Kans  
Phone 234-0577

E. Clinton Belknap  
2019 Harvard  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
68502

I. Cynthia Garlinghouse  
m. Frank Gilbert

II. George Garlinghouse, 1817-1890  
m. Saphronia Sherman 1817-1892

(It is reported that  
Saphronia Sherman was a cousin  
of Gen. W.T. Sherman, of Civil War)

III. Emily Garlinghouse, m. Simpson

IV. Orin Garlinghouse  
m. Sallie ----- no children

V. Riley Garlinghouse, 1839-1869  
did not marry

a. Sireno Gilbert  
m. -----

A. Fannie -----  
m. Frank Kirk

B. Walter -----  
m. -----

b. Orin Gilbert  
m. Clara Bell no children

a. Emery Garlinghouse,  
died unmarried in Civil War

A. Elbannis Carroll Garlinghouse, (d.2-5-53)  
b. 3-12-1869 m. 11-11-1891 to  
Axie Yingling, b. 12-2-1868

B. Orestes Lucien Garlinghouse,  
b. 6-18-70 m. 9-27-1899 to  
Pearl Amy Clark, b. 7-21-1872

C. Ina Bell Garlinghouse,  
b. 10-4-1871, d. 8- -1872.

D. Almina Tillie Garlinghouse,  
b. 2-16-1873, m. 5-18-1898 to  
Dr. L. Bittle Bushong,  
b. 4-25-1870, d. 11-15-1923

E. George Lovette Garlinghouse, b.1-14-1875  
1st m. 11-30-1907 to  
Cora Oursler, b. 6-16-83- d. 10-21-1910 1 ch  
2nd m. to  
Carrie Mae Kingsbury, b.9-12-88 d.10-23-15  
3rd m. to Gladie Divilliss  
4th m. to Valerie Johnson

F. Lewis Fayette Garlinghouse,  
b. 3-8-1879, m. 9-4-1907 to  
Katherine Fogwell, b. 3-16-1883

G. Nellie Amelia Garlinghouse,  
b. 8-21-1881, m. Edward S. Cowdrick

c. Cynthia Garlinghouse,  
m. ----- Inskeep.

A. Emma Inskeep. m. ----- Saunders  
B. Maude Inskeep. m. ----- Tennyson  
C. Grace Inskeep. deceased.  
D. son unknown  
E. son unknown  
F. son unknown.

d. Sherman Fayette Garlinghouse, 1851-1909  
m. Mattie Cheatham, 1856-1884  
m. Olive Palmer

A. daughter, deceased, 1897-1897  
B. Valnor Garlinghouse, m. Irene Reynolds  
C. Leon Garlinghouse, 1883-1888

A. Wilbur Garlinghouse  
B. Fayette Garlinghouse  
m. 1-28-16 Lynn Hartman

a. Sarah Simpson, m. ----- Myers  
b. George Simpson, (several children)  
c. Esther Simpson m. ----- Koser

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b. 2-29-1894 d. 11-11-1924

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m. Velma Mae Shirkey, b. 9-18-1903

a. Shirley Mae Garlinghouse  
b. 10-10-1929 d. 3-13-1930  
b. Carroll Elsworth Garlinghouse,  
b. 4-17-1932  
c. Earl Alonzo Garlinghouse, b. 10-20-1933  
m. 6-4-54 Dorothy Jean Christian, 8-13-37  
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Marjorie P. Garlinghouse, b. 7-25-1900  
m. Spencer A. Gard, b. 6-24-1898

a. Amy Lou Gard, b. 12-2-1931  
m. Jack Brazil.

Christopher Shane Brazil, b. 10-30-51

Lucien Clark Garlinghouse,  
b. 4-19-1907, d. 7-8-1908

Richard Earl Garlinghouse (twin)  
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b. Gretchen Ann Garlinghouse, b. 1-3-1947.

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Robert Orestes Garlinghouse (twin)  
b. Mar. 5, 1910

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b. 10-27-1898, d. 2-18-1947.

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m. 11-3-1951 to John Stephen Mills

Stuart Allen Mills, b. 10-22-1953  
Creighton David Mills, b. 6-28-1955  
Kevin Stephen Mills, b. 8-2-1956

b. Robert Alan Nash, b. 2-6-1931  
m. 5-31-53 to Ann Elizabeth Wagner

Robert Alan Nash, Jr., b. 11-27-1955

Matilda Cecile Garlinghouse, b. 11-30-08  
m. June 18, 1933 to  
Kenneth H. McGibbon, b. 4-17-08

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b. Kay McGibbon, b. 5-3-1942  
c. Karen McGibbon b. 8-28-1945

George L. Garlinghouse, Jr. b. 10-23-15  
m. 1-26-34 Dorothy Rogers, b. 9-17-1915

a. John Newton Garlinghouse, b. 7-14-1939  
b. Norma Kay Garlinghouse, b. 6-7-42 d. 6-9-42

1. Wendell Lewis Garlinghouse, b. 7-14-1908  
1st m. 3-16-40 to Ella Helen Skadsen,  
d. 1-7-1951  
2nd m. to Imogene Boggs, b. 8-19-08

a. Anne Patricia Garlinghouse b. 8-5-1943  
b. David Clarke Garlinghouse, b. 6-11-1947

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b. 12-4-1914, m. 11-18-1939 to  
Marjorie Cosper Beard, b. 7-16-1915

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b. Webb Mark Garlinghouse, b. 6-3-44  
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Kentucky Hardin County, Ill December term 1820

Ordered that the following Schedule be Entered of record

Verdict Schedule

District of Kentucky Hardin County & On the 11th day of December 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record in the County and district aforesaid Jonas Belthrop aged Sixty two years resident in Hardin County in said district who being <sup>first</sup> duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary <sup>war</sup> in the following <sup>manner</sup> that he enlisted for the term during the <sup>war</sup> in the month of January in the year 1776 in the town of Northampton in the state of Massachusetts in the Company commanded by Captain <sup>William</sup> Jackson and continued his service in said Corps until about the month of December 1777 when he was transferred with Captain Luke Days Company of foot in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Brooks at Albany New York in which Corps he served until during the term of two years when he was discharged from <sup>the</sup> said service at Newburg in the state of New York by General George Washington that he was in the battles of the taking of Burgoyne the taking of Lord Cornwallis Battle of Newburn and other battles where he was wounded the number of his pension certificate is 13340 payable in New York And I do Solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it or to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 15th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me



no any property or accounts contract or debt due to me  
nor have any income other than what is contained in the schedule  
hereto annexed and by me subscribed (viz property I have none)  
my family consists of my wife named Janney aged fifty four  
years and one daughter Diantha aged nine years my occupa-  
tion is Coopering and I am very unable to follow the business  
Jonas Belknap

Sworn to and declared in open Court this 11<sup>th</sup> Decr, 1820 before.  
Saml Hayercraft, C. J. C.

I Samuel Hayercraft Jur. Clerk of the Hardin County Court  
in the State of Kentucky do here by Certify that the foregoing  
Bill and the schedules thereto annexed were truly copied from  
the records of said Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the  
seal of said Court on this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1820  
Sam Hayercraft, Clerk

County Sec

November Term 1822

A schedule of property And the Affidavit of  
Jonas Belknap handed in this Court at December  
Term 1820, was again presented before the Court  
And on Consideration thereof - It is the Opinion  
of the Court that the property mentioned in said  
Schedule is of no value

A Copy do

Saml Hayercraft, Clerk



8/20/68

Memo.

To- Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878  
From-Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

Thank you for your most interesting and informative memo of August 6, 1968. I'm afraid my questions put you to a very great amount of trouble in compiling such a rewarding answer and historical presentation of the English Belknaps and the Belknap vs. Beltofte names. I have read and reread your summary and find it most fascinating indeed.

to the suggestion of  
In addition ~~to~~/these of Essex Institute, that you write biography, may I suggest that you would also excell in a genealogical detective series! Based on the fine presentation you have put together, I must say that I would have to agree with you in the deductions as well as the conclusions you have suggested.

Could it by any chance have been possible <sup>family</sup> that the disgrace allegedly brought upon the Sir Robert Belknap of County Kent in the latter part of the 14th Century (when he is alleged to have attainted and to have later been banished to Ireland) might have caused a tangent segment of this proud family to have gone under ground, so to speak, and to have quietly removed to a different area under the newly assumed but historically old name of Beltofte? There are probably a thousand reasons why this could not have happened and such a wild idea will rapidly convince you that I am indeed not a historian but I thought it might be worth a try anyway.

RE: MRS. JANE E. ( M.R. ) BELKNAP

As I told you I intended to do, I spent a lot of time with Mrs. Jane Belknap in Des Moines August 3 and 5 and do hope that I may have been some help to her.

When I examined the copies of the Eli (son of Elisha) Belknap Bible, I found your challenge of the 1808 wedding date for Elisha and Lucy Finch to be well founded. The original entry in the Bible for the date of ~~####~~ marriage for Elisha and Lucy was "July 1st. 1810" but some one had later written "probably 1808" above the 1810 date and had also questioned the 1808 date of birth for Lacy, the oldest son of Elisha. I am enclosing copies of the Bible records Jane showed me, for your files. I pointed out to her that there must be still another sheet because these sheets do not provide dates of birth for all the children. She agreed to look and send me copies of any additional sheets, if any, found. I'll share any such additional data with you

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have completed and sent along for Jane and her grand-daughter Carol Anne.. I trust it will meet with your sanction.

*P.S. - a note from Jane Belknap today 8/20/68 says the 3 sheets of Bible records attached are all she has of the Eli Belknap Bible record.*

*E.C.B.*

Confidential Please read + destroy

Carroll - It was disappointing to find that Jane Belknap of Des Moines seems to be failing rather fast. She has lost much of her alertness, is easily excited and her memory leaves much to be desired. Her physical health is poor also. Just thought I'd let you know because correspondence with her may prove to be rather unsatisfactory.

E.C.B. 8/20/68



NEBRASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
LINCOLN 68509

August 19, 1968

Miss Carol Anne Belknap  
c/o Mrs. Jane (M. R.) Belknap  
4615 Ovid Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50310

Dear Carol Anne:

I have learned through your grandmother, Mrs. Jane (M. R.) Belknap, that your application for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution has been held up pending submission of additional evidence of the father-son relationship between your ancestors Jonas Newton Belknap (b. 1759) and Elisha Belknap (b. 1787 or 89).

As you know, it has been established by the records of the Belchertown, Massachusetts, Congregational Church that Jonas N. Belknap's wife was Esther Parker. ( See Historical Sketches of Congregational Church in Belchertown, Massachusetts, by Hon. Mark Doolittle, names 227 and 228.)

I am enclosing with this letter Xerox copies of electrostatic copies of Henry Wycoff Belknap's original file documents furnished me by Carroll York Belknap which should be especially helpful in establishing Elisha Belknap as the son of Jonas N. Belknap. Carroll York Belknap, born 29 September 1892, is the founder of the Carroll Belknap and Associates firm of Greenwich, Connecticut, and is himself a descendant of Jonas N. Belknap. His residence is 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut, 06878. He is now devoting practically full time and then some, in the huge task of compiling a combination of all available records of the Belknap family in America. Among other things, he has made electrostatic copies of the complete Henry Wycoff Belknap work files. You will note that the sheet I have designated by an "A" is shown to be the first sheet Henry Wycoff Belknap made up for Jonas Newton Belknap, #302, listing a "Lincoln" as his wife and that later he corrected his records as shown by the material I have marked "B" listing Jones N. Belknap with wife, Esther Parker. He goes on to list the following as children of the couple:

- #657 Elijah (My ancestor)
- #658 Elisha (Your ancestor)
- #659 Jonas
- #660 Jesse (The ancestor of Carroll York Belknap)
- #661 Orin



August 19, 1968

The birthdate for Elijah is shown in the above mentioned record as 1785 with Elisha listed next without a specific birthdate given. The Eli Belknap (son of Elisha) family Bible record as furnished me by your grandmother, Mrs. M. R. Belknap, lists the birthdate for Elisha as January 18, 1789, which would correlate with the other birth dates listed on the Henry Wycoff Belknap record and as we know them to be.

The Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. 15, carries information taken from Elisha's gravestone at Alexandria, Ohio, showing the date of death for Elisha as "January 8, 1839, aged 51 years, 11 months, and 21 days". This would have made the date of his birth January 18, 1787. Both records agree that the date of birth was January 18. It seems very evident that both records relate to the same Elisha but that an error of exactly two years was made as between the two recordings. In any event, the 1787 date would also correlate with the other birth dates listed in the HWB records and as we know them to be.

The American Genealogical and Biographical Index lists page 459 of the volume Parker Family in America (Augustus Parker, Buffalo, N. Y.) for Elisha Belknap. It will be noted on page 459 that among the children of Esther Parker and her husband "a Belknap" (whom we have already established through the Belchertown Church records as Jonas N. Belknap) Elisha is listed and in the same order as carried by Henry Wycoff Belknap - following Elijah who, according to Carroll Y. Belknap's research, was baptised in the Belchertown Church in 1785.

I suggest that you forward these copies from the Henry Wycoff Belknap files to be made a part of your application as well as a Xerox copy of the Eli Belknap Bible record together with a copy of the data from the Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. 15, to help more clearly establish your direct lineage to Jonas N. Belknap. It is suggested also that you draw attention to the Parker Family in America citation, if you have not already done so.

It is likewise suggested that you ask to amend your application to show the date of marriage of Elisha and Lucy Finch as July 1, 1810, the date originally listed in the Eli Belknap family Bible, rather than the "Probably 1808" later written in above the original entry. This revised entry was apparently made by some one in a later generation in an attempt to make the date more nearly compatible with the July 5, 1808 date of birth for Lacy Belknap, son of Elisha and his wife. As documented, in Index of Town of Richmond Cemeteries, in the Honeoye, N. Y. library (according to Carroll Y. Belknap) Elisha had previously been married to a Bettie Briggs (Daughter of Moses and Deborah Briggs) who had died in May, 1910.

Since, as Carroll Y. Belknap further reports, the 1810 census for Ontario County, New York, (taken before Bettie's death) shows the couple to have had a male child under 10 years living in the home, it would seem only logical and reasonable to assume that Lacy, born in 1808, was the son of Elisha



Miss Carol Anne Belknap

-3-

August 19, 1968

by his first wife and had automatically been accepted as a legitimate member of the family under Elisha's union with his second wife Lucy Finch.

I would also suggest that you amend your application to show the name of the first wife of Jonas N. Belknap as "Esther Parker" rather than "Esther Fannie Parker" as I seriously doubt that "Fannie" as a part of Esther Parker's name can be proved.

I trust that you may find this communication and the enclosures helpful in establishing your eligibility for membership in the D. A. R. If there is any other way in which I can be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

E. Clinton Belknap, A.C.S.W.  
Medical Social Work Consultant  
Medical Services Division

Residential Address: 2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Enclosures

bcc: Mrs. Jane E. Belknap  
✓ bcc: Carroll Y. Belknap

*To E. Clinton file*

Memorandum Sept. 22, 1969 (Just noted that I failed to date my memo to you this morning)

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road Riverside, Conn. 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 68502

Thank you for the copy of the data and review of same sent to George S. May, P.O. Box 2, Fair Oaks, California, 95628 under date of August 29, 1969. I found it most interesting and find myself taking no exception to the analysis and conclusions you have made therein. It is most considerate and thoughtful of you to share such documents or summaries with me.

I haven't heard a word from Carol/ Anne Belknap or from her grandmother, Jane E. Belknap, since I had last heard from you in January, this year. Her son, Don, the father of Carol Anne used to visit our Nebraska State office quite regularly but has not been by for many months.

Relative to the use of HWB's information on Elijah and his children, I found all known facts relative there to to be entirely consistent with the data listed on HWB's list of children for Elijah and decided to list the children as listed by HWB unless some verified information to the contrary came along.

*No*  
*No*  
*No*  
*Yes*  
On HWB's "Revised Sheet" which you sent me with your memo of May 31, 1968, I note that the "Author" of the list of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker and the five sons of Jonas N. was listed as "Orin Belnap, 1919". I have speculated that Orin might also have been responsible for the list of children given for Elijah. Would you take the "1919" to be the date he recorded the information or the date that the information was provided? It is noted that the last name of this Orin is written as "Belnap" with the k left out but I also note in the 1820 Census records for Hart and Hardin County, Kentucky, that Jonas, Jonas Sr., your Jesse and my Elijah all spelled their last name without the k at that time. Anyway one of my problems is that I find no "Orin" listed among the Belknap families for which I have data who would have been alive in 1919. Jonas N. Orin had died in 1873 and Orin, the son of James M. Belknap (Son of Elijah) is reported to have been killed 23 June 1862 fighting for the North in the Civil War. His birthdate was 24 Oct., 1840. Have you identified the Orin mentioned by HWB?

*Hardin*  
Speaking of the 1820 US Census for Hart and ~~Hamilton~~ *Hardin* Counties in Kentucky; I secured the micro films of these census records during the summer and carefully reviewed them and then had my wife double check me on the data. I list it as follows:

Hart County, Kentucky. US Census for 1820. Micro Copy No. 33, Roll 17. 4th Census of the US.

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Belnap, Elijah

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 10 - 15; 1, 26 - 44

Females: 2 under 10; 1, 10 - 15; 1, 26 - 44.

3 in agriculture



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Belnap, Jonas

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 26 - 44.

Females: 1, 26 - 44. ( Note; Sherman carried this incorrectly as 1, 16 - 25)  
1 in agriculture..

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Belnap, Jonas Sr.

Males 1, 10 - 15; 1, 16 -25; 1, 45 and over

Females: 1 under 10; 2, 16 -25; 1, 45 and over  
1 in Agriculture

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Garlinghouse, Gamiel (sic)

Males: 1, under 10; 1, 26 - 44

Females: 1, under 10; 1, 16 -25  
1 in agriculture

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Garlinghouse, James

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 10 - 15; 1, 26 - 44

Females: 2, under 10; 1, 26 - 44

② in agriculture

*This was badly written and could have been intended as a "1."*  
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Garlinghouse, James

Males: ~~XXXXXX~~ 1, 10 - 15; 1, 16 - 25; 1, 45 and over

Females: 1, under 10; 1, 16 - 25; 1, 45 and over

3 in agriculture

Hardin County, Kentucky. 1820 US Census. Micro Copy 33, Roll 23.  
Taken 29 January, 1821, Robert Bleakley, Ass't to Marshall of Kentucky.

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Belnap, Jas (James)

Males: 1, 10 -15; 1, 16 - 25; 1, 45 and over

Females: 1, under 10; 1, 10-15; 1, 16- 25; 1, 45 and over

2 in Agriculture

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Belnap, Jesse

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 16 - 25

Females: 2 under 10: 1, 16 - 25

1 in Agriculture

The Hardin County Census was listed under 3 areas: Pennsylvania, Little York and Elizabeth Town. Both Belnaps listed for this county were shown to be in the "Little York" area.

Sept. 22, 1969

I appreciate your letter of September 11, 1969 and all the work you went to to respond to my previous communication. I am convinced that your position is sound and am changing the narrative material for Elijah. Will se that you have a revised copy when it is complete to replce that which was sent earlier.

I am sure you are also right about the "coopering" being a vocation along the way and that he did indeed farm earlier in life. I am refering to Jonas N., of course.

On page 2 of your memo, Par. 1, you state that Rousel died in Sheridan, Ohio, but could not locate the town on your map. It is located in the extreme southern part of Ohio ( P.O. South Point). Shows a population of 56 and is in Lawrence County.

Source:

1968 Edition, School and Library  
Atlas of the World, School and  
Library Publishing Co. Spasmore, Ill.  
R85-86A

I note your comment that a search should be made, or would be helpful, to determine if Orin were in Hardin County, Kentucky, in 1820. If he were he was not listed by name and would have been included only in one of the other families but not as a head because we searched both Hart and Hardin county for all the Belnaps or Belknaps listed by name.

I did not search for the name of Isaac Newton or David Chatfield.

Yes, Glen Evans said that Jonas <sup>his</sup> died in Harte Co ~~KKKK~~, Ky. Feb. 16th, 1824, and the last pension payment was made to Isaac Newton, administrator of the estate, at the Lexington, Ky. Pension Agency."

The data you present about the parentage of the three Garlinghouse girls sounds pretty firm and is certainly seemg to be the probable background.

And your knowledge of the normal route the Belknaps would have taken to Kentucky also makes sense in the light of your explanation.

I do hope that you are successful in learnign more about Orin.

*Carroll Y. Belknap*

Thames  
Probable  
date of  
marriage

Orin

## Marriage Dates

Samuel - Before ~~1810~~ 1810 (2 ch. in 1810)

Elijah - Jan 1806

Jonas - See Hansen

Elisha - Before 1808

Jesse - 20 Feb

~~Isaac~~

Susannah - see Martin

Esther - Before 1820 See Hansen

Orin - At 1824

Cynthia - Before 1820



CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Oct 15 1969

MEMO TO: Claudia Marshall  
Fern Martin  
Clark Belknap  
George May  
Bertha Hansen

COPIES TO: Gladys Gray  
E Clinton Belknap

owe

Tireless Gladys Gray, to whom we ~~owe~~ most of what we know about the Ontario County phase in the history of our branch of the family -- 1795 to 1819 -- has produced the greatest breakthrough in our search for facts about Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker.

For your information -- and for your comment -- I'm enclosing:

- Transcript of an excerpt from a rare book that Gladys dug up.
- My notes on that excerpt.
- Copy of tracing made by Gladys, from an old map.

My primary reason for sending this material to you is to ask whether or not your experienced judgment agrees with what I say in my Note #12: that, in my opinion, the source of the exact statements about the children of Jonas and Esther must have been the family Bible of Jonas and Esther.

Their daughter Esther married Gamaliel Garlinghouse and she and her husband were living in Hart County, Kentucky, when Jonas Newton Belknap was there in 1820. I am assuming they were there when he died in 1824; and that Esther (Belknap) Garlinghouse, being the oldest daughter present (Cynthia was there, but Susannah was then in Ohio) took possession of the Bible in which the births of her brothers and sisters had been recorded.

I can think of no other explanation of the precision of the information that D. B. Waite got from Mrs. Avery.

Do you agree -- or disagree?

Carroll

EXCERPT FROM

EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGWATER, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, N. Y.  
by ORSON WALBRIDGE, with Additions by D. B. WAITE AND OTHERS

This book is a recent facsimile reprint of a book published in 1887. It contains two main types of material: (1) vivid recollections of "the way it was" when Orson Walbridge came to what was then Ontario County in 1819; (2) carefully researched historical and biographical material written by D. B. Waite who was a schoolteacher and a surveyor in the years before the Civil War. The whole book, in very small type, contains only 91 pages. If reprinted in present-day format, it would make a book of about 250 pages. It is must reading for anyone who wants to know what life was like when Jonas Newton Belknap and his wife Esther Parker and their children lived in that area. It can be ordered from Schnucker's Book Store, Springwater, N. Y. 14560 — price \$5 plus 25¢ postage.

The following excerpt is taken from Chapter VII, "Hunt's Hollow," by D. B. Waite. The numbers in the right-hand margin refer to notes I made for my own guidance when I first read this chapter. Carroll Y. Belknap, 14 Oct 1969.

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- (1) "Aaron Hunt" -- father of Sarah Hunt, wife of Samuel Belknap, son of Jonas Newton Belknap -- also possibly uncle of some or all of the Garlinghouses who married Belkmans in Ontario County, N. Y.
- (2) "the once pleasant valley of Wyoming" -- When he said "once pleasant", Mr. Waite was doubtless thinking of the Wyoming Valley Massacre in 1788. This valley lies between the Alleghenies and the Poconos in N E Pennsylvania. Originally settled by people from Connecticut and claimed by Connecticut after the Revolution. In the massacre in 1788, the Connecticut contingent was virtually wiped out by a band of Tories and Indians. Note 7, below, considers how this background may have influenced Jonas, en route to Ontario County, N. Y.
- (3) "Town of Richmond" -- an area ~~of~~ about six miles square, first called Pittstown; the village is now named Honeoye.
- (4) "the head of the lake" -- south end of Honeoye Lake; the lake's outlet, Honeoye River, flows North by West from north end of lake.
- (5) "Elijah and Stiles Parker" -- younger brothers of Esther Parker. Served in 7th Massachusetts Regt, as did Jonas. They and Jonas almost inseparable for many years.
- (6) "Hardin County" -- possibly an indication of how Jesse Belknap got land in that county in Kentucky.
- (7) "valley of Wyoming" -- We can now reconstruct our notion of the route probably followed by Jonas and his young family, after leaving Cherry Valley, N Y, where Jesse was born in 1792. Very likely, along or down the Susquehanna River from its headwaters near Cherry Valley, past the small new settlement at Scranton, on to the larger one at Wilkes Barre in the Wyoming Valley -- where newcomers from New England were not likely to feel comfortable a few years after the Wyoming Valley Massacre. Assume Jonas was in that valley about 1794, stayed there only briefly -- learned of the new road opened ~~by the~~ in 1792 by the British company that owned much of Ontario County and was trying to attract settlers from Pennsylvania -- went back up the Susquehanna to New Town (Elmira) and then along the Cohocton River to the area near Canandaigua, where he paused in the winter of 1794-95, before settling in Lot 1 in Town of Richmond.
- (8) "the town of Springwater" -- does not mean the present village of that name. It had only one log cabin till 1824. The area which eventually became the Town of Springwater was part of the Town of Naples till 1816. "Town" in that part of N Y State means an area about 6 miles by 10 miles, or larger.
- (9) "south side of the line" -- that is, south of the boundary line between Town of Richmond (Pittstown) and Town of Middletown (the original name of Naples). Approximate location of house built by Jonas in 1806 is shown at  on map.
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The parentage of the Garlinghouse girls -- Jane, Catherine, Mary Ann -- needs further study. All we yet have proof for is that Gamaliel Garlinghouse who married Esther Belknap was a son of James Garlinghouse and Eleanor (Elenor?) Hunt -- and that Rachel Garlinghouse who married Abiather Newton was a sister of Jane Garlinghouse who married Jesse Belknap.

- (11) "Mrs. Cynthia A. Avery, Grandville, Ohio" -- this woman, in Licking County, Ohio, must have been a daughter of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse, both of whom lived and died in that county. No other Belknap who married a Garlinghouse had a daughter named Cynthia. She is the ~~XXXX~~ child of ~~XXXXXX~~ Esther and Gamaliel yet found. only
- (12) "family records" -- This phrase had only one meaning among such people in the 19th century. It meant the family record pages in the family Bible. Esther, oldest daughter of Jonas in Kentucky (Hart County) where he died would naturally have been the person to take ~~XXXX~~ possession of the Bible of Jonas Belknap and Esther Parker. Such precise dates for birth of children born in Ontario County could hardly have come from any other source. If I am right in believing that Mrs. Avery was drawing from that Bible in giving information to Mr. Waite, we now have -- for the first time -- a contemporary, first-hand, original source for the names and sequence of birth of all the children of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker. Up to now, we have had only lists derived from family tradition such as the one in the Parker genealogy, Parker in America, and the one written about ~~XX~~ 1916 by Elizabeth Jane Starr (Mrs. Garrison Turner), granddaughter of Jesse. Such lists have been correct; but not acceptable as proof of descent.
- (13) "Moses Briggs" -- Father of Bettie Briggs, first wife of Elisha Belknap. She died 1810, leaving him with a son born 1808. He then married Lucy Finch.
- (14) Date of Esther Parker's death -- Now that we know she died in ~~XX~~ 1809, we can say that the female aged over 45, shown in 1810 census of household of Jonas Belknap, was the Mrs. Jonas Belknap (Rachel) who died in Gorham, Ontario County, in 1815. ( See postscript below.)
- (15) "on the bank of the Green River" -- This river runs through Hart County, Ky, where Jonas died.
- (16) "Middletown" -- original name of Naples, as noted above. This means that in 1808 Jonas was living in the house located at ~~XX~~ on the map.
- (17) Places of death are correctly stated. Inclusion of Jesse in this list means that Waite got information from Mrs Avery after 1881 -- year when Jesse died.

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P.S. After death of second wife, Rachel, Jonas married Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton. This third wife was with him in Hart County, Kentucky, ~~1810~~ 1820.



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This book is a recent facsimile reprint of a book published in 1887. It contains two main types of material: (1) vivid recollections of "the way it was" when Orson Walbridge came to what was then Ontario County in 1819; (2) carefully researched historical and biographical material written by D. B. Waite who was a schoolteacher and a surveyor in the years before the Civil War. The whole book, in very small type, contains only 91 pages. If reprinted in present-day format, it would make a book of about 250 pages. It is must reading for anyone who wants to know what life was like when Jonas Newton Belknap and his wife Esther Parker and their children lived in that area. It can be ordered from Schnucker's Book Store, Springwater, N. Y. 14560 -- price \$5 plus 25¢ postage.

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MEMO TO: Mrs. J. A. Marshall (Claudia)  
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Hillsboro, OREGON 97123

2013 file  
AMK Sept 7, 1968

E. Clinton Belknap  
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RE Jonas Newton Belknap  
and Tamar Vinton Newton

FROM Garrell Belknap

There now. You two have been properly introduced to each other. I should have done this sooner. My reason for doing it now is that I think someone beside me should have a record of the main puzzles yet to be solved about Jonas Newton Belknap -- and you two are the persons most interested in them, though a lot of others have been and still are helping. . . . Forgive me if this memo proves to be long-winded.

I think I have pretty well reconstructed the record of Jonas N, from his birth in 1759 up to his last known action in Ontario County, N Y, in 1819. The main unsolved problems are:

- (1) When and where did Esther Parker die?
- (2) Can we prove that he subsequently married Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton? If so, when and where?
- (3) Who was Diantha's father?
- (4) Was the Isaac Newton who married Cynthia (Jonas N's daughter) a son of Asa Newton and Tamar Vinton?

You two have established, plainly, that the wife named in the 1820 pension application in Kentucky was probably (at least possibly) Tamar.

Some circumstantial evidence supporting that possibility:

(A) Though Tamar Vinton was born in Charlton, Mass. (30 July 1766 seems to be a well substantiated date), her family moved to Granby, Mass., a short time later. Granby was a settlement just a few miles from the Belchertown settlement where Jonas and his father and mother lived. (There weren't much more than settlements in the wilderness at that time.) Samuel's military record shows him enlisting "for Granby" in May 1775. Jonas enlisted in the same militia company on the same day. . . . Jonas, then 16 years old, might well have known Tamar, then 9 -- and most probably knew her family. If they met later, when he was 60, it might have been a meeting of old friends -- both now widowed.

(B) Tamar's brother Samuel moved from Granby to south central N Y in 1803 and was in a settlement near Bigganton in 1825. Tamar and her husband Asa Newton might well have accompanied him -- or have joined him later. This kind of related-family movement was very common at that time, in our family and many others. If it happened in this case, it places Tamar on her way toward Kentucky. (Or possibly toward Ontario County in northwestern N Y) Census records 1810 for both parts of N Y may help us -- Ontario County, Chenango County, Broome County.

(C) The Isaac Newton who married Cynthia is said (by Glen Evans) to have been executor of the estate of Jonas N after Jonas died in Hardin County Ky in 1824. So there is a known Newton connection in Kentucky.

(D) As Jonas N named no wife or child in his first pension application in N Y 1818, his second marriage probably occurred after that date. Kentucky seems the more probable place -- with the date probably late 1819 or in 1820.

Paul  
Anne



There is little hope of finding a documentary record of such a marriage at that time in Kentucky. People like these were usually being married by itinerant ministers -- not in churches.

We might possibly find information in local histories -- but this is unlikely, I ~~have~~ fear, for Jonas could not have been an important citizen in his last years in Kentucky. (Incidentally, don't accept too literally his statements about property, etc., in pension application. The pension law required an old soldier to be a pauper in order to qualify for a pension. Many local authorities were rather broad-minded when helping an old soldier, in those years.)

I don't think we can find much aid in Vinton records. The published Vinton genealogy (Vinton Memorial) gives no information on Tamar beyond birthdate and names of two husbands -- I got her marriage date (to Asa Newton) 25 Jan 1789 from the records compiled by Commander Charles Ballinap; and he, too, had nothing further on her but that her second husband was said to have been a Jonas Ballinap ~~whom~~ whom he could not identify. . . The fact that the published Vinton genealogy names a Jonas ~~Ballinap~~ Ballinap as her second husband is not real evidence. Such vague statements, lacking specific supporting detail, are generally regarded as being based on hearsay or mere family tradition -- hence not acceptable as proof. Much too often, to my own sad knowledge, they turn out to have no validity whatever.

Our best hope, I believe, is to find a present-day Newton who can tell us (at least) the names of Asa Newton's children and the date of his death -- and possibly, what became of his wife Tamar after he died (though this is unlikely). . . I wrote some time ago to the Mrs. Calkins named in Claudia's letter. No reply yet. She may turn out to be the second person, out of scores to whom I've written, to fail to reply to my plea for aid. . . If so, I may ask Claudia to write to her, if she's willing to do so.

What I must emphasize, forgive me, is that if I presented such evidence as we now ~~possess~~ possess to real experts like Mrs Potter at Essex Institute and Miss King or Miss Harding at NEHGS, they'd just do what they've done in similar or comparable instances. They'd smile tolerantly and tell me "You might go so far as to say 'possibly'. You wouldn't say 'probably'."

I'll continue searching for more present-day Newtons who are doing genealogical work.

Meanwhile, any suggestions?

My problem is that I don't have time for original research. With something like 3000 or 3500 names to work on, and endless contradictions in the various sets of records, I have to rely almost wholly on pure good luck in finding people who have the answers I need -- until I end with (I hope) a manageable and relatively small number of cases demanding study of original ~~sources~~ sources such as court records, vital statistics (where reasonably trustworthy, which is all too seldom) etc., etc. ad infinitum.

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MEMO TO: E CLINTON BELKNAP FROM CYB

12/4/69

It's good to hear that you're well.

Please don't mind my pestering you <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ continual memos, etc. I owe you so much for your priceless aid that I feel I must tell you anything that might interest you.

I'll be sending you several minor notes in the next few days, just for your information.

Don't bother to answer them — unless you think I'm wrong. The biggest help anyone can give me is to correct my errors.

Thanks for the material on Ash Hellow. Most helpful.

I've heard nothing from Mrs Jane or Carol. So I fear I lost that race against Time.



2019 Harwood  
Lincoln, Nebr., 68502  
Nov. 30, 1969

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

Dear Carroll,

No, I have not been ill, but I have been up to my neck with projects other than geneological that have demanded about every waking hour.

Since my memorandum to you under date of 9/28/69, I have received a large number of most welcome and informative communications, including many copies of memos or letters to and from others, such as George S. May, Claudia Marshall et al, Gladys Gray, Mrs. Gilbert M. Belknap, and Mrs. Milton R. Belknap. I do deeply appreciate all of this data, but I sincerely doubt that any assistance I may be able to offer shall ever repay you for these courtesies, since my interest in all of this far out weighs either my ability as an amateur geneologist, or available time to pursue such interests. I am still employed full time in a position which can be very demanding, and I also have made some commitments to bring together data relating to my mother's side of the family.

She passed her 85th birthday last April 8, and since her health is far from good, I must spend more time on the Moss geneology while she yet lives and can help me fill in the gaps here and there. My Moss ancestry in America goes back to Ed Moss, Lancaster, England, who settled in York County, Virginia in 1644. Moses Moss, born in 1758 was a Revolutionary War ancestor, and Opal Butz Anderson of San Angelo, Texas, a niece of my mother's (and my cousin) received membership in the D.A.R. (certificate No. 307011) on his record.

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I made a week end trip to visit my mother at Hemingford, Nebraska, and enroute, stopped in "Ash Hollow" along the old Oregon Trail road to walk up the very steep, old rut scarred hillside where the wagon ~~trains~~ came down into the valley as they crossed over from the South Platte River to the North Platte in their journey west. I have traveled through Ash Hollow many times, but after reading your Aunt Kit's account of the precarious descent of their wagons down this well known hill into Ash Hollow, it has taken on new significance and meaning (see p. 36 of Mrs. Kathryn Christian Barrett's presentation). See also enclosures with this letter.

What a masterful, masterful job you did for Carol Ann Belknap, and I am so grateful to you for furnishing me with a copy. I can well understand how very much time and effort went into this project. I hope Carol Ann and her grandmother, Mrs. Jane (M. R.) Belknap fully appreciate all you have done for them.

And as soon as time and the results of your research will permit, I do hope you will write up the life of Jonas N. Belknap and his family. I'm very sure no one else has done so much research on this subject, and one could be very sure of the authenticity of such a presen-



tation if you did it.

In your September 30, 1969 memo, you ask if I have sources for Mary Belknap Kentfield and Chloe Belknap Shumway beyond Glen Evans. The answer is "No", and I have a question mark in my summary records beside each entry. As the copy of Evan's material which you have shows, he indicated that a Mrs. Burton Belknap, then of Clipp Road, Delmar, N.Y., had the Bible records of Jonathan "which record Samuel and his family". Evans probably picked up the names of a couple of grandchildren and recorded them as children as he had in my own family. He also listed Charles Belknap and a George De Groff records of Meridian, Cayuga Co., N.Y., as well as Vinton Family records as sources. I never tried to follow up on any of these to further verify data, and I just don't have the time and energy to do so now. I have noted your comments to George S. May on the identity of Mary.

Yes, my only source for Roger, #10, is Evans. On my source sheet accompanying the family sheet I specifically point out that Roger was not listed by you, HWB, or the NEH&G.

Yes, I now carry the birth date of Cynthia, my #53, as 1800.

In your memo of Oct. 4, 1969, you ask whether you should write to Garrett M. Belknap. He does considerable traveling about among contemporary members of Joseph Gillett Belknap's family and might be helpful, but don't expect any thing very comprehensive from him. He means well. And incidentally, you have my full permission to contact directly anyone you find listed in any of the family sheets or otherwise that I may have furnished you.

The information found by Gladys Gray in the Spring Water, N.Y., history was surely a break through. I have purchased a copy of the book. Thanks for letting me know where it could be secured.

The information given therein has also provided additional evidence of the place of death for Elijah as Indiana.

X I note in the data prepared for Carol Ann, page 6, that you state that Elijah "returned" to Indiana in the 1870's for some temporary reason and died there. Do you have evidence that he had lived in Indiana at an earlier time? The first time that I can place him in Indiana was when he filed for his War of 1812 pension from Owen Township, Clinton County, Frankfort, Indiana, 31 March 1871. He was granted same and information from the Federal Archives states that the "last (pension) payment of record for Elijah Belknap, a resident of Frankfort, Indiana, was in the amount of \$24 on December 8, 1974."

I have speculated that perhaps Samuel was living in Frankfort at the time, and that Elijah was living with his family. HWB puts Samule's son, Myron Hawley and wife, Honor Wilson, in Frankfort in 1899, and said that Samuel's wife, Amy Reed, was a widow in Franklin, Indiana in 1890.

Regarding your most recent memo of November 24, I must say that my only information for the Ingalls came from Evans.

As time permits, I will respond relative to other, as yet unanswered

memos you have sent me in the past number of weeks, but we are expecting one of my mother's younger sisters tonight for a visit, and I must bring this to a close now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. B. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".



The "ruff lock" was executed by putting a post or tree trunk through the spokes of both back wheels thus making it impossible for the wheels to turn.

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NEBRASKA

### Hello Traveler:

Welcome to Lewellen, Nebraska! Population about 400, at the edge of the West, the gateway to "Big Mac" (Lake McConaughy) and miles of sandy beaches, good fishing, camping, boating, hunting and vacation fun. Big Mac, the largest lake in Nebraska, is 25 miles long and abounds with varieties of fish including walleye, perch, white bass, trout, catfish, sauger, carp, and northern pike. It and the North Platte river which runs by Lewellen is becoming increasingly popular for its good goose and duck hunting.

There are also 20,000 sq. miles of Sandhills cattle land spread out north of Lewellen. Many, many lakes there offer good bass and bullhead fishing.

Nebraska Sandhills probably contain the most plentiful supply of underground water of any place in the world, as well as the purest and best flavored.

Our weather is temperate, with occasional extremes to break the monotony. Everything considered, our Panhandle weather gives us the best all-around climate in the world.

Our town has a paved Main street and a new High school. There are four churches in the village and a Volunteer Fire Department to man the three fire trucks which are housed in the Village Hall building. A First National Bank, several gas stations, auto repair shops, a hardware, grocery and variety stores, beauty shops, cafes, hotel and cabin camps, lumber yard, grain elevator, a couple of places where one can quench a thirst, 2 or 3 rock shops, two nursing homes where our elderly can live comfortably if they desire, and a fine swimming pool, playground and park. These, along with an active Lions club serve the Lewellen community.

So visit us often, traveler and friend! It's a good place to spend any amount of time you may have; a vacation of a lifetime. Our pace is somewhat different from that of our city cousins, but it grows on us. Who knows, it may grow on you.

Thanks for stopping! Drive carefully so you can come back again!

## ASH HOLLOW HISTORY

The following narration is at best a condensation of a small part of the history of Ash Hollow. It is factual and deals with the part of the Oregon Trail which goes by Lewellen, Nebraska, or about a 10-mile section of the pioneer highway that opened up the west.

The history of Ash Hollow is long and varied and has been a crossroad of life, death, travel and adventure. For a quarter of a century it was a living part of the Oregon Trail. It is a ravine that Nature has created in the side of the bluffs overlooking the North Platte River. It affords a natural shelter for livestock and wild game. If a heavy rain occurs the sand draw that winds down through the Hollow may become a raging flood for it is the watershed to many thousands of acres south and west of it. A small grove of Ash trees around an oasis of fresh spring water is said to be the reason for the naming of Ash Hollow; there being no other Ash trees in the vicinity.

In 1841 pioneers and their families traveling the hazardous route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the Oregon Territory encountered many perils. The natural terrain presented almost as great a problem as the weather and the Indians, and because water was a prime consideration, the Oregon Trail necessarily followed the main waterways. Accordingly the North Platte river became a part of the Trail from Ash Hollow, west across the Panhandle of Nebraska and into Wyoming.

Fording places in the river were carefully selected to avoid quicksand. To reach the fording place at the mouth of the Hollow the covered wagons were lowered from the table land into Ash Hollow by rope windlass. Thus one small part of the trail became known as Windlass Hill. On top of the hill is a monument erected to mark it as such, is visible

from U. S. Highway 26. And walking southeast from it one can see the scars of the century old Oregon Trail. The marks made by wagon wheels skidding down the hill have been eroded deeper by wind and water. And if these hardy, adventurous people arrived at the bottom safely, they still had the task of fording the river. For in the springtime the water rose high in the banks. At other times the narrow wagon wheels cut deep in the sandy river bottom.

Sometime, about 1846, an abandoned log cabin began to be used as a depository for mail. Letters and messages were left there with the hope and some possibility they would eventually reach their destination. It naturally became known as the Ash Hollow Post Office, although it was an unofficial one, it was used until about 1852.

On September 2, 1855, General Harney and troops camped in the Hollow and the next day fought a battle with a band of Sioux, led by Chief Little Thunder. Fort Grattan was built shortly after this battle with the Indians. This controversial battle actually took place along the banks of Blue Creek, north and west of Lewellen. (This stream was then known as Blue Water). Ash Hollow, being the better known landmark was used to identify this skirmish which some critics called a massacre, as there were quite a number of Indian women and children involved.

According to historical accounts Fort Grattan was built on the south bank of the river at the mouth of the Hollow. It was named after Lieutenant Grattan who was killed and his troops defeated by the Sioux in a prior fight. The fort was a temporary earthen defense work hastily thrown up. By 1904 the ridges and depressions of the fort were all that remained as evidence of a fortification.

Tourists viewing the North Platte river, now, will find it hard to believe the banks of the river were barren of trees or brush a

half century and more ago. Annual spring thaws in the mountains sent torrents rushing down the waterways, sweeping the banks clean of vegetation. Many dams have been built since; thereby controlling the flow and letting seeds sprout and take root. The river is a game refuge in this area and the lush growth of trees and bushes gives shelter to mule and whitetail deer and many varieties of waterfowl. Red and grey fox are becoming numerous. There are also opossum, raccoon, beaver, mink and muskrat and quite a few predatory animals such as coyote and bobcat.

It is hard to imagine now, as we speed over all-weather roads in the comfortable security of our automobiles, the hardships our pioneer forefathers faced during their journey along the deep beaten, primitive highway. Heat, cold, dust, mud, rain, snow, hostile Indians, sickness and injury were companions to those travelers, and rarely, if ever, a doctor at hand to treat the ills and injuries that beset these courageous people.

Thus it must have been for Rachel E. Pattison who, journeying with family from Illinois to the Oregon Territory, succumbed to the hardships of the Trail, June 19, 1849, at the age of 18.

Her grave, the original one in the Ash Hollow cemetery, is marked by a native stone with her name scratched on its rough surface. A larger monument has been erected next to the original grave to preserve the first headstone.

Yet, in spite of the hardships encountered, this raw, wild country must have been beautiful and inspiring, just as it is now to those who live here. We, in Lewellen, live in the middle of the exciting history of the Oregon Trail and its landmarks and it is my hope and intention that this brief report will make touring Highway 26 more interesting. For beginning in Ash Hollow this road continues all the way to Oregon and thus becomes the modern day Oregon Trail.

\*More romance than fact here. This was a long, steep, precarious hill with outcroppings of sand stone and shale and it is very doubtful that any carried a rope of sufficient length and strength to ease the wagons down on a windlass. The "ruff locking" of the back wheels and manual maneuvering of the wagons



## ASH HOLLOW STATE HISTORICAL PARK

Ash Hollow has been the home of prehistoric animals and prehistoric man.

The bones of prehistoric rhinoceros, mammoths, and mastodons have been recovered in and along the area.

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Excavation of Ash Hollow Cave indicates the presence of prehistoric man some seven to eight thousand years before the present. Later artifacts indicate the tenancy by historic Indians of this same cave.

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Probably the first white men to see or live in Ash Hollow were the early French fur traders of whom we have no positive record. The earliest known mention of Ash Hollow is by Robert Stuart who, in his diary, describes Ash Hollow and refers to it as Cedar Creek in 1813.

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In 1830, William Sublette, Jedediah Smith, and David Jackson guided the first wagons through Ash Hollow.

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Abe Greenwood refers to Ash Hollow by name in 1832.

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An Indian Battle of considerable consequence between the Sioux and Pawnee took place at the mouth of Ash Hollow in 1835.

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The earlier use of Ash Hollow by the mountainmen and trappers caused the Overland immigrants in search of free land and gold to follow this established route up the north Platte. In the 1840's and 50's many thousands of immigrants who crossed at the Lower California Crossing used the Hollow as a resting place and a place to repair vehicles damaged by the descent of Windlass Hill. It was also at this time that Rachel Pattison died and whose grave is in the Ash Hollow Cemetery.

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United States Mail Station #21 was located in Ash Hollow.

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Fort Grattan, a fort built of earth, was erected by General Harney after his defeat of the Indians at Blue Water some six miles west in 1855.

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The Fremont Expedition passed through Ash Hollow and was noted in Fremont's diary. The Landers Expedition also spent some time here. Records indicate at least one or perhaps two trading posts being located in Ash Hollow, one of which was burned by the Indians.

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A deserted trapper's cabin built about 1846 provided an "unofficial Post Office." Immigrants would write letters and leave them in the building asking those travelers returning to the states to mail them.

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Ash Hollow was named because of the large number of ash trees in and along the Hollow. There was also a large amount of cedars and some of the cedars were cut for telegraph poles at the building of the Overland Telegraph.

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When the use of the Lower California Crossing was discontinued and travel proceeded on up the south Platte and used a new crossing called the Upper California Crossing, immigrant travel down Windlass Hill and through the Hollow was considerably lessened for wheeled vehicles. However, the pack trains and cavalry units still used the Lower Crossing route and went through the Hollow.

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Printed immigrant guides, which were widely used during the 40's and 50's all mentioned the springs to be found in Ash Hollow and agreed it was the best water along the Oregon Trail.

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The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has acquired Ash Hollow and Windlass Hill, and is in the process of developing the area into an Historical Park.

For Clinton file

CLINTON

Sept 29 1969

Your memo Sept 22. I shouldn't be answering it now; rather, should be dealing with my fat file labeled "Clinton, not yet answered." But this most recent memo seems to need answering at once, while it's fresh in your mind and in mine. So here goes.

ELIJAH'S CHILDREN: Have you checked Census returns for Elijah, 1820, 1830, 1840, against HWB's list of children? I do OK on 1820 — but not on later ones. . . Have you checked names on excerpt from Old North West Quarterly, on HWB sheet for Elijah, which seems to show possible children not named as E's children?— but no other brother known to be in Delaware county then.

ORIN -- Some of your questions about "Author" on HWB sheet for Jonas N B's son Orin were answered in my note to you a few days ago.... Other questions: No, he was not source of HWB's information about Elijah's children. I think the record of that source was destroyed in Salem Fire 1914. . . Spelling without "k" in Kentucky probably error by census taker. . . In letters to HWB, the Kettle Falls Orin was objecting to misidentification of another Orin as his father. That other Orin, I find, belonged to the Oswego or Oneida County Belknaps. I haven't yet found his parentage. . . HWB wrote: "These Orins are troublesome." I agree. Most common error, today, is confusion of Orin, son of Jonas Jk (jr) with Orin son of Jonas N B.

KENTUCKY CENSUS RECORDS -- I'm immensely grateful. But disturbed by discovering that John Sherman made a mistake. If he still makes mistakes after more than 30 years of genealogical work, what chance have I?

ABSENCE OF ORIN IN KY CENSUS --I shouldn't have ~~expected~~ expected to find him there. He married in Or about 1824, in New York State. . . Though he went to Ky, obviously years after his older brothers did, he may not have stayed there very long. . . So, perhaps, a bit of strengthening for surmise that Cynthia and Isaac Newton were living with Jonas N B in Ky — Hart Co.

SHERIDAN OHIO — Thanks for telling me where to find it. Location strengthens two of my guesses: (1) that the migration to Ky was probably by or along rivers; and (2) that Susannah and David Chatfield were probably not with her brothers in Ohio.

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SOME ERRORS OF MINE, in Aug 29 letter to George May:

In saying that all contemporary records showed Jonas N B as Jonas only, I had momentarily forgotten that the Belchertown church record listed him as Jonas N. Belknap. HWB guessed that the "N" was for "Nathan," but was corrected on this by 1919 — by descendants of Jesse.

I showed birthplace of Jonas N B as Enfield Conn. Another momentary forgetfulness. Should have written "Windsor (Ellington)". The Windsor of those days was an area north of Hartford — not the Windsor of today, which is in another part of Conn. Many people have stumbled over names of settlements in what Stiles called "Ancient Windsor" — East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers.



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Clinton file  
not sent

Sept 26 1969

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HWB's list of Elijah's children: What I had in mind in my warning is that I'm not always sure that he got all children of any one family. I know of cases in which his correspondence shows that he had reason to believe there were more children than he had found. Also, I have in mind the citation from Old North West Quarterly 1840 shown on his sheet for Elijah in Delaware County Ohio showing two names possibly children of Elijah (Anna and Susanna) not included in his own list of such children. And I think of my difficulties in matching the 1830 and 1840 census figures for Elijah (in my letter to May, Aug 29) with HWB's list of the children. Maybe you can solve this.

A similar problem: Glenn Evans shows a sister of Jonas NB, Mary, as ~~MARRYING~~ marrying Rufus Kentfield. No one else lists her. Evans may be right; probably based his entry on Doolittle's No. 184 — "Mary (Belknap) Kentfield — joined church in 1779" — as reported to me by the Belchertown Library. But in 1916, James Allen Kibbe — a competent source on Connecticut Belknaps — wrote to HWB: "Here's a puzzle for you" (then quoting another passage in Doolittle) — "Mary (Belknap) widow Kentfield died 1781 aged 88." HWB wondered if this might be Mary Newton, mother of Jonas. But Mary Newton's birth date 8 Nov 1737 seems well authenticated; so wouldn't have been 88 in 1781. . . Could it have been Mary Dickenson, Jonas's grandmother, whose husband Samuel Belknap died about 1757? She is said to have been born 29 Nov 1703, which would make her 78 in 1781 — so maybe birth date should be 1693 not 1703. . . I don't suppose I'll ever solve this puzzle, except by luck. Meantime, I'm chary about agreeing with Evans — or with HWB.

ORIN: Some of your questions about the "Author" on HWB sheet for Jonas's son Orin were answered in note to you a day or so ago. Other questions: No, he was not source of names of Elijah's children. I have no record of that source; so assume it was among records destroyed in Salem Fire 1914. . . On my copy of HWB sheet, this Orin's name is spelled with a k. . . Spelling Belnap in Kentucky census records doubtless error by census taker, like ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Mr Belnap" on bill from tree surgeon, which I paid yesterday. I know of no instance in which any descendant of Jonas N B has, himself, omitted the k. . . In letters to HWB, the Kettle Falls Orin was objecting to HWB's ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ misidentification of another Orin as his father. This other Orin, I find, belonged to the Oswego or Oneida County Belknaps, but I haven't yet found his parentage. . . "These Orins are troublesome" wrote HWB. I agree. Most common confusion, among my correspondents, is mistaking Orin son of Jonas jr for ~~xx~~ Orin son ~~EG~~ of Jonas N B.

Kentucky census records: I'm grateful. But disturbed by discovering that John Sherman made a mistake. If he still makes mistakes after more than 30 years of genealogical work, what chance have I?



(I know he went to Ky before Ohio.)

Absence of Orin in 1820 Ky Census: This, I'm sure, means he followed his brothers to Kentucky, some years after they left Ontario County. He appears to have been married in New York State in or about 1824. . . So, perhaps, a bit of strengthening for the surmise that Cynthia and Isaac Newton were living with Jonas N B in Hart County 1820.

This reminds me. Error in my letter to May: Aug 29. I said that all contemporary records for Jonas N B showed name only as Jonas. Forgot, momentarily, that Belchertown church had him as ~~XXX~~ "Jonas N. Bellnap."

This reminds me, too, of an error by Evans, who wrote that Jonas N B was one of those who served only occasionally in Revolution. Not so. Record shows continuous service from May 1775 to ~~21~~ June 1783. Maximum strength of Washington's army at any one time was 4,000 men. Jonas N B was always one of that 4,000.

Ky Census 1820 -- page 64 -- Belnap, Jas (James) -- Is "James" your addition, or copied from census record? If only "Jas" in original, could be misprint for "Jos" i. e. Joseph. Haven't tried to identify him yet.

Supports surmise

Thanks for telling me where to find Sheridan, Ohio. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that Susannah and David Chatfield were ~~xxxx~~ probably not with her brothers in Ohio. (Sheridan on my map but not in its index)

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Before I forget, ~~THE~~ in re-reading my letter Aug 29 to George May, I see that I slipped in giving birthplace of Jonas N B as "Enfield." Should have written "Windsor (Ellington), Conn." . . . Windsor, then, was an area north of Hartford, containing various settlements: Enfield, Somers, Ellington. The names of some of these settlements have survived. But not that of what Stiles in history and genealogy called "Ancient Windsor." Today, ~~WINDSOR~~ present-day Windsor is in a different part of Conn. Many changes in names of Connecticut towns, since 1700.

MEMORANDUM

December 15, 1968 *Mailed 12/19/68*

*CB* To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878  
From: Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 68502

Glad to hear from you again.

Regarding Carol Ann's rejection, I too was disappointed for her sake that the DAR rejected her application. I'm not sure that her grandmother, Jane, has done the best job of coaching her in completing said application but on the other hand I definitely get the feeling that the DAR is losing objectivity in trivia in relation to Carol Ann's petition.

Although I have had correspondence with, I haven't really done any thing to help Carol Ann renew her petition because I just haven't known much else to do. I explained to Jane when she told me they had written you that you were out of the country until December and that she couldn't expect to hear from you immediately.

Jane told me that when she was in Kentucky this year in an attempt to gather more information on her Arnold family and to do some local research of the Belknaps in Hardin and Hart counties, she was informed in the state capitol that the court houses in both Hardin and Hart counties, together with their contents of official documents and records, had been destroyed by fire during the Civil War as a result of raids by the North apparently at about the same time that Sherman and his forces were making their march of destruction from Atlanta to the Sea. I gathered from her comment that she really didn't get into the two counties, personally, at all.

I really don't feel competent to give her much more help than I have already tried to give in the matter of following this matter up with the DAR especially when I get the distinct impression that the DAR is more interested in finding a way or ways to keep her out than to accept her. Perhaps Jane has at some time had some run in with the local chapter or may have irked them by too readily assuming that there would be no question about her granddaughter gettin in.

Anyway I am sure that Carol Ann would be most grateful for any counsel or help you might be able to give her.

You asked if I have a copy of the application filed by Carol Ann. I have asked Jane for that more than once but the only thing she has ever given me is the enclosed copy of a petition to the DAR modified to be a petition for membership in the National Society of the Children of American Revolution CAR. I am today taking the liberty of writing to Jane and requesting that she send you a true copy of Carol Ann's application so you will have as much information as possible. I said "true copy" but meant an electrostatic copy of the true copy. I am of course assuming that she kept a true copy.



As I think I may have indicated to you following my visit to Des Moines this past summer, I fear Jane has been failing rather rapidly and is not nearly as well coordinated in her mental alertness and processes as she once was.

Incidentally, in relation to the possibility Esther, the wife of Jonas, might have been in Ohio by 1817, I have noted that the record of David Chatfield (Jonas N's Susannah and family) which you enclosed with your memo of March 22, 1968, shows the place of birth for the son Rousel as having been in Ohio in September, 1817. Do you suppose it possible that Esther might have been failing in health and had gone to be cared for in the home of her oldest daughter in Ohio in keeping with the contention of Jane that she saw her grave stone in Alexandria?

Am afraid the Christmas and New Year holidays are catching up with me and that I'll have to spend my spare time on other things than genealogy for a little while.

My best to you and yours for a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and productive new year.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY  
OF THE *Children American Revolution*  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State Iowa

City Des Moines

Name of Chapter Aibgail Adams

National Number \_\_\_\_\_

(Miss or Mrs.) Carol Anne Belknap  
(First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)

Wife ☐ Widow ☐ Divorced ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (Husband)

Residence 6916 North Woodland Kansas City, Missouri  
Number Street City State

DESCENDANT OF

Jonas Newton Belknap

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Regent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Registrar.

, 19\_\_\_\_

Application, duplicate, and Fees received by Treasurer General \_\_\_\_\_

Application and duplicate received by Organizing Secretary General \_\_\_\_\_

Application and duplicate received by Registrar General \_\_\_\_\_

Application verified and approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of the Society in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known. Endorsers must be of same Chapter; if joining At Large, of the same State.

ENDORSED IN HANDWRITING BY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, NSDAR, 1776 D St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society. The application, information thereon, and supplementary data become the property of the National Society.

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# LINEAGE

I, Carol Anne Belknap being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Jonas Newton Belknap who was born in Windsor, Conn. on the        day of       , 17<sup>58/9</sup> and died in Hart/ Co., Ky. on the 16 day of Febr., 1824 His place of residence during the Revolution was Belcher Town, Mass.  
(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

I am the daughter of

1. Donald Allison Belknap born on 3-11-1923 at Des Moines, Iowa  
died at        on        and his (first or       ) wife  
Bonnie Eileen Eklund born on 8-18-1925 at Muskegon, Mich.  
died at        on        married on 6-3-1948

2. The said Donald Allison Belknap was the child of  
Milton Ray Belknap born on 7-19-1891 at Goldfield, Iowa  
died at Des Moines, Iowa on 8-16-1962 and his (first or       ) wife  
Jane Ethel Arnold born on 4-6-1894 at Ringgold Co. Iowa  
died at        on        married on 4-25-1917

3. The said Milton Ray Belknap was the child of  
Harry W. Belknap born on 6-15-1855 at Malden, Illinois  
died at Big Stone City, S.D. on 11-9-1923 and his (first or       ) wife  
Mary Malinda Cater born on 2-10-1857 at Belmont Co. Ohio  
died at Big Stone City, S.D. on 11-29-1912 married on 10-17-1876

4. The said Harry W. Belknap was the child of  
Eli B. Belknap born on 4-13-1819 at Niagara City, N.Y.  
died at Goldfield, Iowa on 10-27-1896 and his (first or       ) wife  
Mary Whitehead born on 7-3-1826 at Licking Co. Ohio  
died at Council Bluffs, Iowa on 3-3-1913 married on 7-3-1844

5. The said Eli B. Belknap was the child of  
Elisha Belknap born on 1-18-1789 at Cherry Valley N.Y.  
died at Alexandra, Ohio on 1-8-1839 and his (first or       ) wife  
Lucy Finch born on 8-7-1782 at         
died at Malden, Illinois on 8-5-1845 married on 7-1-1808

6. The said Elisha Belknap was the child of  
Jonas Newton Belknap born on 1758/9 at Windsor, Conn.  
died at Hart/ Co. Kentucky on 2-16-1824 and his (first or       ) wife  
Esther Parker born on 1755 at Bolton, Conn.  
died at Alexandra, Licking Co. on 1817/18 married on 3-1783

7. The said Jonas Newton Belknap was the child of  
Samuel Belknap born on 6-13-1731 at Enfield, Conn.  
died at Cambridge, Mass. on 6-18-1775 and his (first or       ) wife  
Mary Newton born on 11-8-1737 at East Windsor, Conn.  
died at        on        married on 6-19-1754

8. The said        was the child of  
       born on        at         
died at        on        and his (first or       ) wife  
       born on        at         
died at        on        married on       

9. The said        was the child of  
       born on        at         
died at        on        and his (first or       ) wife  
       born on        at         
died at        on        married on       

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10. The said

was the child of

born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his (first or ) wife  
born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE

Give National Numbers of mother \_\_\_\_\_; grandmother \_\_\_\_\_; or  
any other close relatives credited with this ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

Give below Authorities, published or unpublished, covering all names, dates,  
places and connections between generations in this line from the grandparents  
through the generation of this Revolutionary ancestor. Send one certified,  
attested or photostatic copy of each piece of unpublished data. Cite published  
authorities by title, author, edition, volume and page.

2nd. Gen. Donald Allison Belknap Des Moines, Ia. 3-11-1923  
Birth Certificate.

3rd. Gen. Milton Ray Belknap Goldfield, Ia. 7-19-1891  
Marriage Certificate.

4th. Gen. Harry W. Belknap Malden, Ill. 6-15-1855  
Family Bible.

5th. Gen. Eli Belknap Niagara Gy. New York 4-13-1819  
Family Bible.

6th. Gen. Elisha Belknap Cherry Valley, N.Y. 1-18-1789  
Family Bible.

7th. Gen. Jonas Newton Belknap Windsor Conn. 1758/9  
Glen W. Evans Lansing, Mich.

8th. Gen. Samuel Belknap Enfield, Conn. 6-13-1731  
(Glen W. Evans Lansing, Mich.)

They rejected the Glen Evans part so the  
sent in the Parker name and the B.A.R.  
accepted - now B.A.R. won't accept the Parker

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married

(1) to ~~Esther Fannie~~ Parker at \_\_\_\_\_, 1

(2) to Tamar A. Vinton at \_\_\_\_\_, 1

(3) to ~~Isabel~~ *Tamar just* at \_\_\_\_\_, 1

### CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
Samuel Belknap	1784	??
Elijah Belknap	1785	Catherine Garlinghouse
Jonas Belknap	1786	Mary Garlinghouse
Elisha Belknap	1-18-1786 <sup>7</sup>	Lucy Finch
Jesse Belknap	1792	Jane Garlinghouse
Susan Belknap	1792	
Esther Belknap	1796	<del>Married to Garlinghouse??</del>
Orrin Belknap	1799	Mary Draper
Hester Belknap	1805	Garlinghouse
<i>Cyn</i> <del>Diantha</del> Belknap	<del>1792/2</del> 1811	<del>Isabel</del> <i>Newton</i>

Virkus Comp. American Gen. Page.

See Parker Family in America.

I was born on Jan. 6, 1949 at Des Moines, Iowa  
married on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ who was born on \_\_\_\_\_

Divorced on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

\*Marriage in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful marriage.

Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service.

(Note: Resolution adopted by the twenty-fourth Continental Congress:

Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.)

## ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War

Volume 1 page 906-907 # 157262

Lineage Books Vol. 158 page 82 also Vol. 156 page 88 #155276.

General Services Administration, National Archives and  
Record Service. Pension Certificate # 13360.

Jonas pension file S 36408 states that Jonas enlisted for  
Revolutionary War Service in Jan. 1777 at Northampton, Mass.  
in Capt. Keith's Company of Col. Jackson's Regiment.

In Nov. 1777 he was transferred to Capt. Luke Day's Company  
of the 7th. Mass. Regiment under Col. John Brooks of Albany  
N.Y.

The said Jonas Belknap

is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private, Corp. & Sergt. Cpts. Day, White, Coburn & Cows, Cole Brooks & Alden

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

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The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Applicant further says that the said Jonas Belknap  
(name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies to applicants for membership within the United States of America and its territories.

(Signature of Applicant)

Carol Anne Belknap  
(First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

St. Marys  
(City) (State)

this 4th day of

Nov A.D. 1967

[SEAL]

Harry Jensen  
Signature of Notary.

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Elijah birth date

1850 Census - Wapello Co  
shows him as 65

Place, birth as in 1785,  
as in Com Cl notes —

See Clinton file  
for Leaning Co  
and Hart Co

and Claudia etc for Jessa in  
Hardin Co - 1817



Oot 2 1969

E CLINTON BELKNAP  
CLAUDIA MARSHALL  
GEORGE S MAY

I must hasten to tell all of you to disregard the conclusions I drew in my letter to Mr May, Aug 29.

Gladys Gray has just sent to me what I must judge to be incontestable evidence that — regardless of the 1800 census figures on which I relied — the Jonas at Pittstown (Honeys) was Jonas Newton Belknap.

As the evidence she sent me was badly garbled by the inept typist who copied it for her, I can't pass it along to you until I get a correct copy. For the moment, I'll content myself with saying that it gives us a lot of valuable new information — including the exact location (to within one foot) of the grave of Esther Parker.

When I get a true copy, I'll send it to you with a memo outlining the new problems arising from this new evidence.

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MEMO TO E. Clinton Bellnap  
FROM Carroll Bellnap

9/11/68

RE Parentage of Lucy Finch

Regret keeping bombarding you with memos, but if I don't deal promptly with information it gets buried in what I sadly term my ~~XXXXXXXX~~ "pending file."

When I wrote memo to Mrs. Jane, copy to you, I sent copy to Gladys Gray, Geneva N Y, source of much of my information about Ontario County. From her deep knowlege of that area in early 1800's, she differed with my guess that Elisha's second marriage might have occurred in Niagara county — said it must have been in vicinity of Honeoye where Elisha and Bettie Briggs lived.

Today, a long note from her — showing presence of 11 known Finch families in that area, 1800-1810 — two of them in Honeoye, others nearby. Only one of these families could have been that of Lucy Finch:

1800 Census

Jesse Finch, Genesee

2 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0

1 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 0

Genesee not in Ontario County — but just across line in Livingston Co — only a few miles from Honeoye.

~~One of the daughters~~ 10-15 could have been right age in 1810 — and matches birth date of Lucy, ~~if date in Mrs. Jane's records is correct.~~ (28)

"Possible" — that's all. This family not yet found in any records after 1800.

Will continue searching. Identification of wives essential in genealogy — though often very difficult. Sometimes impossible.



Dec. 10, 1968

E. Clinton Belknap  
2019 Harwood St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Dear Clinton:

I'm back from Crete, now — and the first thing to tackle seems to be Carol Anne's D.A.R. application. I find a letter from Mrs. Jane, Oct. 18, in which she says she sent you a copy of the letter of rejection. So before I do anything I ought to consult you and ask what you've done and what you think I might do.

rejection,  
The letter of ~~rejection~~ from Washington, seems to me to be a bit puzzling — with its concentration on non-essentials, such as the dates of deaths of Jonas and Esther. The only essential question, I should think, is whether or not the Elisha from whom Carol Anne is descended was a son of Jonas.

On this point, the evidence must be wholly circumstantial, I think, centering around the records assembled by Miss Gray for Ontario County N Y in 1800 and 1810. I believe that I can put together a summary of that evidence that might be acceptable, for when I reviewed it with the secretary of our local chapter of the S. A. R. he said (as I think I wrote you) that it was "better evidence of parentage than we usually get." At any rate, I can easily get his help and that of the local D. A. R. officers, in preparing material for resubmission of Carol ~~KNECKE~~ Anne's application, if you think I should do this.

It seems to me that the first step to take should be to examine the application that Carol Anne submitted. Do you have — or can you get — a copy of it? Or should we try to get a copy of it from the D. A.R. national office at Washington? . . . My guess is that Carol Anne went too far, by including unsubstantiated data — such as the date and place of the death of Jonas and the death of Esther — and possibly other questionable entries that evoked suspicion. Until I know exactly what the application contained, I'm not in good position to try to improve it — and I'd like to go over it with S.A.R. and D. A. R. officers here, to get their knowledgeable comments.

Eventually, perhaps, you and/or I should correspond directly with the D.A.R. Registrar in Washington. But that's something to defer for later possible decision.

Forgive bad typing. After two months of no typing, my fingers are rusty.

*Carol A.*

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FROM GYE TO CLINTON BELKNAP

12/9/69

Having read the Walbridge book, you have probably discarded my pedantic insistence that we are justified in calling NX Jonas N B a cooper "only in Kentucky."

FACTS FROM WALBRIDGE:

(1) When the first settlers came to that area in Ont. Co., it was heavily wooded — not smooth rolling hills as I know it today. Farming was impossible. They made a living by lumbering and shingle-making.

(2) When enough land was cleared to make farming possible, lack of transportation made it impossible to market their crops of grain except by turning it into whiskey. One or two of Claudia's Gilbert family were among the distillers.

So: odds were heavy that Jonas N B was not solely a farmer, and did support his family by barrel-making while in Ontario County. Land transactions show him moving too often and selling land too soon after acquiring it, to have been only a farmer.



Clinton:

My deep thanks for the box of family record sheets. I'm most humbly grateful.

I wish I could send you equally complete records on my own branch of the family. But though I have the names of some 300 descendants of Jesse, haven't yet been able to get more than a few of the dates and places. The person I counted on, for this part of the task, has done nothing about it; so I have to find someone else to tackle it, as I can't do it myself.

When I get that part of the record in shape to use, I'll send it to you — of course.

11/30/69

Memo from OYB

Nov 24, 1969

TO: E Clinton Balknap (copy to Della Balknap, who may have encountered the same problem with Evans)

SUBJECT: THE ALLEGED "ROGER BELKNAP"

Excerpt from requirements for Certified Genealogist:

"He shall be able to evaluate published source materials and genealogies, and in the case of the latter, to verify statements contained therein before using them."

As this is the only such requirement I can hope to meet, it will serve as an introduction to this example of its meaning and its importance.

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Some weeks ago, I asked you if you had any other source for listing a "Roger" as son of Abraham -- beyond Glen Evans. Meanwhile, I've gone ahead with the task of searching for verification.

What Evans said, in the thing he prepared for you, is as follows:

His page 1: Gives "Roger" as his #10, no birthdate or other dates, says married "Mary Ingalls." No dates for her, either.

Same page: "He (Joseph) married three wives, and Lydia Ingalls was a sister to his brother's wife Mary Ingalls. The father of these girls was Frances (sic) Ingalls who was one of the first settlers at Lynn, Mass."

Same page: Evans mentions inventory of Abraham's estate (which he miscopied on his next page) but does not note that Francis Ingalls was Abraham's chief creditor.

Page titled "THE INGALL'S (sic) FAMILY." Evans repeats statement that Lydia and Mary Ingall (sic) married Joseph and Roger Balknap, sons of Abraham (1). Mentions Frances(sic) Ingall (sic) and his brother Edmund, says they were born "about 1598" at Skirbeck (sic) Lincolnshire. . . Says Francis(sic) Ingall (sic) left no male heirs. "His daughter Mary married Roger Balknap," who he again says was a son of Abraham. Gives other data on record of Edmund Ingall (sic) and his descendants in Illinois.

Same page: Evans names following sources:

Illinois State Historical Society, Vol. 18, p. 416.

"The Ingall (sic) Family" a printed genealogy. (No page named)

Before exploring these two named sources, I should summarize what I already know about Francis Ingalls.

- (1) He was the first tanner in Massachusetts.
- (2) He was Abraham Balknap's chief creditor -- amount 3 Lb, 10 s.
- (3) His wife's name was Mary -----.
- (4) His tannery vats were at Swanscott.



- (5) Shown as a "preparator" in Lynn town records, 1638.
- (6) His will dated 10 Aug 1672 was probated 1 Nov that year, naming as legatees his wife Mary, his son-in-law Joseph Belknap, and his daughter Elizabeth (who had married a Farnum) in Andover. No other names shown in abstract of this will, except overseers.

So I naturally was skeptical about the existence of a daughter named "Mary." And my doubt about a "Roger" Belknap was heightened by the plain fact that a first name of French or Norman derivation was most improbable in Abraham's family, in which all known names were Biblical. My chief doubts, however, centered around the fact that neither H W Belknap nor G. Andrews Moriarty (the greatest of all New England genealogists) had found any such "Mary" or "Roger." Nothing in what they published nor in HWB'S notes nor in HWB'S correspondence with Mr. Moriarty mentioned either of these two persons named by Evans, though the two of them thrashed out a number of debatable points. I did not see how they could have missed finding those two persons, if they actually existed.

Nevertheless, we owe it to Evans (though he was in error about it, on one point) that we finally verified the marriage of Jonas and Tamar. So it was up to us to look for possible verification again.

I have obtained what seem to be the sources he listed.

- (1) Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, Vol. 18, p. 416 -- copy enclosed with this memo.

As you will see, the piece by Mrs. Mary F C Dixon says: "Francis left no male descendants, his daughter, Mary, married Roger Belknap". Unless supported by valid contemporary documentation, a statement of this kind is ~~now~~ merely a statement, not evidence. She gave no authority for what she wrote.

You will also note that (with only one major exception) what Evans wrote in his page titled "THE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ INGALL'S Family" was a paraphrase (or copy) of Mrs. Dixon's wording.

The exception was his mention of the English birthplace of Francis and Edmund Ingalls -- Skirbeck (not Skirbeck as he wrote it), Lincolnshire. Mrs. Dixon did not name this town. So Evans must have got it from some other source.

There seem to be only two published genealogies of the Ingalls family -- both devoted to descendants of Edmund. I got both of them, from ~~XXXXX~~.

- (2) Genealogy of the ~~XXXXX~~ FRENCH family, (which contains a section on the connection of this family and the Ingalls family), by M. Q. Beyer, in Illinois.

It seems likely that Evans saw this. The wording of his mention of Skirbeck is similar to that of Mrs. Beyer -- and does not resemble the wording in the other Ingalls genealogy. . . . The ~~XXX~~ Beyer book, however, merely mentions Francis Ingalls very briefly, without any detail at all. So it does not support what Mrs. Dixon wrote.

- (3) The Genealogy and History of the Ingalls Family in America, by Charles Burleigh, 1903.

This is a record of the ancestry and descendants of Edmund Ingalls, with just a few

**mentions of Francis Ingalls:**

**First paragraph:** "With his brother Francis and four others, he (Edmund) commenced the settlement of Lynn in 1629."

**Footnote on same page:** "Francis Ingalls, brother of Edmund, was the earliest tanner in Massachusetts and his vats could be seen at Swampscott as late as 1840. He moved to Boston and his will Nov. 1, 1672, mentions wife Mary, son-in-law Joseph Bellmap, balance of his property to Elizabeth Farman of Andover after his wife's decease." (NOTE: Date of probate, not date of will. OYB)

In last paragraph of Edmund's will, he named his brother Francis as one of two overseers.

There are no indications that either Mrs Dixon or Glen Evans read this book. No similarities in wording nor in details of information. Also, no indications that H. Bellmap saw it, for his information and wording are very different in detail, such as naming the exact location of the vats at Swampscott (Rumpley's Brook), etc.

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Yet the point, I think, that even this excellent genealogy gives no mention of a ~~daughter~~ "Roger Bellmap" or a "daughter Mary Ingalls." I say "excellent" because Burleigh documented thoroughly and carefully what he said, on point after point. When he said nothing, it's reasonable to assume that he had found nothing to say.

But again let me emphasize that if we had merely found an unsupported statement in this book or in the Boyer book, it would have not been evidence, unless documented by contemporary sources. We would still have had to keep searching for valid proof ~~before~~ before accepting what Mrs Dixon and Evans wrote.

My conclusion: Evans merely copied what Mrs Dixon wrote, without verification. His listing of a genealogy which he called THE INGALLS FAMILY was just another instance of something that I have found him doing again and again -- that is, listing as a source something that he had read but which contained nothing whatever bearing on the point at issue. . . . And, since no support has been found for the statement made by Mrs Dixon, and there seems to be no reason for thinking that any such support can be found, there's no use searching further.

Do you differ?



### THE COMING OF THE INGALLS FAMILY TO ILLINOIS IN 1834.

BY MRS. MARY F. C. DIXON.

In the year 1628, Edmund and Francis Ingalls landed at Salem, Mass., from Lincolnshire, England, with Governor Endicott. They were tanners in England. They crossed the Saugus River in 1629 and established a tannery at a place they called Lynn, because of the name of their home in Lincolnshire, England.

Francis left no male descendants, his daughter, Mary, married Roger Belknap.

Edmund fell through a defective bridge over the Saugus River in 1648 and was drowned.

Henry, son of Edmund, moved to Andover, Massachusetts, sometime after 1646. His son, James, married Hannah Abbott. They had a son, James, born in 1695, who married Mary Stevens. After the death of James, Sr., his widow, Hannah Abbott Ingalls, with her son James and his wife went with the Pomfret Colony to Abington, Connecticut. They there established their home almost directly across the street from the Colony Church. They there raised a family of seven children. Their son, Ephraim, married Mary Sharpe, whose great-grandfather was Resolved White, who came over in the Mayflower in 1620.

Their son, Ephraim Ingalls, married Lucy Goodell, and they too, resided in the ancestral home, rearing a family of nine children; Mary S., Henry L., Lucy, Lydia, Deborah, Edmund, Chas. Francis, George A. and Ephraim. Lucy, the mother, died in 1829 and the father, Ephraim, in 1831.

Their oldest son, Henry Laurens Ingalls, married Lavinia Childs. Her sister, Priscilla Childs, married Dr. Chandler, the founder of Chandlerville, Illinois. Henry had made a visit to the Illinois country and found it to his liking. When he re-



MEMORANDUM

Jan. 12, 1969

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From: Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska  
68502

Two items:

First, I find that I confused James M. and Gamaliel Belknap with Joseph Gillett's two older sons in the next to the last paragraph of page 2 of the narrative statement which accompanied the Family Group sheet I recently sent to you relating to Elijah Belknap. This page has therefore been revised and I am sending you a complete replacement of the six page document and ask that you discard the one previously sent. Sorry for the confusion. Sopha Eudy called the error to my attention when I sent her a copy. She stated quite definitely that neither James M. or Gamaliel had ever made their home in Texas.

Second, How do we adequately answer those who cite the Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy to the effect that Abraham together with two brothers, Joseph and Thomas, settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1637. I can explain the fact that Joseph was a son rather than a brother but where does Thomas fit in?

CB.



REFERENCE- 40, 32, 24, 15, 5, 1.  
 FAMILY GROUP No. 47 Husband's Full Name **ELIJAH BELKNAP**

This Information Obtained From: **See Family History Sheets**

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			1785	In Mass., probably Belchertown,		Hampshire Co.	
Chr'd							
Mar.	8	1	1806	Ontario Co.,		N. Y.	
Death			1874	(Last pension payment of record, 8 Dec., 1874)			
Burial							
Places of Residence							
Occupation				Church Affiliation		Military Rec.	
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each wife.							
His Father <b>Jonas Newton Belknap</b>				Mother's Maiden Name <b>Esther Parker</b>			
Wife's Full Maiden Name <b>Catharine Garlinghouse</b>							
Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			12 1788			Penn.	
Chr'd							
Death			1 1872	(Date?)			
Burial							
Compiler <b>Clinton Belknap</b> Places of Residence							
Address <b>2019 Harwood</b>				Occupation if other than Housewife		Church Affiliation	
City, State <b>Lincoln, Nebr.</b>							
Date <b>12 Oct. 1968</b>							
Her Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
55	1 <b>AMANDA</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1807				
		Mar.			1827				
F	<b>Josiah Garlinghouse</b>	Death							
		Burial							
56	2 <b>JAMES M.</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	1	1809			N. Y.	Susannah b.
M	<b>Susannah Taylor</b>	Mar.	3	12	1837				3 Sept. 1814 in
		Death	22	9	1876				Penn. d. 16
		Burial							July, 1874
57	3 <b>SAMUEL</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1811				Amy, da. of
M	<b>Amy B. Reed</b>	Mar.							Robert Reed of
		Death			1890	(Amy was a widow in Franklin, England.			
		Burial				Ind. in 1890).			
58	4 <b>AMAZILLA</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1812				
F	<b>Joel Eastman</b>	Mar.			1831				
		Death							
		Burial							
59	5 <b>GAMALIEL</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	27	12	1814				Louisa Wright,
M	<b>Louisa Wright</b>	Mar.	23	4	1835				b. 17 Dec.
		Death							1812; d. 12
		Burial							Jan. 1859
60	6 <b>ESTHER</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1818				
F	<b>Joseph Sebring</b>	Mar.			1837				
		Death							
		Burial							
61	7 <b>JONAS</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1820				
M		Mar.				Unmarried			
		Death			1845				
		Burial							
62	8 <b>JOSEPH GILLET</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19	7	1826				
M	<b>Eliz. A. VanCleve</b>	Mar.			1849				
	<b>Olive Brock</b>	Death	13	12	1915	Stephens Co., Texas	at home of son, Gamaliel.		
		Burial							
63	9 <b>MARY JANE</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1830			Ohio-1850 census,	
F	<b>Lacy Garlinghouse</b>	Mar.			1855	Probably at Ottumwa, Ia.		Wapello Co.,	
		Death			1864			Iowa.	
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



## FAMILY HISTORY

Family Group No. 47

Husband -- Elijah Belknap

Wife -- Catharine Garlinghouse

Elijah Belknap, born 1785 in Belchertown, Massachusetts, was baptised at the same time as his older brother, Samuel, on August 14, 1785, which was two weeks after his parents, Jonas and Esther Parker Belknap, had joined the Belchertown Congregational Church. Elijah was the second son of the American Revolutionary War veteran, Jonas Newton Belknap. Elijah's grandfather, Samuel Belknap, No. 32, was also a Revolutionary War soldier. He died in the service of his country at Cambridge, June 18, 1775.

By the time Elijah was eleven years of age, his father, a cooper (barrel maker) by trade, had moved with his wife and children to Ontario County in Western New York State. According to Carroll Y. Belknap, "Jonas and his older sons moved around all over that county between 1796 and 1818". (Carroll Belknap is a semi-retired management research consultant, who has more recently been devoting almost full time to Belknap family genealogy. The above quote is taken from a memorandum to Clinton Belknap under date of March 22, 1968.)

According to the U. S. Census of 1800 (see schedule on page 368 for Ontario County, New York), Elijah's parental family then lived at Charleston, later allegedly known as Lima, in Ontario County. According to a family tradition, confirmed by the Wapello County, Iowa census for 1850, Elijah became a farmer as did most, if not all of his sons.

In a declaration for a War of 1812 pension, filed 31 March, 1871 in Owen Township, Clinton County, (Frankfort), Indiana, Elijah stated that he had married Catharine Garlinghouse (later erroneously referred to as 'Christine' Garlinghouse by Anna McCormack Belknap of Cedar Vale, Kansas) 8 January, 1806 in Ontario County, New York.

In the War of 1812, he had been inducted into the New York Militia at Naples, New York, and served from "24 August, 1814 to 8 November, 1814", when his services were no longer required. He served in Captain Graham's Company, under the command of General Brown. (See War Department Muster Rolls, vol. 93, p. 221.) According to the record, his responsibilities in the military had been "garding (sic) prisoners to Albany and conducting the shipping of provisions to the soldiers."

He and his family are believed to have migrated west in about 1816 to 1818, possibly stopping briefly in Licking, County, Ohio, enroute to Kentucky. In the U. S. Census for 1820, Elijah and his family were then shown to be living in Hart County, Kentucky. (See page 153). Also listed in the Hart County census for 1820 was the family of Elijah's father, Jonas. (See page 155). Again, on page 153 of the census was carried the family of Elijah's brother, Jonas (Jr.). Listed on page 158 of that report were the Garlinghouse families, who were reported to have migrated to Kentucky from New York with the Belknaps. Included were James Garlinghouse, James Garlinghouse Jr., and Gamaliel Garlinghouse. Gamaliel was the husband of Elijah's sister, Esther. James Garlinghouse is believed to have been the father of all three Garlinghouse girls who married sons of Jonas N. Belknap, namely Catharine, who as indicated earlier, married Elijah; Mary

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who married Jonas (Jr.); and Jane, who married Jesse.

The 1850 census from Wapello County, Iowa, (See schedule 1400, page 500), lists Joseph Gillett Belknap, youngest son of Elijah, as having been born in Kentucky in 1826.

Mrs. Milton Ray (Jane E.) Belknap of Des Moines, Iowa, whose late husband is reported to have been a descendant of Jonas N. Belknap, made a special trip to Kentucky in an attempt to do some research among local official documents and records relating to the Belknap family, only to be informed in the State Capitol, Frankfort, that the court house in each of these two counties in which she was interested, Hart and Hardin, together with the records therein, had been destroyed by fire during the raids by the North in the Civil War at about the time of Sherman's March to the Sea, which began a bit farther south.

The U. S. Census for 1830 puts Elijah and his family, as well as his brothers, Jonas, Jesse and Orin and their families, all in Licking County, Ohio. (See page 460, St. Alban's Township, for Elijah and Jesse, and page 463 for "Ori"). Mr. John Sherman of Hollywood, California, who searched out this information, through an oversight, failed to indicate the Township for "Ori", but it is believed to have been St. Albans, the same as for Elijah and Jesse.

The U. S. Census for 1840 shows Elijah, as well as his sons, James and Samuel and families, and his daughter, Amazilla, with her husband and family, all living in Beldon Township, Franklin County, Ohio. James and family, and Amazilla, with her husband, Joel Eastman, and family, were carried on page 12 for Bolton Township; and the families of Elijah and Samuel on page 13. It is interesting to note that adjoining James Belknap in the census is a Silas Garlinghouse and family, possibly a member of one of the Garlinghouse families previously identified in Kentucky.

In 1850, the U. S. Census for Wapello County, (Ottumwa, County Seat) Iowa, showed Elijah and his wife, Catharine, with one daughter, Mary J., then living in that county. The census record, schedule 1400, page 500, discloses that Mary had been born in Ohio. Others of Elijah's sons, who, with their families were living in Wapello County at the time were James M. (See schedule 1399, page 500), Joseph (Gillett), (schedule 1092, page 478), and Gamaliel Belknap, (schedule 1120, page 480).

Subsequent to this date we have little information on the families of James M. and Gamaliel Belknap. Joseph Gillett Belknap and his family moved first to Linn County in Northern Missouri, and later to Scott County in Western Kansas.

Tradition has it that Elijah died in Wapello County, Iowa, but there is strong evidence that this is not true, although to the present writing, the exact date and place of death and burial has not been confirmed. It is always possible that he could have been visiting at the home of one of his older sons in Texas at the time of his death. One unconfirmed story is to the effect that he did, indeed die at Throckmorton or Comanche, Texas.



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In Iowa the family farmed, probably in the vicinity of Blakesburg, since a Mr. Seaman Smith and Silas Reynolds, the two witnesses to attest to Elijah's identity in connection with his War of 1812 claim for Bounty Land, in February, 1854, were both from that community. An affidavit in his pension files, signed in January, 1852, stated that he was then a resident of Licking County, Ohio. In connection with his February, 1854 claim, he had filed a request that any bounty land grant approved be sent to his agent, Napoleon Campbell, of Columbus, Ohio, with whom he had contracted to receive and forward such Bounty Land certificate.

On March 31, 1871, at the age of 86, he filed for a War of 1812 pension, in Owen Township, Clinton County, Frankfort, Indiana. Certificate No. 7642 was issued November 9, 1871, in response to his claim No. 6580, authorizing a monthly pension of \$8, retroactive to February 14, 1871. The certificate was issued by the Indianapolis Agency, and recorded in the Indianapolis Volume, page 5. Prior to the 1871 date, he had received two Bounty Land grants in recognition of his service; one by warrant 99182 for 40 acres under the Act of September 28, 1850, and another by warrant 19145 for 120 acres under the Act of March 3, 1855.

Under date of 15 September, 1967, a letter from the National Archives and Record Service of the Federal General Services Administration in Washington, D. C., prepared by James D. Walker for Richard A. Jacobs, Chief of the Central Reference Staff, stated that:

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MEMORANDUM

November 29, 1968 *Mailed 12/19/68*

*CS* To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn.  
From E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr.

Suppose you will soon be returning from your holiday. Thought I would be sending you more than I am by this time but day to day demands on one's free time have ways of breaking in and delaying the best laid plans.

Have not as yet followed through with the Lacy Belknap contact but should get that out of the way before too long.

Have numbered and made a master listing of Belknap descendants which my records now carry either on their own individual family record or as one of the children in such a family listing. I am forwarding a copy of this master listing to you at this time and will be forwarding copies of the various family record sheets as my wife completes typing them from my long hand drafts. These I shall confine to Elijah and his descendants, or at least as many of them as I now have recorded.

In the main column at the left of each page are listed the numbers assigned to the members of my direct family line. Circled in red at the left of the column is the number of the generation in America with my direct progenitor in each generation underlined in red. This individual, in turn, becomes the progenitor of the children listed below in the next generation. Listed at the right of each name is the year of birth as I have it recorded.

For example: ① 1. Abraham is the progenitor of KKY ② #2 Abraham through #10 Roger, while #5 Samuel becomes the progenitor of the third generation, #11 Mary through #17 Patience, with # 15 Ebenezer being the direct progenitor of the fourth generation starting with #18 Sarah

Listed in the columns to the right are auxiliary off shoots of direct line family members other than my direct progenitors with the generation indicated at the left in red parentheses. For example: under #49 Elisha is listed his (8)th generation children Lacy, assigned the number 49-1 through #49-7 Maria, with off springs unde # 49-5 Eli carried out to the (12)th generation.

It may be a little complicated but the numbers assigned immediately identify the individual as to original line progenitor and gives me a better handle on things than the entire listing in just one numerical sequence.

I have carried the listing out, when information available permits, to the first generation beyond the mother who bore the maiden name of Belknap and, in the instance of males, to the most recent generation listing available to me.



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If some of this is confusing, so indicate and I'll try again.

The numbers assigned to additional family members in any of the auxiliary units will be assigned in numerical sequence under the original, column one, key number, and so registered on my master file card listing, regardless of generation represented. For example, a child of Orin, No. 56-2, if identified would be assigned the next available number which in this instance would be 56-19.

As my good wife transcribes the material on the family data sheets from my longhand completions, it is my intent to furnish an electrostatic copy of each for your files, beginning with Elijah No. 47.

I hope that I may someday have a summary listing of your line back to and including Jesse, the brother of Elijah.

Sept 24 1969

TO: E. Clinton Belknap  
Claudia Marshall  
Gladys Gray

I'm going to send copies of this memo to all three of you, as all of you are involved, in one way or another, in my effort to assist Carol Anne Belknap (Des Moines) by providing proof that her ancestor Elisha was son of Jonas Newton Belknap. Also, I sent to all of you a copy of my letter Aug 29 to George S May -- which was a trial run of some of the ~~XXXX~~ evidence bearing on Elisha's parentage -- in the hope that you'd detect and challenge any weaknesses you saw in it.

In the past few days, I've been digging for further evidence -- mainly in the files of Henry Wyckoff Belknap's correspondence. I've come up with some helpful stuff, which I want to tell you about.

Up to now, I was resigned to the apparent fact that in discussing Elisha's parentage (son of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker) I would have to rely on evidence of time and place -- for lack of any other evidence. But now we have what can be termed "eye-witness evidence" -- from a son of Orin Belknap (youngest son of Jonas N B).

This son of Orin was also named Orin; and was one of the youngest children of his father. In 1919 he was living in Kettle Falls, Washington. In letter/s to HWB he identified himself unmistakably as son of the Orin who was a brother of Elijah and Jesse. He gave his age as "almost 80" -- which would place his birth in about 1840. So perhaps I should comment that his age -- in our long-lived family -- had obviously not impaired his mind nor his accurate typing on an old typewriter which he described as "bald-headed like its manipulator."

Among the key dates that he supplied in his letters in 1919 was the exact date and place of his father's death -- 15 Feb 1873, at Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio. And in connection with that date, he corrected an error in a letter written to him by HWB, ~~XX~~

"You note that Elisha was with my father at his death. True. But not his son. A nephew of my father's; a farmer who lived near him."

Now, there was only one Elisha who was a nephew of his father Orin. This one possible Elisha was the Elisha Jr who (according to the Bible page from Mrs. Jane Belknap, Carol Anne's grandmother) was ~~born~~ the firstborn son of Elisha Belknap and Lucy Finch -- born 25 Oct 1811, died 3 April 1875 (bracketing the year 1873 when Orin died). No other brother of Orin had a son named Elisha. See note, p. 2

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The letters from the Kettle Falls Orin also help us in our search for information about Jonas N B's daughter Cynthia.

In my letter Aug 29 to George May, I gave my reasons for believing that Cynthia was born after Orin and ~~this~~ could not have been born before late 1800. I thought that this was a weak point in my reasoning. So I'm thankful that the Kettle Falls



Orin has come to my rescue -- in one of his letters, 5 Oct 1919.

HWB had asked him "Who was ~~XXX~~ Cynthia Gilbert?" -- referring to a name mentioned by Orin in an earlier letter. Orin replied:

"The Cynthia Gilbert of the letter was the daughter of my father's sister, next younger than him, whom I saw in 1856, a hale and hearty old lady, in Licking Co., Ohio."

OK The "hale and hearty old lady" could have been only Jonas N B's daughter Cynthia, it seems to me. The Kettle Falls Orin was 16 at that time, and Cynthia would have been not more than 35 or 56 -- but no doubt she looked "old" to him, at his age. BT

So I think we can say: (1) That Jonas NB's daughter Cynthia was certainly born after Orin; (2) that she was in Licking County in 1856, and this may have gone there from Kentucky when her brothers did; (3) that she had a daughter named Cynthia (our first trace of names of her children).

(I think)

But what about "Gilbert"? Here is where Claudia may be able to help, from her knowledge of the time when the Belknap-Gilbert connection began, and where it began. -- for example, was it like the Belknap-Starr connection, which began when Jesse's family were in Ohio, where Mahala Starr was born?

What the Kettle Falls Orin wrote can be interpreted several ways. For instance:

- (1) It may mean that Jonas NB's daughter Cynthia did not marry Isaac Newton, but married a Gilbert. I question this, but only for the reason that the statement that she married Isaac Newton has come to me from many independent sources. Yet, also, this would mean that the daughter, Cynthia Gilbert, was unmarried in 1856 -- when her mother was 55 or 56 perhaps -- which seems unlikely.
- (2) It may mean that Jonas NB's daughter Cynthia married a second time, and that Cynthia Gilbert was offspring of the second marriage.
- (3) Or it may mean merely that Cynthia's daughter Cynthia married a Gilbert.

I hope Claudia can help on this.

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That's all, for now, about Orin. Later, I'll draft a list of his known descendants.

Later, too, I'll write about the possibility that the Rachel who died in 1815 was a second wife of Jonas N B -- in between Esther and Tamar. But I'll have to defer this till I hear from Gladys in reply to a question I asked her a few days ago.

Note on Eliza J. - 1850 census --



REFERENCE- 40, 32, 24, 15, 5, 1.

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This Information Obtained From:

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Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	1785	In Mass., probably Belchertown,			Hampshire Co.
Chr'd					
Mar.	8 1 1806	Ontario Co.,		N. Y.	
Death	1874	(Last pension payment of record, 8 Dec., 1874)			
Burial					

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

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His Father **Jonas Newton Belknap** Mother's Maiden Name **Esther Parker**

Wife's Full Maiden Name **Catharine Garlinghouse**

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	12 1788			Penn.	
Chr'd					
Death	1 1872 (Date?)				
Burial					

Compiler **Clinton Belknap**

Places of Residence

Address **2019 Harwood**

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State **Lincoln, Nebr.**

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Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
55	1 <b>AMANDA</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1807				
F	<b>Josiah Garlinghouse</b>	Mar.	1827				
		Death					
		Burial					
56	2 <b>JAMES M.</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25 1 1809			N. Y.	Susannah b.
M	<b>Susannah Taylor</b>	Mar.	3 12 1837				3 Sept. 1814 in
		Death	22 9 1876				Penn. d. 16
		Burial					July, 1874
57	3 <b>SAMUEL</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1811				Amy, da. of
M	<b>Amy B. Reed</b>	Mar.					Robert Reed of
		Death	1890	(Amy was a widow in Franklin, England.			
		Burial		Ind. in 1890).			
58	4 <b>AMAZILLA</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1812				
F	<b>Joel Eastman</b>	Mar.	1831				
		Death					
		Burial					
59	5 <b>GAMALIEL</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	27 12 1814				Louisa Wright,
M	<b>Louisa Wright</b>	Mar.	23 4 1835				b. 17 Dec.
		Death					1812; d. 12
		Burial					Jan. 1859
60	6 <b>ESTHER</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1818				
F	<b>Joseph Sebring</b>	Mar.	1837				
		Death					
		Burial					
61	7 <b>JONAS</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1820				
M		Mar.		Unmarried			
		Death	1845				
		Burial					
62	8 <b>JOSEPH GILLET</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19 7 1826				
M	<b>Eliz. A. VanCleve</b>	Mar.	1849				
	<b>Olive Brock</b>	Death	13 12 1915	Stephens Co., Texas at home of son, Gamaliel.			
		Burial					
63	9 <b>MARY JANE</b> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1830			Ohio-1850 census,	
F	<b>Lacy Garlinghouse</b>	Mar.	1855	Probably at Ottumwa, Ia.			Wapello Co.,
		Death	1864				Iowa.
		Burial					
	10	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

Full Name of Spouse\*



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Elijah Belknap, born 1785 in Belchertown, Massachusetts, was baptised at the same time as his older brother, Samuel, on August 14, 1785, which was two weeks after his parents, Jonas and Esther Parker Belknap, had joined the Belchertown Congregational Church. Elijah was the second son of the American Revolutionary War veteran, Jonas Newton Belknap. Elijah's grandfather, Samuel Belknap, No. 32, was also a Revolutionary War soldier. He died in the service of his country at Cambridge, June 18, 1775.

By the time Elijah was eleven years of age, his father, a cooper (barrel maker) by trade, had moved with his wife and children to Ontario County in Western New York State. According to Carroll Y. Belknap, "Jonas and his older sons moved around all over that county between 1796 and 1818". (Carroll Belknap is a semi-retired management research consultant, who has more recently been devoting almost full time to Belknap family genealogy. The above quote is taken from a memorandum to Clinton Belknap under date of March 22, 1968.)

According to the U. S. Census of 1800 (see schedule on page 368 for Ontario County, New York), Elijah's parental family then lived at Charleston, later allegedly known as Lima, in Ontario County. According to a family tradition, confirmed by the Wapello County, Iowa census for 1850, Elijah became a farmer as did most, if not all of his sons.

In a declaration for a War of 1812 pension, filed 31 March, 1871 in Owen Township, Clinton County, (Frankfort), Indiana, Elijah stated that he had married Catharine Garlinghouse (later erroneously referred to as 'Christine' Garlinghouse by Anna McCormack Belknap of Cedar Vale, Kansas) 8 January, 1806 in Ontario County, New York.

In the War of 1812, he had been inducted into the New York Militia at Naples, New York, and served from "24 August, 1814 to 8 November, 1814", when his services were no longer required. He served in Captain Graham's Company, under the command of General Brown. (See War Department Muster Rolls, vol. 93, p. 221.) According to the record, his responsibilities in the military had been "garding (sic) prisoners to Albany and conducting the shipping of provisions to the soldiers."

He and his family are believed to have migrated west in about 1816 to 1818, possibly stopping briefly in Licking, County, Ohio, enroute to Kentucky. In the U. S. Census for 1820, Elijah and his family were then shown to be living in Hart County, Kentucky. (See page 153). Also listed in the Hart County census for 1820 was the family of Elijah's father, Jonas. (See page 155). Again, on page 153 of the census was carried the family of Elijah's brother, Jonas (Jr.). Listed on page 158 of that report were the Garlinghouse families, who were reported to have migrated to Kentucky from New York with the Belknaps. Included were James Garlinghouse, James Garlinghouse Jr., and Gamaliel Garlinghouse. Gamaliel was the husband of Elijah's sister, Esther. James Garlinghouse is believed to have been the father of all three Garlinghouse girls who married sons of Jonas N. Belknap, namely Catharine, who as indicated earlier, married Elijah; Mary

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The 1850 census for Wapello County, Iowa, (See schedule 1400, page 500), lists Joseph Gillett Belknap, youngest son of Elijah, as having been born in Kentucky in 1826.

Mrs. Milton Ray (Jane E.) Belknap of Des Moines, Iowa, whose late husband is reported to have been a descendant of Jonas N. Belknap, made a special trip to Kentucky in an attempt to do some research among local official documents and records relating to the Belknap family, only to be informed in the State Capitol, Frankfort, that the court house in each of these two counties in which she was interested, Hart and Hardin, together with the records therein, had been destroyed by fire during the raids by the North in the Civil War at about the time of Sherman's March to the Sea, which began a bit farther south.

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By 1850, the U. S. Census for Wapello County, (Ottumwa, County Seat) Iowa, showed Elijah and his wife, Catharine, with one daughter, Mary J., then living in that county. The census record, schedule 1400, page 500, discloses that Mary had been born in Ohio. Others of Elijah's sons, who with their families were living in Wapello County at the time were James M. (See schedule 1399, page 500), Joseph (Gillett), (schedule 1092, page 478) and Gamaliel Belknap, (schedule 1120, page 480).

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Tradition has it that Elijah died in Wapello County, Iowa, but there is strong evidence that this is not true, although to the present writing, the exact date and place of death and burial has not been confirmed. It is always possible that he could have been visiting at the home of one of his older sons in Texas at the time of his death. One unconfirmed story is to the effect that he did, indeed, die at Throckmorton or Comanche, Texas.



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References:

1. Mrs. Anna McCormack Belknap of Cedar Vale, Kansas, now deceased. Born 8 October 1871, Anna was a granddaughter of James M. Belknap oldest son of Elijah. She married her first cousin, once removed, Arthur C. Belknap, oldest son of Joseph Gillett Belknap by his second wife, Olive Brock. Joseph was, in turn, the youngest son of Elijah. Age 93 at the time of her death in January, 1965, Anna Belknap had taken much interest in the Belknap family record and, although almost blind in her later years, was mentally alert to the time of her death. In 1904, she had copied from the Bible of her grandfather, James M. Belknap, considerable family information, which she permitted E. Clinton Belknap and his wife, Mildred, to personally review at her home in Cedar Vale, Kansas, in the Spring of 1962. Some information conveyed from memory in her final years did not prove to be entirely correct, such as her statement that the initial "C" for the first name of her maternal great grandmother stood for Christine instead of Catherine which was later documented to have been the correct first name. For the most part, however, the information transmitted from memory proved to be much more reliable than most family tradition encountered in genealogical research.
2. Mrs. Sopna Belknap Eudy, 1605 Avenue E., Cisco, Texas. Mrs Eudy, born 14 September 1896, the wife of Maurice Eudy, is the youngest daughter of James Gee Belknap, and granddaughter of Joseph Gillett Belknap by his first wife, Elizabeth VanCleve. Sopna has been most helpful and reliable in providing information about her grandfather, Joseph Gillett Belknap, the youngest son of Elijah. Joseph Gillett lived a portion of his later years in the home of her father.
3. Garrett M. Belknap, 20120 Smith Road, Route 1, Perris, California, 92370. Son of Arthur C. Belknap and Anna McCormack Belknap, listed above. Garrett was born 22 April 1897 in Hooser, Cowley County, Kansas. He has in his possession the family Bible of his father.
4. Elmer Curtis "Ed" Belknap, grandson of Elijah and father of E. Clinton Belknap. Born 29 March 1873, Elmer Curtis Belknap died 27 April, 1963, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Emerson, Nebraska.
5. War of 1812 U. S. Pension Bureau files, Washington, D. C.
6. U. S. National Archives and Research Service, Washington, D. C.
7. John A. Sherman, 6740½ Franklin Place, Hollywood, California, 90028. Mr. Sherman is a Belknap descendant, whose U. S. Census research, as copied from the files of Mrs. Milton Ray (Jane E.) Belknap was the source of a large portion of the Census records referred to in the Elijah Belknap summary given above. Mrs. Milton Ray Belknap lives at 4615 Ovid Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
8. Glen W. Evans (deceased) of Lansing, Michigan. Much was furnished



Family Group No. 47  
Husband -- Elijah Belknap  
Wife -- Catharine Garlinghouse

References Continued:

directly by him, and other data has been gathered from material placed by him with the Michigan State Library in Lansing, Michigan.

9. Carroll York Belknap, descendant of Jesse Belknap, who was in turn the son of Jonas N. Belknap. Carroll, born 29 September 1892, is, as was indicated earlier, a semi-retired head of a management research consultant firm. A most thorough and conscientious genealogist, he has, during the past many months, been devoting almost full time to Belknap genealogical research and compilation. He lives at 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut, 06878.

10. Henry Wycoff Belknap, who lived at Salem, Massachusetts. The Henry Wycoff Belknap material has come primarily by way of Carroll Belknap, although a limited amount also came by way of Glen W. Evans.

11. Parker Family in America, 1630-1910, by Augustus Parker, Buffalo, N. Y., c1910. Pages 458 and 459.

12. Historical Sketches of the Congregational Church in Belchertown, Massachusetts, by Hon. Mark Doolittle, 1852.

JNB descendants

Memorandum

To Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn.

From E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr.

As promised in my last communication, I am enclosing family record sheets on Garrett M. Belknap of Wichita and on the Lacy Belknap family of Lincoln, Nebraska. I kept prodding the latter all spring and summer until he and his wife finally contacted a sufficient number of relatives to complete the records enclosed.

Eliza

Eliza



2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Septmeber 18, 1969

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

Dear Carroll:

Delighted to hear from you again! Sorry, of course, to learn of your illness and hospitalization but I get the impression you are felling pretty much recovered and on your way again.

I never cease to be amazed at the completeness of your analyses in relation to genealogical data. You have an uncanny way of including and weighing all related known information and factors.

Will be writing you more presently. Have been extremely busy with employment responsibilities for the past several months.

The G . M. Belknap who had written your uncle from Perris, California, is Garrett Belknap, a cousin of mine who is retired and has within the past few months returned to Wichita, Kansas, where he had lived prior to going to Califnornia. I have a run down on his family and will send it along to you at a later date. He is a son of Arthur C. Belknap, the oldest full brother of my dad.

Have picked up additional information on Lacy L. Belknap during the summer and will also see that you have that

Again, it is good to know that you are back in the swing of things.

Sincerely,

  
E. Clinton Belknap

Reference: 70, 62, 47, 40, 32, 24, 15, 5, 1

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(First marriage)

## FAMILY GROUP No. 70-3 Husband's Full Name Garrett Belknap

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Garrett M. Belknap	Birth	22	4	1897	Hooser	Cowley	Kansas	
1325 So. Pershing	Chr'nd							
Wichita, Kansas	Mar.	24	2	1918	Cedar Vale(?)		Kansas	
4 Aug. 1962	Death							
	Burial							
Places of Residence								
Occupation								
Church Affiliation Ch. of Christ Military Rec.								
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (2) Lena Irma Klatt 16 3 1927								
Make separate sheet for each mar.								
His Father Arthur C. Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Anna McCormack								
Wife's Full Maiden Name Flora M. Norton								
Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife	
Birth								
Chr'nd								
Death								
Burial								

Compiler Clinton Belknap	Places of Residence
Address 2019 Harwood	Occupation if other than Housewife
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.	Church Affiliation
Date 6 Sept. 1965	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
	Make separate sheet for each mar.
Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
2-12 M	1 Jesse Lee Full Name of Spouse* Lennie Smith	Birth	8	2	1919	Vinton	Cowley	Kansas	
		Mar.	24	12	1946				
		Death							
		Burial							
0-12 M	2 Marion Eugene Full Name of Spouse* Mary Imogene Glenn	Birth	20	9	1921	Wichita		Kansas	
		Mar.		1	1947				
		Death							
		Burial							
	3 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

Note: Ralph Belknap. of Garden City, Kansas, (son of Ernest Belknap) said that Marion's wife is a full blood Oklahoma Indian.

Ralph (in 1960) also said Jesse Belknap worked at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas.

See page 2 of Garrett Belknap, second marriage, for more historical background on Garrett Belknap.

Clinton Belknap



Reference: 70, 62, 47, 40, 32, 24, 15, 5, 1  
(Second marriage)

10 Gen in Am

FAMILY GROUP No. 70-3 Husband's Full Name Garrett Belknap

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<u>Garrett M. Belknap</u>	Birth	22	4	1897	<u>Hooser</u>	<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	
<u>1325 So. Pershing</u>	Chr'd							
<u>Wichita, Kansas</u>	Mar.	16	3	1927	<u>Syracuse</u>		<u>Kansas</u>	
<u>4 Aug. 1962</u>	Death							
	Burial							

## Places of Residence

## Occupation

Church Affiliation Ch. of Christ Ministry Rec.Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.(1) Flora M. Norton (Divorced 3 12 1923)His Father Arthur C. Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Anna McCormackWife's Full Maiden Name Lena Irma Klatt

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	10	7	1898				
Chr'd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler Clinton Belknap

## Places of Residence

Address 2019 Harwood

## Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State Lincoln, Nebr.Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
Make separate sheet for each mar.Date 6 Sept. 1965Her Father Samuel KlattMother's Maiden Name Evia Shultz

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1	Birth	31	8	1931	<u>Syracuse</u>		<u>Kansas</u>	
F	<u>Iva Beatrice</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	2	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	3	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



## FAMILY HISTORY

Husband - Garrett Belknap  
 Wife - Lena Irma Klatt

Garrett Belknap said, 4 Aug. 1962, that he was born on a farm in Eastern Cowley Co., Kansas, 22 April, 1897, and lived on the farm with his parents until he completed school in 1917, at Cedar Vale, Kansas. He met Flora Norton in 1917, and they were married in 1918. He was called to the service in World War I in Sept. 1918, and served 6 months. He farmed until his first marriage ended in divorce in Dec. 1923.

He met and married Lena Klatt at Syracuse, Kansas, in 1927, and again started farming in Hamilton Co., Kansas "till the Black Blizzards" (dust storms) caused him to sell out and leave. He moved his family to Sedan, Kansas and worked for the city of Sedan from 1936-41, when the family moved to New Mexico for his wife's health. Here he worked at numerous jobs, mostly construction. In 1951, they went to Denver, where he worked in the U.S. Mint until 1954, when he was laid off because of staff reductions. The family then moved to Wichita where Garrett worked for Boeing Aircraft.

He is affiliated with the Church of Christ and has been an Odd Fellow and a Rebecca. He has no particular hobby, but likes to work with carpenter's tools. Lena has been a home maker, and has done "baby sitting".

GARRETT M  
 BELKNAP  
 WICHITA,  
 KANSAS

9/22/69  
 Current Address  
 1213 W 30th at South  
 Wichita, Kans

67217



A BELKNAP FAMILY LINAGE

DIRECT FAMILY LINE

- 1 1 ABRAHAM BELKNAP 1589/90
- 2 2 ABRAHAM BELKNAP (Died young)
- 3 3 ABRAHAM BELKNAP ca 1627
- 4 4 DAVID BELKNAP (Died young)
- 5 5 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1627/8
- 6 6 DORCAS BELKNAP 1629/30 (Died young)
- 7 7 JOSEPH BELKNAP 1633
- 8 8 JOHN BELKNAP 1635
- 9 9 HANNAH BELKNAP OSGOOD 1639/40
- 10 10 ROGER BELKNAP
- 11 3 11 MARY BELKNAP 1653 (Died young)
- 12 12 MARY BELKNAP SINGLETERRY 1656
- 13 13 ABRAHAM BELKNAP 1660
- 14 14 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1662
- 15 15 EBENEZER BELKNAP 1667
- 16 16 JOSEPH BELKNAP 1672 (Died young)
- 17 17 PATIENCE BELKNAP 1675
- 18 4 18 SARAH BELKNAP NEWTON 1691
- 19 19 HANNAH BELKNAP FLAGG 1693
- 20 20 MARY BELKNAP CUNNINGHAM 1694/5
- 21 21 DAUGHTER BELKNAP MERRILL
- 22 22 JOHN BELKNAP 1697/8
- 23 23 JOSEPH BELKNAP 1700
- 24 24 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1703
- 25 25 MOSES BELKNAP 1704
- 26 26 ABIA BELKNAP ROBERTS 1707(?)
- 27 27 OBIAH BELKNAP 1715
- 28 28 DAUGHTER BELKNAP (Died young)
- 29 5 29 MARY BELKNAP 1724
- 30 30 SIMEDY BELKNAP 1726
- 31 31 JOE BELKNAP 1727/8
- 32 32 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1731
- 33 33 EBENEZER BELKNAP 1734
- 34 34 ABEL BELKNAP 1742
- 35 35 JESSE BELKNAP 1739
- 36 36 DAVID BELKNAP 1742
- 37 37 RUTH(?) BELKNAP
- 38 38 MARY(?) BELKNAP KENTFIELD 1754
- 39 6 39 CHLOE BELKNAP SHUMWAY 1759
- 40 40 JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP 1759

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41 SUSANNA BELKNAP 1761  
42 JOSEPH BELKNAP 1767  
43 SETH BELKNAP 1766  
44 JONATHAN BELKNAP 1767  
45 STEPHEN BELKNAP 1770  
46 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1784  
47 ELIJAH BELKNAP 1785  
48 JONAS BELKNAP 1786  
49 ELISHA BELKNAP 1787

(8) 49-1 LACY BELKNAP 1808  
49-2 ELISHA BELKNAP JR. 1811  
49-3 DELANA BELKNAP 1813  
49-4 HENRY BELKNAP 1819  
49-5 ELI BELKNAP 1819

(9) 49-8 SARAH BELKNAP 1845 (Died young)

49-9 AUGUSTUS BELKNAP 1848

49-10 EDWINT. BELKNAP 1850

49-11 JEROME BELKNAP 1852

49-12 HARRY W. BELKNAP 1855

(10) 49-15 HALLOCK ELI BELKNAP 1877

49-16 CARL EUGENE BELKNAP 1879

49-17 EDNA MAY BELKNAP GRAHAM 1887

49-18 SUSAN ALMA BELKNAP TRIGGS 1884

49-19 JAMES WARREN BELKNAP 1885

49-20 EVA BELL BELKNAP SLY 1886

49-21 JESSE DELYET BELKNAP 1888

49-22 MILTON RAY BELKNAP 1891

49-23 VIRDEN FAY BELKNAP 1897

(11) 49-24 RAYMOND ARNOLD BELKNAP 1918

(12) 49-26 RAYMOND MITCHELL BELKNAP 1948

49-27 BRUCE ARNOLD BELKNAP 1952

49-28 DANA LISA BELKNAP 1954

49-25 DONALD ALLISON BELKNAP 1923

49-29 CAROL ANNE BELKNAP 1948

49-30 JAMES DONALD BELKNAP 1951

49-31 KARLA JANE BELKNAP 1956

49-6 RICHARD BELKNAP 1821

49-7 MARIA BELKNAP MASTERS 1822

50 JESSE BELKNAP 1792

51 SUSANNAH BELKNAP CHATFIELD 1792

(8) 51 DAVID CHATFIELD 1814



(8) 51-2 STEPHEN CHATFIELD 1815  
51-3 ROUSEL CHATFIELD 1817  
51-4 ASENATH CHATFIELD SPERRY 1819  
51-5 SETH CHATFIELD 1821  
51-6 MARY CHATFIELD 1822  
51-7 MARUTHA CHATFIELD 1824  
51-8 SYLVESTER CHATFIELD 1826  
51-9 AMANDA CHATFIELD 1828  
51-10 MATILDA CHATFIELD 1830  
51-11 ELIZABETH CHATFIELD 1832

52 ESTHER BELKNAP GARLINGHOUSE 1798

53 CYNTHIA BELKNAP NEWTON 1797/8

54 ORIN BELKNAP 1799

(8) 55 AMANDA BELKNAP GARLINGHOUSE 1807

56 JAMES M. BELKNAP 1809

(9) 56-1 AMAZILLA BELKNAP 1838 (Died young)

56-2 ORIN BELKNAP 1840

56-3 CHRISTEAN BELKNAP 1842 (Died young)

56-4 SANFORD BELKNAP 1845

56-5 ELIJAH BELKNAP 1848

56-6 CYNTHIA A. BELKNAP MCCORMACK 1851

(10) 56-9 SUSANNAH "ANNA" J. MCCORMACK BELKNAP 1871

56-10 LUELLA ARMETHA MCCORMACK WHITE 1873

56-11 JOHN T. MCCORMACK 1874 (Died young)

56-12 SARAH M. MCCORMACK CROSBY 1876

56-13 CYNTHIA EVELYN MCCORMACK 1877 (Died young)

56-14 DANIEL B. MCCORMACK 1880

56-15 HATTIE MELINDA MCCORMACK PARASHA 1832

56-7 ESTHER BELKNAP (Died young)

56-8 MARTHA E. BELKNAP CORDER 1856

56-16 ELIZABETH CORDER HUNTINGTON 1878

56-17 ROSA MAY CORDER RODMAN 1881

56-18 HENRY FRANKLIN CORDER 1888

57 SAMUEL BELKNAP 1811

(9) 57-1 MYRON HAWLEY BELKNAP 1837

(10) 57-4 GARTH HAWLEY BELKNAP 1878

(11) 57-7 MARGARET VIRGINIA BELKNAP 1906

57-8 HONOR WILSON BELKNAP 1908

57-5 CHESTER LEONIDAS BELKNAP 1883

57-6 MYRON ROSCOE BELKNAP 1885

57-2 LEONIDAS HAMLIN BELKNAP 1846



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1			(9) 57-3	LEANDER CHATMAN	BELKNAP	1846							
2	58	AMAZILLA	BELKNAP	EASTMAN	1812								
3	59	GAMALIEL	BELKNAP	1814									
4			59-1	HORACE W.	BELKNAP	1836							
5			59-2	SARAH M.	BELKNAP	CRAWFORD	1837						
6			59-3	CYNTHIA ELLEN	BELKNAP	BELKNAP	1839						
7			59-4	FERANDO	BELKNAP	1841							
8			59-5	ELIZABETH	BELKNAP	1847 (Died young)							
9			59-6	LUCINDA	BELKNAP	FRANKLIN	1849						
10			59-7	LOUISA	BELKNAP	ABERNATHY	1853						
11			59-8	"BABY"	BELKNAP	1857							
12	60	ESTHER	BELKNAP	SEBRING	1818								
13	61	JONAS	BELKNAP	1820									
14	62	JOSEPH GILLET	BELKNAP	1826									
15	63	MARY JANE	BELKNAP	GARLINGHOUSE	1830								
16	(9) 64	AHIJAH "Jack"	WOOD	BELKNAP	1851								
17			(10) 64-1	JAMES G.	BELKNAP	1874							
18			64-2	WILLIAM D.	BELKNAP	1876							
19			(11) 64-12	JOHN WOODIE	BELKNAP	1900							
20			64-13	DAVID EDWARD	BELKNAP	1902							
21			64-14	ANDREW JEFFERSON	BELKNAP	1905							
22			64-15	BERTIE LONZO	BELKNAP	1909							
23			64-16	LLOYD ARDEN	BELKNAP	1913							
24			64-17	WILLIAM EVERETT	BELKNAP	1924							
25			64-3	THOMAS J.	BELKNAP	1878							
26			64-4	AHIJAH WOOD	BELKNAP JR.	1879							
27			64-18	BOBBIE GENE	BELKNAP	1928							
28			(12) 64-39	CURTIS WOOD	BELKNAP								
29			64-40	LEANN	BELKNAP								
30			64-5	CHESTER D.	BELKNAP	1881							
31			64-6	SOPHA PARTHEYA "Sissy"	BELKNAP HENNIS	1884							
32			64-19	HENRY N.	HENNIS	1900							
33			64-20	INFANT	HENNIS	1902							
34			64-21	MALISSIE ABIGAL	HENNIS GLAZE	1903							
35			64-22	LOUISA MATILDA	HENNIS WRIGHT	1905							
36			64-23	WILLIAM AHIJAH	HENNIS	1906							
37			64-24	ADA JEWEL	HENNIS	1909							
38			64-25	ELIZABETH MAUD	HENNIS BIGGERSTAFF	1911							
39			64-26	CORA LEE	HENNIS	1913							
40			64-27	EDNA MAY	HENNIS WRIGHT	1914							
			64-28	FLORENCE IDELLA	HENNIS LUTTRELL	1916							



- (11) 64-29 MATTIE LOU HEYNNIS SHAMBLIN 1919  
64-30 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HEYNNIS 1921  
64-31 BONITA VILLOIS HEYNNIS 1925  
(10) 64-7 ARTHUR MARION BELKNAP 1886  
64-53 MAUDIE L. BELKNAP ALBERT 1924  
64-54 ALANZO M. BELKNAP 1926  
64-8 SARAH EMILY BELKNAP 1889  
64-9 LOUISA MARGARET BELKNAP YOUNG 1892  
64-10 ADA ABIGAL BELKNAP WOODWARD 1894  
64-32 ALVIS MORGAN WOODWARD 1916  
64-33 ALVIN AHJAH WOODWARD 1917  
64-34 ADA ABIGALE WOODWARD 1918  
64-11 GEORGE WASHINGTON ALONZA "Lonnie" BELKNAP 1896  
64-35 GEORGE MONROE BELKNAP 1920  
64-36 MARION S. BELKNAP 1921  
(12) 64-41 SUSAN CARLA BELKNAP COX 1947  
64-42 JUDITH KAY BELKNAP 1949  
64-43 BEVERLEY JEAN BELKNAP 1951  
64-44 MARION STEPHEN BELKNAP 1953  
64-37 WANDA BEATRICE BELKNAP BLACK 1926  
64-45 WANDA VALOIS BLACK HARRISON 1943  
64-46 ROJEAN ELAYNE BLACK LOWE 1947  
64-47 MARION KENNETH BLACK 1948  
64-38 GENEVA OLIVE BELKNAP COMETT 1929  
64-48 EDITH OWYNN COMETT 1951  
64-49 NATCY MARILYN COMETT 1952  
64-50 TERESA JEAN COMETT 1955  
64-51 JOHN MONROE COMETT 1957  
64-52 GENEVA BELEN COMETT 1966

65 TILLMAN N. BELKNAP 1853  
66 JAMES GEE BELKNAP 1855

- (10) 66-1 ABIGAL CATHERINE BELKNAP BROWN TARVEYER 1883  
66-2 JOHN JOSEPH BELKNAP 1885  
66-3 EMMA MAY BELKNAP 1888  
66-4 MARTHA ELIZABETH BELKNAP LADD 1891  
66-5 SARAH PARTHENA BELKNAP JONES 1894  
66-6 SOPHA DORTHULA BELKNAP EUDY 1896  
(11) 66-8 SOPHA MAURICE EUDY THOMPSON 1920  
66-9 J MAURICE EUDY JR. 1922 THOMPSON  
66-10 CHARLES RICHARD EUDY 1924  
66-11 VIRGINIA MAE EUDY JOHNSON DAYTON 1926



69 EDITH MAY BELKNAP BOYD 1862

70 ARTHUR CAREY BELKNAP 1865

71 LAURA F. BELKNAP STROME 1867

72 ALBERT PORTER BELKNAP 1869

73 LUTHER L. BELKNAP 1871

(11) 66-12 MARY RUTH EUDY KNOTT 1949  
66-13 WILLIAM JAMES EUDY 1958  
66-14 MARTHA LEE EUDY EMERICH 1936  
WALTER SCOTT BELKNAP 1899

(10) 66-7 WALTER SCOTT BELKNAP 1899

(10) 69-1 ELIZABETH JANE BOYD BALEMOND 1882  
69-2 SARAH MARGARET BOYD WESTFALL 1885

70-1 HERBERT O BELKNAP 1893

(11) 70-6 HERBERT BELKNAP JR 1925 (Died young)

70-7 ARTHUR WILLIAM BELKNAP 1926 (Died Young)

70-8 EVALINE JUANITA BENKAP CARLOCK 1929

70-9 MAYNARD LEON BELKNAP 1934 (Died Young)

70-10 AUDREY KENNETH BELKNAP 1936

70-11 VERNE ROYCE BELKNAP 1932

(10) 70-2 OSCAR L. BELKNAP 1895 (Died young)

70-3 GARRETT M. BELKNAP 1897

(11) 70-12 JESSE LEE BELKNAP 1919

70-13 MARION EUGENE BELKNAP 1931

70-4 OLIVA BELKINAP 1899 (Died young)

70-5 THELMA BELKNAP 1910

(10) 71-1 VICTOR WILLIAM STROME 1897

71-2 EARL OSCAR STROME 1899

71-3 CLARENCE BELKNAP STROME 1900

TI-4 GLADYS STROME MCGUCKIN 1907

(10) 73-1 LORENE BELKNAP 1921 (Died Young)

73-2 TONY LEROY BELKNAP 1923

73-3 ALVA JOE BELKNAP 1929

(11) 73-5 CORA ELLEN BELKNAP 1950

73-6 ALVA JOSEPH BELKNAP 1953

73-7 TONY LEO BELKNAP 1955

73-8 MICHAEL LAWRENCE BELKNAP 1958

73-9 MICHELLE LOUISE BEALK NKP 1950

73-4 GLORIA JUNE BELKNAP IRKING BROWN 1930

7340 MICHAEL ROBERT IRVING 19.50



74 ELMER CURTIS "Ed" BELKNAP 1873

75 BERTHA AMELIA BELKNAP SEARS 1875

(10) 75-1 WILLIAM LEROY SEARS CORBIN ALLEN 1892

75-2 VIOLA MAY SEARS FRESE 1921

75-3 SAMUEL HARVEY SEARS 1896

75-4 GRACE OLIVE SEARS OOLY O'NEAL 1898

75-5 EARL DAVID SEARS 1904

75-6 CALEB FRANCES SEARS 1907

75-7 ZELLA SEARS ROBERTSON 1911

75-8 ROBERT EUGENE SEARS 1920

76 BLANCHE ALICE BELKNAP BENNETT 1878

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76-2 IRENE BENNET DAQUET 1905

76-3 RUTHELLA BENNETT TEAS 1910

76-4 LAVON THEODORA BENNETT JOHNSON 1913

77 ERNEST MORTON BELKNAP 1881

77-1 CLARENCE BELKNAP 1916

(11) 77-4 CLAIRE ROSE BELKNAP 1948

77-2 RALPH BELKNAP 1919

77-5 JUDY M. BELKNAP 1948

77-6 RALPH R. BELKNAP 1949

77-7 CONNIE J. BELKNAP 1952

77-8 DALE ROY BELKNAP 1958

77-3 LEE H. BELKNAP 1921

77-9 GERALD L. BELKNAP (date of birth?)

78 HATTIE MAY BELKNAP SNIDER 1883

79 DAISY VIOLET BELKNAP WOOD 1855

(10) 79-1 CARLE WOOD 1905

79-2 RAY ORVILLE WOOD 1907 (Died young)

79-3 MILDRED MAY WOOD 1911

79-4 ETHEL MARY WOOD PETTY 1918

(10) 80 E. CLINTON BELKNAP 1905

81 ERNEST LEE BELKNAP 1908

(11) 81-1 MARK DUANE BELKNAP 1931

(12) 81-2 LEE VERN BELKNAP 1953

81-3 RUTHIE M. BELKNAP 1956

81-4 MARILYN E. BELKNAP 1960



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Sept 30 1969

CLINTON from CYB

I've finally taken time for more than a cursory study of the set of bag sheets showing your numbered sequence of "A Belknap Family ~~LINEAGE~~ Lineage." I think I'm beginning to understand the numbering system you adopted.

First, my great thanks for this great contribution of something more than 400 Belknap names to the compilation I'm trying to assemble. I'm looking forward with pleasure to the record sheets you are preparing for Elijah and his descendants -- for they'll give me what I need: full dates; names and parentage of wives; dates of marriage; etc.

I wish I were in position to give you similar list of the descendants of Jesse, but I'm not that far yet. I have a list of some 300 or more -- but it's not nearly complete and it is sadly lacking in dates (not even year dates in many instances). I'm still hoping that Claudia will help me on it. Of course I'll send it to you as soon as it becomes usable.

I do not feel competent to discuss in detail the entries on your page 1 -- Nos. 1 to 40 -- for there are many uncertainties in the alleged records on those people, and I've been so busy corresponding with present-day members of the family that I've had no time for detailed verification of dates, etc, from Abraham's children on to Jonas. Have verified, thus far, only the dates affecting the record of Jonas N B.

But I do feel it necessary to question a few of your entries.

38 -- Mary Belknap Kentfield  
39 -- Chloe Belknap Shumway

Do you have any source for these, beyond Glenn Evans?

On this Mary (your 38) see copy of recent letter to George May.

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10 -- Roger      Again, do you have any source other than Evans?      As far as I know, this entry appears nowhere else. Am I wrong?

Here I think I should explain my reluctance to rely on Evans alone. He seems to me to have been a diligent reader who accepted everything he found or heard, without critical appraisal of probable accuracy. He certainly did not live up to one of the chief qualifications of a genealogist, as defined by the Board for Certification of Genealogists: "He shall be able to evaluate published source materials and compiled genealogies, and in the case of the latter, to verify statements contained therein before using them."

More than that, he was flagrantly inaccurate in using evidence. Where I ~~am~~ have certainty about my knowledge of the factual evidence and can see that he read that same evidence, I find him making misstatements over and over again. For example: When I first read the material he prepared for you, I was shocked by his first few pages. ~~AMI~~ His notes on sources claimed that he had read the true records, and some of the things he said could have come only from those records. But as I

read along, I marked a red X everytime I saw something at variance with the known evidence that he must have seen,

RESULT; His ~~page~~ first page, ENGLISH ANCESTRY, etc., 8 X's  
Next page, 9 X's  
His page 1, for Abraham, 5 X's  
His page 2, inventory, a red note "Misocopied"

(At that, bad as it was, his work for you wasn't as bad as the job he did for the Grand Rapids Belknap family.)

So I'm prejudiced against Evans. I can't accept his word unless I prove him to be correct.

Let me insert an illustrative instance of what he never seems to have done.

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In the back of his material for you, he quoted a foot note in the quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, giving Harte (thus misspelled) Cpunty, Ky, as birthplace of Jesse's son Ransom. Having learned to distrust all such printed stuff, I sought verification -- but found, as I've told you, that Ransom's sworn statement, in record of Donation Land Claims, Oregon, said "Hardin County" -- which ultimately was supported by your examination of Hardin Co. census 1820.

So forgive me for not accepting, at face value, Evans' statement (in page on "INGALL (misspelled) FAMILY) "From these descendants (in Illinois OYB) the record of the marriage of Mary Ingall (sic) to Roger Belknap was obtained."

Nor do I trust his citation of two printed sources -- on that same page. And I don't think you should trust it. Too often, I have found Evans listing as a source something that contains not a single word about the person in question.

The next step, I think, is to get hold of those two sources and see what they actually say. Till then, I stick with what Moriarty said in NEHQ REGISTER, 1950. He was the outstanding New England genealogist of all time. And I have copies of all the records on which his statement of A's children was based.

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Have I told you that field workers for Salt Lake Gen. Soc. have found the record of Abraham's marriage, hence name and parentage of his wife Mary? In case I've neglected you on this new find, I enclose copy of my revised sheets for him.

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Can I assume you have altered birthdate for your 53 Cynthia?



FROM: E. Clinton Belknap - 29 November 1968

LEGEND

Have numbered and made a master listing of Belknap descendants which my records now carry either on their own individual family record, or as one of the children in such a family listing. I am forwarding a copy of this master listing to you at this time and will be forwarding copies of the various family record sheets as my wife completes typing them from my long-hand drafts. These I shall confine to Elijah and his descendants, or at least as many of them as I now have recorded.

In the main column at the left of each page are listed the numbers assigned to the members of my direct family line. Circled in red at the left of the column is the number of the generation in America with my direct progenitor in each generation underlined in red. This individual, in turn, becomes the progenitor of the children listed below in the next generation. Listed at the right of each name is the year of birth as I have it recorded.

For example: ① 1. Abraham is the progenitor of ② #2 Abraham through #10 Roger, while #5 Samuel becomes the progenitor of the third generation, #11 Mary through #17 Patience, with #15 Ebenezer being the direct progenitor of the fourth generation starting with #18 Sarah.

Listed in the columns to the right are auxiliary off-shoots of direct line family members other than my direct progenitors with the generation indicated at the left in red parentheses. For example: Under #49 Elisha is listed his (8th generation children Lacy, assigned the number 49-1 through #49-7 Maria, with off-springs under #49-5 Eli carried out to the (12th generation.

It may be a little complicated but the numbers assigned immediately identify the individual as to original line progenitor and gives me a better handle on things than the entire listing in just one numerical sequence.

The listing has been carried out, when information available permits, to the first generation beyond the mother who bore the maiden name of Belknap and, in the instance of males, to the most recent generation listing available to me.

The number designation for each additional family member in any of the auxiliary units will be assigned in numerical sequence under the original, column one, key number, and so registered on my master file card listing, regardless of generation represented. For example, a child of Orin, No. 56-2, if identified, would be assigned the next available number which, in this instance, would be 56-19.

- (4) "Elijah and Stiles Parker" — younger brothers of Esther Parker. Served in 7th Mass Regt, as did Jonas N B. They and Jonas virtually inseparable after leaving Belchertown circa 1790 (?) and till 1815 or 1820. *As sent to Clinton*

NOTES ON PASSAGE FROM D.B. WAITE'S "HUNT'S HOLLOW"

- (1) "Aaron Hunt" — possibly uncle of some or all of the Garlinghouses who married Belknaps. See #11, below. For location of Lot 2, see map.
- (2) "the head of the lake" — the south end of Honeoye Lake; the lake's outlet, Honeoye River, flows North by West from north end of the lake.
- (3) "Col. John Green" — one of those who moved on to Kentucky as the sons of Jonas Newton Belknap did. For location of his land, see Lots 16 or 17 on map.
- (5) "wild lands in Hardin county" — possibly a clue to how Jesse got land in that county in Kentucky. The "road" mentioned in this sentence was East Lake Road — see map.
- (6) "valley of Wyoming" — now called Wyoming Valley, in Wyoming County west of Ontario County.
- (7) "Hopewell" — at that time, the western part of the Town of Gorham. Split off from Gorham in 1822.
- (8) "the town of Springwater" — does not mean merely the present village of that name. It was part of Town of Naples till 1816. Included a large area in what is now the SW odd-shaped corner of Livingston County. See also #16, below.
- (9) "the line" — means the southern boundary of Lot 1, on map, and its extension westward through Lot 7 and across Honeoye Inlet.
- (10) "Mary Garlinghouse" — not the Mary who married Jonas Belknap ~~jr~~ (jr). ~~Ex~~ This Mary, who married Thomas Briggs, was a daughter of John Garlinghouse. (History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham ~~Purchase~~ Purchase, p. 205) She was living in 1852 in Ontario Co.
- (11) "Eleanor Hunt" — if the mother of any or all our our Garlinghouse girls and Gamaliel was an Eleanor Hunt whose husband was James not Elijah, this challenges Bertha Hansen's page showing father as Elijah. George May says that in 1800 the census shows 3 Garlinghouses (Pittstown) of same generation as Jonas N Belknap: John, James, Benjamin. Gladys Gray did not report finding any of these in 1800 Census, but did find James in 1810 Census — Males 2 0 1 0 1 — Females 2 0 2 1 0. Data known to me thus far, about Benjamin's will, 1850, make ~~it~~ it seem unlikely that Benjamin was the father. Most likely bet seems to be James. Mention of the Garlinghouse family in later years, in local histories, deal mainly with descendants of John — no mention of descendants of James, as far as I've yet seen. It may be that James left for Kentucky and was the one shown in 1840 in Delaware county, ~~and was the~~ and was the father, as HWB surmised. However, we have no documented proof that Jane, Catherine, Mary were sisters, or that Gamaliel was their brother. Only such proof is that Rachel Garlinghouse was Jane's sister. . . This subject obviously needs exploration.



- (12) "Mrs Cynthia A Avery . . . Graddville, Ohio" -- this woman, in Licking County, must have been daughter of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse. None of the other children of Jonas N Belknap ~~had a daughter~~ who married Garlinghouses had a daughter Cynthia. The statement that she was granddaughter of James Garlinghouse ~~strengthens the supposition that~~ means that Gamaliel was son of James -- but tells us nothing about parentage of Jane, Catherine, Mary.
- (13) "family records" -- This familiar phrase had only one meaning in 19th Century, among such people. It meant the family ~~with~~ Bible. Esther, mother of Mrs Avery, ~~must~~ must have been the child who kept the Bible of Jonas N. and Esther Parker, after death of Jonas in 1824 -- as her elder sister Susannah was not in Kentucky then. Such precise dates for births of children born in Ontario Co. could hardly have come from any other source. Family Bibles were usually preserved by the women, not the men. . . By tracing descendants of this Mrs Avery, it might be possible to find, at last, the long-lost Bible of Jonas N B and Esther Parker. But we can, I believe, feel sure she had it and quoted from it in supplying information to Waite.
- (14) "July 12, 1801" -- We can accept 1801 as year of Cynthia Belknap's birth, but not the month and day. See #17, below.
- (16) "a house in Springwater" -- approximate location is shown at (X), on map.
- (15) "Moses Briggs" -- father of Elisha's first wife.
- (17) "June 10, 1801" -- We can accept 1801 as year of Esther Parker's death but not the day and month. When I received the badly typed copy, I thought this might be an error by the typist. Miss Gray says it was correctly typed, and that she discussed the problem with the Ontario County historian, who suggested that Waite probably transposed the dates of Cynthia's birth and Esther's death, and failed to correct his error.
- (18) "Green River, Feb 16 1824" -- The Green River bisects Hart Co., Ky. The precision of this entry, and its accuracy, strengthen my certainty that Mrs Avery was quoting from family Bible.
- (19) "Middleton" -- location not yet known, by me. Will ask Miss Gray.
- (20) "His children" -- accuracy of list and of sequence of names is further reason for feeling that source was Bible.
- (21) "Sarah" -- now we know that the name of Samuel's wife was Sarah Hunt, a cousin of Gamaliel Garlinghouse.
- (22) Places of death -- completely accurate, if it's true that Elijah died in Indiana. Fact that Mrs Avery said so, may be confirmation. Jesse died 1881. So Waite got his information from her after that date. Many grandchildren of Jonas N B were living as late as 1910.

Carroll

10/11/69

I wish I hadn't been so blasted eager to consult you. In the next mail there came (1) a letter from Gladys Gray saying she had been wrong and that the printed date for Esther Parker's death was 1809 -- not 1801 -- with a lot of new information, such as finding and visiting the property that Jonas N B sold in 1810, and taking photos of it, etc. etc. -- and (2) the book itself, which is the biggest single find in my search for original sources. . . It will take me days to catch up with all this new information. But here's a swift emendation of the "Notes" I sent to you.

(6) "valley of Wyoming" -- I was misled by the typist's condensation of the sentences about the arrival of Aaron Hunt. The actual passage in the book makes it plain that the place was the Wyoming Valley in N E Pennsylvania -- in Wyoming County just west of Scranton. This gives us a whole new conception of how Jonas N B got from Cherry Valley to Ontario County. I'll write more fully about this, later.

(7) "Hopewell" -- map from Miss Gray, showing major areas ~~IN~~ about ~~1825~~ shows Hopewell North of Gorham -- not west as I had thought. Springwater

(8) "the town of Springwater" -- OK as I wrote it, but add following: Nothing to be gained by looking ~~at~~ at location of the village on present-day maps. There was nothing but one log cabin there till 1824. The Town of ~~SPRINGWATER~~ (note capital T) was formed 1816 and like other "Towns" in that section, consisted of ~~an~~ an area about 6 miles ~~of~~ x 10 miles.

(11) "Eleanor Hunt" -- thus spelled in the book. ~~OK~~ Note OK as written. But I must now add that I erred in relying on my memory of a note taken by me many years ago, when I said (in a previous note to you) that an Elijah Parker was in Luzerne Co, Pa, in 1790 Census. Digging into my fat files of "miscellaneous" data (as I should have done before) I find the name was James Garlinghouse -- and I can't ~~remember~~ why or when I started remembering it as "Elijah." ~~SPRINGWATER~~ remember  
This was the only Garlinghouse I ever found in 1790 Census, anywhere.

~~JAMES GARLINGHOUSE~~

(14) Kill this note.

(17) Kill this note. But add: Esther's death in 1809 means that oldest female shown in 1810 Census, Bristol, was probably a new wife, Rachel, who died 1815. Miss Gray is now trying to track her down. ~~SPRINGWATER~~ Possibly, though not necessarily, this Rachel was mother of Diantha born 1811. There's still the possibility that Diantha was daughter of Tamar Vinton by her first husband.

(19) "Middletown" -- this was name of what is now called Town of Naples. The fact that Jonas N B was overseer of Highways in Middletown in 1808 (last paragraph of typed excerpt from book) means he did not become "of Bristol" -- as in sale of land in 1810 -- till sometime between 1808 election of officials of the Town of Middletown and the date of the census-taking in Bristol 1810 (The property he sold in 1810 was not in Town of Bristol but in Town of South Bristol. He had owned it but briefly.)

So much for these "NOTES."

I should add that after reading the book, I'm strongly inclined to believe you were right in thinking that Jonas N B made his living as a cooper, when in Ontario Co. I doubt that he was ever a real farmer, anywhere.

Gladys said "\$5.25 seems a lot for such a thin book." Me, I'd gladly have paid twenty times that much for it.



~~Send copies to Claudia  
& Mary~~

File Clinton

Oct 9 1969

CLINTON BELKNAP from CYB

When I first received the new evidence sent by Gladys Gray -- bless her -- I withheld it because I thought a serious conflict in two dates was probably an error made in typing. Now she tells me that the error is in the printed book.

So without waiting to receive a copy of the book itself, I'm now sending you

- Copy of the typed passage from EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGWATER. (In reading it, ~~THESE~~ bear in mind that "Town", in N Y State, means an area, not a settlement. E.g., Newark, N Y, population abt 13,000, is in the Town of Arcadia. . . The section on Hunt's Hollow, by D B Waite, seems to be an old piece now included in a present-day book published by a local bookstore.)
- Copy of tracing of a part of an old map, made by Gladys.
- Copy of typed notes based on pencilled notes I made for my own guidance, when I first read the passage from the book.

As I see it, the major significance of this new material is not that it says unmistakably that the Pittstown Jonas, 1800, was our Jonas -- but that it gives us first-hand contemporary evidence about Jonas and Esther and ~~him~~ their children, taken directly from the family Bible kept by Jonas and Esther (rather, kept by Esther the wife, as wives were generally the ones who made the entries).

So we have the first list of children that is not family tradition but contemporary -- ~~an~~ original source, not a secondary one.

Do you agree? I'll welcome your comments.

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I'll write later about a possible solution of the problem of the "two Jonas Belknaps."

Carroll



EARLY HISTORY OF TOWN OF SPRINGWATER  
Oregon Walbridge & Schnucker's Books and Antiques

As noted for  
Clinton for

Hunt's Hollow & the First Settlement in the Present town of Springwater  
- Written by D. B. Waite & page 55

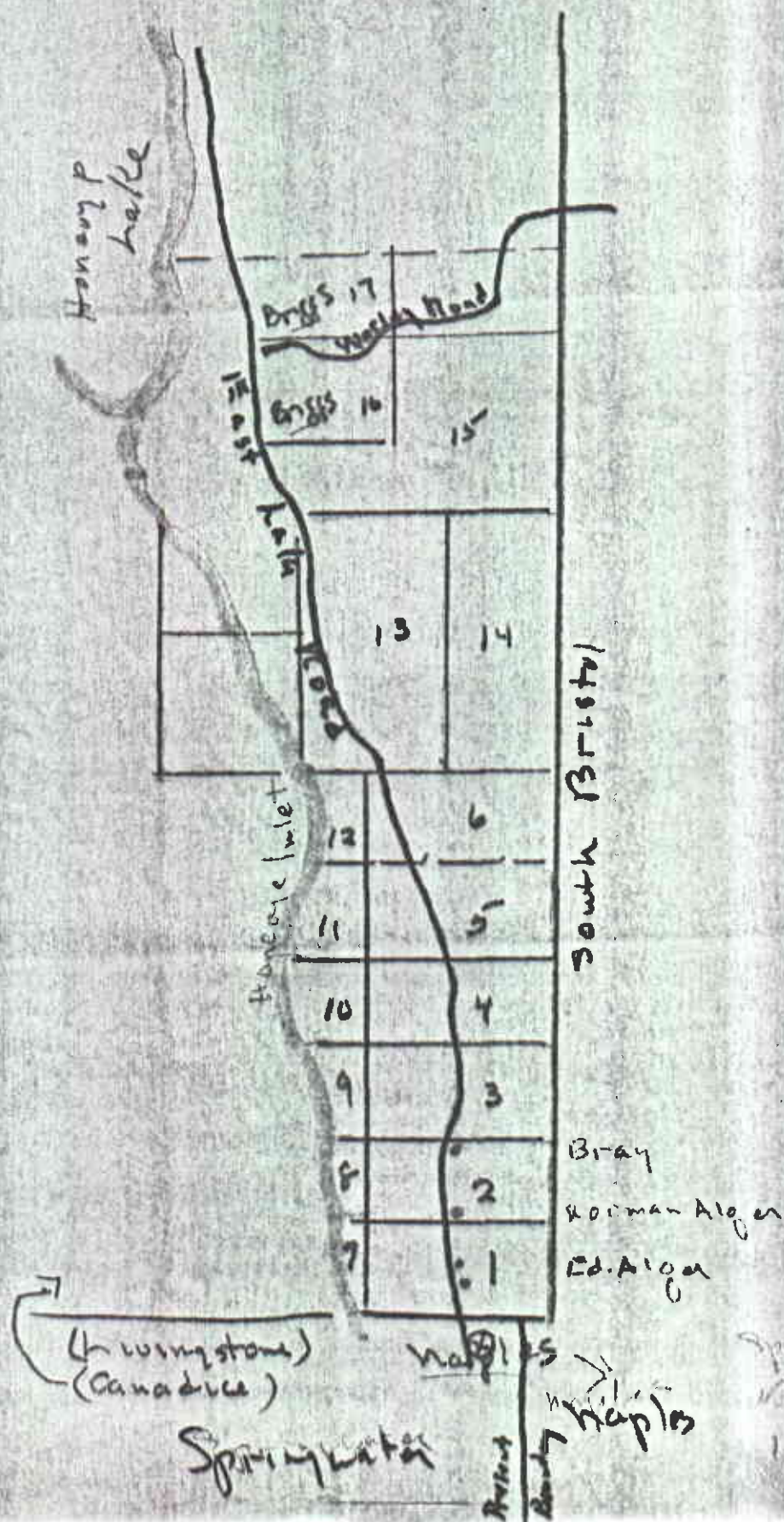
① Early spring of 1795 & Aaron Hunt family & a soldier of Revolution from N. J. left valley of Wyoming & to what was after the subdivision of lands lot #2 in the present town of Richmond. This is the farm on which Mrs. M. A. Bray lately resided, and the first one settled between the head of the lake and the present village of Naples. Col. John Green had preceded them one year, and was the first settler on the J. G. Briggs farm near the head of the Honosye lake, and Elijah and Stiles Parker were very early comers there. Many of the first settlers along that road exchanged their farms with the Hon. Francis Granger for wild lands in Hardin county, Kentucky, and removed there early.

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Jonas Belknap, a soldier of the Revolution, from Massachusetts, but who had also been a resident of the valley of Wyoming, made a temporary residence in the corner of Hopewell near Canandaigua and then came in the spring of 1795 to this hollow and took lot No. 1, the extreme south lot in the town of Pittstown, now Richmond, and Andrew Hunt, a brother to Aaron came and went into the cabin first erected by Holden. Belknap's house stood in the present town of Richmond, but he extended his claim southward into what is now the town of Springwater, and he made the first improvements, and may well be said to be the pioneer of the town. . . . James and John Garlinghouse the next year put up a cabin on the south side of the line a little west of the present saw mill, and became the first actual residents of the town, and here Mary Garlinghouse was born in June, 1797, and was the first white child born in town. She became in time the wife of Thomas Briggs, of whom we shall speak hereafter. James Garlinghouse married Eleanor Hunt, a sister to Aaron. Through the kindness of Mrs. Cynthia A. Avery, a granddaughter of both Jonas Belknap and James Garlinghouse, of Grandville, Ohio, we have had access to the family records of Jonas Belknap, and learn that Esther was born just across the line April 1, 1797, Orin Belknap, May 29, 1799, Cynthia Belknap, July 12, 1801, and just over the line in Canadice, Samuel Holdren in 1798. Those were the earliest births in this hollow. John Garlinghouse and his nephew, Benjamin, afterwards settled in what is now called the "Garlinghouse Settlement." John afterwards went to Richmond, died there and Moses Briggs, the father of Caleb, Thomas, Barzillai and John, married his widow. Belknap sold out his interests on the Richmond side of the line to Aaron Hunt, and she in 1806 built a house in Springwater a few rods from the line, where the apple trees are west of the present road. Here his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Parker, died June 10, 1801, and was no doubt the first white person who died in town. She was buried in Richmond, north of the old orchard on the bottom set out by Jacob Holdren and Jennia Hunt in 1895, by the side of George Holdren who was burned to death in 1801. This was without doubt the first death in this hollow.

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Jonas Belknap sold out in 1813 to John Kelly, went to Kentucky, died and was buried there on the bank of the Green River, Feb. 16, 1824. He was a man of fair qualifications, a commissioner of schools in Pittstown in 1796, a constable and collector there, also overseer of highways and fence viewer in Middle town in 1808. His children were Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Jonas Jr., Jesse, Susannah, Ester, Orin and Cynthia. Samuel married Sarah, the youngest daughter of Aaron Hunt, and died in Hopewell in 1810. His widow married Artemus Lincoln, after whom Dr. A. L. Hunt of Springwater was named. Lincoln was his uncle by marriage. Elijah died in Indiana, Elisha, Susanna, Esther, Orin and Cynthia in Ohio, and Jonas, Jr and Jesse in Oregon.



South east Richmond Town.










NOTES ON EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER VII  
of EARLY HISTORY OF SPRINGWATER, LIVINGSTON CO.

- (1) "Aaron Hunt" -- father of Sarah Hunt, wife of Samuel Belknap, son of Jonas Newton Belknap -- also possibly uncle of some or all of the Garlinghouses who married Belknaps in Ontario County N. Y.
- (2) "the once pleasant valley of Wyoming" -- When he said "once pleasant", Mr. Waite was doubtless thinking of the Wyoming Valley Massacre in 1788. This valley lies between the Alleghenies and the Poconos in N E Pennsylvania. Originally settled by people from Connecticut and claimed by Connecticut after the Revolution. In the massacre in 1788, the Connecticut contingent was virtually wiped out by a band of Tories and Indians. Note 7, below, considers how this background may have influenced Jonas, en route to Ontario County, N. Y.
- (3) "Town of Richmond" -- an area ~~of~~ about six miles square, first called Pittstown; the village is now named Honeoye.
- (4) "the head of the lake" -- south end of Honeoye Lake; the lake's outlet, Honeoye River, flows North by West ~~from~~ north end of lake.
- (5) "Elijah and Stiles Parker" -- younger brothers of Esther Parker. Served in 7th Massachusetts Regt, as did Jonas. They and Jonas almost inseparable for many years.
- (6) "Hardin County" -- possibly an indication of how Jesse Belknap got land in that county in Kentucky.
- (7) "valley of Wyoming" -- We can now reconstruct our notion of the route probably followed by Jonas and his young family, after leaving Cherry Valley, N Y, where Jesse was born in 1792. Very likely, along or down the Susquehanna River from its headwaters near Cherry Valley, past the small new settlement at Scranton, on to the larger one at Wilkes Barre in the Wyoming Valley -- where newcomers from New England were not likely to feel comfortable a few years after the Wyoming Valley Massacre. Assume Jonas was in that valley about 1794, stayed there only briefly -- learned of the new road opened ~~by~~ in 1792 by the British company that owned much of Ontario County and was trying to attract settlers from Pennsylvania -- went back up the Susquehanna to New Town (Elmira) and then along the Cohocton River to the area near Canandaigua, where he paused in the winter of 1794-95, before settling in Lot 1 in Town of Richmond.
- (8) "the town of Springwater" -- does not mean the present village of that name. It had only one log cabin till 1824. The area which eventually became the Town of Springwater was part of the Town of Naples till 1816. "Town" in that part of N Y State means an area about 6 miles by 10 miles, or larger.
- (9) "south side of the line" -- that is, south of the boundary line between Town of Richmond (Pittstown) and Town of Middletown (the original name of Naples). Approximate location of house built by Jonas in 1806 is shown at  on map.
- (10) "Mary Garlinghouse" -- Not the Mary who married Jonas Belknap Jr. This Mary was daughter of John Garlinghouse, married Thomas Briggs, ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~mother~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~or~~ ~~all~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~Garlinghouse~~ ~~girls~~ ~~XXXX~~ was Eleanor Hunt who married James Garlinghouse, this challenges sheet from Bertha Hansen showing father as Elijah Garlinghouse, mother as Eleanor Hunt.

E.C.B.

Memorandum

9/29/69

To: Carrol Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878

From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood St., Lincoln, Nrbr. 68502

Just received the copy of the note to Mrs. Milton R. Belknap of Des Moines in which you ask if she will send you the book she got from Reva Barrett taken from the diary of Ketura Penton Belknap.

If you run into any difficulty in securing the document for copy purposes let me know and I'll send you my Xeroxed copy long enough for you to copy. I had a copy made from Mrs. Belknaps copy a couple of years ago. I had no idea that you didn't already have it, and more since it does deal so much with George Belknap, His father Jesse and the little son Jesse Walker. Incidentally, she states that the year of their marriage was in 1839 (Oct 3) in Adams Co. Ohio

\* On looking at my notes I find it was a year ago this past August that I secured my copy.

CB.

Yes. Please.  
CB



Memorandum 9/28/69

To- Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn  
From - Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

In checking the 1870 US Census for Linn County, Missouri, I have found three of the children of my grandfather, Joseph Gillett Belknap (son of Elijah) and another child by the name of Samuel Belknap believed to be the son of Joseph's second wife by her first husband, Rev. Samuel Roberts, listed in the household of a Thomas Martin, age 30, of foreign birth and his wife Susan, also age 30, born in New York. Children of the Martins include Susan ~~XX~~ 12, born in New York; George 9, born in Illinois and William whose age I neglected to record but which was younger than George. William was ~~XXX~~ also shown as having been born in Illinois.

I am trying to determine if Susan, the wife of Thomas Martin could have been a Belknap. Do you have any data that would identify her as a descendant of Jesse, Orin or any of the other Belknaps of record in your files?

Can't quite figure out why Samuel Belknap age 7, Arhur age 5, Laura age 3, and Albert age 1, would have been listed in the Thomas Martin household. Do you suppose the census takers were instructed to record the names of all individuals found at a home when the census was taken regardless of whether they actually lived there or not? In this particular census listing all of these four children from the Joseph Gillett Belknap family were shown to have been born "in Missouri" when all the other evidence I have ( and it is considerable) indicates all of these four, or at least the three youngest, were born in Iowa. Perhaps the Thomas Martins just assumed they had been born in Missouri and so indicated without really knowing.

Joseph Gillett Belknap and his second wife Olive Brock, are listed in the same census under a separate household. Emily, a daughter of Joseph by his first wife Elizabeth VanCleve, is listed in the same household with Joseph and Olive. Her age is listed as 11 and birthplace as Iowa.

Please don't go to a lot of trouble to help me with this matter but if you can throw any light on the identity of this Susan, the wife of Thomas Martin, or on Thomas Martin himself, it will be appreciated. There is no Susan among any of the Belknaps in my files that would make this identification but my files are largely confined to Elijah's family and some in Elisha's.

Received the material yesterday on Orin and the apparent verification of the fact that Elisha, the ancestor of Carol Anne was a brother of the other sons of Jonas and was therefore a son of Jonas N. Will be most interested to learn of the membership of Orin's family. Appreciate being included in your progress in establishing Elisha's identity.

C.Y.

Clinton Belknap from CYB

Oct 4 1969

Forgive brevity in answering your recent memos. Am pressed for time today.

(1) Keturah's diary -- Yes, please send to me for copying. I'll return it promptly.

(2) Sheets for Garrett M Belknap -- many thanks. Should I write to him?

(3) Sheets for Lacy Belknap line -- more thanks. Two points to answer, now:

(a) Can't help on other children of Lacy son of Elisha. Nothing about Elisha in most collections of data in my hands. Cdr Charles Belknap had nothing but names of 3 children of Elisha (including Lacy) but nothing but the names. HWB had nothing. Salt Lake may have something (but whatever they have must be approached with caution, for their records depend far too much on unreliable sources). May be something in work done by Evans for Michigan Belknaps -- but don't recall it off hand.

(b) Sheet for Lacy son of Elisha shows birthplace of wife Eliza Carney as "Ontario County." Technically this may be correct; I don't recall when Niagara County was split off from Ontario Co. But suggest better to show birthplace as ~~near~~ "near Lockport, N. Y." as in obituary ~~printed~~ printed after her death in 1906 -- I think you have it; can make a copy for you if you want it.

(4) Your memo 9/28 -- Young Belknaps in household of Thomas Martin. Do not recall any clues on this, in my files -- but haven't tried to trace all known Susan Belknaps. Will keep this in mind, for there may be a Susan whom I've forgotten.

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Should warn you that the new evidence dug up by Gladys Gray calls into question the validity of the sheet on Garlinghouse children, sent to you recently. Can't tackle this problem until I get a copy free from typing errors -- and, I hope, a photo of Esther Parker's gravestone, if it still exists. Last word from Gladys was that she was about to go looking for that grave, now that she knew exactly where to go. (About a 100 mile drive, for her, but she's that kind of person.)

My present notion is that / immediately after receiving a true copy ~~mg~~ of the convincing new evidence she found, I can draft a simple and ~~straightforward~~ straightforward statement of the parentage of Elisha, for Carol Anne -- disregarding the puzzling census figures (which, however, may eventually be tractable if we find, as seems likely, that shortly after Esther's death Jonas N B married a Rachel Lincoln, who died in 1815 -- in which case it may seem probable that Diantha (born ~~1811~~ 1811, presumably) was his daughter by Rachel).

recent

Have had no replies, yet, to my letters to Mrs Jane and Carol Anne.



$\Sigma c\beta$

du Carl & Anne

Oct 5 1969

CLINTON from CYB

I feel abashed when I bombard you with daily memos. But if I don't act promptly when I think of something, it's all too likely to get forgotten in the press of work on other tasks.... You don't have to reply at once. suggested

A day or so ago I suggested Salt Lake follow-up for children of Lacy L, son of Elisha. Later, I recalled that his name and marriage appeared on a copy of a Salt Lake archive record sheet for Elisha, sent to me by you long ago,

At the time I received it, I merely noted that it bore the name of Flora Belnap ~~XXXXXXXX~~ as the submitter -- which automatically made it suspect as possibly containing errors. Then I laid it aside -- till now. (To explain why "suspect", I'd have to malign ~~XXXXXX~~ a man who died in 1938, and I'd rather not -- for I owe much to the kind courtesy of one of his daughters.)

Re-examining that sheet, I see that it does indeed contain some visible errors, including the altered dates for Elisha's second marriage and the birth of Lacy -- plus others, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ no doubt instantly visible to you.

Yet it might be worth while to ask Salt Lake if they have sheets for any or all of Elisha's children. (See note below)

Long ago, I queried the secretary of the Mormon ~~XXXXXXXX~~ "Belnap Family Organisation" (of which, by courtesy, I'm a dues-paying member though the relationship is dubious) about the possibility of seeing if Salt Lake records might solve some of the many dead-ends in my records. I got a favorable answer, but no information as to how to do it -- so deferred further action till my own files become better organized.

I assume you must know the procedure. So will you tell me how to go about it

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NOTE: On sheet for Elisha, absence of symbols indicating existence of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ continuation sheets for children does not necessarily mean Salt Lake has no such sheets. Merely means that such symbols could not be entered when this particular sheet was submitted and accepted. Other sheets for same people may have been submitted by other persons -- without reference to the sheet you sent me. If I ask for a sheet on Lacy -- for instance -- I should ask for all sheets on which his name appears. Might, I think, get half a dozen -- full of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ contradictions.

This far, though I have hundreds of sheets from the Mormon Belnaps, I've made little effort to correct their many, many, many inaccuracies. Regard them as providing clues worth following up-- nothing more/ than that -- for any ancestry before about 1870. Later data, beginning with arrival of Gilbert Belnap in Utah, seem ~~XXXX~~ very dependable.



CLINTON

9/7/68

When you found that the so-called "F" was really a "T", I wrote at once to our cousin Claudia Marshall, whose typed transcript of the 1820 pension application (some years ago) has been a main source of the wide ~~RUSSIAN~~ repetition of "Fanny."

Herewith, four things I hope you'll find time to read:

- (1) My memo to her.
- (2) Her reply.
- (3) My reply to her reply.
- (4) A memo addressed jointly to you and to her.

Carroll

*CyB*

Here I think I should explain my reluctance to rely on Evans alone. He seems to me to have been a diligent reader who accepted everything he found or heard, without critical appraisal of probable accuracy. He certainly did not live up to one of the chief qualifications of a genealogist, as defined by the Board for Certification of Genealogists: "He shall be able to evaluate published source materials and compiled genealogies, and in the case of the latter, to verify statements contained therein before using them."

More than that, he was flagrantly inaccurate in using evidence. Where I ~~must~~ have certainty about my knowledge of the factual evidence and can see that he read that same evidence, I find him making misstatements over and over again. For example: When I first read the material he prepared for you, I was shocked by his first few pages. ~~XXX~~ His notes on sources claimed that he had read the true records, and some of the things he said could have come only from those records. But as I



read along, I marked a red X everytime I saw something at variance with the known evidence that he must have seen,

RESULT; His ~~page~~ first page, ENGLISH ANCESTRY, etc., 8 X's  
Next page, 9 X's  
His page 1, for Abraham, 5 X's  
His page 2, inventory, a red note "Mis copied"

(At that, bad as it was, his work for you wasn't as bad as the job he did for the Grand Rapids Belknap family.)

So I'm prejudiced against Evans. I can't accept his word unless I prove him to be correct.

Let me insert an illustrative instance of what he never seems to have done.

In the back of his material for you, he quoted a foot note in the quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, giving Harte (thus misspelled) County, Ky, as birthplace of Jesse's son Ransom. Having learned to distrust all such printed stuff, I sought verification -- but found, as I've told you, that Ransom's sworn statement, in record of Donation Land Claims, Oregon, said "Hardin County" -- which ultimately was supported by your examination of Hardin Co. census 1820.

So forgive me for not accepting, at face value, Evans' statement (in page on "INGALL (misspelled) FAMILY) "From these descendants (in Illinois CYB) the record of the marriage of Mary Ingall (sic) to Roger Belknap was obtained."

Nor do I trust his citation of two printed sources -- on that same page. And I don't think you should trust it. Too often, I have found Evans listing as a source something that contains not a single word about the person in question.

The next step, I think, is to get hold of those two sources and see what they actually say. Till then, I stick with what Moriarty said in NEHG REGISTER, 1950. He was the outstanding New England genealogist of all time. And I have copies of all the records on which his statement of A's children was based.



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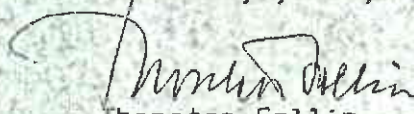
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Mr. E. Clinton Belknap  
2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Belknap:

We do have two index volumes of the Annals. One covering the 1890-1915 period and the other the 1916-1921 period. The first, at least, is still in stock. I have glanced through both to see if your family has been mentioned or if there is any entry under "longevity"-without <sup>success</sup> names-and can give you no hint of what kind of article may have contained the information you seek. During the first decade of our journal, news items of various kinds appeared therein; it is conceivable that one of them may have mentioned your family in some connection.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thorsten Sellin  
Editor

TS:jba

11/22/68

To Carroll G. Belknap  
From E. Clinton Belknap

The attached are self  
explanatory re correspondence  
with the Editor of The Annals  
of the American Academy.

I signed my letter while the  
carbon was still in & then  
is a copy of the carbon. The  
original was a clean. CB.



2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
November 3, 1968

Mr. Thorsten Sellin, Editor  
Annals of the American Academy of  
Political and Social Sciences  
3937 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I am wondering if you may not have at your disposal a general, overall, index of articles which have appeared in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences over the years, beginning with the first volume in 1890.

In reviewing the ancestral genealogy of my line of the Belknap family I have come upon a report by genealogist Henry Wycoff Belknap made prior to 1919 regarding the family of Ebenezer Belknap, born about 1667, of Salem and Haverhill, Massachusetts and his wife Hannah Ayer Belknap, in which he states that "Annals of the American Academy in an article on longevity says this is the longest lived family on record." He also stated that an article in the "N.H. Patriot in 1837" had commented on the very long lives of Ebenezer, his wife and eleven of their twelve children.

In an attempt to find the article in the Annals of the American Academy I started to review each volume but find the early volumes not too well indexed and the going very slow.

Can you, by any chance, give me help in locating said article and provide me with the citation. Any help you can provide will be deeply appreciated.

Gratefully yours

  
E. Clinton Belknap

Enc. Self addressed, stamped envelope

Sept 13, 1968  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Carroll:

This will acknowledge  
and thank you for your  
memo of September 11, 1968  
re parentage of Lucy Finch.

C. Beckman



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BEHR, Fred Arthur, lawyer; foundry exec.; b. Detroit, Mich., Apr. 9, 1888; s. Otto C. and Minnie (Lindeman) B.; LL.B., U. of Mich., 1910; m. Camilla I. McLean, June 17, 1917; children—Robert McLean, Camilla Jane. Admitted to Mich. bar, 1910, and began practice at Detroit; mem. firm Taylor, Delbridge & Behr, 1912-14; private practice, 1914-17; mem. firm Behr & Coolidge, 1917-32; private practice since 1932; pres. Frederick Kahl Iron Foundry; dir. H. W. Rickel & Co. Has served as pres., trustee and atty. for Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. Mem. Am., Mich. and Detroit bar assns. Republican. Clubs: Detroit Athletic, Grosse Pointe Yacht. Home: 57 Colonial Rd., Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.

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BEITO, George A., banker; b. McIntosh, Minn., Feb. 12, 1886; s. Arne G. and Anne (maiden name) (Belto) B.; ed. McIntosh High Sch. and Concordia Coll., Moorhead, Minn.; m. Anne J. Strande, Jan. 25, 1931; children—Gene Anthony, Shirley Marina. Teacher in country schools nr. McIntosh, Minn., 1904-06; became bookkeeper First Nat. Bank of McIntosh, 1906, asst. cashier, 1908, cashier, 1911-35, vice pres. and dir. since 1935; organized and became pres. and mem. bd. dirs., Northern State Bank of Conville, Minn., 1928. Northern State Bank of Thief River Falls, Minn., 1935. Security State Bank, Oklee, Minn., 1937. Plummer State Bank, Plummer, Minn., 1940; with others organized American State Bank, Erskine, Minn., 1929, vice pres. and dir. since 1929. Pres. Minn. Bankers Assn., mem. exec. council Am. Bankers Assn. 1940-48. Mem. bd. trustees Evangelical Lutheran Ch. of America. Mem. bd. dirs. Concordia Coll. (Moorhead, Minn.), v.p. and dir. Lutheran Memorial Home (Twin Valley, Minn.). Home: Conville, Minn.

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See addendum for latest listings.

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CLINTON:

Have you encountered strong family resemblances as often as I have?

Yesterday I placed your photo beside one of Christopher Irving Belknap, who lives in California. Plainly, the pictures say, you must be a younger brother of his. But, actually, you're as distantly related as it's possible for Belknaps to be.

My wife has met Robert Jackson Belknap (Christopher's nephew, who lives in Kenya) and says he is virtually my double, even in what she terms my "mannerisms" -- and that a photo of his son John is for all practical purposes a photo of our own son John. Yet our relationship is ~~perhaps~~ something like 186th cousinship, perhaps.

I could go on like this for hours.

Carroll  
3/20/68

*Joe Clinton file*

Sept 11 1969

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Dear Clinton:

When I began resuming genealogical correspondence, I dealt first with (a) the most urgent letters, and (b) the easiest ones to answer. I postponed tackling the fine fat file of material from you because it would force me to search many other files in order to reply to points you had raised... . Now I'm starting on your file; and my letter will doubtless be very long, for there is much to cover, as the greatest service you and I render to each other is to compel hard thinking by differing on essential matters.

Here goes.

YOUR MEMO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FEB 1 1969

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(Replying to my memo Jan 27 1969, in which I had raised some questions about your summary of known facts about Jonas N B and his children and their children.)

p. 1 — list of Elijah's children, with sources: Glad to have this. But must say that entries resting solely on HWB may be subject to revision, for much of his information on children of Jonas N B came from unsupported statements by descendants, as he was not able to do much original research outside of New England.

p. 2 — next to last paragraph, Louisa Wright possibly daughter of Abijah Wright and Roxana Parker: . . . George S May, best source I've found on Parkers, says there was both an Abijah Sr and an Abijah Jr and isn't always able to distinguish between them, as both were in same parts of NY State at same time. I doubt that I'll pursue this question; not pertinent to my work. If May provides further information, I'll pass it along to you.

p. 2 , last par. "coopering." — I may have overemphasized this point. Should have said that Jonas N B was apparently a farmer till early 1810, and his occupation in Ontario County 1810 to 1819 is unknown. that

p. 3 — 3rd par. Births in Kentucky. The substantiated (documentary) records for two eldest sons of Jesse come from sworn records in Oregon Donation Land Claims. I'll come to them later. But since the ~~put~~ question in your letter (par 4 p 3) is the route followed by Jonas and his children, on way to Ohio, perhaps I'd better begin by summarizing what seems to me to be the record, before I show the detail of the record, as far as I know it. . . Like this:

It seems that at least three sons of Jonas N B went from Ontario County N Y to Kentucky before 1820 — Elijah, Jonas, Jesse. Whether his son Orin also, I don't know — but think it highly likely.

These three sons, plus Orin, were in Ohio by 1830 — and Elisha joined them there, about that time — having moved West through upper New York State (Niagara County).

Jonas N B was in Ontario County in late 1819, and in Kentucky by March 4, 1820,



and died there 16 February 1824.

The daughter Susannah and her husband David Chatfield left Ontario County N Y after their second child was born (1815) and their third child, Rousel, was born in Ohio -- place not known to me. But Rousel died in Sheridan, Ohio, 11 March 1877. I can't find Sheridan on my maps of Ohio, so cannot say whether or not it was in the area near Columbus, where Susannah's brothers settled in or before 1830; but the fact that Rousel died in Ohio makes it seem likely that his parents did not move farther West when Elijah, Jonas and Jesse did.

Orin, who was in Licking County Ohio with his brothers, died there.

Esther, daughter of Jonas N B, and wife of Gamaliel Garlinghouse, died in Licking County. She and Gamaliel had been in Kentucky in 1820.

This leaves Cynthia unaccounted for, but it seems that we can place her in Kentucky, with her husband Isaac Newton, in 1820 and 1824.

So, broadly, we can say that all of the children of Jonas N B, except Susannah, went from Ontario County to Kentucky and then to ~~the~~ Ohio -- and that only Susannah could have been there before 1820..... From the facts that the records of Jesse's branch of the family say nothing about the movements of Susannah, I think it reasonable to assume that she and David Chatfield were separated from the others and were not near them in Ohio; but this must be tested by looking for David Chatfield in 1820 Census, Ohio. ~~must look at 1820 Census Kentucky, to see if Fern Martin is wrong about place of birth of Rousel.~~ If I don't find them there, must look at 1820 Census Kentucky, to see if Fern Martin is wrong about place of birth of Rousel.

I'm setting down all this stuff partly for you, but partly for my own later use in preparing proof of Elisha's parentage for Carol Anne. So, for the same two reasons, the documentary proof:

1820 CENSUS, HART COUNTY, KY (via you from John Sherman)

		<u>Under 10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>16-25</u>	<u>26-45</u>	<u>Over 45</u>	
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>							
Jonas (jr)	M	2	0	0	1	0	
	F	0	0	1	0	0	
Elijah	M	2	1	0	1	0	
	F	2	1	0	1	0	
Gamaliel	M	1	0	0	1	0	
Garlinghouse	F	1	0	1	0	0	
Jonas (N.B)	M	1(d)	(g) 0	1 (o)	0	1 (a)	(Letters a, b, c,
	F	1(e)	0	2 (f)	0	1 (b)	etc. are mine. CIB)

The figures for Jonas,(jr), Elijah, and Gamaliel G. seem obvious identifications.

Those for Jonas N. B. ("Sr" in your letter) are interesting, as showing -- very possibly, I think -- the location of Cynthia and Isaac Newton. Like this:

-- (a) and (b) match Jonas N B and Tamar, on age.

- (e) can be Diantha.
- (c) can be Isaac Newton.
- (d) can be a child of Isaac and Cynthia.
- (f) can be Cynthia and a female also in the household (a slave?)
- (g) could be another slave.

Another possibility, but I think an unlikely one, is that (c) might be Orin, youngest son of Jonas N B, and that one of the two females 16-25 might be his wife (whom I usually name as Mary Draper, as this is the name most often given in family papers, but actually I do not know ~~whether~~ her name was Mary or Anna or -- possibly -- Mary Anna).

whether

The only support for this second solution is a statement made in 1919 by a descendant of this Orin: that Orin went to Kentucky, near Louisville, before going to Ohio. One step I must take is to search 1820 Census, Hardin County, Ky, to see if it shows Orin in that county -- where Jesse is ~~ex~~ known to have been. These two counties are adjacent -- Hardin and Hart.

There seems to be better reason for surmising Cynthia and Isaac Newton:

Letter from National Archives to Mrs Gilbert M Belknap, Jefferson, Oregon, as summarized by her on June 8 1968: "They said he (Jonas) died February 16, 1824, Hart County, Ky. Isaac Newton was appointed administrator of his estate."

Excerpt from List of Pensioners Living in Kentucky, sent to me by Fern Martin: "JONAS BELKNAP. Hardin Co., Ky. Private, Massachusetts Line. Placed on pension roll June 25, 1819. Commencement of pension, May 27, 1818. Transferred from New York March 4, 1820. He died Feb. 16, 1824."

Query: Do you recall where I saw a statement that Jonas N B's last pension check was cashed by Isaac Newton? I think somewhere in Glen Evans, but haven't found it.

Now for Jesse -- not shown in Hart County census. He was in Hardin County.

Data from records of Oregon Donation Land Claims, via George S May: on the oldest sons of Jesse.

"George Belknap, b. 1815, Hardin Co., Ky."

"Ransom A Belknap, b. 1817, Hardin Co., Ky."

These are in accord with written traditions of Jesse's family. No news to me, but first documentation I've seen.

So Jesse must have left Ontario County not later than 1815 or 1814. Have not yet checked Hardin County census ~~in~~ 1820. . . I've known for a long time that I must someday take time for complete examination of all census records, all states, 1790 through 1850.

Another point bearing on fact that Jonas was still/ in Ontario Co. years after some or all of his sons had left: George May says he has a copy of a paper signed by Jonas in connection with pension application of Esther Parker's brother Stiles, who (says May) served in same army outfit as Jonas -- and this paper is dated 11 Oct 1919. I've asked May to send me a copy.



Now for the Ohio record. Again I'll tabulate, for easy reference later on.

LICKING CO., OHIO \*\* 1830 <sup>Census</sup> from John Sherman

		<u>Under 5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>20-30</u>	<u>30-40</u>	<u>40-50</u>	<u>50-60</u>
Jonas (jr CYB) M	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	
(Harrison Twp) F	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Elijah M	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	
(St Albans) F	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Twp									
Jesse M	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
(St Albans) F	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
"Ori"(Orin?) M	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
(St Albans) F	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	

1840

Census, Franklin Co., adjacent to Licking Co.

Elijah M	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
F	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

The puzzle here is apparent absence of Orin himself, who should appear as <sup>30-40, (or 20-30?)</sup> ~~born~~ as born 1799. Possibly an error by Sherman, in copying -- or error in census taking?  
 QUERY: Do you have this record? (I think error is in 1 male 16-20.)

So we place all sons except Elisha in Licking Co. by 1830. Year when came there, not known to me.

As to Elisha -- excerpt from Bradsby, History of Bureau County, Illinois (you have this).

"ELI B BELKNAP -- . . . born in Niagara County N. Y., April 13 1819. His parents, Elisha and Lucy (Finch) Belknap, were both natives of New York, and in 1830 moved to Licking County, Ohio, where the father died in 1839 at the age of 52 years."

So Elisha arrived in Licking County in 1830, after the census had been taken. Probably an intentional effort to rejoin his brothers, for we know from diary kept by Keturah, wife of Jesse's son George (my father's "Aunt Kit") that there was correspondence by mail at that time among family relatives. Elisha died in Licking County -- so did his daughter Delana, as you know. Written tradition of Jesse's family is that "Elisha remained in the East" after Jesse, Elijah, Jonas moved on to Iowa -- where Jesse arrived 1839 (i.e., had left Licking County before Elisha's death). . . From census 1840, Franklin County, as above, probable that Jesse went to Ohio before Elijah did. Jesse settled in Van Buren County, Iowa, adjacent to Wapello Co., but I shan't try to show more of the documented evidence beyond Ohio, at this time.

I've been long-winded, haven't I? But you challenged me to prove Kentucky before Ohio.

Iowa

Here, while I'm at it, a footnote on death of Esther (Parker) Belknap:

- She could not have died in "1817/18 in Alexandria, Ohio unless (possibly) she had left Jonas N B and accompanied Susannah and David Chatfield. No evidence that they were in Licking County at any time, but have not yet searched 1820 census Ohio for Chatfield. On other hand, no trace of her appears in households of her sons in Ky 1820 -- unless I find her wife with Jesse or Orin in Hardin County census, not yet examined.

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An aside: Tradition in Jesse's family has been that he and his brothers left Ky because of dislike of slavery.

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YOUR LETTER Feb 1 -- first par last page -- parentage of the Garlinghouse girls. . . . I've long doubted HWB's guess that their ~~UNKNOWN~~ father was a James G. My guess (from fact that all known family records say the girls were born in Pennsylvania in the 1790's) was that the father was the Elijah Garlinghouse in 1790 Census, Luzerne Co., Pa. . . . Now, recently, what looks like confirmation (though I do not yet know the documentary source of the data).

Letter from Bertha Hansen (descendant of Jonas jr and Mary Ann Garlinghouse) giving list she got from Violet Belknap (Mrs Gilbert M Belknap, Jefferson, Oregon):

Elijah Garlinghouse married Eleanor Hunt. . . Their children:

Catherine -- married Elijah Belknap  
Jane -- married Jesse Belknap  
Gamaliel -- m. Esther Belknap  
Patty -- m. Rufus Palmer  
Mary (Ann?) -- m. Jonas Belknap  
Silas  
Rachel -- m. Abithar Newton  
George -- m. Elsie Lee  
Eleanor -- m. Robert Thompson.

As this list matches details that I know, I think it's probably pretty right. The Rachel who married Abithar Newton (Abiathar, Abiatha, etc., in various documented records in my possession) was the "Mrs Newton, Jane's sister" named by Aunt Kit as among the women who stayed in Belknap Settlement, Oregon, in 1849 -- when all the grown men went to California to dig for gold. They came back after months in the goldfields, with enough money so that (says Aunt Kit) "we began to live better." . . . And Abithar (however his name should be spelled) appears as witness on a number of land claim documents of the Benton County Belknaps. As there were a lot of Newtons in Ontario County in 1800-1820, I assume he was son of one of them. . . . Though there were soads of Garlinghouses in that county at that time, I've not identified Elijah -- think he must have died between census 1790 and census 1800. . . . Can only say that all Garlinghouses found later in other areas must have been of a later generation than that of this Elijah.

Your letter, page 4, second par. -- Jesse's location in Iowa -- in Van Buren Co., not Wapello Co -- as noted earlier in this letter.

Now I'm going to stop. Have flooded you sufficiently. Will write separately about the wonderful other genealogical material that arrived while I was ~~ill~~ ill.

Carrie



Clinton 9711/69

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P S -- Looking back at your letter Feb 1, I see I've not answered one point -- your assumption that the natural way to Kentucky from Ontario Co N Y would be through Ohio.

Here I have the advantage of personal geographic knowledge of the area, for I spent much of my business life in Ontario County and vicinity -- had clients there and became an executive of one of them, after 1950.

"Natural" way to Ky would not be through Ohio. It would be by the easy valleys and riverside roads leading down through ~~western~~ southwestern N Y, western Pa, and along the Ohio River. . . Family legend is that Orin (Jonas N B's son) did it by flatboat down the Ohio. . . Even if legend is untrue, it reflects the way ~~these~~ these pioneer people thought about how to travel. . . "along the rivers, if possible."

I think you may have been influenced -- too much, perhaps -- by fact that Elisha went by way of Niagara ~~Co~~ Co. . . A number of Belknaps in other branches of the family went that way, from Albany area, but settled in N E Pennsylvania (mainly around Erie) or went on through northern Ohio to Michigan. None of them, as far as I have yet found, went SW in Ohio, as to area around Columbus, or on to Kentucky (except, and it's a rare exception, the descendants of Joseph Belknap & Prudence Morris, of one of whom settled first at Marietta Ohio, then went to Louisville -- origin of Belknap ~~Hardware & Mfg Co~~ Hardware & Mfg Co, source of wealth of the only branch of the family that has ever become fabulously rich).



MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carroll Belknap

Aug 6 1968

It's always interesting to hear from you. Among all the persons with whom I'm corresponding, you're one of the very few who are interested in reliable evidence rather than wishful guesswork. So here goes for an effort to answer some of the many questions in your memo of July 29.

MRS JANE BELKNAP -- I think it likely she is right. The problem is to find, if possible, a different date for the marriage of her Elisha and Lucy Finch. This may be very difficult and perhaps impossible. Our branch of the family continually moved ahead of churches, so that marriages were performed by itinerant ministers. For example, there are no church records of marriages in Ontario Co. N Y for the period when Jonas N. and his children were there. Or, sometimes, marriages were performed by ~~IN~~ itinerant ministers and baptism occurred months or a year later, when a church was established in some nearby town. For the most part, we have to rely on family Bibles and other family records -- for dates and places of marriages. I think the place to search for evidence is Niagara County N Y. For instance, if no Elisha is found there in the census of 1810 but one is found in the census of 1820, we'd have perhaps good grounds for the identification she wants. . . . I do not believe that Elisha went to Kentucky. Long ago, looking at that excerpt from an old local history (cited in my memo to Mrs Jane) I noted that I thought that "Elisha" was an error for "Elijah." The records of my family aren't much help. All they say is that Elisha "remained in the East." I have always thought that this meant that he did not go to Ohio when Jesse and Elijah and Orrin and Jonas did -- but stayed behind in N Y State. However, my beliefs are not evidence. . . . I do not know who Reva Barrett may have been -- but perhaps a relative of Mrs. Frank Barrett of Oregon, a present-day descendant of Jonas, brother of Elijah and Jesse.

DATE OF ESTHER PARKER'S DEATH -- I simply can find no way of placing Esther in Ohio as early as 1817/18. And I distrust all dates that are stated so vaguely. The fact that many statements of that two-year date can be found has no weight with me.

NUMBERING, IN YOUR RECORDS -- All I can suggest is adoption of consecutive numbering, beginning at any point you wish -- and renumbering when you find additions that have to be inserted. HWB ~~RENUMBERED~~ renumbered his file at least once. After I have added some 1000 or 2000 names to his records, I'll have to renumber every name -- a bit of drudgery I'll leathe.

BURTON DASSETT INQUIRY. The purpose of my letter to the pastor, there, was to find if there was any reason to ~~bx~~ accept the naming of Sir Edward Belknap as "de Beltofte" in Evans MS. The reply makes it plain, as I believed from masses of records, that the old Belknap family was never known as Beltoft. Perhaps, if you'll bear with me, I'd better try to summarize the known facts. I'll try not to be unduly long-winded. And I'll try to distinguish between facts and surmises.

(A) In the Middle Ages (before 1300) there was a Beltoft family in Lincolnshire, numerous enough to have had at least five differing coats of arms and two differing crests. HWB traced this family and found that it had died out completely by 1300. (The name, in old records, appears variously as Beltoft, de Beltofte, Beltofts, and in Latin as "de Belle Tofte.") This family is not known to have come south of Lincolnshire. Its coats of arms and crests had no resemblance to those of the Belknaps. HWB and Nernau found no reason to think there was any connection between this ancient Beltoft family and the Belknap family that appeared in the 14th Century. I agree with their



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interpretation of the evidence they accumulated. . . and with their conclusion that there was no known link between this old Lincolnshire family and the Beltoft family that appeared in the village of Sawbridgeworth in Herts about 1500 -- two centuries or more after the death of the last known Lincolnshire Beltoft.

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(B) The record of the Bealknap (later Belknap) family begins with Robert de Bealknap who became Chief Justice of the Court of ~~Common~~ Pleas. As he was a page at court along with Chaucer, the present editor of Debrett's agrees with me that he was probably born in or about 1237. His father is assumed to be the John Bealknap who was practicing law in London in 1343 -- but there is no proof of this parentage. The record of this family is pretty well known, down through the reign of Henry VIII -- when Sir Edward Belknap, then custodian of Warwick Castle, died leaving no heirs, so that the great family estate was inherited by his sisters Anne, Margaret, and Eleanor. (Sir Edward's two elder brothers, Henry and William, had died leaving no heirs. However, he had a ~~son~~ *son* -- Philip Belknap "of the Moat at Canterbury," said to have been Mayor of Canterbury) ~~and his son, John, was the first of the family.~~ *the family* This family (usually known as "the Judge's family") dropped the "de" from "de Bealknap" by the reign of Henry V, when it came back into royal favor. Sometime between then and the reign of Henry VIII the spelling of its name became "Belknap" -- and present day historians use this later spelling for all its members, including the Judge. . . This family was enormously rich on a fortune accumulated first in the practice of law -- later increased by such marriages as that of Anne, Edward's sister, who married the heir of the Wotton fortune built in the wool trade. . . If you are interested, the easiest beginning point is the condensed biography of the Judge in the Dictionary of National Biography, which is sure to be in the library of the University, in Lincoln. That sketch of his life is generally accurate (though colorless) except for two points: (1) the statement that he was "undoubtedly descended from the Belknap who came with the Conqueror" -- which stamps the piece as having been written not later than 1910 or 1911, before the spurious nature of the so-called Roll of Battle Abbey had been disclosed by modern historians -- and (2) the omission of the names of the two known children of the Judge, John and Joan, and the omission of the name of the Joan who was maid of honor to Katherine, queen of Henry V, and must have been of the same generation as Sir Hamon, grandson of the Judge, and Treasurer of Normandy under Henry V. If you want to go farther, next read the life of Nicholas Wotton, Anne's younger son -- in the DNB -- the first, I believe, of the English public servants who serve not an individual monarch or party but the state and the country. . . . The period covered by bearers of the Judge's name, summarized above, runs from circa 1300 to about 1521. No known link to our village Beltoft family has been found, though the Mormon Belnaps are still searching.

*by HWB*

(C) Our village ancestors, calling themselves Beltoft, were traced to the Richard who died in Sawbridgeworth in the first decade of the 16th Century (1500 or 1501 to 1510) and continued to use that family name until Abraham's uncle Josias changed to "Belknappe" and the Abraham led his entire generation in making the same change -- as I've told you before. . . HWB, being a genealogist and not a historian, refused to indulge in speculation and wrote (in letters) "It is impossible to say whether they were Beltofts or Belknaps." I am under no such limitation, as my prime interest lies in family history and the history of the family name, rather than in mere genealogy; and HWB's present-day successors at Essex Institute urge me to write biography as well as genealogy. I differ with HWB. I can find only one hypothesis that fits the known and recorded facts. This hypothesis is that under the influence of great religious feeling (resulting originally from the publication under Henry VIII of the first authorized Bible, "the Great Bible," so that as Trevelyan wrote "For the first time all Englishmen could read the Bible or hear it read") this village family began giving Biblical names rather than Norman names to its children and under the leadership of Josias and then Abraham determined to resume the family name they knew



was properly theirs.

(D) Before going farther, I pause to deal with the unanswered question of "When did this village family first appear?" I cannot answer this question. I can only try to offer guesswork suggestions of when it might have appeared.... The Richard Beltoft who died in 1500-1510 was a relatively young man at the time of his death, as he left a family of young children and a wife who lived for many years after his death. So we can surmise that he could not have been born ~~XXXX~~ earlier than 1460 or 1465. At the time of his death he ~~xxxx~~ owned 30 acres of good farm land. This was well above the ordinary holding of a village farmer in those or earlier times. So it is unlikely that he had accumulated that holding in his own short life; he must have inherited some or all of it. And it is likely that in the century before Henry VIII it would have taken two or three generations to acquire, bit by bit, a property that large. If so, then ~~xxxx~~ there would have been a Beltoft at Sawbridgeworth in the period 1400 to 1425. Whether this would have been the first villager using the Beltoft name is impossible to say. . . But this is the period immediately following the death of the Judge, when his widow Juliana was struggling to regain possession of his vast estate -- which had been attained by Parliament under Richard II, restored briefly, then re-confiscated when Henry IV usurped the throne, then finally restored to the family by Henry V -- by which time the heir was the Judge's grandson Hamon (Hamo in Latin, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Hamond in French). During these years of trouble for the Judge's family, his own children almost vanished from the records that still survive -- and all we know, today, is the name of a son John and the name of a daughter Joan -- we do not know ~~xxx~~ whether he had other children. Nor do we know, for sure, the names of any grandchildren except Sir Hamon and (in the judgment of myself and the present editor of Debrett's) the Joan who was at court in the reign of Henry V (as was also a Grisel or Griselda who is difficult to identify with certainty) . . How garrulous I'm being. But I'm just trying to show why I agree with you that it's highly probable that there was a link -- possibly illegitimate but not necessarily so -- between the Judge's family and our village Beltefts who, I'm convinced, knew all along that they were really Belknaps. And here there's a curious question: "When Abraham's uncle Josias signed his will a few days before his death, how did he know how to spell Belknap and why did he spell it Belknappe?" This spelling was not in use by any of the Judge's family living ~~xxxxxx~~ as late as 1500 -- a century before Josias's death -- but there are one of two examples of similar spelling well before 1500.

So much for my guesswork. Now I'll try to work on to Burton Dasset.

(E) In 1914 HWB published the first identification of the village Beltefts as the ancestors of the American Belknaps. This soon led many American Belknaps to say and repeat, "the name was originally Beltoft" -- ignoring the existence of the old Belknap family. And many of them are still saying it. . . Then, some time after 1914, somebody whom I can't name seems to have encountered the names of Sir Robert and Sir Edward Belknap and found somewhere a piece I've never seen about Sir Edward Belknap and that painting in the church at Burton Dasset and deliberately altered the family name to Beltoft. And somewhere and somehow Glen Evans came across this bit of falsification and either copied it or rewrote it, without naming its source. I don't think Evans himself did the falsification; for in the NEHG library at Boston there's another bit of amateurish Belknap genealogy telling the same falsified story with slightly differing detail in wording. . . No doubt the falsifier, whoever he may have been, thought he was merely conforming to the current saying that "the name was originally Beltoft." ..... Knowing, as I thought I did,

In 1600,  
\* Long after the old Belknap name had died out.



that no member of the Judge's family was ever on record as a Beltoft, I had to write to Burton Dasset to see if there would be any confirmation of that "Beltoft" in Evans' first page. As you know, I got no such confirmation.

(F) You ask about heraldry, and the question was worth asking. As I've told Dick Taylor, he has published at one time or another four differing coats of arms -- some of the differences being nothing but the whims of modern artists, but one of them being the Belting arms, not Belknap. I'm attaching, in case you want it, a photostat of a drawing that is probably accurate (though the old descriptions of the Belknap arms, written centuries ago, sometime disagree on minor details, such as whether the narrow silver bands above and below the bend are "cotises" or "bendlets.") Of course, we American Belknaps have no right to use these arms. . . But they play a part in understanding the reply from Burton Dasset. The arms shown in the upper left-hand corner of the shield, in the vicar's sketch, seem to be recognizably the Belknap arms -- as described in the piece that Evans copied. The arms shown just to the right on that shield are not any of the various arms of the old Lincolnshire Beltofts and bear no resemblance to any of those coats of arms. If they had proved to be any version of Beltoft arms, I'd have to revise my thinking and everything written or printed about the Judge's family. Most likely, they are the arms of the Knowles family ( Sir Edward's mother) or of the Boteler who was Lord Sudely, father of Sir Edward's grandmother. Quartering of arms in this fashion was common at that time -- which was one of the reasons why Henry VIII instituted the "Visitations of Heralds" to check pedigrees and report any improper use of coats of arms -- as they did after one visit to Philip Belknap at Canterbury -- which didn't stop him and his descendants from keeping right on doing the same thing.

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Forgive my wordiness. You asked for it.

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Aug 7

Reading, this morning, what I wrote yesterday, I see that I did not deal very well with the point that helps convince me that I am right in believing that the village Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth were and knew they were Belknaps. That point is the question "How did Josias know how to spell the Belknap name?" So I'm going to ramble on, again, to give you the background.

For many years before 1914, the only known record of a Belknap around the year 1600 was the will signed Josias Belknappe and naming his brother Benedict Belknappe as his ~~next~~ heir.

The last male Belknap of the old "knightly line" -- the Judge's family -- died early in the 16th century. I forget the exact date and don't want to take time to go look it up today -- but it was not long after the death of Sir Edward Belknap, which occurred in 1521. Years of searching, including finally the work done by Bernau and others for HWB, never found any Belknap of record between then and the date of the will of Josias.

After Bernau proved that Benedict Belknappe was known as Beltoft, neither he nor any other searcher or record agent ever found any subsequent Belknaps who were not rather obviously descended from the Sawbridgeworth Beltofts.



So, of known record, there were only two English families bearing our name -- the Judge's family and the family that changed its name from Beltoft to Belknap when Bennet died.

When Josias wrote or dictated his will a few days before he died, there had not been anyone else known as a Belknap for just about three-fourths of a century.

Now, as I've indicated in a memo to Cousin Claudia, of which you have a copy, Josias himself is a mystery man. We know only the date when he was christened a Beltoft and what is said in his will, and what can be inferred from the contents of his will, and the date and place of his burial. How he accumulated, in his short life, what amounted to a very considerable estate for a villager 35 years old, we do not know.

But we ~~also~~ do know that he signed his will -- the only member of his generation or the preceding generation known to have been able to do more than sign by mark. We ~~therefore~~ have to assume that he had some ~~modicum~~ schooling and could read and write.

So we end where I began, with that same question. Let me re-phrase that question like this: "How, in the vacuum of three-fourths of a century with no other known or traceable Belknaps, did Josias know how to spell the name, with its unusual and curious 'k'?"

Let me re-state that question in still different fashion. "How could ~~anyone~~ this obscure man in a small farm town have possibly known how to spell the name (in an old fashion) unless he had in his possession or had seen some written document containing the name? And what could that document have been, when the odds against his having been able to see any of the records we now knew, for the Judge's family, are overwhelming?" The only way I can answer such questions is to believe that the village Beltofts must have had, for generations past, some written evidence of their true family name -- and that if there was or had been such a document there was something in that that made Bennet stubbornly unwilling to admit that he was a Belknap. (it

Of course all this is mere speculation about a mystery. But I've found it impossible to avoid this sort of speculation and your comments in the 4th paragraph on page 2 of your letter 3/29 have tempted me into putting it down on paper for the first time -- knowing that you'll regard it as mere guesswork just as I do.... Yet, damnit, it's informed guesswork.



Aug 8

Yesterday, after reading what I had written on the ~~6th~~ 6th, I wrote a postscript on the question, "How did Josias know how to spell Belknap?" Later, I realized that I had erred by stating my guess about the answer -- when what I should have done was ~~XXX~~ to seek counsel, by stating the known facts and asking what you conclude from them. So now I'm rewriting that postscript. . . I may not do a good job of stating the facts in proper sequence, for I've never put them down on paper before -- in relation to that intriguing question. But here goes.

(1) For many years before 1914, at least as far back as the 1890's, the only known record of a Belknap in England in the early 1600's was the will ~~xxx~~ signed Josias Belknappe, naming his brother Benedict Belknappe as his chief heir.

(2) After this Benedict Belknappe was identified as Benedict Beltoft, no searcher has ever found any subsequent Belknaps who were not rather obviously descended from the Sawbridgeworth Beltofts.

(3) The last <sup>known</sup> male Belknap of the old knightly line -- the Judge's family -- died early in the preceding century. I forget the exact date and don't want to take time to go look it up today, but it was not long after the death of Sir Edward Belknap in 1521.

(4) Many years of searching have never found anyone bearing the name of Belknap between then and the date of Josias' will -- January 1599/1600.

(5) Of known record, there have been only two families bearing the name of Belknap -- the old Judge's line, and the family that changed its name from Beltoft to Belknap when Bennet died.

(6) So, for about three-fourths of a century, no Belknaps are known to have been in England -- until Josias signed his will.

(7) From the fact that Josias signed his will instead of making his mark, it has been assumed that he had some schooling and could read and write.

(8) Abraham, the next to chage from Beltoft to Belknappe -- as he did before his father died -- signed by mark only; but the wording of a deposition that he signed thus at Northweald Bassett states that he had "examined" the registers in two churches. This may mean that he could read.

(9) The nature and timing of all known documents naming members of the Judge's family seem to make it virtually inconceivable that an obscure villager in a tiny farm town in Hertford County could have seen any of them.

(10) My opinion only; but I do know a good deal about English philology: It is likely that the "k" was not silent in the two centuries of the Judge's family, and did not become silent until the early 1600's. It would almost certainly have been pronounced during the lifetime of the Judge and Chaucer -- ca. 1337 to 1400.  
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So now let me restate the question: "In what possible way could this villager Josias have known how to spell Belknap (Belknappe) in 1600?"  
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I've never asked anyone else to look at this question. I'd like ~~yx~~ you to have your comment on it.

And I think I must add, for your consideration, an opinion of mine.

It seems to me that any tenable answer to that question must ~~NEE~~ also answer another question:

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"Why, immediately upon the death of Bennet (who only once and years before had admitted that he was a Belknap) were his wife and his children ~~so~~ swift to change his name and theirs from Beltoft to Belknap ~~never~~ again using Beltoft?"

Maybe it's unfair to toss these questions at you, for you can't have had ~~that~~ long study of all the known records as I have had. But I've tried to state all the facts that have any bearing on the answer.



CLINTON:

Suggest you alter name of Jonas our great-great-grandfather to his full name Jonas Newton Belknap, in all your records. Essential, to distinguish him from a lot of other Jonases of his time, including his son Jonas.

CYB 3/20/68

Eliza A. Van Cleve

Hubb says Ann ~~Van Cleve~~ Vaucluse

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MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carroll Belknap

3/20/68

Last night at dinner I told my wife Peg about your letter and your plan to be in Washington the first week in April. She said, "Let's ask him to return home via New York and come to visit us." And then, sadly, "But we can't, can we? We'll be away."

The fact that we have to be in Boston and in Salem to dig up some more family records that I need is the reason why I probably shan't be able to write to you again till the middle of April — and, hence, why this memo is going to be rather lengthy, for there is much that I feel I should tell you as promptly as I can.

But first let me thank you heartily for the very useful material you sent to me. You have much about Jonas that I had not found (though I question some things said to you by Evans) and what you yourself have drafted is head and shoulders above any similar material I have received from present-day members of our family. I'm immensely grateful — though I'll have to raise a lot of questions when I really study it.

I'll copy the Evans material and mail it back to you tomorrow. And later today I'll mail to you some pieces that I think will interest you. But before talking about them, there are other things I should say.

First of all, forgive Dick Taylor for not answering your questions. He couldn't, for he's not a researcher and has no information except what has been sent to him by Belknaps in various parts of the country. . . I first heard of him in 1966 when he sent me a reprint of a magazine article he had written, offering for sale a "family tree." Because his magazine piece was full of obvious errors, I was curious about the family tree — and ordered it.

When the family tree arrived, I was horrified to see its many serious errors — and began writing about them, asking for his sources. I kept bombarding him with queries and objections. Eventually, my nagging provoked him into writing that he and Charlene merely collected what they could get, put what they could into their chart, and vouched for nothing.

So I began to try to help him instead of criticizing, for I had a lot of data that I had accumulated in the past fifty years. As I continued, I grew more and more interested and started to search for the collection of family records that are the basis of most of what has been done in recent years — the thousands of pages of notes put together by Henry Wyckoff Belknap between 1900 and 1927. I located them and after some months managed to get them placed in my hands, on loan. . . Then, finding that they were not always correct, I began searching for all other similar or comparable collections and getting them, also, into my study. (There may be no end to this, alas. I've just located a collection, covering about 500 names, which has been out of sight since around 1905; so now I've got to go after it, too, for I know that it differs on many points with the other sets of records in my possession.)

What is now ahead of me is the long drudgery of comparing entries, evaluating sources, checking sources for accuracy in transcription, and trying to decide which statements are most nearly correct. This will take a year or so, I'm sure, for I have something like 8,000 to 9,000 sheets and pages to work with — on perhaps 3,000 or more names.



What I think I'll eventually produce will be a manuscript of about 500 typewritten pages -- covering all Belknap since 1300, as far as known to me -- for deposit in a number of libraries and museums as basic source material for later generations. (500? Well, maybe 750 pages, who knows?)

Meanwhile, I have the fun of trying to help Dick and Charlene Taylor, with whom I'm in constant touch by mail and by phone. As I see it, he is our hope for the continuation of what people like you and me are trying to do -- for he's much younger and he's deeply interested. When I come to the end of what I'm trying to do, I'll probably give him my entire set of files.

Some time ago, I surmised that he had a fat file of unused material -- letters giving information about Belknaps whom he had not been able to link into his chart. So I asked him to ship that file to me, so that I could copy it for my records. That's how I got the letter you wrote to him.

At the same time, I found in his files an amused query (which he couldn't answer) from a descendant of Susannah -- sister of your Elijah and my Jesse. I had for years been searching for any clue to "what became of Susannah?" Yesterday, in the same mail with your letter, there came a reply from Susannah's descendant, to my great delight. (Susan in your records -- Susie in others -- Susannah in others, and I think correctly.)

Fortunately, being retired (or rather, inactive in business) I have the time and money to indulge myself by doing what I want to do and going where I need to go. And, thank heaven, perfect health -- though I'm much older than you, as you know.

But I should say that the magnitude of what I'm trying to do will not permit me to do much original research -- except to get the original sources of debatable entries (such as "Tamer Vinton") when I can find them. I'll have to confine myself to choosing what seem to me to be the most likely entries on each of hundreds and hundreds of names on which there is disagreement -- with new research only when vitally necessary -- and relying on Dick Taylor to do what he can do better than anyone else, digging up recent information from Belknaps now living.

Now, after this long preface, I can talk about the material I'll mail to you today.

But I have to begin by saying, unhappily, that what Glen Evans gave you on the English ancestry is shockingly erroneous. (Glen Evans will always be a puzzle to me. I'll never be able to understand how a man with wide acquaintance with authentic original sources could possibly mix such a source and then set down on paper something drastically at variance with the cited source -- as he did again and again in his 1948 work for Michigan Belknaps and as he did in his later work for you. But I can't just dismiss his work and refuse to make any use of it, as our Mormon cousins in Utah have done out of religious motives, for accuracy in genealogy is a part of their religion. You see, once in a while he is right where everyone else is wrong; so, to my sorrow, I have to check every blasted entry in his work.)

For example, on his first page, the man he names as "Sir Robert de Beltofte, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas" was never known by that name. And Evans must have known this. So let me summarize the facts about our English background.

In the Middle Ages, in Lincolnshire, there was a Beltoft or de Beltoft family, many of whom were knighted. This family died out by the end of the Middle Ages. No connection with our family has been found -- and I agree that none existed.



and

(Before I go on, I'd better say that in everything I tell you about the English background I am speaking from original sources, such as the Harleian MS in the British Museum -- wills, records of lawsuits, and so on and on. I'm not merely repeating what has been printed in modern books, where I've found many errors.)

In early 1300's there came into sight the Belknap family most commonly known as "the knightly line" or "the Judge's family" or simply "the old Belknap family." This family, very rich and very prominent, flourished through the reigns of Richard II to Henry VIII. From the time of Richard II to that of Henry VIII the official spelling in court records was "de Bealknap." By the time of Henry VIII it was "Belknap" -- and modern historians use that later spelling for all members of this family, clear back to 1300. This family claimed to be descended from an ancestor who came with William the Conqueror in 1066; but there is good reason to feel that this claim was based on forged evidence. No present-day list of those who "probably" came with the Conqueror contains his name.

I have been studying this fascinating family ever since, years ago, I saw the name of the first known Anne Belknap on the magnificent tomb of one of her sons in Canterbury Cathedral. I think I know it/s record fairly well -- ~~well~~ well enough, at any rate, to be shocked when Evans writes, of his so-called "Sir Robert de Beltofte," that "little can be found about his life." Evans must have known that a condensed life of this man, by his right name, Robert de Bealknap, has been in the easily accessible British Dictionary of National Biography for many years (in almost every worthwhile library in the U. S. A.) And every history of the reign of Richard II that I've ever seen tells the most dramatic parts of this judge's life.

Last Fall, studying this old Belknap family, I found myself concluding that the DNB and the Harleian MS were wrong in saying that Sir Edward Belknap was the great grandson of the judge. There was, I felt sure, a "missing generation" in the record. Sir Edward must have been, I was sure, a great-great grandson. And I thought that the missing generation must be, actually, the children of the Judge. But I could find no documents that supported my belief.

At the same time, I was searching for the brother and sister -- John Belknap and Joan Belknap -- who were said by Debrett in 1952 to be the ancestors of the present Queen and William Shakespeare. But I couldn't find them in all the documents available to me.

So I had two unsolved puzzles -- until it belatedly dawned on me that they might be only one puzzle. Then, early this year, I wrote to Debrett's about it.

The piece marked with a red "A", in what I'll send you today, is the reply from Debrett's editor. As you'll see, he placed that John and Joan right where I thought they ought to be. And you'll be amused to learn from his letter that the editor of Debrett's Peerage is himself part-Belknap -- and is the man who worked ~~MS~~ out the pedigree in 1952. (I'm still in correspondence with him, about further information.)

I know much more about this old Belknap family than is shown in the editor's



letter. I could easily write a big book about it -- for it was a great family, with many fine men and women.

But all efforts to establish a link between this old Belknap family and the village family from whom we are descended have failed. Everyone but our Mormon branch has given up on it. They, for whom genealogy is part of religion, are still trying to find the link. I encourage them, by suggesting possible searches that have not yet been made -- but I think the odds are that if they ever find this link it will be an illegitimate one. Which wouldn't disturb me, for illegitimate descent would then be something that we would share with some Kings of England and a mass of Dukes and Earls.

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Our known English ancestry is a village family -- small farmers -- whose record is sketched in item "B" in what I'm mailing to you today, a longish letter to my Oregon cousin Claudia Marshall, who is working on the task of bringing up to date the complete record of the tribe (that's what it was) that Elijah's brother Jesse took from New York to Kentucky to Ohio to Iowa to Oregon. (Elijah, by some evidence, probably accompanied Jesse as far as Ohio.) When you read my letter to Claudia you will see more points on which Evans was dead wrong -- for what I said is based on original records.

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You ask about the list of the children of Jonas and Esther Parker, in Parker in America. Though I do not have church records to support it, I accept that list as given -- including sequence of birth -- for what seems to me to be a sound reason. In 1916, Elizabeth Jane Starr (Mrs. Garrison Turner), a grandchild of Jesse -- 7 years old when they left Iowa, 8 years old when they reached Oregon -- copied for my father what she said was "an old family paper" that was in her possession. The wording of the paper she copied indicates that it must have been written very long ago, while the family was not farther west than Ohio (say 1820), by someone who had known Esther. Its details agree entirely with what is shown in Parker in America -- the story of the massacre from which Esther's father escaped when a baby; the names and nicknames of the Parker children (including emphasis on the pronunciation of Esther's name -- as "Easter", her nickname); the birth sequence of the list of the Parker children; the names of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker, in the same sequence of birth. When two records from widely separated sources agree so completely I have to accept them, despite my general reluctance to accept data from secondary sources.

But I am not ready to accept a "Hester" born to Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker in ~~IX~~ Evans MSS. (Evans often erred as the result of two bad habits: using only years as dates, instead of full dates showing day, month and year; and careless dealing with names and the spelling of names. I have yet to see a page of his work on which he copied all names correctly from the records he was examining. So he often erred in identifying people. His work for the Michigan Belknaps is full of such errors -- and even a swift look at what he did for you has disclosed similar instances. Why, the man couldn't even copy correctly the name of a county in Kentucky.)

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Also, I am not ready to accept ~~XXXX~~ date of Esther Parker's death as 1817, in Ohio. That date has been shown again and again, by various persons -- but I think I may have found the correct date and the place of her burial in New York.



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March 13, 1968

Dear Cousin:

Part of my reason for writing to you is that I, too, am a great-great-grandson of Jonas Newton Belknap — and you can help me by supplying information that I need.

Richard B. Taylor, of Las Vegas, Nevada (formerly at Pala Springs, California), has sent me the letter you wrote to him on Nov. 10, 1966 — as I am trying to aid him in his work on Belknap genealogy, and have information not yet in his hands. For some time, I've been engaged in editing and extending the many thousands of pages of Belknap family records put together by Henry Wyckoff Belknap between 1900 and 1948. To do this, I have assembled all known collections of such material so that I now have perhaps 8000 or 9000 sheets to examine and compare in an effort to correct past errors — of which there have been far too many, I'm sorry to say.

EH I'm not sure that Dick Taylor answered your letter. So I'll put on a separate sheet my answers to the questions you asked when you wrote to him.

Meanwhile, I hope that I am correct in believing that you are descended from Jonas Newton Belknap (shown as "Jonas A" on the chart you got from Dick — but corrected later at my suggestion). If so, you can help me. In return, perhaps I can give you information that you'd like to have — at no charge, for I'm doing this work for my own pleasure and am glad to help those who help me.

One of the great weaknesses in all sets of records that I have seen is the lack of sufficient information about Jonas Newton Belknap. For years I've been digging for facts about him. A day or so ago I thought I'd probably assembled everything that I was likely to get in valid documentary evidence; and so I started to draft for some cousins in Oregon and Washington a factual and authenticated story of his life. But after writing a few pages of it, I had to stop for lack of time — and I'm glad I did, for you seem to have information that I don't have, such as the date of his death. And perhaps you have proof of the date of his birth, which I've had to deduce from documents in the National Archives. (I agree with you on 1759, for his birth.)

From your letter to Dick Taylor, I infer that the record prepared for you by Olen Evans must be of later date than the record he prepared for some Michigan Belknaps in 1948, and that it does not contain some of the many errors in the 1948 job — of which I have a copy. In his index to the 1948 material, I do not find your name — nor is it in the index to the 1,000 page record developed by our Utah cousins, which is also in my possession.



So whatever you can tell me will be, at least in part, new to me and most welcome.

Would you be willing to do what a number of Belknaps and some libraries and museums have done — lend me a copy of what Evans prepared for you, so that I can make electrostatic copies of it here in my well-equipped study and then promptly return it to you? If you can do this, I'll be most grateful.

Or, if you don't or can't trust an individual person, maybe you'll be willing to lend the material for a short time to the Greenwich Historical Society, of which I'm a member — so that I can study it at ~~12345678901234567890~~ the society's headquarters.

And needless to say, all information you can give me about your branch of the family will be welcome, for what I am trying to do is to compile a master record which will enable each branch of the family to see exactly how and to what degree it is related to all other branches.

To identify myself more fully, I attach below a copy of my small paragraph in Who's Who in the East.

Hopefully,

Carroll Y. Belknap:

P.S. Recently I wrote for a most helpful cousin a summary of the English ancestry with emphasis on just when and how the change in name from Beltoft to Belknap occurred. Would you like a copy of it?



E. CLINTON BELKNAP -- Letter to RB Taylor, Nov. 10, 1966

Question "First": List of Bennet's children shown in letter is correct, but baptismal dates for Abraham and Frances should be given both Old Style and New Style, as being before March 25. Abraham 10 March 1589/90  
Frances 3 January 1590/1

There were no such brothers as Thomas and Joseph. Taylor, at my urging, has now erased them from his chart (in 1968). (One defect of Glean Evans' work was his use of year dates only, instead of giving also the day and month when known -- a serious error in genealogical work, in which precise dates are often the only means of identifying persons of same name born in same year.)

Question "Second": Wife of Samuel, Mary Dickinson (note correct spelling), was not "nee Wood". Her mother was Mary Wood, wife of James Dickinson the 1st, Rowley, Mass. I have, as yet, no proof of birth date for this Samuel. 1703 seems probable date of Mary Dickinson's birth in my judgment, but is disputed by our Utah cousins. Taylor has now eliminated "nee Wood." Utah cousins are still arguing about it. I believe they are in error. Marriage date: 9 July 1723.

Question "Third": Church record, Belchertown, Mass., shows Jonas Newton Belknap married Esther Parker in 1783 shortly after his discharge from the army. I have his complete military record, 1775 to 1783 -- also documented data on period spent in Ontario County, N. Y. -- and a bit on period in Kentucky, circa 1820. "Tamar Vinton" is unknown to me; and would have to be conclusively proved to be acceptable to me. "Miss Lincoln" is result of an early error by Henry Wyckoff Belknap, before 1912, corrected by him later. But after Esther's death in Gorham (now Phelps) in N. Y., it is possible that he ~~XXXXXXXX~~ married either a daughter of General Otis Lincoln, or a widow of a son of that general. Possible, that's all -- not proved. She may have been his wife Fanny in 1820, in Hardin County, Ky. Her daughter Diantha may have been daughter of her first (Lincoln) husband. Could not have been daughter of Jonas unless born illegitimately before marriage to "Fanny". All sons and daughters of Jonas on record were of Esther. Story of Jonas is closely linked with that of Esther's family, from 1783 to at least 1818. (In what I've said about Jonas, above, I am citing original documents, not what any ~~unsubstantiated~~ genealogist has said. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ I have a pretty full and well authenticated file on him. CYB) Taylor has now changed "Miss Lincoln" to "Esther Parker" on his chart. Her name, by the way, was pronounced "Easter" -- but that's another story.



2019 Harwood St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
November 10, 1966

Mr. Richard B. Taylor  
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your prompt mailing of the copies of the magazine article which you authored and the family tree document.

Have thoroughly enjoyed reviewing the compilation. It's definitely worth the \$10. It has been interesting to compare it with the pertinent parts of my own record.

Some 16 years ago my brother, Glen N. Belknap, of Hay Spring, Nebraska, and I commissioned the late Glen W. Evans of Lansing, Michigan to help us bring our ancestral record up to the more contemporary period of time.

I'm afraid we didn't fully appreciate the accuracy of his production at the time but subsequent checking and research on my part has shown his document to have been thorough and surprisingly authentic.

I find his compilation in some slight variance with the record you present in three places. I shall list them and will truly appreciate it if you or your good wife can find time to write me as to your source of information so I can ~~XXXXXX~~ be in a position to objectively re-evaluate my records.

First. Mr. Evans showed the family of Bennett Beltofte - Belknap to have been:

Abraham bpt.1589 - 1643	Mar. Mary _____ r. Lynn, Mass
Frances bpt.1590	Mar. Edward Doucet
John bpt.1593 - 1655	
Daniel bpt.1595	
Josias bpt.1599	

Your records do not list Frances but do list a Thomas and Joseph.

Second. In the fourth generation in America you list the wife of Samuel (1707-1757), son of Ebenezer (1665-1760), as "Mary Dickinson (nee Wood)" (29 Aug 1684-1703). Mr. Evan's document lists the birth date of Samuel as 1703 instead of 1707 and states that Mary Dickinson, Samuel's wife, was the daughter of James and Mary (Wood) Dickenson, born in Rowley Mass. in 1703. He notes that the couple was married at Mansfield, Conn. in 1723. (and)

November 10, 1966

Third. In the sixth generation in America you record indicates that my ancestor, Jonas Belknap(1759-1824), son of Samuel(1731-1775) married "Miss Lincoln." The compilation by Mr. Evans carries him as having been married twice; to "Tamar Vinton" and to "Esther Parker." No mention is made of another marriage or any wife with the maiden name of Lincoln.

I am well aware of the endless hours it has required for you to compile and diagram the vast amount of material reflected in your work and I congratulate you upon your accomplishment.

If you can take time to write me regarding the three points of variance in our respective records I shall certainly appreciate it.

If you are ever in these parts please call or stop by.

Sincerely,



E. Clinton Belknap



Written at Warren  
4/3/68

To Carroll G. Belknap  
From E. Clinton Belknap

I keep thinking how fortunate I am to have made contact with you re the Jonas Newton Belknap line. I do appreciate the background you have provided on the "Newton" factor in the name and am changing my master record accordingly. I know how very much you must be enjoying yourself and how fortunate you are to be able both financially and health wise to pursue the various research leads that come your way or that you go out and uncover. I surely wish I could devote more time to this hobby!

Some of your communications to me may not get answered too promptly but I assure you I will follow through as time permits and provide ~~such~~ such data as I may have or can secure.

Am enclosing a copy of a letter from the late Glen W. Evans under date of 2/19/1951 which you may find



Carroll G. Belknap (2) 4/3/68 cont.

of interest.

Yes, I do have more verification of the year of birth for Elijah (1785) and will see that you have it when I get back to Nebraska and have the time to follow through. I also have some good information re Elisha (1789) and dates and names of his family and will see that you have same along with my authority for same.

In your memo of 3/20/68, page 2, #no 4 you refer to a reply from a descendant of Susannah but neglected to identify by name the individual making the reply. In your memo of 3/28/68, first #, you report having received a long letter from a descendant of Jonas N. The actual name of the author of the letter is not identified. Would you consider sharing with me copies of these two communications as well as a copy of the material copied for your father by Elizabeth Jane Starr as related in your memo of 3/20/68, paragraph 4? I assure you this would



CLINTON:

Attached are last two pages of pedigree prepared for Fern Martih, Ferris, California -- a descendant of Susannah, twin sister of my ~~great-great-grandfather Jonas Newton B.~~ -- finally traced after years of effort. *Jesse*

List of children of Jonas Newton B. will show what I now think I know of their marriages.

I have full data on descendants, to date, of his son Jesse -- your data on Elijah's -- much (undigested as yet) on Orrin's) -- and have just located a descendant of his son Jonas and Mary Garlinghouse -- not much, yet, on Elisha's -- little on Esther -- nothing on Cynthia. So will welcome your aid.

My references to "Ontario County, N. Y." are result of the fact that Jonas Newton B and his older sons moved around all over that county between 1796 and 1818. I have more definite data, but too complex to send to Mrs. Martih.

First memo I sent to you, answering questions you had asked of Dick Taylor, said Gorham was now called Phelps. Error. Gorham is still Gorham. I was careless in relying on memory. Inexcusable, as I know every foot of that county, having spent much of my business life in and near it.

Carroll  
3/22/68

Memo to E CLINTON BELKNAP  
From Carroll Belknap

4/6/68

Your welcome memo from Warrenton -----

Thanks for detecting the error made by my fingers, when they wrote Jonas Newton B instead of Jesse, as my great grandfather. So now I know you really read what I write.

Now the questions in your memo.

My memo 3/20, page 2 -- descendant of Susannah is Mrs. Fern Martin, Perris, California, who had spent years and years trying to find someone who had even heard of Susannah. She is descended from Susannah's marriage to David Chatfield, in Ontario County, N. Y. As result of giving her the Belknap pedigree she wanted, I'm now getting letters from other people whom she is advising to write to me. Today, for example, a helpful query from Mrs. Frank Barrett, Florence, Oregon, a descendant of Electa, daughter of the Jonas who was brother of Elijah and Jesse.

My memo 3/28, first paragraph -- descendant of Jonas N was Mrs. Bertha Hansen, whose great grandmother was Rachel Belknap, daughter of ~~Eliza~~ Jonas. I do not yet have her line in full -- just enough to be able to assure her that "Polly Belknap," in Oregon in 1853 legal document was unquestionably the Mary Ann Garlinghouse who married Jonas son of Jonas Newton B. Now waiting for complete information from her. This poor woman has been trying to identify "Polly" for years -- even to advertising in Oregon papers asking if anyone knew about her.

Of course I intend to pass on to you everything I eventually assemble about Jonas Newton B. and his descendants. But I'm just now beginning to fill this gap in my records -- and almost every day is bringing some further information, some of which needs careful verification.

Elisha,

Here's something sent to me from a helper in Ontario County, N. Y., about ~~ELIZABETH~~ proof that ~~ELIZABETH~~ while in that county, married Bettie ~~ELIZABETH~~ Briggs, born presumably in 1788 as aged 22 when died in May 1810, daughter of Moses and Deborah Briggs. This young family shown in 1810 census, with (possibly) one son, though the census record may be in error as age shown for the son is too old (but it may have been a nephew living with ~~ELIZABETH~~ and Bettie, of course). Evans' record shows Elisha

Elisha

married Lucy Finch in Ohio in 1808 -- but Bettie died in NY in 1810. Something wrong somewhere in this business.

Thanks for copy of letter from Evans. I wish I could believe him. But even that harmless letter makes me raise my eyebrows at several points.

I still have problems with some unquestioned facts from records in Ontario County; but won't trouble you with them till I think I see solutions. Which probably means "when I get more information."

Copy of passage about Parkers and Jonas N's children as typed long ago from manuscript by Elizabeth Jane Starr (Mrs. Garrison Turner) is enclosed. . . . EX I also enclose copy of the most reliable record on military service record of Jonas N -- his pay record. Read (1) then (2). Note how he lied about his age when enlisting in 7th Mass.



2019 Harwood Street  
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March 17, 1968

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Dear Cousin:

I was delighted and surprised to receive your good letter of March 13 and the enclosure relating to the questions I had raised in a previous communication to Dick Taylor. I had received no reply from him and appreciate your comments.

None of the material I have on Jonas (1759) indicates what his second name or initial may have been but it would surely seem logical that it could have been Newton since his mother's maiden name was Newton.

I am forwarding to you on a temporary loan basis as suggested in your letter the Glen W. Evans document. This is the carbon copy of the summary he prepared for us. I let my brother, Glen Noble, have the original. This carbon copy has some notations and comments on it which I have added since its receipt.

Much of the Elijah Belknap (1785) <sup>information</sup> as compiled by Evans was in error because he had confused material furnished by my Aunt Anna McCormack Belknap, (1871) who had lost most of her sight and although her mind was most alert, she found it difficult to prepare data and put it in proper form without special help from some relative or friend. I spent time with her subsequent to the date of Evan's work and profited greatly by my personal conferences with her.

You expressed an interest in my family. I have made copies of a number of work sheets I have made up preparatory to putting my family record together one of these days for my sons and grandchildren and am sending them along to you for such review of same as you may desire to make. They are surely not finished products.

I am including such material as I have on Jonas (1759). I had assumed that Evans had secured the date of death from records of last payment of pension. However he did not state specifically. He stated that he had material from various children of Jonas but he did not identify which or where they lived. In case you are not aware, all of the Belknap records of Glen W. Evans were, upon his death, deposited with the Michigan State Library at Lansing, Michigan. I visited there briefly one week-end in late 1966 while attending a Medical Care Seminar at Ann Arbor for two weeks.

I have been able to secure considerable data on Elijah Belknap (1785) from the Federal Archives and have spent some time there personally when in Washington on state business. I am to be in Washington A



again April 3-5 this year but I understand the conference is being set up over in Virginia so probably won't have much time in Washington unless I decide to stay over a day or so or go early.

Am enclosing an excerpt from the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the Middle West which gives a quick run down on my personal background. In the summer of 1965 I completed 21 years of service as a Field Representative for the National Foundation-March of Dimes and resigned at that time because I no longer desired a job with travel as a constant diet. I became Medical Social Service Consultant for the Nebraska State Department of Public Welfare. In January, 1967, our new Republican Governor, Norbert Tiemann, whom I admire and respect very highly, told me that he thought Public Welfare in Nebraska had been swept under the rug long enough and asked me to take over the Directorship of the entire department. This I did for the period of one year -- long enough to recruit some top notch leaders in the key positions and long enough to locate a competent replacement -- and then asked to be relieved of the tremendous responsibilities of the department to again return to the position of consultant. One of the contributing factors involved was that my vision has been deteriorating (corneal dystrophy) gradually in recent years and the tension of the more demanding position was causing an acceleration of the problem.

Yes, I most certainly would like a copy of the English ancestry summary you mention in your postscript.

→ { And another bit of information I am most anxious to have is a documentation of the listing of the children of Jonas (1759). Actually the only record I have on this point, other than the Evans report, is that listed in the Parker in America or rather The Parker Family in America. Do you have such a listing from a church record or directly from one of the children's records or otherwise? And if you do have will you please share it with me?

I shall look forward to hearing from you further and to the return of the Evans material in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

E. Clinton Belknap





Carroll Y. Belknap (3) 4/3/68 could  
be most deeply appreciated!

In your material re Jonas N.  
attached to your 3/22/68 note you  
report that he was released from the  
army in 1783 by Gen. George  
Washington with reward of merit  
badge for good and faithful service  
and with the rank of sergeant.  
Elmer Evans made the same statement  
and cited the pension file. I have  
secured a complete copy of the  
entire pension file from the Federal  
Archives and find no verification  
for this statement. Would you be  
kind enough to give me your  
source for the statement?

Will be in touch with you  
again in the near future.

E.C.B.

P.S. In your note of 3/22/68 attached to  
the copy of the Jonas Newton Belknap material  
you refer to "Susannah, twin sister of my  
great-great-grandfather, Jonas Newton B."  
Did you mean the twin sister of Jesse,  
son of Jonas N.?

C.B.



MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carrell York Belknap

6/20/68

Attached is copy of letter to Mrs. Milton Ray Belknap.

I suppose you've noted that the information ~~IX~~ about Elisha's gravestone challenges the guesswork identifications on HWB's sheet for him — citing another entry in the Old NW Quarterly. I've long doubted those identifications and am glad to have this additional evidence.



2019 Harwood Street  
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24 May 1968

To: Carroll Y. Belknap  
From : E. Clinton Belknap

Am most grateful to you for your communication of 11 May, 1968,  
and the additional information it carries. Will write you more  
in relation to this a little later.

At the moment I'm anxious to follow up, if possible, on the data  
you were kind enough to furnish me with your memo of 7 April, 1968,  
namely copies of sheets from the NE HWB records regarding Elijah,  
my ancestor, and his children. On Elijah's sheet HWB lists as cross  
references the following numbers: "302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, and 1."  
Would it be possible for you to furnish me copies of the sheets  
identified by said numbers, especially 302 and 129.4?

Mrs. Jane Belknap, widow of Milton Ray Belknap, of Des Moines, has  
just furnished me with records from which I am able to compile the  
information on her husband's line of descent, which is claimed back to  
Jonas Newton Belknap via Elisha, son of Jonas. I will share these with  
you in the near future. She has presented one item which would seem to  
prove, or at least provide rather good evidence, for establishing Elisha's  
date of birth as 18 January, 1787.

*E.C.B.*



CLINTON:

We can now scratch "Tamar Vinton".

In an obscure part of HWB'S files, she is shown as the wife of a Jonas Belknap who was said to have died in Juniata, Michigan, in 1881 or 1882. HWB noted: "Date of death improbable." He did not succeed in identifying this Jonas. I may be able to do so, later. But obviously not Jonas Newton Belknap, as far as I can judge at this moment.

I think it likely that the date "1881-1882" in Vinton Genealogy is a misprint for 1831-1832. Such misprints of 8 for 3 have been rather common.

It's also possible that this Jonas was a descendant of a Jesse Belknap who ~~xxxxxxx~~ dropped the "k" from his name and was the ancestor of the Mormon Belnaps — also ancestor of a lot of Michigan Belnaps and Belknaps (they varied in using or not using the "k".) I try to identify him some day. . . . One related problem is that the parentage of that Jesse has never been fully verified, to my thinking.

identify



MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carroll Belknap

May 31, 1968

Here are the copies you asked for, HWB's notes of the ancestry of Elijah. I fear you will not find them very helpful, as the only one that I have yet revised is #1, Abraham. The others are just as HWB left them, except for some minor notations that I have made.

#15 -- Ebenezer -- very unsatisfactory on dates. I have not yet tried ~~ff~~ to compare with dates on other records.

#52 -- Samuel -- date and place of death not yet determined. HWB's pencilled entry of Windsor as place of death is questionable. Dates for children are sound. ~~EXISTENCE~~ Existence of Ruth, 129.9, is unsubstantiated tradition.

"129.4 -- Samuel. Date of removal to Murrayfield, given as 1770/1 by HWB, must have been a mistyping for 1760/1. Murrayfield was a large plantation area, ~~may~~ not a town. Belchertown, where Samuel appears on church record 1761, was in that plantation. Data on children very sketchy. Seth -- 303 -- appears in Ontario Co., NY, when Jonas M. N. was there.

"302 -- Jonas N. -- HWB left two sheets for him. One showing wife as a Lincoln was written before 1910. The one showing Esther Parker as wife was written after Jos. Hibbe found the Belchertown records. HWB apparently never saw Parker in America. Data on children very inadequate and incomplete. . . I have started to revise this sheet several times, but am still deferring as I keep getting additional information.

Sorry that these sheets won't be much use to you. When I get around to it, I'll revise them rather extensively. Some of them are among the most unsatisfactory records that HWB left. His #1, Abraham, was so wrong that I just wrote a whole new record.

Will be delighted to see your data on descendants of Elisha. Thus far, I have distrusted everything I've seen, on him -- except the verified record of his early marriage in Ontario County, which I've already told you about.

*CyB*

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Aug 7

Reading, this morning, what I wrote yesterday, I see that I did not deal very well with ~~the~~ point that helps convince me that I am right in believing that the village Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth were and knew they were Belknaps. That point is the question "How did Josias know how to spell the Belknap name?" So I'm going to ramble on, again, to give you the background.

For many years before 1914, the only known record of a Belknap around the year 1600 was the will signed Josias Belknappe and naming his brother Benedict Belknappe as his ~~MAIN~~ heir.

The last male Belknap of the old "knightly line" — the Judge's family — died early in the 16th century. I forget the exact date and don't want to take time to go look it up today — but it was not long after the death of Sir Edward Belknap, which occurred in 1521. Years of searching, including finally the work done by Bernau and others for HWB, never found any Belknap of record between then and the date of the will of Josias.

After Bernau proved that Benedict Belknappe was known as Beltoft, neither he nor any other searcher or record agent ever found any subsequent Belknaps who were not rather obviously descended from the Sawbridgeworth Beltofts.



So, of known record, there were only two English families bearing our name -- the Judge's family and the family that changed its name from Beltoft to Belknap when Bennet died.

When Josias wrote or dictated his will a few days before he died, there had not been anyone else known as a Belknap for just about three-fourths of a century.

Now, as I've indicated in a memo to Cousin Claudia, of which you have a copy, Josias himself is a mystery man. We know only the date when he was christened a Beltoft and what is said in his will, and what can be inferred from the contents of his will, and the date and place of his burial. How he accumulated, in his short life, what amounted to a very considerable estate for a villager 35 years old, we do not know.

But we ~~also~~ do know that he signed his will -- the only member of his generation or the preceding generation known to have been able to do more than sign by mark. We thus have to assume that he had some ~~small~~ schooling and could read and write.

So we end where I began, with that same question. Let me re-phrase that question like this: "How, in the vacuum of three-fourths of a century with no other known or traceable Belknaps, did Josias know how to spell the name, with its unusual and curious 'k'?"

Let me re-state that question in still different fashion. "How could ~~anybody~~ ~~anybody~~ this obscure man in a small farm town have possibly known how to spell the name (in an old fashion) unless he had in his possession or had seen some written document containing the name? And what could that document have been, when the odds against his having been able to see any of the records we now know, for the Judge's family, are overwhelming?" The only way I can answer such questions is to believe that the village Beltofts must have had, for generations past, some written evidence of their true family name -- and that if there was or had been such a document there was something in that that made Bennet stubbornly unwilling to admit that he was a Belknap. it

Of course all this is mere speculation about a mystery. But I've found it impossible to avoid this sort of speculation and your comments in the 4th paragraph on page 2 of your letter 8/29 have tempted me into putting it down on paper for the first time -- knowing that you'll regard it as mere guesswork just as I do.... Yet, dammit, it's informed guesswork.



MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carroll Belknap

July 26, 1968

In trying to complete the record of Jonas Newton Belknap, I feel a need of setting down on paper the puzzle of (1) when did his wife Esther Parker die, and (2) who was the Fanny he named as his wife when applying for a pension in 1820 in Kentucky? He said in his affidavit that he was then living "with my wife Fanny and daughter Diantha." I've mentioned these inter-related questions in earlier notes to you. Now I'm led to continue along this line because of what appears in a letter from Mrs. Jane Belknap. But before I quote what she said, I'd better go back to earlier data.

(1) In 1910, HWB wrote to my cousin Clark Belknap (great grandson of Jesse, like me): "Your great <sup>great</sup> grandmother was a Lincoln." Because of the great interest in family history in my branch of the family (the "Benton County Belknaps" of Oregon, ~~descendants~~ descendants of Jesse and his brother Jonas) this "Lincoln" name has been widely circulated. I have abandoned hope of finding the source of this early error by HWB. All I know is that by 1919 the researches of Joseph Kibbe, Warehouse Point, Conn., (a Belknap connection by marriage) had led HWB to name Esther Parker as Jonas N's wife, in a letter to my father. Kibbe, in HWB's opinion, was the chief authority on "the Connecticut Belknaps." Commander Charles Belknap, in the 1890's, set down the place and date of the marriage to Esther -- but apparently HWB did not know this part of the Commander's records.

(2) HWB, as you know, gave "1817/8" as the date of Esther's death -- with no indication of source. This date, or just "1817", has been given many times by later members of the family -- but again with no indication of proof -- and with no place named.

(3) In 1961, my cousin Claudia Marshall, in Oregon, wrote a transcript of the pension applications made by Jonas N. in 1818 and 1820. This transcript, naming "Fanny" and "Diantha", has been circulated widely. A number of copies ~~initially~~ (some with tampering and erroneous alterations by God-knows-whom) have come into my hands.

(4) The result has been the sort of confusion that appears in Mrs. Jane's letter. She writes: "The dates I have on Esther Fannie Lincoln Parker is this. We saw the stone when we were in Alexandria, Ohio, years ago. I am sure it read 1817-18 and then Reva Barret desc. of Jesse had this same date." Of course this is not valid evidence. And certainly no gravestone would give such a two-year date of death.

(5) Moreover, I do not see how Esther could have been in that part of Ohio as early as 1817 or 1818. Those of her children who had left Ontario County NY (not later than 1816 I am sure) were in Kentucky in 1817 to 1820 or 1822 and had children borne there in those years. None of them went up to Licking County or nearby Ohio until late 1822 or early 1823. Meanwhile, Jonas remained in Ontario County until 1819, when he sold property in Gorham as you already know. (Despite, I should add, the fact that in his 1818 affidavit in nearby Phelps he swore that he ~~had~~ had already sold all property that he had possessed. On this point, we must remember that to qualify for that pension at that time, the law required him to be a pauper. So perhaps he fudged a bit about a small property of little value. Certainly in 1818 he was no longer a farmer with any substantial amount of land.)

(6) To place Esther in Ohio in 1817 or 1818 (and in Licking County) we have to assume that she had left Jonas and had accompanied her son Elijah -- who may have been the only son who went to Ohio without going first to Kentucky..... Do you know if he did this? I have no record on him between 1810 and the 1830 census. One of us, perhaps, should look for the 1820 census, Licking County.



(7) If Esther and Jonas had separated by 1816 or 1817, I'd think I'd find this fact mentioned in what has been set down by some of the women in my branch. But I find nothing of this sort.

(8) Meanwhile, diverge to "Fanny and Diantha." No matter how I juggle the dates, I can find no way of thinking that Diantha was physically a legitimate daughter of Jonas, if she was 9 years old in 1820 as he said in his affidavit that year. Or should I assume (a) that Jonas ~~took up~~ "took up" with this Fanny by at least 1811, (b) had an illegitimate daughter by her, ~~whereupon~~ whereupon Esther left him, and (c) that Jonas married this Fanny after Esther died? The only known evidence tending to lend any support to this sweeping set of assumptions is the fact that Jonas sold his farm at Bristol in Jan. 5, 1810. But the 1810 Census shows him living at Bristol with his ~~family~~ family and a wife of the right age to be Esther. I'd have to assume that the census was taken before that date.

*Have* (9) An opposing surmise is that "Fanny" was a widow Lincoln with a Lincoln daughter, married to Jonas after Esther's death. There were lots of Lincolns in Ontario County in those years. One of them, Samantha Lincoln, born 1807 if the age given for her at her death is correct, married a Bellmap (most likely the son of Jonas's brother Seth — aged 16-25 in census 1810 — and living with his father and mother at Honeoye then — first name unknown). Whoever her husband Bellmap may have been, he appears to ~~have~~ died by 1850 — when ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Samantha Bellmap ~~XXXX~~ was living with Lincoln relatives, as she continued to do till her death in 1879. No connection with Jonas, of course — just indication of Bellmap-Lincoln contacts in the years I've been talking about.

(10) Now, having rambled on about "possibilities," which have to be considered if 1817 or 1818 was the date of Esther's death, I finally come to what I believe was the truth, even though there is evidence against it. The Ontario County Index of Cemeteries shows the name of "Mrs. Jonas Bellmap" — with no further identification. Tracking this indication down, we found in the Index of Deaths of ~~an~~ an old-time Ontario County newspaper, the Western Repository and Genesee Advertiser, the following entry: "July 4, 1815 — Mrs. Jonas Bellmap (Rachel) age 59 — Gorham." Knowing that Jonas had a small property at Gorham until 1819, I think that the name "Rachel" must have been an error by the newspaper. But what about the age — 59? This doesn't agree with the birthdate of 1766 given for Esther by Glen Evans. But I've never believed that date and have not been able to confirm it. Parker in America gives 1765 for the birth of her brother Stiles — with enough further detail on dates to make the record seem likely to be dependable. And by all accounts, Stiles was the second Parker child born after Esther's birth. So in likelihood she was born not later than 1761 or 1762. And ~~xxxxxxxx~~ somewhere I recall seeing a date of 1762 for her birth — some time ago, when I had no reason to make a note about it. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ If she was born in that year, she would have been ~~51~~ in 1815 — not 59. . . . ~~xxxx~~ So I have to guess that the newspaper erred also on her age. Surmise, yes. But there simply is no possible hint that any other Mrs. Jonas Bellmap could have died at that place in 1815.

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(11) So I come to the conclusion that Esther died in 1815 — that it had been she, not Jonas, who had held the family together in Ontario County — and that once she was dead her sons left, in 1816 or possibly late 1815 — with Jonas lingering behind till 1819.

I can't end this memo without paying tribute to Miss Gladys Gray of Geneva, N. Y., a skilled researcher who voluntarily and just for the pleasure of it dug up this and much more information about the Belknaps and the Parkers and the Garlinghouses and the Lincolns -- pages and pages of it, over a period of months. I wish we could find someone like her in Licking County.

So, now, please -- your judgment of what I've written. You're the only person I know who is competent to comment on it.

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On reading what I've written, I think I'd better send a copy to Claudia Marshall, who has been working on the task of adding dates to the long list of Jesse's descendants and bringing it up to date. Though I haven't pestered her with the details of what you and I have been doing to work out the record of Jonas Newton B and his children, she may well know more than I do about some parts of his story -- or may know bits of family tradition that can be helpful -- and may detect errors in what I've said.



CLINTON:

Bless you -- for what you did to help Mrs. Jane. I hated to have to doubt her record. Have been trying to get other people to work in searches that might aid her.

I've taken the liberty of writing to Carol Anne -- supplementing your fine letter to her. Copy enclosed.

I'll answer your other questions as soon as I can.

Carol

Don't forget to write to me

Here are some points that have been in my mind for many months.

(1) Tamar's family <sup>for</sup> lived at Granby, a few miles from Belchertown, when she was a child. It was "from Granby" that Jonas and his father enlisted in May 1775. Jonas was then 16 — Tamar was 9. He might have known her there.

(2) One of her brothers (this is also shown in the ~~mine~~ typed page you sent to me) is known to have moved from Granby to south central New York, near Binghamton — some distance from Ontario County, but near enough to make me wonder if Tamar and Asa Newton accompanied him (as so often happened in families in those days and might well have happened if Asa was a younger son who did not inherit land at Granby).

(3) Cynthia, daughter of Jonas N., is known to have married a Newton -- who is said to have been with Jonas at the time of his death in Kentucky. So there is a known contact by Jonas with a Newton.

(4) The wife living with Jonas N. in Ontario County 1800 and 1810 was the right age (census) to have been Esther Parker — but not Tamar Vinton.

(5) In all of the pension papers of Jonas N. there is no mention of "Tanney" and Diantha before 1820.

(6) As Cynthia was probably born circa 1805, possibly 1802 or 1803, it is not likely that she married before Jonas left Ontario County. Though I still have no evidence of the place of her marriage, it seems reasonable to guess that she accompanied Jonas when he left NY State and met and married Isaac Newton in Kentucky.

(7) If Jonas married Tamar Vinton <sup>Newton,</sup> it too was likely to have been in Kentucky.

Guesswork, much of it. But what I have to do is to trace the movement of Tamar Vinton Newton from Granby, Mass. to somewhere in Kentucky (maybe) — which can be done only by tracing her husband Asa Newton and finding when and where he died.

8/26/68  
Jef + Jeff

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That "only" in the last line on the preceding page was a poorly chosen word. There are other ways, of course, but they are very unlikely in Kentucky at that time. My one best hope is to find a Newton record that will yield the facts we need -- or prove something else.

This brings you up to date on my searches. Wish me luck.

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Later:

I see I haven't played fair. For complete honesty, I should state my reasons for remaining skeptical till definite proof is found.

(1) My own branch of the family has maintained continuous effort on Belknap genealogy for many years, so that we have the facts on more than 500 descendants of Jesse, Elijah's brother. The records of this branch cover the years in Kentucky. Early in this century ~~was~~ two members of my branch formed a family association devoted to research in genealogy. This was the source of much that is in HWB's records and in other sets of records. There is no mention of Tamar Vinton Newton in any of the work that has been done by my branch in ~~past~~ the past 100 years -- nor in what is now being done/ by my Pacific Coast cousins.

( But perhaps the only child of Jonas likely to leave an identification of his wife in Kentucky might have been Cynthia. I can always hope that suddenly I'll receive a query from a descendant of Cynthia, as I did from a descendant of Susannah. I never know what the next mail will bring -- from people who happen to have heard of what I'm doing.)

(2) Of the Belknap genealogists who have known about Tamar's alleged second marriage to a Jonas Belknap, the only one who thought it might be Jonas Newton B was Glenn Evans. HWB didn't think so. Neither did Commander Charles.

(3) The fact that the Vinton Memorial, published many years ago, says that Tamar's second husband was a Jonas Belknap is not valid evidence. When such statements are made without any supporting data, the common assumption is that they are based on mere hearsay. Much of what one finds in published genealogies is of dubious nature. I've had to learn to look for verification before accepting unsupported statements, for I find that top-flight professional genealogists are rather scornful critics of much of what can be found in books, including local histories too. So I'm wary, perhaps because I, too, have made so many mistakes in past years.

MEMO TO E. Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carroll Belknap

Aug 29, 1968

YOUR MEMO Aug 20 (delayed in transit; arrived yesterday)

my (1) Your last paragraph, regarding Tamar Vinton: Dammit, I do wrong things sometimes, with good motives. Re-reading the memo I wrote to you early this week (which got delayed by my failure to put a stamp on it), I get irritated by a long-winded resume of the evidence suggesting a search for a link between Cynthia's marriage to Isaac Newton and Jonas N's possible marriage to Tamar Vinton Newton — thought I was bothering you too much with details of my thinking — chopped off two pages and threw them into the wastebasket. . . Trouble is, my conscience bothers me about the way I pester you and the ways in which I'm likely to continue doing so. I take too much advantage of the fact that you're the only person I know who has both the background and the temperament to appraise my speculations.

(2) Descendants of Elijah: If you uncover any additional information, beyond what I sent to you, I count on you to pass it along.

(3) Jonas at Charleston: Gladys Gray, many months ago, pointed out some reasons why this Jonas could not have been Jonas Newton B — notably ages of daughters. Charleston, she said, was actually not in Ontario County but in Livingston County (and is now called Lima). We agreed on identification of Jonas N as the Jonas shown at Honeoye in same census. I have not yet identified the Jonas at Charleston in 1800 — who has not yet been found in an 1810 census. Do you differ? (The Jonathan Belknap at Charleston in 1800 census has been identified as one of the Newburgh family descended from Abraham's son Joseph — leading us to suspect that the Jonas at Charleston in that year may eventually be identified as from that branch of Belknaps. Newburgh family was very large — 84 in it, in 1790 census.)

(4) Early generations: Don't rely too much on HWH's record for Ebenezer at Haverhill. Many dates for the births of his children have been disputed. I haven't yet tackled this problem. (I envy a JMI juggler with only six balls to keep in the air.) . . . There's also contradictory record on Samuel, father of Jonas N — and on his grandfather Samuel, son of Ebenezer. I'll get it straightened out some day, but God knows when.

(5) Reva Barrett — you're right. I <sup>have</sup> found a forgotten mention of her in a letter from a descendant of Jonas son of Jonas N.

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QUERY: Would you be willing to let me impose on you by asking you to contact another Belknap in Lincoln, who says she has a lot of "family tree" information but hasn't replied to my request for aid?



*Just copy to RBT*

MEMO TO E. Clinton Bellmap  
FROM Carroll Bellmap

5/11/68

This being a Saturday, I'll try to answer your most helpful memo of 5/1. Delay caused by absence from home — at Boston and Salem, mostly.

I'm grateful for your detection of my error in typing dates of Ebenezer's children. A year or two ago, an accident to my left hand forced me to learn typing all over again, one-handed. So I make stupid errors in typing, and don't see them. Thanks.

I enclose copy of a memo to Dick Taylor and an accompanying sheet about the old "Mary Wood—Mary Dickinson" confusion. It ~~is~~ indicates (partially) my low opinion of the Salt Lake records for anything earlier than the 19th century. I have what is said to be a complete set of the Bellmap family records as stored in the Salt Lake Archives. They are full of such obvious errors as giving date and place of baptism as date and place of birth (which were often very different in 17th and 18th centuries), etc. etc. Much of the early work for those Salt Lake records was done by Hiram Bellmap fifty or more years ago -- a man whom HNB characterized as "most unfitted for this kind of work." In that Hiram's own pedigree, sent to me by his daughter Della (who is a kind and wonderfully helpful person) I had to note 16 provable errors, 11 omissions of known data, and 4 statements subject to serious question. So I warn you, regard Salt Lake as helpful in supplying leads -- but nothing more than that. Some of Glen Evans' mistakes come from unquestioning acceptance of what is shown in the Utah sheets. I get negative reactions when I question those Utah records; so I've stopped telling Della about the ~~errors~~ *errors* I spot.

You'll note that my sheet about "Mary Wood -- Mary Dickinson" mentions the work of Commander Charles Bellmap, who died in 1921. I've known about his work for a long time but couldn't find his records till I read an old letter from a son of his, sent to me by Dick Taylor. ~~And I know that HNB regarded the Commander's work highly and~~ *And I know that HNB regarded the Commander's work highly and* cited it frequently (though differing on some minor details). In Boston, lately, I examined the Commander's papers and was terrifically impressed by their obviously ~~unimpeachable~~ scholarly nature. Found in them much that HNB had been ~~un~~ unable to use, as the Commander's son refused to let HNB see them. Formed the opinion (after checking some final entries against sources shown in the Commander's worksheets) that I'll accept his findings as is -- unless I have positive evidence of error in them. (My sheet on "Mary Wood -- Mary Dickinson" melds HNB's record and the Commander's ~~and my own.~~) I am making the necessary arrangements to have the Commander's records placed at my disposal.

One thing I found in his final record was what seems to be reliable information on Jonas Newton B.

Born: 19 May 1759

Married Esther Parker, at Belchertown, 17 January 1783.

This last entry interests me for two reasons. (1) It contradicts the vague statements that I've seen to the effect that they married "soon after his discharge from the ~~XXXXX~~ Army" in June 1783. (2) It explains that entry in his military record, showing that he got 40 days leave on Dec 17, 1782 and overstayed his leave 2 days. ~~XXXX~~

You are right, of course, in pointing out that Parker in America merely says that Esther married "a Bellmap" -- but the standard many-volume index to genealogical data (I forget its name at this moment) lists those pages for Jonas. And the church record at Belchertown confirms the marriage of Jonas and Esther. Source most often cited as easiest to consult is Doolittle's Notes on the Church History of Belchertown.

Thanks for telling me where I had seen the name of Abijah Wright. It all ties in



with the records sent me from Ontario County -- which show that at least some of Elijah Parker's children, including Esther's brother Stiles, moved on to that area with Jonas and Esther -- and went on to Kentucky about the same time that Jesse did.

You ask me to re-check the 1800 census record on the children of Jonas Newton B. I should have told you that I was quoting a record sent to me by a helper at Canandaigua. (I haven't yet had time to study the census records themselves, though the microfilms are available nearby). I copied correctly from the record sent to me. It's best to remember that the early census records were often very inaccurate on detail. I regard them as providing reasonable evidence of residence, not much more than that. . . . The 1810 census, ten years later, for obviously the same family, shows 2 males 10 to 15, 1 female under 10 (probably Cynthia, as you surmised), 1 female 10-15.

On children of Jonas Newton B., the Commander's records show the following dates of baptism (not birth): Samuel and Elijah, 14 Aug 1785; Orrin born 25 24 May 1799.

He names the following children of Elijah: Richard, Philander, Giles.

He also has some data on Eliza -- naming children: Lucy, Henry, Ely.

For Jonas (son of Jonas N.) he has the complete list of children and some dates not previously known to me.

At Boston, I looked up Famar Vinton in the Vinton genealogy: Vinton Memorial. It shows her born 30 July 1766; married Asa Newton 25 Jan 1789; and married (no date) Jonas Bellmap as second husband. Obviously must have been another Jonas (there were several in those years, in various branches, and I've not yet identified all of them/). ~~XX~~  
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In the library at the MHS Society, Boston, I found in a very amateurish manuscript on some Bellmap genealogy another version of that famiful first page that Glen Evans wrote for you -- differing in detail somewhat but plainly derived from the same source -- which I'm guessing is Ruttenber's very erroneous history of the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Newburgh Bellmap family, embroidered by Evans.

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HWB'S pages on Elijah were written before 1914. The notes on ~~their~~ sources were destroyed in the Salem fire, 1914.

Thanks for the list of Bellmaps in War of 1812. I can use it. . . . Am especially interested in the inclusion of our most unsolved Bellmap -- Pilgrim. We have full records of Pilgrim's many descendants -- but no clue to his parentage. Maybe the record in the National Archives will show where he enlisted, placing him somewhere earlier than our first known residence for him -- Saratoga, N. Y. (or Saratoga County). Did you copy any further data on him? (He had a brother Stephen, whose descendants also know nothing of the parentage.)



SUNDAY 5/12

Reading what I wrote yesterday, I see some points on which I should make additions.

(1) Date of birth of Elijah. Date given by the <sup>for baptism</sup>Consunder is first full date I've seen. One weakness of all work by Evans is his use of year only. Baptismal date for Samuel and Elijah (14 Aug 1785) was ~~15~~ 15 days after Jonas N. and Esther became members of the Belchertown church (30 July 1785). No date yet known for birth of Samuel, but we can assume it was late ~~1783~~ 1783 or early 1784 -- and we cannot be far wrong if we take Belchertown as birthplace for both of ~~them~~ them.

(2) Tamar Vinton -- HEB card linking her to a much later Jonas in Michigan must be in error; or else the Vinton Memorial is wrong on her dates, which I doubt. I think HEB erred.

(3) Salt Lake Sheet for Elisha. His birthplace shown as Licking County, Ohio -- plainly wrong, as ~~known~~ no member of family of Jonas N. was that far west so early. As previously said to you, Elisha was married to Bettie Briggs, in Ontario County, N. Y. As I've said earlier, Salt Lake records are extremely unreliable on birth dates and birthplaces. . . . On that same sheet, I doubt the entry of Niagara County N Y for birthplace of Eli; but have no other record to compare, yet. . . . As to Elisha, only places where he could have been born (according to my records) are either Belchertown, Mass. or Cherry Valley, N. Y.

In my memo to you dated 3/28, par. 3, I mentioned what I thought was confusion about marriage of Orrin. My error. Confusion was between a brother of Elijah and Jesse named Orrin (or Orin, spellings differ in various records) and a son of the 2nd Jonas named Orrin -- it was the latter who married Nancy Starr, daughter of ~~NEWBERRY~~ Rev. John W. Starr, whose farm in Oregon adjoined that ~~is~~ this Orrin.

I most grateful for your aid. <sup>straight,</sup> Between us, we may get the record straight eventually.

Oct. 1, 1968

DEAR CLINTON:

Forgive delays in answering your letters Sept 12 and 24. Have been away.

Sept 12 letter: I have received a nice note of thanks from Carol Anne.... You're probably right about identifying the Jonas at Charleston in 1800 as Jonas N. I'll dig into this later -- along with problem of who was the Jonas at Honeoye in same census. I seem to have one Jonas too many.

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Sept 24 letter: I've assumed the reference to "The Annals" means Annals of Academy of Political and Social ~~SCIENCES~~ Sciences -- but haven't looked it up, yet. Presume in some issue not later than 1910. Have intended to write to editor, asking what issue. Will welcome your aid on this.

Place ~~mt~~ of death of Samuel, son of Jonas N. --- presumably ~~NAME~~ Honeoye. Here's the evidence, as supplied by Miss Gray:

INDEX OF WILLS (Surrogate's office)

Samuel Belknapp - intestate - letters of administration April 19, 1810 to wife Sarah and friend Abijah ~~WRIGHT~~ Wright.

1810 CENSUS, page 62

BELKNAP, Sally (Honeoye) 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0

Disregard my earlier guess that her maiden name was Jones. I no longer believe this.

Forgive brevity. We are getting ready for a holiday in Greece -- mostly on Crete. Back by Dec 1. Hope to find a lot of stuff from you, then.

*David*



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Ask Gray  
abt 1820 Census



Miss Gray found one record of an Isaac Newton ~~XXXX~~ who could possibly have been a son of that Asa Newton:

COUNTY CLERK RECORDS, liber 42, p. 314 — Feb. 1, 1823 — Isaac Newton of Bloomfield sold to Harvey Steele 56 acres in Bloomfield. \$1 — quit claim deed.

(NOTE BY CYB: The fact that he is named as "of Bloomfield" does not necessarily signify actual physical residence there at that time. This Isaac could thus have been the one named by Glen Evans as executor of Jonas's estate in Kentucky in 1824. The settlement called Bloomfield, no longer in existence, was at that time only a few miles east of the land bought by Asa Newton in 1811.)

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On that same date — Feb. 1, 1823 — the County Clerk Records, liber 41, page 434, show that a Samuel Pierce "assignee of Isaac Newton" sold 100 ~~XXXXXX~~ acres (location not named by Miss Gray) to Micah Brooks — \$1 — quit claim deed.

(A possible hint ~~XXX~~ that this Isaac Newton was no longer in that area and that both these transactions were performed for him by others.)

All this, of course, is highly inconclusive. But I have thought it well to make a record of even these slight and dubious ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ possible clues. Someday, perhaps, they might fit into a pattern of other evidence.

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Carroll



Dec. 13, 1968

CLAUDIA MARSHALL  
CLINTON BELKNAP

Now that we are back from Crete, I'm resuming the search for TAMAR VINTON.

Before leaving home in October, I asked Gladys Gray if she could find any trace in Ontario County in the early 1800's of an Asa Newton (possible first husband of Tamar) and an Isaac Newton (possible son of Asa and possible husband of Jonas's daughter Cynthia).

In the accumulated mail I find a reply from her, giving a sizable mass of data on Newtons in Ontario County. As Claudia is interested in Newton genealogy, I'm sending her a copy of this material. For Clinton's information, I'll merely summarize the portions that may possibly bear on Tamar Vinton.

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS -- Jan. 30, 1811 -- an Asa Newton bought land not far from the part of Ontario County where Jonas and his sons lived in 1810. Price, \$600.

SURROGATE'S OFFICE RECORDS -- an Asa Newton was granted letters of ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ administration in the estate of a son (name left blank in the record) -- May 23, 1815.

But No Asa Newton shown in census records of 1800 or 1810. (Still to be asked: whether he appears in 1820 census.)

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS -- Feb. 1, 1823 -- two quit-claim deeds -- \$1 each -- to land near property of that Asa Newton -- by an Isaac Newton (so worded as to hint that this Isaac Newton may not have been, in that year, physically present in Ontario County).

Inconclusive --

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ but even such slight clues may fit into a broader pattern, some day.

If I find that neither this Asa nor this Isaac appears in the 1820 census of Ontario County, we may at least surmise that this Asa arrived in the county after the 1810 census and died before the 1820 census (though Miss Gray has found no record of his death or burial) -- and that this Isaac left Ontario County before 1820 (about same time that Jonas left, perhaps).

As possible hint that this Asa Newton may have been the Asa who was brother of Mary Newton, mother of Jonas N B, there are obvious indications that some of the many Newtons in that part of Ontario County at that time had come from the same part of Connecticut where the parents of Mary lived -- or nearby.

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Not sent

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Dec. 10, 1968

✓ CLAUDIA MARSHALL  
CLINTON BELKNAP

Now that Peg and I are home from a happy time on Crete, I'm starting to work on genealogy again. Among the accumulated correspondence, there's a letter and some enclosures, from Gladys Gray -- who has helped so much by research in Ontario County, NY. I had asked her if there was any trace in that county of the Asa Newton who married Tamar Vinton, ~~mf~~ and of an Isaac Newton who might be ~~their~~ son.

With her customary thoroughness, she sent me everything she found on Newtons. Because Claudia is interested in Newton genealogy, I'm sending her a ~~complete~~ complete copy of Miss Gray's sheets. But as most of what they contain would be of no interest to Clinton, I'll summarize here -- for him -- the entries that may have some bearing on our effort to trace the marriage of Jonas Newton Belknap to Tamar (Vinton) Newton.

In the early 1800's, there was an Asa Newton in that part of N.Y. He does not appear in the census records examined by Miss Gray; but he does appear in two other records:

COUNTY CLERK RECORDS, Liber 18, p. 228 -- Sir John Lowther Johnstone of Webster Hall, Dumfries, Scotland, Baronet, and his wife Charlotte, sold to ASA NEWTON 150 acres situated in the northwest corner of lot #5, Township #9, 6th Range . . . for \$600 -- Jan. 30, 1811. Map attached to this entry showed location of this property to be not far from Honeoye (where Jonas and his sons lived in 1810). Miss Gray could find no record of any sale of this property by Asa; so presumably it went to his heirs, though she found no record of such inheritance-- nor any record of the death or burial of this Asa.

SURROGATE'S OFFICE -- May 23, 1815 -- ASA NEWTON was granted letters of administration in the estate of his ~~son~~ son (name of son not shown in the record). Miss Gray writes: "The clerks in the Surrogate's office were stymied by the entry "name unknown." Certainly Asa must have known the name of his son. My guess is that whoever copied it was unable to read the name on the original, left a blank to be filled in, and then forgot to ask anyone."

Nothing that she found identifies this Asa Newton as the one who married Tamar Vinton, nor as the father of the Isaac Newton who (according to Glen Evans) married Cynthia Belknap, daughter of Jonas.

1810 ~~or 1820~~

1810

The fact that ~~Asa~~ this Asa Newton appears only in records for 1811 and 1815 and not in census records for 1800 or ~~1820~~ (though other Newtons do) may indicate that he arrived in Ontario County after ~~1820~~ ~~1820~~ and died before 1820 -- which would seem to fit our guess that Tamar (who may have been his widow) married Jonas Belknap sometime after 1818. . . But of course this is mere guesswork yet.

As I may  
abt 1820 census



Miss Gray found one record of an Isaac Newton ~~XXXX~~ who could possibly have been a son of that Asa Newton:

COUNTY CLERK RECORDS, liber 42, p. 314 — Feb. 1, 1823 — Isaac Newton of Bloomfield sold to Harvey Steele 56 acres in Bloomfield. \$1 — quit claim deed.

(NOTE BY CYB: The fact that he is named as "of Bloomfield" does not necessarily signify actual physical residence there at that time. This Isaac could thus have been the one named by Glen Evans as executor of Jonas's estate in Kentucky in 1824. The settlement called Bloomfield, no longer in existence, was at that time only a few miles east of the land bought by Asa Newton in 1811.)

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~~XX~~

On that same date — Feb. 1, 1823 — the County Clerk Records, liber 41, page 434, show that a Samuel Pierce "assignee of Isaac Newton" sold 100 ~~XXXXXX~~ acres (location not named by Miss Gray) to Micah Brooks — \$1 — quit claim deed.

(A possible hint ~~XXX~~ that this Isaac Newton was no longer in that area and that both these transactions were performed for him by others.)

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*Carroll*

Jan. 27, 1968

GLADYS GRAY  
CLINTON BELKNAP

A penalty for a lazy warm Autumn in Grete is facile surrender to flu of whatever it was.

Now that Peg and I are thinking of returning to the human race, my first need is a note to you two fine people.

Just as soon as I can, I'll draft an outline of my plans for helping Carol Anne on her D A R application — and I'll send it to you for comment, please.

Meanwhile, two questions:

GLADYS: Can you readily tell me the boundaries of the Town of Richmond in 1796?

CLINTON: Can you get copies of all exhibits or supplementary documents that were attached to Carol Anne's application?



Jan 27 1969

CLINTON:

Your most welcome and helpful memo of Jan 12 and accompanying material:

Some points that I think I should mention.

(1) Abridged Compendium's "three brothers." This commercial enterprise has no standing among professional genealogists. The paragraph about the so-called brothers Joseph and Thomas has appeared without change in every edition I have seen -- even after HWB'S publication of the full church register record at Sawbridgeworth in NEH&GS Register, 1914. Abraham had no brothers with ~~his~~ such names. All his brothers remained in England. See that volume of The Register.

(2) Sheet showing Elijah's children. Could you aid me by giving me the cited source for each entry and each date? I need that sort of information, whenever I can get it.

No. 58: Does John Sherman know of marriage of Amazilla and Joel Eastman?

No. 59: Birth date for Louisa Wright indicates she may have been daughter of Abijah Wright and Roxanna Parker, sister of Esther. Worth knowing, if true -- as further evidence of close linkage of Parker and Belknap families, in Ontario County. (We know that Esther's brother Stiles was there and moved to Kentucky about same time as Esther's sons did.)

From here on, sketch of family history.

in Ont. Ex Co.

Page 1, par 2: Only record that Jonas was a cooper was in Kentucky -- after he got into the whiskey-making country. In Ontario he was a farmer -- till he sold his land as previously reported to you. No record of how he made his living after that -- except ownership and sale of a much smaller piece of land.

Page 1, par. 3 -- Not "allegedly known as Lima" but should read "now called Lima." Many old names changed in that area -- e. g. Pittstown became Honeoye. Miss Gray's knowledge of the place-names is vast and provably accurate, as result of her work on a history of old houses in that section.

Page 1, last par.: Second line -- all records of births of children show Kentucky in the 1820's and Licking County Ohio in 1830's. Not Ohio first, as you said,

Same par.: Lines 5 and 6: Can you send me the 1820 Census record for Jonas?

Same par. "James Garlinghouse." What is your basis for saying that the James Garlinghouse in Kentucky was father of the "three Garlinghouse girls." I think their father stayed in Ontario County. Am I wrong?

Page 2: Wapello County, Iowa. According to Jesse's daughter-in-law Keturah (my father's "Aunt Kit") Jesse and his family were also in Wapello County in early 1840s. At least, his son Ransom was.

Page 2: Have you also looked at Census records for Davis County, Iowa — just west of Wapello County — where there is still a small town named Belknap? Or was that part of Iowa in Wapello County in 1850?

Many thanks for this helpful material.



Although in only rough draft form, these may be retained by you if you desire realizing of course that further modifications and revisions may be made in the final draft due to additional information which may come to light.

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# SIXTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Samuel (4) 1703; Samuel (5) 1731; Jonas (6) 1759.

39 JONAS BELKNAP (6)	MARRIED	1st. TAMAR VINTON
b. 1759 Enfield, Ct.		
d. 1824 Hart Co., Ky.	1783	2nd. ESTHER PARKER
r. Cherry Valley, N.Y. 1792		b. 1766 Bolton, Ct.
Belchertown, Mass. 1776		dau. of Elijah and Martha
Worcester, N.Y. 1798		(Stiles) Parker of Bolton
Naples, Ontario Co. 1818		d. 1817
Harte Co., Ky. 1820		bur. Alexandria, Ohio,
Harpin Co., Ky.		cemetery

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## CHILDREN

45 Samuel	1784-	
46 <u>Elijah</u>	1785 <sup>m</sup> (Mass.)	Mar. 1/8/1806 Catharine Garlinghouse
47 <u>Jonas</u>	1786 <sup>p</sup> (N.Y.)	Mar. Mary Garlinghouse
48 <u>Elisha</u>	1789- (Niagara, N.Y.)	Mar. 1808 Lucy Finch
	-1839 (Licking, Ohio)	
49 <u>Jesse</u>	1792-1881	Mar. <u>June</u> Garlinghouse
50 Susan	1792- (Twin to Jesse.)	b. Cherry Valley, d. Alexandria, Ohio.
51 Esther	1796-	Mar. Gamaliel Garlinghouse
52 Cynthia		
53 <u>Orrin</u>	1799-1873	Mar. 1824 Mary A. Draper
54 Hester	1805-	Mar. Mr. Garlinghouse
55 Diantha	1811-	Lived with father, Harte Co., Ky. in Dec. 1820

From affidavits in the Jonas Belknap #39 pension file S-36408 (The actual serial number of his pension certificate in relation to his claim filed under the Congressional Act of March 18, 1818, entitled "An Act to Provide for Certain Persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War was 13360) relating to services in the Revolutionary War, photo copies of which were furnished E. Clinton Belknap #77 under date of 12-28-1960 by the General Services Administration, National Archives and Record Service, we learn that Jonas Belknap:

"first enlisted into the service of the United States in the Spring of 1775 for eight months in the State of Massachusetts and served said term, and, about the first of January, 1776, enlisted for one year and before his service expired he enlisted sometime in the fall of the same year in the Continental Service during the War in the state of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Luke Day in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Alden afterwards by Colonel John Brooks..."

Note: Mr. James C. Olson, head of the History Department of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, explains that the first two enlistments "in the services of the United States" would have been in the Massachusetts Militia and that after serving out the first and some of the second enlistment in the Massachusetts State Militia, he enlisted or was voluntarily transferred to Washington's Continental Army which had been authorized under an act of the Continental Congress in 1775.

Another affidavit in his pension files states that the January, 1776, enlistment was at Northampton, Massachusetts.



*History of Hadley, Mass., DAR Lincoln  
Records; Doan's Belchertown Records*

SIXTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

*Jonas Belknap #39 cont.)*

From affidavits in the above mentioned Jonas Belknap pension files, we find that Jonas Belknap continued to serve in the Continental Army until the end of the war and, with the rank of sergeant, was given an honorable discharge in June, 1783, at Newburgh in the State of New York. Records researched by Glen W. Evans indicated that Jonas Belknap also received a badge of merit at the time of his dismissal. This would have been understandable because of his long period of service at a time when one of the greatest problems plaguing Washington's Army was short enlistments and desertions.

According to affidavits in his pension file, Jonas Belknap had served under Captain Keith and Colonel Jackson in the Massachusetts Militia and had, among others, later served under Captain Luke Day and Captain Coburn and under Colonel Alden and John Brooks. These affidavits further stated that he had served in the following battles:

"Battle of Bunker Hill"  
"Bemis Heights"  
"Cober's Klin" or Cober's Hill  
"Taking of Burgoyne" (Battle of Saratoga)  
"Taking of Cornwallis" (Battle of Yorktown)  
and "Battle of Newburgh."

He was wounded in the Battle of Cober's Kiln or Cober's Hill and according to his pension files was, under an Act of Congress in 1793, given a \$20 per year pension. This he later relinquished in May, 1818, for a pension paying \$8 per month under the Revolutionary War Claims Act of March 18, 1818.

According to the records of Glen W. Evans, Jonas lived at Cherry Valley in Otsego Co., New York, in 1792 when twins, Jesse and Susan, were born. He was a member of the Belchertown, Massachusetts, Congregational Church in 1785. In 1798, he and his wife were admitted to the First Presbyterian Church of Worcester, Otsego Co., New York. He lived at Naples, Ontario Co., New York, in 1818 when he made his application for a pension. In 1820, he lived in Harte Co., Kentucky. He gave his wife's name as Fannie and had a daughter Diantha living with him. Perhaps Esther Parker was called "Fannie" or he might have married again. It appears that Jonas must have married a third time since Jane Belknap's records indicate that his wife Esther died in 1817 and was buried in Alexandria, Ohio.

He died in Harte Co., Kentucky, February 16, 1824, and the last pension payment was made to Isaac Newton, administrator of his estate, at the Lexington, Kentucky Pension Agency.

According to an affidavit in his pension files signed in December, 1820, his occupation had been "coopering."

References Glenn W. Evans: (See: Pension file; Parker Family of America; Vinton Family; several of his children's records; Belchertown Church records; Bolton, Connecticut town records.) Photocopies of pension files from General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. (Jane E. Belknap (wife of the late Milton Ray Belknap) 4615 Ovid Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, provided the date of marriage of Jonas to Esther Parker, the date of death and place of burial of Esther Parker Belknap, the place of birth for Elisha #48 as well as the name of

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the husband of Esther #51. Mrs. Jane Belknap's husband was a descendant of Elisha #48 who was, in turn, the brother of Elijah #46. She has done extensive research on the family record so her son Donald A. (1923-) of Kansas City could qualify for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and ~~his~~ daughter, Carol Ann, (1949-) in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

See also Parker Family in America, 1630-1910, Augustus Parker, Buffalo N.Y. & 1910 10458 and 459 located in Collection of Iowa Historical Society library, Des Moines, Iowa



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SEVENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Samuel (5) 1731; Jonas (6) 1759; Elijah (7) 1785

- 46 ELIJAH BELKNAP (7)  
b. 1785, Massachusetts  
(Probably Belchertown,  
Hampshire County)  
d. (1871 or following)  
(Possibly in Clinton  
Co. Frankfort, Indiana,  
where he was reported to  
have been in 1871, or in  
Texas at Comanche or  
Throckmorton or in Wapello  
Co., Iowa  
r. Ontario County, N.Y.;  
Kentucky; Wapello Co.,  
Ottumwa, Iowa; Licking  
County, Ohio; Clinton Co.,  
Frankfort, Ind.; Comanche  
or Throckmorton, Texas (?)

MARRIED  
1/8/1806  
Ontario Co.,  
New York

\*CATHARINE GARLINGHOUSE

b. 1789, Pennsylvania  
d.

Note: May have been dau. of  
George Garlinghouse,  
1801 to 6/7/1865, who  
is buried in Blakesburg,  
Iowa Cemetery in Wapello  
Co., Iowa (See Jane Belknap  
letter 8/16/1964)

*a letter from  
John V. Gallagher  
Colonel, General Services  
Richard A. Jacoby, Chief  
Central Reference Staff  
General Services Administration  
National Archives & Records  
Service, Washington D.C.*

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*record date 4/18/67 states as follows:*

- 56 James M.  
b. 1/25/1809, New York  
d. 9/22/1876  
Married  
12/3/1837  
Susannah Taylor  
b. 9/3/1814, Pennsylvania  
d. 7/16/1874
- 57 Gamaliel  
b. 12/27/1814  
d.  
Married  
4/23/1835  
Louisa Wright  
b. 12/17/1812, N.Y. (Tombstone  
in Wapello Co., Iowa says "1813")  
d. 1/12/1859, Blakesburg, Wapello  
Co., Iowa, (Tombstone)
- 58 Joseph Gillett  
b. 7/19/1826, Kentucky  
d. 12/13/1915, Stephens Co.,  
Texas  
Married  
8/2/1849  
1st. Elizabeth A. VanCleve  
b. 7/16/1834, Ind.  
d. 12/20/1863  
2nd. Olive Amelia Brock Roberts  
b. 1/17/1844 (Tombstone)  
d. 3/3/1913, Cedar Vale, Kansas  
(Tombstone)
- 59 Mary J.  
b. 1830, Ohio  
d.  
r. Missouri after marriage--  
Anna Belknap  
Married  
Probably at  
Ottumwa, Iowa  
Lacy Garlinghouse

*"The Indianapolis Pension Agency  
register indicates that the last payment of  
record for Elijah Belknap, a resident of  
Frankfort, Indiana was in the amount*

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## SEVENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

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\*Glen W. Evans had listed the name of Elijah's wife as Christine Garlinghouse because it had, by error, been so listed in a communication he had received from Anna McCormack Belknap

Re: Elijah Belknap (#46) 1785-

According to the 1850 U.S. Census for Wapello County, Iowa, page 500, schedule 1400, Elijah Belknap, #46, a "farmer", was born in 1785, in Massachusetts. Since his father, Jonas, #39, is reported to have been living at Belchertown from 1776 to about 1798, it is assumed that Belchertown in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, was the city of Elijah's birth.

In a "Declaration for Pension" filed March 31, 1871, he stated that he had married Catharine Garlinghouse, January 8, 1806, in Ontario County, New York.

He was inducted into the New York Militia in the War of 1812 at Naples, New York. He served from "24 August 1814 to 8 November 1814," in Captain Graham's Company under the command of General Jacob Brown. (War Department Muster Rolls, Vol 93, page 221.)

According to the record, his responsibilities in the military had been "guarding prisoners to Albany and conducting the shipping of provisions to the soldiers." Immediately following his discharge at Batavia, N.Y., he was at Canadique, in Ontario County, N.Y. where he collected his pay.

The Wapello County, Iowa, U.S. Census for 1850 (pages 480, schedule 1120, and page 500, schedule 1399) states that both of his older sons, James M. #56, and Gamaliel, #57, were born in New York in 1809 and 1814 respectively, but that his younger son, Joseph, #58, was born in Kentucky in 1826.

His only daughter, Mary, was born in Ohio, (probably Licking) in 1830. It is evident from the same 1850 Census record that Elijah Belknap and his family had moved to Wapello County, Iowa, in about 1845. All of his sons were living in that county at the time the census was taken and all were listed as "farmer." The family probably lived in the vicinity of Blakesburg, Iowa, since the two witnesses to attest to Elijah's identity in connection with his claim for Bounty Land in February, 1854, a Mr. Seaman Smith and a Mr. Silas Reynolds, were both of Blakesburg.

An affidavit in his pension file, signed in January, 1852, stated that he was at that time a resident of Licking County, Ohio. However, in 1854, he filed an affidavit from Wapello County, Iowa, again.

On March 31, 1871, he filed for a pension in Owen Township, ~~Frankfort~~ Clinton County, Indiana, based on his military service in the War of 1812. Certificate No. 7642 was issued November 9, 1871, in response to his claim No. 6580, authorizing a monthly pension of \$8 commencing February 14, 1871. The certificate was issued by the Indianapolis Agency and recorded in the Indianapolis Volume, page 5. Prior to this, he had received two Bounty Land grants in recognition of his service: one by warrant No. 99182 for 40 acres under the Act of September 28, 1850 and another by warrant 19146 for 120 acres under the Act of March 3, 1855.



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References: Glen W. Evans; Mrs. Anna McCormack (Arthur C.) Belknap of Cedar Vale, Kansas; Wapello County, Iowa, 1850 Census report; U.S. Government's War of 1812 Records; Mrs. Sopha Belknap Eudy, Cisco, Texas; and from personal conversations with Elmer C. "Ed" Belknap. Mrs. Anna Belknap, aged 93, at the time of her death in January, 1965, had taken a great interest in compiling information concerning the Belknap family record and was very alert mentally to the time of her death. She was a maternal granddaughter of James M. Belknap #56, son of Elijah #46 and had, in 1904, secured copies of the family record from James M. Belknap's Bible. She married her first cousin once removed, Arthur C. Belknap, who was the son of Joseph Gillett Belknap #58, son of Elijah Belknap #46 and also had access earlier in life to his Family Bible Records. Mrs. Sopha Eudy is a granddaughter of Joseph Gillett Belknap by his first marriage (dau. of James Gee) and thus has had access to early family records of her grandfather and his associations with his older brothers and his father.

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# EIGHTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Jonas (6) 1759; Elijah (7) 1785; Joseph Gillett (8) 1826

58 JOSEPH GILLETT BELKNAP (8)

MARRIED  
8/2/1849

1st ELIZABETH A. VANCLEVE  
b. 7/16/1834, in Indiana  
d. 12/20/1863

b. 7/29/1826 in Kentucky,  
probably Hart County  
d. 12/13/1915, in Stephens Co. Texas

2/7/1864

Buried in country cemetery by name  
"Possum (or Possom) Trot"

2nd OLIVE AMELIA BROCK ROBERTS  
b. 1/17/1844, in Tennessee  
d. 3/3/1913, in Cedar Vale, Kans.

r. Ottumwa, Wapello Co., Iowa;  
Linn Co., Missouri; Wamego, Pot-  
tawatomie Co., Kansas; Scott Co.,  
Kansas; Austin, Travis County,  
Comanche Co., Throckmorton Co., and  
Stephens Co., ~~and~~ all of Texas

## CHILDREN First Marriage

60 Ahijah "Jack" Wood  
b. 10/11/1851, Iowa  
d. 1/3/1921, Ennis, Texas  
(killed by a train)

Married  
12/4/1873  
Casual Co., Ill.

Margaret Boyd  
b. 7/27/1855, Ellis Co., Texas  
d. 5/18/1938, Seymour, Texas

61 Tillman N.  
b. 10/8/1853  
d. 4/24/1855 (died young)

62 James Gee  
b. 12/9/1855, Austin, Texas  
d. 1/18/1917, Cisco, Texas

Married  
11/12/1882  
Dallas Co., Texas

Nancy Parthenia Boyd  
b. 2/28/1861, Dallas Co., Texas  
d. 10/26/1954, Cisco, Texas

63 Isaac Newton  
b. 1/7/1857  
d. 8/8/1858 (died young)

64 Sarah Emily  
b. 6/1/1859, Comanche Co., Texas  
d. 7/29/1922, Comanche Co., Texas

Married

James Parsons  
David Boyd (Widower of Edith  
Belknap, below)  
Mr. Hooser  
Mr. Rittenberry  
and a Mr. Dodd

65 Edith May  
b. 7/24/1862  
d. Sept. 1888 Hazel Dell,  
Comanche Co., Texas

Married

David Boyd

Note: Margaret Boyd and Nancy Parthenia Boyd are sisters of David Boyd.  
\*Information from Sophia Belknap Eudy, Box 1022, Cisco, Texas 6/29/1965.



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## CHILDREN Second Marriage

- 66 Aruthr<sup>u</sup> Carey Married Anna McCormack  
b. 1/18/1865, Ottumwa, Iowa 12/13/1891 b. 10/8/1871, Mercer Co., Mo.  
d. 3/28/1945, Cedar Vale, Kans. d. 1/15/1965, Cedar Vale,  
Chautauqua Co., Kansas
- 67 Laura F. Married William Strome  
b. 2/11/1867, Wapello Co. Iowa 1/13/1897 b. 4/16/1854, Indiana  
d. 3/31/1917, Kay Co., Oklahoma d. 12/19/1907, Kingman, Kansas
- 68 Albert Porter  
b. 2/1/1869, Wapello Co., Iowa  
d. 1/3/1910 "Of Yellow Fever in Texas."--Elmer C. "Ed" Belknap.  
In Comanche Co., Texas--Daisy Wood 3/30/65
- 69 Luther LeRoy Married Abbey Sorry  
b. 3/22/1871, Wapello Co., Iowa 1905  
d. 1940, Rocky Ford, Colorado 12/22/1920 or  
12/16/1920--- Ellen Davis
- 70 Elmer Curtis "Ed" Married "Liz" Rader  
b. 3/29/1873, Ottumwa, Iowa 9/1/1895  
d. 4/27/1963, Sioux City, Iowa Russell Spring, Kans.  
Burial at Emerson, Nebraska  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
12/25/1903 Kittie L. Moss  
Greene Co., Ind. b. 4/8/1884, Green Co., Ind.  
d.  
7/4/1918 Daisy Leach  
Hot Springs, S.D.
71. Bertha Amelia Married David Sears  
b. 8/23/1875, Wapello Co., Iowa 10/28/1891 b. 12/31/1863, Illinois  
d. Kansas d. 10/8/1928, Lawrence Co., Ind.
- 72 Blanche Married Roy Bennett  
b. 2/24/1878, Wapello Co., Iowa 1902, Manhattan, b. 10/11/1879, Wamego, Kansas  
d. Kansas d. 6/24/1958, Wamego, Kansas
- 73 Ernest Morton Married Carrie Norton  
b. 9/29/1881 Oct. 1914  
d. Oct., 1947, Garden City, Withita Co, Kans--Garrett Belknap  
Kansas or Logan Co., Kans--Anna Belknap

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(continued--children of Joseph Gillett Belknap and Olive Amelia Brock Roberts)

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|---|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 74 Hattie May                               | Married          | Alvah Snider                     |
| b. 5/1/1883, Brookfield, Linn Co., Missouri | 3/25/1906        |                                  |
| d. 6/13/1948, Wamego, Kansas                | Salt Fork, Okla. | d. 11/31/1946                    |
| 75 Daisy Violet                             | Married          | Hiram Edwin Wood                 |
| b. 12/20/1885, Salina, Kansas               | 12/20/1904       | b. 5/10/1875, Wisconsin          |
| d.  |                  | d. 4/5/1940, Los Angeles, Calif. |

Note: Olive Brock had previously been married to Samuel Roberts, who died about a year later. She is reported to have had one son by this first marriage. He was named Harvey and was last heard of in Colorado. He could not be located when his mother died. Olive was the daughter of James Porter and Amelia Brock, reportedly of Tennessee.

Although Anna Belknap, wife of Arthur C. Belknap, #66, and a granddaughter of James M. Belknap, #56, believed Joseph Gillette, #58 to have been born in Ohio, probably at Licking, the 1850 U.S. Census Record of Wapello County, Iowa, lists him as having been born in "Kentucky." (See schedule 1092, p. 478) His grandfather, Jonas Belknap #39, died in Hart County, Kentucky in 1824 and it is quite possible that Joseph's father, Elijah and his family may have lived there for a short duration at about that time.

Joseph lived in Wapello County Iowa, in 1850 and had married his first wife, Elizabeth, within the year. Elizabeth's birthplace was listed as "Indiana." This first wife died in December, 1863, during the period of the Civil War. She is believed to have died in Wapello County, Iowa.

Elizabeth is reported to have been from a staunch Southern family who moved from Indiana to Texas, and to have insisted that any fighting to be done in the Civil War should be on the side of the Rebels, whereupon Joseph is alleged to have started to make his way to the Southern forces but, by design or otherwise, was intercepted by Northern troops and detained at "Allenburg Prison" until he signed an affidavit not to join the Rebels. He later reported to his son, Arthur, that he had been treated well while being detained, "even given sugar for his coffee!"

Fernando, born 6/26/1841, son of Joseph's older brother, Gamaliel, #57, and Orrin Belknap, born 10/24/1840, son of Joseph's oldest brother, James M., #56, both fought for the North in the Civil War. Fernando is reported to have "gone down on the Steamer, 'Lion'," and Orrin is reported to have been killed in action June 23, 1862.

Deft with four living children ranging in age from three to twelve years of age at the time of Elizabeth's death, Joseph soon married a widow lady by the name of Olive Amelia Brock Roberts, who had also lost her mate (a Methodist minister) by death and who had ~~at least~~ one son, Harvey, by her first marriage.

The record subsequently shows that a new child was added to the family quite regularly over the next several years until a total of ten had been recorded.



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The strain of trying to adjust in such a rapidly growing household containing components of three different families was apparently too much for the children of Joseph by his first wife. In 1964, a report by Anna Belknap, mentioned above, stated that the oldest boy, Ahijah "Jack" #60, ran off at an early age and went to live with his mother's folks, the Van Cleves, in Texas. Both James Gee "Jim" #62, and Edith, #65, also later went to Texas to live with the Van Cleves.

In October, 1964, Sopha Belknap Eudy, daughter of James Gee "Jim" #62, stated that at the time of the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth Van Cleve Belknap in 1863, James Gee was given by his father Joseph Gillett Belknap #58 to Joseph's older brother, Gammaliel #57 and that James made his home with Gammaliel and family until he was old enough to be on his own.

Joseph, with his family, was still living in Wapello County, Iowa, in 1873 at the time of the birth of Elmer C. "Ed" Belknap, #70. He is believed to have continued to live there until about 1878, when he moved with his family to a farm in Linn County, Missouri. According to Ed Belknap, the family post office was at a small town located between Brookfield and Bucklin (probably, St. Catharine).

By the winter of 1885, the family had left Missouri and moved to Kansas and by 1886 had located in Scott County, Kansas. Here Joseph "did some farming and worked for wages," according to Anna Belknap.

He was now past 62 years of age. By the time he was about 65, he is reported to have begun to spend much of his time in Texas with children by his first marriage, although it is known he spent the winter of 1901 back in Kansas with Arthur, #66, and his family. Arthur was the oldest son by Joseph's second marriage.

During these later years, his second wife, Olive, and the smaller children still at home, found it necessary to turn to the older children in the family for help with their subsistence.

*with the family*  
Harvey Roberts, son of Olive and Samuel Roberts, had apparently stayed as a member of the family until he was old enough to be on his own and had come on out to Kansas from Missouri. He later went on out to Colorado and lost contact with the family. All attempts to locate him in March, 1913, at the time of the death of his mother were without success.

References: Elmer Curtis "Ed" Belknap family records;  
Anna McCormack Belknap, Cedar Vale, Kansas;  
Mrs Sopha Eudy, Cisco, Texas; Bertha  
Searn, Bedford, Indiana; Blanchie Bennett  
1010 ~~3rd~~ 3rd St, Wamego, Kansas; Records of  
Probate Court Pottawatomie County, West-  
morland, Kansas ~~regarding~~ regarding the estate of  
Hattie ~~Snider~~ Snider; Daisy Wood, 2387  
Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, California, 95128  
Ralph Belknap, 208 South 11th Street, Gardnerville

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City, Kansas; Garrett Belknap 20120 Smith  
Road, Rt. 1, Perris California 92370; Edna  
Kozlak, 9115 Brightley Drive, Bell ~~Flower~~ Flower,  
California:

Clarence Strome, 1305 E.  
North, Tonkawa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ethel Strome, 209 N. Ninth, Tonkawa,  
Oklahoma; and personal family records of E. Clinton Belknap, Lincoln,  
Nebraska. Glen W. Evans of Lansing, Michigan verified information  
regarding Olive Brock's first marriage through the "Hostettler  
Family"--See Glen W. Evans letter to Clinton Belknap, 2/19/1951.



# NINTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Elijah (7) 1785; Joseph G. (8) 1829; Elmer C. "Ed" (9) 1873

- 70 ELMER CURTIS "ED" BELKNAP (9)  
 b. 3/29/1873 Ottumwa, Iowa  
 d. 4/27/1963, Sioux City, Iowa  
 buried Rose Hill Cemetery  
 Emerson, Nebraska  
 r. Pueblo and Colorado Springs,  
 Colorado; Gordon, Nebraska;  
 Glenrock, Wyoming; Hay Spring,  
 Scottsbluff, and Emerson, Nebraska

MARRIED

~~1st.~~ 1895 ELIZABETH RADER

~~2nd.~~ 12/25/1903 KITTIE MOSS

b. 4/8/1884

~~3rd.~~ 1918 DAISY LEACH

1895

1918

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CHILDREN ~~by 1st. wife~~

- 76 Mabel  
 b. 1896

First Marriage

CHILDREN ~~by 2nd wife~~ *by*

Second Marriage

Mar. Mildred Breniman

Mar. Margaret Howery

Mar. Madge Hunter

CHILDREN ~~by 3rd. wife~~

Third Marriage

80 Virginia

Elmer Curtis Belknap, #70, commonly known as "Ed," was the fifth in a family of ten children by the second marriage of Joseph Gillett Belknap.

Born in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa, in 1873, he migrated with his parental family from a farm in Iowa to another farm in Linn County, Missouri, in about 1878.

In letters written to his oldest son, Clinton Belknap, in 1938 and 1940, he related that he had attended a rural school, located between Brookfield and Bucklin, Missouri as far as the fourth grade. He had, he stated, used hand-me-down books (including the McGuffey reader) from the five older children "because my dad had to furnish the books."

One of his early recollections was of his father and mother "going out into the big timber" in Missouri to gather bark, roots, buds, herbs, leaves, etc., and bringing them home, putting them in labeled bundles and placing them all in a flour sack for later use by his mother in preparing her own medicines.

At the age of about 11, an episode in his life occurred, the effects of which were to have an important bearing on his departure from home to shift for himself at a very early ~~time~~ <sup>age</sup> in life.

During the early spring farrowing of the sows on the farm, he had rescued a baby pig which had been tossed over the fence into the snow as dead by his father. He "blew in its face," took it to the house and warmed it by the fire and "brought

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it back to life." He gave it careful care and raised it as a personal pet that followed him around the farm "like a dog would follow another boy."

Late that Fall, while he was at school and without his consent, the pet pig, which had by this time grown to a rather mature young hog, was butchered to help provide meat for the family larder during the winter months ahead. He was aware that plans had been made for the Fall butchering on that particular day and, apprehensive of developments, had pleaded with his father to spare his pet. He had tried to feign illness so he could remain at home to provide protection, but the plan was of no avail.

Years later in relating the story, he told of running the full two miles home the instant the country school was dismissed to find his pet butchered and hanging on the scaffolding along with half a dozen other carcasses for cooling before further processing.

The emotional impact of the experience was to replace any further interest in formal schooling with a secret determination to run away from home and be on his own.

In 1884 or 1885, the family moved from the Linn County farm in Missouri to Kansas. One report has it that they spent the winter in or near Wamego, Kansas. In 1964, Daisy Belknap Wood, whose birthdate was December, 1885, and who was the youngest of the ten children, stated that she was born in Salina, Kansas, in Saline County. In 1964, she was living at 2369 Moorpark Avenue in San Jose, California.

There seemed to have been general agreement that the family located in Scott County, Kansas, in 1886.

Ed related that he had preceeded the rest of the family to Kansas assisting another Missouri farmer (whose first name was John but whose last name he couldn't recall) move his milk cows through Kansas City and on to a farm located on the line between Logan and Scott Counties in Western Kansas.

He apparently was with his own family only briefly, if at all, after their move to Scott County, Kansas, before running away to be on his own. Up to this time, he had gone by the given name of Elmer, but now adopted the name of Ed "so my folks couldn't find me." He worked in a livery stable for about one and a half years at Great Bend, (Barton County) Kansas, for a Bradley Chatal who "was a race horse man and also ran a livery stable."

Leaving Kansas a bit later "for the range country of Colorado" he "arrived in Pueblo on the third day of January in 1889...with a shoe shine box about 5" x 8" x 10" strapped over my shoulder" and proceeded to make his living in Pueblo and Colorado Springs as a "boot black."

By the fall of 1889, he was employed on the open cattle range in Colorado and Wyoming "following the round up wagon." Specializing with his knife in the technique of neutralizing the reproductive power of the male calves, a technique he had learned early in life from his father on the farm, he remained on the range during the open season of each year until the Fall of 1895.



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During the winter months, he apparently occupied his time with other kinds of work such as carpenter's helper and apparently at one time worked as a janitor in a Federal Court Building where he became fascinated by the criminal trials and spent many hours listening to the presentation of testimony and looked forward with anticipation to the closing arguments of the opposing attorneys as they pleaded their cases before the court.

On September 1, 1895, at the age of 22, he married "Liz" Rader in Russell Springs, Kansas. Here, he continued to live until this marriage ended in divorce about three years later.

He again returned to the cattle range country around Pueblo and Colorado Springs with his activities ultimately including participation in trailing a herd of cattle up to Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Remaining in South Dakota for a time "herding sheep," he later drifted down into the panhandle area of Nebraska. He worked on the old "101" Ranch in Eastern Wyoming and in the portion of the Sand Hills area of West Nebraska which later became known as the old "Spade" Ranch.

At or near Gordon, Nebraska, in about 1901, he met Kittie Moss, daughter of William Greenberry and Miranda Parks Moss, who had migrated from Indiana with the Rev. J. W. Scammahorn colony in 1885.

A short time later, she was to return with her parents to Indiana because of the failing health of her mother due to a damaged heart valve. He made his way to Indiana also in the Fall of 1903 and he and Kittie Lieuella Moss were married at the home of her parents near Linton, Indiana, on Christmas Day, December 25, 1903.

He had secured a surface job at the Antiock Coal Mine, located about 20 miles northwest of Linton, and was working there at the time of their marriage. He continued working there until April, 1904, when the couple returned to Gordon, Nebraska, in Sheridan County.

Here, they did tenant farming on shares "on the old Lulu place" about seven or eight miles south and east of Gordon, where their first son (E. Clinton) was born December 24, 1905. They also farmed on a place about a mile south of the Gordon cemetery on the west side of the road and later on a farm owned by Dan Hill located about four miles due south of Gordon (on the east side of the road).

From about 1909 to 1911, they worked on the Dan Hill "V V Bar" Ranch located some 28 miles south of Gordon; for over a year on the "North Place" and for a shorter time on the "South Place."

In about 1911, they filed, under the Kinkaid Homestead Act of October, 1904, on 480 acres located in the Sandhills about 16 miles south and 4 miles east of Gordon. The legal description was "Range 41. Township 30, N. and S.E. 1/4 of Section 1, Sheridan County, Nebraska." The east side of the property bordered on Cherry County. It consisted of rolling Sandhill grazing land.

Here, <sup>at about the center of the N.W. quarter</sup> they built a four room home, a barn and other improvements and raised livestock, primarily cattle, with a few head of horses. They milked six to eight cows most of the time and produced enough butter to meet their own needs and sell

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sufficient number of  
days for to contribute to the  
family meal \$4.00 per day.

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some to markets in Gordon. They also had a rather large flock of brown Leghorn chickens which produced eggs for the household and an extra quantity for sale. The Leghorns were rustlers, ranging far out for insects for food. ~~Brown~~ <sup>The Browns</sup> were preferred over ~~the~~ white, because the whites had a much greater tendency to attract chicken hawks with the accompanying loss of the producing hens.

The "Eclipse" wooden towered wind mill located at the south side of the building area (S.E. from the house and S.W. from the barn) and driven by its green, red tipped wooden ~~slats~~ <sup>slat</sup> ~~panels~~ <sup>panels</sup>, pumped a constant ~~slow~~ heavy ~~the~~ flow of pure, cool water from the sandy strata below. The overflow from the adjoining wooden supply tank was routed to the plantings of golden willows which extended in straight lines both east and west as well as north from the wind mill ~~sight~~ <sup>sight</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~provided pleasant shade during~~ <sup>the hot summer days and provided</sup> ~~the hot summer days and provided~~ <sup>providing</sup> pleasant shade in summer and wind breaks in winter.

To help bolster the limited income of the homestead, Ed secured a contract from the U.S. Postal Department to carry a star route from the rural Sandhill post office (first "Childers" and later "Hinchley") to Gordon and return three times each week on Tuesdays, ~~Thurs~~ <sup>Thurs</sup>days and Saturdays.

Until near termination of the contract in late 1916, the route was covered by horse drawn vehicles consisting of a light, one seat, top buggy in the hot summer months, an open spring wagon or an enclosed cab with sliding doors, custom built by Ed himself over a carriage chassis for the late fall and winter months.

During the last year or so before the project ended, a Maxwell Touring Car was purchased to cover the route but it gave endless trouble because it was not built to cope with the long hard pulls made necessary by the unimproved, loose sandy roads on the south portion of the route and it was forever breaking down with damaged bearing in the differential.

Ed's wife, Kittie, who frequently drove a team <sup>of horses</sup> on a mower during the haying season or assisted with other outdoor work, was an official substitute and covered the route many times when Ed was busy with haying, building fence, repairing the wind mill, cultivating potatoes or corn on rented farm land

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nearer the Niobrara River, or assisting some neighbor with a special project, such as calf branding or "breaking" horses.

The two older children, Clint (Elmer Clinton) and Lee (Ernest Lee) attended Sheridan County rural school, District 138, by riding their ponies (provided by their dad with considerable pride), a distance of about three miles while the younger son, Glen Noble, would remain with his mother at home or accompany her on the route. Their father served as an officer on the school board for at least one term. Teachers of the district included a widow lady by the name of Grace Geddes, who lived on a homestead over east in Cherry County (commuting each week day by team and buggy) and later a Miss Etta Green of Gordon.

In about 1916, the family sold the homestead for \$2,880.00, or about \$6.25 per acre, to Fay Hill (the recorded deed shows it was registered in the name of Fay's mother, Myra), son of Dan Hill of the old "V V Bar" ranch and moved to Glenrock, Wyoming, where Ed worked as a carpenter and teamster. About a year later, the marriage was dissolved and Ed returned to Nebraska again settling at Gordon where he worked as a teamster, independent contractor, carpenter, trucker and ranch hand until about 1934, when he suffered a light stroke resulting temporarily in almost complete loss of speech.

This was followed by a period of time on the sea shore on the west coast of lower California. This he credited for greatly helping him to recover his voice as well as his physical stamina.

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On July 4, 1918, following his return from Glenrock, he had married Daisy Leach at Hot Springs, South Dakota, but the marriage had lasted only a short period of two or three years.

A spry, erect, resourceful man of about 5'10" and weighing between 155 and 160 pounds in the prime of his life, he had, prior to the light stroke at the age of about 61, seldom, if ever, known a sick day. He had an unconscious tendency to view others less fortunate in this regard with a skeptical eye--as perhaps just wanting to get out of doing some "honest work."

He prided himself on his physical agility, had been an excellent ice skater in his youth, was a good dancer who liked to waltz and two step. During his homesteading days in Nebraska, he was frequently enlisted to "call" for the country square dances. He could "clog," was a good swimmer and horseman, a good shot with a gun and liked to fish but never gave too much time to hunting or fishing because of his feeling that there were too many more important things to be done.

He was handy with a saw and hammer and had done much of his own carpenter work in constructing the building on the Sandhill homestead. He had erected a large wooden supply tank by the "Eclipse" windmill and had piped running water underground to the stock tank near the barn and into the kitchen when other homesteaders' wives were still carrying water in buckets from the family pump.

For one who had not progressed beyond the 4th grade, he read lots and was quite adept at figures.

He believed that a man should be willing to work for a living and should take care of the things he acquired, including improvements on his land, his fences, his livestock as well as machinery and other equipment. To put a cultivator or plow away without first applying a heavy coat of grease to the shining surface of the blades to protect against rust and corrosion was to him a capital offense as was the mistreatment of dumb animals. He was of the firm conviction that a building worth constructing should have the protection of paint and the tendency among many of the homesteaders to neglect this detail was to him a constant source of personal irritation.

He was forthright in manner, believed in speaking his mind and was never accused of being overly tactful or diplomatic in his dealings with others. If a man owed him money and was slow to pay, he had little patience and believed that one of the more effective ways of taking care of the matter was to dun the individual orally, in public before his friends. While such a practice frequently worked, he gained few friends by the use of such techniques.

Although there were times when some inner feelings of love and compassion showed through his more abrupt exterior, these occasions seemed rare. He was self confident and had a tendency toward impatience with others. The above traits, no doubt, explained in part at least his lack of success in matrimonial ventures; his first marriage lasting scarcely three years, his second lasting much longer but still terminating by the end of the 14th year, and a third marriage ending in divorce within a period of only two or three years.

Although he spoke of his desire that his children be well educated, his contributions toward such goals were very limited following the termination of his second marriage.



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He enjoyed talking with his neighbors or even casual acquaintances. He prided himself on his judgment of "horse flesh" and was willing to discuss a horse trade at any time if he thought the other fellow had an animal worth consideration.

He had no time for any man not willing to work for a living and believed everyone willing to work was entitled to "three square meals a day and a place to sleep." He complained bitterly when at the age of 60 he was denied his seasonal employment at the Scottsbluff Sugar Factory "because you are too old for us to carry on our payroll."

Although he was physically agile to the last week of his life, senility, which had no doubt been hastened by the earlier partial stroke and a later sun stroke he had suffered while raking hay on the Pawn Lake Ranch south of Gordon in 1942, prevented him from leading the more vigorous, independent life that had previously been his.

His later years were spent in nursing homes, the last being the Paul Littrell Nursing Home at Emerson, Nebraska, where he had remained for about seven years. Here, he suffered a broken hip in an accidental fall due to failing eyesight and died two or three days later on April 27, 1963, at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, of complications developing following the accident.

His funeral was in Emerson, Nebraska, and his burial in Rosehill Cemetery at Emerson, April 29, 1963. He had attained the age of 90 years and 28 days. His grave, located near the southwest corner of the cemetery, has a marker placed in 1965.

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TENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Joseph G. (8) 1829; Elmer C. "Ed" (9) 1873; E. Clinton (10) 1905

77 ELMER CLINTON BELKNAP (10)  
b. 12/24/1905, Gordon, Nebraska  
d.  
r, Gordon, Nebr.; Glenrock, Wyo.;  
Hay Springs, Nebr.; Gary, Ind.  
1930; Sioux City, Ia., 1930;  
Chicago, Ill., 1931; Grand  
Island, Nebr., 1934; Lincoln,  
Nebraska (2019 Harwood Street)  
1944 -

MARRIED  
5/23/1932  
Princeton,  
Mercer Co., Mo.

MILDRED PEARL BRENIMAN  
b. 6/26/1908, Brooklyn, Iowa  
dau. of Ernest E. Breniman (farmer)  
and Francis Bernice Gaumer

(11)

CHILDREN

81 Rowan Curtis 6/10/1936 - Mar. 8/16/58 Karen Hermanson  
~~b. 6/10/1936~~  
82 Dean Edward 7/7/1939 -  
~~b. 7/7/1939~~

References: Family Record of E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln,  
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ELEVENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

Elmer C. "Ed" (9) 1873; E. Clinton (10) 1905; Rowan C. (11) 1936

- 83 ROWAN CURTIS BELKNAP MARRIED KAREN HERMANSON  
 b. Grand Island, Nebraska 8/16/58 b. 8/5/1937, Sturgis, North Dakota  
 6/10/1936 Lincoln, Nebr. *daughter of Ingram T. and Dorothy Hermanson of Lincoln, Nebraska*  
 r. Lincoln, Nebraska  
 St. Paul, Minnesota  
 405 Kay St., Hutchinson, Minnesota  
 (12) CHILDREN
- 84 Lucinda Ann  
 b. 10/2/1960, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 85 Barbara Lynn  
 b. 4/23/1963, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 86 Daniel Curtis  
 b. 3/29/1965, St. Paul, Minnesota

Rowan C. Belknap attended Wosmer Elementary Public School in Grand Island, Nebraska until his parents moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in the fall of 1944, when he entered Presscott Elementary Public School. He later graduated from Irving Junior High School, Lincoln (Central) High, and received both a B.S. and M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nebraska College of Engineering in Lincoln, Nebraska. (3M)

He began employment as a Chemical Engineer with Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M) in St. Paul, Minnesota in the fall of 1960 and has continued his association with that organization. Transferred to plant at Hutchinson, Minn. 1967

References: Family records of E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Note: The following is copied from 3M Megaphone (Company organ) for November, 1967

"Rowan C. Belknap has been appointed to the position of Process Engineering Specialist in the Magnetic Products P. & I. E. Group. In his initial assignment Rowan will be dealing with product waste reduction caused by physical distortion and introducing new products into production.

"Mr. Belknap is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and joined 3M in 1960 in the Film and Allied Products Division. Rowan, his wife Karen, and children Cindy, Barbara and Danny live at 405 Kay Street in Hutchinson."

Sept. 12, 1968

Memo.

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878  
From Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Thank you for the copy of the notes on questions asked of Jane Belknap by John Sherman of Hollywood, California, and for the copy of your letter of August 25, 1968, to Carol Anne Belknap c/o her grandmother, Jane Belknap, of Des Moines, Iowa. A recent long hand note from Jane indicates she was very pleased that you would take time to write Carol such a nice and helpful letter. She feels quite hopeful that Carol's DAR application will now be accepted.

Thank you too, for your memo of August 26, regarding Tamar Vinton. I was especially glad to get the specific identity of Tamar's mother from among the three wives of her father.

I have read with interest your memo of August 29 and thank you for it. I note your remarks in paragraph (3) regarding the U. S. Census reports covering Jonas Belknap in 1800 in Ontario County N. Y. I fail to follow the contention of Gladys Gray that the Jonas of Charleston, Ontario County, for 1800 could not have been our Jonas N. Belknap, because of ages of daughters etc. Actually I find the reports fits the membership of the family of our Jonas N. in every respect. You state that Gladys has pointed out that Charleston (now Lima) N. Y. was in Livingston County, not Ontario County. But in 1800 there was not a Livingston County in N. Y. The county, according to my information, wasn't even formed until 1821 and Charleston, now Lima, was a part of the Ontario County as of 1800 as indicated by the U.S. Census report for 1800. Actually, as I survey the map, Charleston (now Lima) was probably not more than a dozen miles from Honeoye, N. Y. where where our Jonas appeared in the record at a later time.

But to get back to the report itself. Here are the reports for the 1800 Ontario County census as reported by John Sherman in a letter to Jane Belknap under date of April 2, 1968: the key for both reports being (0 < 10) (10 < 16) (16 < 26) (26 < 45) & (Over 45):

U.S. Census, 1800, Ontario County, N. Y. Pg. 334 - Pitts Town  
Jonas Belknap  
Males 3 - 0 - 1 - 1 - 0  
Females 1 - 3 - 0 - 1 - 0

U.S. Census, 1800, Ontario County, N. Y. Pg. 368 - Charleston *Lima*  
Jonas Belknap  
Males 2 - 4 - 0 - 1 - 0  
Females 2 - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0

Now, by fitting the members of the Jonas N. Belknap family into the brackets of the latter report, we have the following:

Males

2 under 10:

Orin, under 1

Jesse 7

4, 10 and under 16

Elisha 12

Jonas 13



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From Clinton Belknap  
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Elijah 14  
Samuel 15  
1, 26 and under 45  
Jonas N (fa) 40

Females

2 under 10  
Cynthia 2  
Susannah 7  
1, 26 and under 45  
Esther (mo) 33

Regarding Paragraph(4) of your August 29 memo, I surely agree that more research is needed on the Ebenezer record. Sounds too much like some one trying to go out of his way to show this family to have set an all time record for longevity.

Regarding your Query as to whether I would be willing to contact another Belknap in Lincoln regarding genealogical data. Yes, of course. I suspect the subject may be Lacy Belknap. Should this be the case I'm not sure how much help we may get. Lacy is a really fine person and has a splendid family but could care less about any serious attention to genealogical data. He is, according to Jane Belknap, a descendant of Elisha. Such data as he has would, I suspect, be based on work done by Glen Evans. But, anyway give me the name and what background you have on the individual and I'll be glad to follow through.

Your memo of September 7, 1968, was here when I came home from the office last evening. I read the entire set of enclosures over twice. It was fascinating - much better than any ordinary detective story! Excellent detection on the part of Claudia Marshall! And thank you for taking time to tie every thing together so well in your final summary.

*C.B.*

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SOUTHWORTH CLIPPER

254 TITON FLEET

MEMO TO E. Clinton Bellnap  
FROM Carroll Bellnap

4/7/68

The task of tracing the descendants of Jonas Newton B. is a hard one. I can be sure of a complete record of the descendants of his son Jesse, my great grandfather, for this record has been kept zealously by the women in our branch of the family. Elsewhere I have all too little information, but am begining to make some headway. . . So XXXX I welcome your aid on the descendants of Elijah.

For that reason I enclose copies of HNB's sheets for Elijah and his descendants. They bear the identifying numbers given to them by HNB: starting with #657 for Elijah. Where an asterisk precedes the name of a child, there is a subsequent card for that child. As you can see, the data are scanty -- but they may be helpful to you. There is far from complete agreement with Evans, as you'll note. But HNB's information came largely from secondary sources, too; so heaven knows what's correct.

Here are some bits of information from records sent to me from Ontario County, N. Y.

History of Ontario County, "Town of Richmond" 1788-1876, (W. H. McIntosh ( I think CYB) page 453 -- "April 5, 1796, election of town officers; Constable and Collector; Jonas Bellnap. He was also on Committee for Schools."

(before 1796) This makes it seem that Evans may be in error in saying "In 1798 he and his wife were admitted to the First Presbyterian Church of Worcester, Otsego County, N. Y." I can place Jonas and Esther at other towns in vicinity of Albany, but not at Worcester. There was at that time another Jonas Bellnap whom I have not yet identified. CYB

1800 Census, Ontario County, shows Jonas ~~at~~ Honeoye, aged 26 to 44, with a wife aged 26 to 44 (which agrees with birth dates of Jonas and Esther), 1 son 16-25, 3 sons under 10, 3 daughters 10-15, 1 daughter under 10. Considering great inaccuracy of early census records, this is pretty good identification.

On Jan. 5, 1810, Jonas sold 100 acres for \$400, to Jana and Daniel Tayler, in Bristol. 1810,

Between 1800 and ~~XXXX~~ his son Samuel married Sarah ~~James~~. On April 19, 1810, she and "friend Abijah Wright" were granted letters of administration, of Samuel's estate. (That name "Abijah Wright" seems familiar to me; but I can't seem to recall where I've seen it in my files.) The 1810 shows Sarah (as "Sally") with two daughters under 10

~~1810 Census shows Jonas at Honeoye, now aged over 45, with wife over 45, 2 sons 10-15, 1 son 10-15, 2 son under 10. (It also shows his brother Seth, at Honeoye, with wife and one son 16-25.)~~

1810 Census shows Jonas at Bristol, now aged over 45, with wife over 45, 2 sons 10-15, 1 son 10-15, 2 son under 10. (It also shows his brother Seth, at Honeoye, with wife and one son 16-25.) daughter

1810 Census shows both Elisha and Elijah, at Honeoye. . . Elijah and his wife both aged 16-25, and 1 son under 10 and one daughter under 10. (Agrees with marriage date of Jan. 1806 in HNB record.)

Pension record in Nat. Archives, as you know, shows Jonas living at Naples in 1818 -- in southern part of Ontario county, what is still called "the Garlinghouse area -- so plainly he lived at three ~~xx~~ known places while in Ontario County.

I hope you can help establish the parentage of the Garlinghouse girls -- Catherine, Jane, Mary Ann. Assumed to be sisters, but I have seen no real proof. Ontario County was chock full of Garlinghouses in those days. I haven't attempted to unscramble all of them.




MEMO TO E Clinton Belknap  
FROM Carrell Belknap

Aug 26 1968

RE Tamar Vinton

Before I try to answer your memo of Aug 20, I should apologize for not keeping you fully informed on what I've been doing on this subject. But I'm sure that you know, by this time, that I don't regard my disbelief of a statement as an excuse for failing to continue searching until definite proof or disproof has been found.

On April 14, I wrote you that I had found an HWB record of a marriage of Tamar Vinton and a Jonas Belknap in Juniata, Mich -- and that he had doubted a death date. At the time, I thought he was referring to the date of Tamar's death. But when, later, I succeeded in making a very probable identification of that Jonas, I found that the date HWB had doubted was for Jonas, not for Tamar. So I made a note to check the Vinton Genealogy on which HWB's sheet was based.  and that it was correct.

Later, in Boston at the NEHGS library, I did check the Vinton genealogy -- Vinton Memorial -- and told you about this in a memo dated 5/11, in which I gave the date of Tamar's marriage/ to Asa Newton: 25 January 1789 -- adding that no date was shown for a second marriage to a Jonas Belknap. What I now see I failed to do was to name the place of Tamar's birth: Charlton, Mass. (as you'll see if you reread the second line of the typed page you attached to your memo of Aug 20) -- nor did I mention her family's later move to Granby -- nor did I indicate that the date of the marriage to Asa Newton came from the records of Commander Charles Belknap, who did not identify the Jonas Belknap who was said to have been her second husband.

Under pressure of time at Boston, I did not search the Commander's detailed notes of sources, to find where he got his information on Tamar's ~~first~~ marriage. This, I thought, could be done later, when I get the NEHGS to lend me his records (which I'm not yet ready to tackle properly). At the time, I made a note that the obvious next step was to find a Newton record on Tamar -- not easy, as the old published Newton genealogy gives no aid.

So I had to try to find a present-day Newton who is engaged in work on Newton genealogy. This took time, through correspondence with Belknaps who have Newton blood in their veins. But last week I was able to write to a Newton in Massachusetts, asking for help on this problem. I hope she replies -- and will let you know what I get from her if she gives me anything that is helpful. I'm not too hopeful of her cooperation, in the light of what has been said to me about her.

That brings you up to date on my activities. Now for your memo of Aug 20.

Obviously, you are right about the reading "Tanney." At the time when I had the complete photostatic of Jonas N's pension papers -- about six or seven feet of them -- I was searching for evidence of his birth date, and didn't look carefully at what I assumed was the oft-mentioned "Fanny" and Diantha, except to note that he did not state plainly that Diantha was his daughter. Your sharp eyes caught what I missed seeing. And of course you are right in saying that the age given for "Tanney" matches the birth date for Tamar Vinton. (Incidentally, I forgot to say, above, that the Vinton Memorial shows her as daughter of Abiathar's second wife, Rachel Caswell.)

You may be right in surmising that the clerk who wrote the deposition in Kentucky in 1920 wrote "nn" instead of "n" or "na." Certainly I should continue to search for confirmation.



But I think I must now play devil's ~~advocate~~ advocate and state a possible ~~EXHIBIT~~ (but ~~EXHIBIT~~ equally hypothetical) case against your surmise.

(1) Your surmise presupposes that the "a" in "Fanny" would be a flat "a" as in "Fanny." But as far as I am aware, all known pronunciations of Tamar in England and in early New England had a long "a" -- Taymer. Had I noted what you did, I wouldn't have thought of "Fanny" with a short "a". I'd have thought that the "T" was a miscopying of an "F" -- that is, an uncompleted "F".

(2) The document in the archives is not the ~~original~~ original signed by ~~EMM~~ Jonas, but a copy made later by the clerk who forwarded it to Washington. (The earlier application in the Archives, made at Phelps, N. Y. in 1818, is an original bearing Jonas's signature.) In making this copy that clerk made a number of errors which he corrected in his own handwriting.

(3) It is just as plausible to assume that he miscopied an "F" as a "T" as it is to assume that he wrote "m" for "ma." In the handwriting of that period, capital "F" was most often (though not always) written exactly as a "T" -- but with a cross-bar. Unfortunately, the document you sent me does not contain even one capital "F".

Now of course this is mere hair-splitting. I'm just trying to keep you from being too excited by your discovery of that "T". I still face the need of finding some factual evidence.

Here are some points that have been in my mind for many months.

(1) Tamar's family lived at Granby, a few miles from Belchertown, when she was a child. It was "from Granby" that Jonas and his father enlisted in May 1775. Jonas was then 16 -- Tamar was 9. He might have known her there.

*Not sent*  
(2) One of her brothers (this is also shown in the ~~misc~~ typed page you sent to me) is known to have moved from Granby to south central New York, near Binghamton -- some distance from Ontario County, but near enough to make me wonder if Tamar and Asa Newton accompanied him (as so often happened in families in those days and might well have happened if Asa was a younger son who did not inherit land at Granby).

(3) Cynthia, daughter of Jonas N. is known to have married a Newton -- who is said to have been with Jonas at the time of his death in Kentucky. So there is a known contact by Jonas with a Newton.

(4) The wife living with Jonas N. in Ontario County 1800 and 1810 was the right age (census) to have been Esther Parker -- but not Tamar Vinton.

(5) In all of the pension papers of Jonas N. there is no mention of "Fanny" and Diantha before 1820.

(6) As Cynthia was probably born circa 1805, possibly 1802 or 1803, it is not likely that she married before Jonas left Ontario County. Though I still have no evidence of the place of her marriage, it seems reasonable to guess that she accompanied Jonas when he left NY State and met and married Isaac Newton in Kentucky.

(7) If Jonas married Tamar Vinton, it too was likely to have been in Kentucky.

Guesswork, much of it. But what I have to do is to trace the movement of Tamar Vinton Newton from Granby, Mass. to somewhere in Kentucky (maybe) -- which can be done only by tracing her husband Asa Newton and finding when and where he died.



~~Not sent -3-~~

That "only" in the last line on the preceding page was a poorly chosen word. There are other ways, of course, but they are very unlikely in Kentucky at that time. My one best hope is to find a Newton record that will yield the facts we need — or prove something else.

This brings you up to date on my searches. Wish me luck.

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Later:

I see I haven't played fair. For complete honesty, I should state my reasons for remaining skeptical till definite proof is found.

(1) My own branch of the family has maintained continuous effort on Belknap genealogy for many years, so that we have the facts on more than 500 descendants of Jesse, Elijah's brother. The records of this branch cover the years in Kentucky. Early in this century ~~was~~ two members of my branch formed a family association devoted to research in genealogy. This was the source of much that is in HWB's records and in other sets of records. There is no mention of Tamar Vinton Newton in any of the work that has been done by my branch in ~~past~~ the past 100 years — nor in what is now being done/ by my Pacific Coast cousins.

( But perhaps the only child of Jonas likely to leave an identification of his wife in Kentucky might have been Cynthia. I can always hope that suddenly I'll receive a query from a descendant of Cynthia, as I did from a descendant of Susannah. I never know what the next mail will bring — from people who happen to have heard of what I'm doing.)

(2) Of the Belknap genealogists who have known about Tamar's alleged second marriage to a Jonas Belknap, the only one who thought it might be Jonas Newton B was Glenn Evans. HWB didn't think so. Neither did Commander Charles.

(3) The fact that the Vinton Memorial, published many years ago, says that Tamar's second husband was a Jonas Belknap is not valid evidence. When such statements are made without any supporting data, the common assumption is that they are based on mere hearsay. Much of what one finds in published genealogies is of dubious nature. I've had to learn to look for verification before accepting unsupported statements, for I find that top-flight professional genealogists are rather scornful critics of much of what can be found in books, including local histories too. So I'm wary, perhaps because I, too, have made so many mistakes in past years.

MEMO TO E. Clinton Balknap  
FROM Carroll Balknap

3/28/68

Today, by roundabout ways, I received a long letter from a descendant of Jonas (son of Jonas Newton B.) and Mary Ann Garlinhouse. It contains some information that interests me and may be of value to you.

(1) It lists the children of Jonas Newton B. and Esther Parker just as in Parker in America and in the old document copied by Elizabeth Jane Starr in 1916 -- and in the same sequence of birth (which differs from that set down by Evans) -- so that I'm questioning the birth date given by Evans for your ancestor Elijah. Do you have other proof of that date?

(2) It omits the "Hester" named by Evans; and shows that the daughter Esther married Gamaliel Garlinhouse. As I said in the last page of my memo to you dated 3/20, I supposed this was just a bit of typical Evans confusion of names and dates. I can probably verify the marriage of Esther and Gamaliel G., in Ontario County records; I will try to do so. Will you agree to scratch "Hester"?

(3) It adds to the present confusion on Orrin (Orrin?) by saying that he married Nancy Starr. Other records in my possession show him as having married Anna Draper, Mary Draper, Naomi Carpenter. In my files there is a lot of correspondence with a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Orrin, which I have not yet had time to untangle.

descendant

(4) It says that the daughter Cynthia married Isaac Newton. This is interesting. If there is proof that Evans was right when he said that an Isaac Newton was the administrator of Jonas Newton B.'s estate, then we can place Cynthia and her husband with or near Jonas Newton B. at the time of his death.

So we now have from various sources the names of the spouses of all of the children of Jonas Newton B. I can vouch for the marriages of the following: Samuel; Elijah; Jesse; Susannah; Jonas. The name of Elisha's spouse (Lucy Finch) rests on Evans, unless you have other evidence. And Orrin's marriage or marriages still need study. Meanwhile, I'll attempt to get verification on spouses of Esther and Cynthia.

As to "Diantha" -- I've already given you my reasons why (if she was 9 years old in 1820, as stated by Jonas N.) she could not have been his legitimate daughter. (One sad error often made by Evans, which renders his work worthless to the Mormon, is that he did not distinguish between children of different spouses.)



2019 Harwood St.  
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4-4-1968

To CARROLL BELKNAP  
From CLINTON BELKNAP

You may likely have a copy already of the summary information on the Belknap-Belnap Family by the former ~~MEDIA~~ RESEARCH BUREAU of Washington, D.C. If my memory serves me right I have had it for about 30 years. The Bureau no longer exists. The material is very general to be sure but thought I'd send it along just in case the Bibliography might carry some reference that you could add to your general store of source material.

CB

P.S. Read the copy of the letter to the church at Burton Bassett and thank you for it. You are really doing a fine service for the Tribe of Belknap!

CB

THE NAME AND FAMILY  
OF  
BELKNAP OR BELNAP

Compiled by  
THE MEDIA RESEARCH BUREAU

Washington, D.C.



## THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BELKNAP OR BELNAP

The name of BELKNAP or BELNAP is believed to have been derived from the residence of its first bearers at a place of that name in England and to have been taken from the words beal, meaning "a passage between hills", and knap, meaning "a low hill or knoll". It is also possible that the first part of the name was derived from the French belle, meaning "beautiful", but the former theory is the more probable. The name is found in ancient English and early

American records in the variant spellings of Bealknap, Bealeknappe, Bealenap, Bealnappe, Belknappe, Bellknappe, Bellknap, Bellnap, Belnap, Belknap, and others, of which the form last mentioned is that most generally in use in America today, although the form immediately preceding it also is still occasionally to be found.

Families of this name were resident at early dates in the English Counties of Kent, Warwick, Hertford, Sussex, and London and were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and nobility of Great Britain.

One of the earliest known lines of the family in England was that of Sir Robert Belknap of County Kent, before the year 1377, who was attainted about eleven years later and banished to Ireland. By his wife, Juliana, daughter of John Dorset or Darset, he had at least one son, named Hamon Belknap, to whom the lands in England were restored. This last mentioned Sir Hamon Belknap was the father by his wife, Joan, daughter of Thomas Boteler, of three sons, John, William, and Henry, each of whom inherited in turn the lands in County Kent, but the first two died without issue. Henry Belknap, the youngest of the three brothers, made his home in County Sussex and was the father there by his wife, Margaret, daughter of Richard Knowls or Knolles, of five daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Griselda, and Alice, and of one son, Sir Edward, who was the father by his wife, Alice (surname unknown), of at least one son, also named Edward, who resided in Warwickshire.

Other early records of the family in England mention Robertus or Robert Bealknap of 1369, who was possibly the same as the above-mentioned Sir Robert Belknap; Johane or Joan Bealknap, who was maid of honor to the Queen in 1422; Philip Belknap, Mayor of Canterbury, who died in 1457; and Symon Belknap of Kent and Essex Counties about the same time.



According to historians, the American Belknap or Belnap family traces its descent from one Beltoft, alias Belknap (Christian name unknown), who was the father, in Hertfordshire in the latter fifteenth or early sixteenth century, of three sons, John, Edmond, and Henry. Of these, Henry had issue by his wife, Elizabeth, of Richard and Alice, of whom the first had issue by his wife, Elizabeth, of Bennet or Bennett, Alice, and Josias. Of these, Bennet or Bennett was married in 1586 to Grace Adam or Adams and had issue by her of Abraham, Frances, John, Daniel, and Josias, of whom the first emigrated to America probably about 1635 (or certainly before 1637) and became the ancestor of most, and probably all, of the families of the name in America.

The immigrant Abraham Belknap or Belnap settled first at Lynn, Mass., and removed soon afterward to Salem, in the same colony. By his wife, Mary, whom he married in England about 1620, he left at least five children, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, John or Jeremy, and Hannah. No record of the descendants of Jeremy has been found.

Abraham, probably the eldest son of the immigrant Abraham, came with his parents to America. It has been related that he took the oath of allegiance at Haverhill

in 1677, but very little else is known of him although he may have been the ancestor of one Abraham Belknap who died at Johnston, R.I., in 1820 at the age of ninety-two years.

Samuel, son of the immigrant Abraham, came over with his parents and was married before 1653 to Sarah, daughter of Robert Jones of Hingham, Mass. He made his home first at Salem and later at Haverhill and may also have owned land at Easthampton, L.I. The children of Samuel by his wife, Sarah, were Mary (died in infancy), another Mary, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, Patience, and probably Ebenezer.

Abraham, eldest son of Samuel, of Salem and Haverhill, was married in 1691 to Elizabeth Ayer, by whom he had issue of Mary, Hannah, Samuel (died young), Abraham, another Samuel, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Nathaniel, Jedidiah, Thankful, and Experience, all but the first three of whom were born at Framingham, Mass., where this branch of the family settled and flourished.

Joseph, son of the immigrant Abraham, made his home at Boston, Mass., and was first married there about 1657 to Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel Williams. By this first marriage he left issue of Joseph, Mary, Nathaniel, and Elizabeth. Before 1668 he married, as his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Francis Ingalls, by whom he had only



one child, a daughter who died young; and sometime before 1670 he took a third wife, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Meakins, and had further issue by her of Thomas, John, Hannah, Ruth, Abigail, and Abraham.

Joseph, eldest son of the first Joseph of Boston, was the father by his first wife, Deborah, daughter of Jeremiah Fitch, whom he married before 1684, of Mary (died young), Joseph, and Jeremy or Jeremiah. In 1690, he married again. His second wife was Abigail, daughter of Thomas Buttolph, by whom he had issue of Thomas, Abigail, Mary, Nicholas, Buttolph, Nathaniel, Ruth, Elizabeth, Lydia, and Abraham.

Thomas, son of the first Joseph of Boston, was married about 1694 to Jane, (who was probably a daughter of Thomas Cheney of Roxbury and Cambridge, Mass.,) and, at Woburn, Mass., became the father of Thomas, Jane, Benjamin, Hannah, Samuel, Joseph, and at least one other daughter who died young. Of these, the sons Thomas, Benjamin, Samuel, and Joseph settled at Newburgh, N.Y., in the first half of the eighteenth century and founded the New York line of the family.

The descendants of these and other branches of the family in America have removed to practically every part

of the Union and have aided as much in the advancement of the nation as their ancestors did in its founding. On the whole, the record of the Belknaps and Belnaps in the United States is that of a courageous, strong-willed, pious, patriotic, and resourceful race. Representatives of the family have won distinction in the service of their country.

Among those of the name who fought in the War of the Revolution were Sergeant Joseph, of Massachusetts; Ensign William, of New York; Lieutenant William, of New York; Lieutenant Ezekiel, of New Hampshire; Lieutenant Jacob, of Rhode Island; Captain John, of New York; Captain Ebenezer, of Massachusetts; Captain Samuel, of Massachusetts; and numerous others from the various New England States.

Robert, Thomas, John, Henry, Edward, Josias, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Ebenezer and William are some of the Christian names favored by the family for its male progeny.

A few of the members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America at various times are:

Jeremy Belknap (1744-1798), of Massachusetts, Congregational clergyman.

William Worth Belknap (1829-1890), of New York and Washington, D.C., military officer and son of General W. G. Belknap.



George Eugene Belknap (1832-1903), of New Hampshire, naval officer.

Reginald Rowan Belknap (b. 1871), of Massachusetts, naval officer.

William Burke Belknap (b. 1885), of Kentucky, member of the Kentucky House of Representatives and educator.

The coat of arms of the English family of Belknappe or Belknap is described in heraldic terms as follows (Burke, General Armory, 1884):

( Arms.--"Azure, three eagles in bend between two cottises argent." )

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August 26, 1968  
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Memo

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878  
From: Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

Thank you for the copy of the note from Fern Martin regarding Gamaliel Belknap. Yes he is a son of Elijah.

Yes you surely did send me the subsequent sheets on Elijah. I feel very guilty for not having commented more on this at an earlier time. I was delighted to get it although it opened up the horizon considerably more on unfilled blanks in the genealogical record so far as Elijah's children are concerned. I have given considerable attention and study to the data carried on the Elijah sheets themselves and on the subsequent sheets on the individual children.

I had previously been aware of only four children for sure, namely: James M., Gamaliel, Joseph Gillett and Mary. At one time my old Aunt Anna Belknap of CedarVale, Kansas, had told me of an Amazilla but later when I tried to get better confirmation the lady who was writing aunt Anna's letters for her (Because Anna had lost most of her sight) commented that apparently Aunt Anna had been mistaken and closed the issue. Since there was an Amazilla who was the oldest child of James G. I assumed that perhaps Aunt Anna had got them mixed up and dropped any more follow up. James' Amazilla died as a very young child.

I have checked the entire Elijah Belknap household (excluding Amanda who had already married and left the home) including Elijah and his wife Catherine and they check out 100% with the 1830 US Census for St. Alban's Township, Licking County, Ohio so far as sex and numbers of members are concerned and check out so far as age classifications are concerned also except that Esther's age classification as carried would have made her a year younger than she actually was according to HWB's dates and put Amazilla in a bracket that would make her a couple of years younger than she really was. This however I consider pretty close for a census record of that era.

Anyway I am convinced that the list as given by HWB is correct and I am adding Amanda, Samuel, Amazilla, Esther and Jonas to my original list. So, any auxiliary information you may have or come upon for any of these newly added members will be deeply appreciated.

N.

Incidentally, I checked our Jonas/Belknap household against the 1800 Charleston, Ontario County, N. Y. US Census and it checked out 100% all the way!

Have been making some adjustments in my family record sheets on the family groups in our direct line from Abraham in keeping with some of the data carried in the HWB sheets you sent me May 31, this year.

In a recent memo to you I referred to a Reva Barrett. I checked her out with Jane Belknap and she is connected with the Belknap



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To Carroll Y. Belknap  
From E. Clinton Belknap

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family. Jane said she passed away about five years ago. She had been a librarian at Pullman, Washington. Jane thought at some college. She was the great granddaughter of George and Keturah Penton Belknap. Her mother's name was Katherine Christian Barrett, it was stated. Reva's last known address:

Before her death was  
511 Campus Ave  
Apt 3,  
Pullman  
Wash

~~Asa~~ A provoking thought: Did Jonas Belknap marry Isaac Newton's widowed mother? It might tie together rather well. Tamar Vinton had first married Asa Newton. Isaac is reported to have married Cynthia, the youngest daughter of Jonas. This should have placed Isaac Newton on pretty close terms with both Jonas and his wife Tammy and the appointment of Isaac as Executor could have followed quite logically.

ECB



2019 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
July 29, 1968

To; Carroll Y. Belknap  
From: Clinton Belknap

I am indebted to you for a copy of a memo to Fern Martin of Perris, California, under date of June 30, 1968 with an enclosure photo copy of her communication to you under date of June 26, 1968 re: a statement by G. M Belknap, RRL, Box 157, Jefferson, Oregon concerning the marriage of Esther Belknap to Gamaliel Garlinghouse: also the copy of your memo to Mrs Milton Raymond (Jane) Belknap of Des Moines under date of July 22, 1968 together with a copy of an HWB letter to a Daniel Belknap in Granville, Cal under date of November 23rd., 1914; and then, today, the copy of the letter from Burton Dasset Parochial Church with your memo dated July 25, 1968 and, in a separate envelope, another memo dated July 26, 1968.

Time and the pressure of obligations do not permit me to do justice to these communications in the way of comments and replies. You are most patient and in due time I shall get at things in a more adequate manner.

I talked with Mrs. Jane Belknap by phone for some 20 minutes last evening and will try to give her such help as I can. I hope to be in Des Moines a week from tonight and will plan to spend some time with her. In a letter to me under date of 12/23/1964 (or rather I should say in an undated letter, postmarked 12/23/64) she indicated that a Reva ~~XXXXXX~~ Barrett, a librarian friend in Oregon, who had been in touch ~~XXXXX~~ in 1943, with a Mary Belknap Gordon, then of 605 North Waco Avenue, Wichita, Kansas, about genealogical data on the Belknap family, and had provided information about the alleged death and burial of Esther Belknap, wife of Jonas Belknap, in Alexandria, Ohio, in 1817/18. Mrs. Mary Belknap Gordon had told Reva that she, Mrs. Gordon, was a grand-daughter of Richard Belknap and Anna Bowman, and the daughter of Walton S. Belknap, all of Colds County, Illinois. ~~XXXXXX~~ Richard Belknap was the son of Lacy Belknap ~~XXXXXX~~ who was a son of Elisha, according to the information given me by Jane Belknap. I did not understand Reva Barrett to be a Belknap descendant but rather some one interested in gathering Belknap data. I gather from your memo today that Jane indicated to you that Reva was connected with the Belknap family. I'll have to check this out with her when I see her.

In this same communication from Jane Belknap in 1964, referred to above, she stated that she and her husband had visited Elisha Jr. in Alexandria many years earlier and had visited the cemetery and had actually seen the tombstone of Esther Parker, wife of Elisha. When I asked her last night if she had actually taken down the specific wording on the grave stone at the time, she informed me that she had not -- that this was before she was really doing any genealogy work and had not come to appreciate the importance of such recording.



Memo to Carroll Y. Belknap  
From Clinton Belknap

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She states that when she tried to revisit the cemetery in Alexandria just recently, the grave stones had been taken up and piled at the back. She indicated that her son, Ray, was planning to follow through in attempting to find the stone and if he should I shall ask that we have a photo of same.

One of my problems in keeping the records I am accumulating is how to number the various individuals in the simplest manner, to be able to find and identify members of the various families ~~the~~ the respective generations. I'm sure you must have faced this and arrived at some reasonable solution long ago but I am not the accomplished genealogist that you are. Do you have any suggestions for me? I have started out by assigning a number to each member of the families in the direct line of descent in chronological and numeral sequence in so far as I can determine but it is the number to assign to the off-shoot families that gives me trouble.

In your memo of July 22, 1968, page 2, par. 3, you refer to long hand notes on the Evans manuscript indicating the marriage of Elisha and Lucy Finch as having taken place "in Ohio". Please scratch the entire long hand entry at that place. It was a very serious goof on my part to have made the entry about Ohio being the place of the marriage. I had underlined a line in a memo from Jane Belknap "Ohio - m - 7-1-1808" but in checking back the Ohio should have related ~~XXXXXX~~ only to the place of death. The other dates in long hand were meant to relate to the birth date and date of death for Lucy Finch and there was an error here too. The date of death should have read 8/5/1845.

I trust you will bear with me on a point not immediately clear in my mind in relation to the letter received from Burton Dassetts. As you may have guessed, I am not a student of heraldry. The point not clear to me assuming that ~~XX~~ Glen Evans didn't know what he was talking about so far as Edward Belknap having been known as DeBeltofte, is there something in the coat of arms or this letter otherwise to rule out the possibility that there may have been a shift from DeBeltofte to Belknap at some time along the way? It is a bit puzzling to me how there could have been two distinct Belknap families in England without a common denominator back some where in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the origin of the name.

Little by little I am getting my records in order so one day in the not too distant future I shall provide you with ~~a~~ copies for your files. And when you have time I should very much like to have the family record sheets on the Belknaps in your direct line from Jesse. I really have no intent to try to collect the entire Belknap registry such as is your very worthy objective but perhaps I can make some contributions to your collection and this I shall be most delighted to do.

I shall give more study and offer more comment in response to your memo of July 26 as time permits but there are two or three observations that I shall offer at this time.



Memo to Carroll Y. Belknap  
From Clinton Belknap

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First, may I report that the Elijah Belknap record bears out your contention that the Belknaps went first to Kentucky before going to Ohio and Iowa. James M, a son born in 1809, is listed as having been born in New York. No place of birth for Gamaliel, born 1814 has yet been confirmed by me but my grandfather Joseph E Gillett was born in Kentucky. This was confirmed by the 1850 Census for Wapello County, Iowa. May J. is shown to have been born in ~~MDA~~ Ohio, 1830, <sup>in 1826</sup>

Second, John Sherman ~~who~~ searched the Licking County Census records for 1820 without finding any records of the Belknaps but did find records for 1830. Please see copy of John A sherman letter, dated March 17, 1962, to "Dear Mrs. Belknap" (Jane Belknap) forwarded to you June 9, 1968.

Three, I have in my possession a complete copy of all the documents of record in the Jonas Belknap pension file from the Federal Archives in Washington and just to make sure they had sent me everything in the file I pulled the file and personally examined it at a later date when in Washington. But the point I started to make is that an affadavit filed by Jonas 11 Dec. 1820 ends with the following ", , , I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz property I have none. My family consists of my wife named Fanney aged fifty four years and one daughter Diantha aged nine years. My occupation is coopering and I am very unable to follow the business."



2019 Har wood Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
September 24, 1968

Memo.

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, Riverside, Conn.  
From: Clinton Belknap, Lincoln, Nebraska

Among the notations by HWB on the summary sheet for Ebenezer (1667) is the statement that the Annals of the "American Academy", in an article on longevity, had said that his was the longest lived family on record. To what "Academy" does he refer? The Academy of Political and Social Sciences?

We have all the volumes of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences in the University Library here in Lincoln but they are very poorly indeed, if at all, and it looks like an endless job to find anything in them but I am willing to give it a try if you think that is the publication to which HWB is referring. The first volume wasn't published until 1890 and that was quite a while after the 1837 date given for the comments reported to have been carried in the N.H.Patriot. It would seem that if some one went to the trouble of getting information together of sufficient substance to be published in such a distinguished publication that it should have been backed by fairly good research and might give us some valuable data on members of this family. If you have any suggestions or thoughts on the subject I shall be glad to have them as you have time to comment.

What do you show for the place of death for Samuel, the oldest son of Jonas? Honeoye? In your memo of April 7, 1968, you state that Sarah Jones Belknap, wife of Samuel, was granted letters of Administration for Samuel's estate on April 19, 1810. Was this in Ontario County?

Best regard in your rewarding work!

CB. ?

See Gladys file

Amid 9/1/69

MEMORANDUM  
February 1, 1969

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut, 06878  
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr, 68502

Thank you for your memo of January 27, 1969. Sorry to learn of the bout with the flu but glad to know you're back on the firing line.

On January 3, I sent you the copy of Carol Anne's DAR application which had been furnished to me by Jane Belknap of Des Moines. In response to your more recent memo of January 27, I have asked that copies of all exhibits or supplemental documents which may have accompanied her application be sent directly to you with a note to me that such has been done.

I appreciate your comments about the Abridged Compendium. This clarifies this matter for me and gives me an answer for others who may have taken stock in it. I feel sure that it is the source of the statement by Mrs. Lacy Belknap to the effect that Abraham and two brothers came to America and settled in Massachusetts. We'll know for sure presently.

Here are the sources for the children of Elijah as listed on the family sheet which I sent you.

55. Amanda, b. 1807 )  
m. 1827 ) HWB via CYB, 4-7-68
56. James M. b. 25 Jan. 1809 )  
m. 3 Dec. 1837 )  
d. 22 Sept. 1876 ) Anna McCormack Belknap, Cedar Vale, Kans.
57. Samuel b. 1811  
d. Before 1890  
Wife, Amy was "widow in Franklin, Ind.,  
in 1890" - HWB via CYB Apr. 7, 1968
58. Amazilla b. 1812 )  
m. 1831 ) HWB via CYB Apr. 7, 1968
59. Samaliel b. 27 Dec. 1814 )  
m. 12, Jan 1835 ) Anna M. Belknap, Cedar Vale, Kans.  
Wife, Louisa Wright b. 17 Dec. 1812 N. Y.)  
d. Jan 1859 ) Anna Belknap  
Tombstone record from Wapello County,  
Iowa. - Mrs. Jane E. Belknap, Des Moines,  
Iowa.
60. Esther b. 1818 )  
m. 1837 ) HWB via CYB Apr 7, 1968
61. Jonas b. 1820 )  
d. 1845 )  
Unmarried ) HWB via CYB Apr 7, 1968



62. Joseph Gillett b. 19 July 1826 )  
m. 1st. 2 Aug. 1849 )  
2nd. 2 Feb. 1864 ) Anna M. Belknap, Cedar Vale, Kan  
d. 13 Dec. 1915 at home of oldest son,  
Ahijah "Jack" Wood Belknap, in Stepehn County,  
Texas) Date of death given both by Anna Belknap  
and Mrs. Sopha Eudy, Cisco, Texas. Place of death  
given by Sopha Eudy. Also see delayed death  
certificate on file in Bureau of Vital Statistics,  
Austin, Texas.

First wife - Elizabeth VanCleve, 11

b. 16 July 1834 Indiana

d. 20 Dec. 1863 Wapello County, Iowa or  
Linn County, Mo.

Source for VanCleve information - Sopha Eudy,  
Cisco, Texas

Second Wife - Olive Amelia Brock

b. 17 Jan 1844 Tenn.

d. 3 Mar. 1913 Cedar Vale, Kans

Source for Olive Brock information - Anna M.  
Belknap, Cedar Vale, Kans. Clinton Belknap  
personally observed the tombstone in the  
Cedar Vale cemetery.

63. Mary Jane b. 1830 Ohio  
m. 1855 "Probably Ottumwa, Iowa, said Anna Belknap,  
Cedar Vale, Kans. who said Mary married and  
went with her husband to Missouri. She didn't  
know where in Missouri

Joseph and Elizabeth, Gamaliel and Louisa, James M. and Susannah,  
Mary Jane, as well as Elijah and Catharine were carried in the  
Wapello County, Iowa, US Cesus for 1850.

James. M., Joel Eastman (husband of Amazilla), Samuel and the  
father, Elijah, were listed in the 1840 US Cesus for Franklin County,  
Ohio.

Elijah (40-50), Jonas (40-50) Jesse (30-40) were all carried in  
US Census for 1830 in Licking County, Ohio.

Re. 58 I have no specific information to show that John Sherman  
knows of marriage of Amazilla and Joel Eastman.

No. 59 - Am glad to have the suggestion relating to the possibility  
that Louisa Wright may have been the daughter of Ahijah Wright and  
Roxanna Parker, sister of Esther. My Aunt Anna listed Louisa's birth  
place as N. Y. but did not list the names of her parents, if she knew  
them.

Page 1, par. 2. Since Jonas had been in Kentucky such a short time  
when he filed his affidavit in December, 1820, stating that his  
occupation was coopering, I assumed, with considerable justification,

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I believe, that he had learned the trade before coming to Kentucky and had practiced it before coming. I shall revise this statement to indicate that he had been known to be a farmer in earlier life.

Page 1, par. 3 - A good suggestion. Am revising to read "now called Lima."

Page 1, last par. - The only record of birth in Kentucky that my records show, so far as I can recall, is for Joseph Gillett Belknap, 19 July 1826. What other birth records do you have verified for Kentucky?

I based my assumption that the Belknaps could have stopped briefly in Ohio enroute to Kentucky from New York on the fact that I was under the impression that they would have gone through a part of Ohio on their way to Kentucky; Jane Belknap contends that Esther died in Ohio in 1817; as I pointed out to you on page 2 par. 2 of my memo to you under date of December 15, 1968, the record of the David Chatfield( Jonas N's Susannah and family) which you enclosed with your memo of March 22, 1968, shows the place of birth for the son, Rousel, to have been in Ohio in September, 1817; and it seemed quite possible that one of the reasons for leaving Kentucky for Ohio could have been the prior knowledge of the state gained enroute to Kentucky.

Page 2, last par. - The 1820 US Census in Hart County, Kentucky, as I have it from John Sherman records is as follows:

Page 153 Jonas (Son of Jonas N.)-Parenthesis mine.

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 26-45.

Females: 1, 16-26; 1 in agriculture

Elijah 1, 10-16

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 26-45.

Females: 2 under 10; 1, 10-16; 1, 26-45

3 in agriculture

Page 155 Jonas Sr. (Jonas N.)

Males: 1, 10-16; 1, 18-26; 1 over 45.

Females: 1, under 10; 2, 16-26; 1 over 45.

1 in agriculture

Page 158 Garlinghouse, James

Males: 2 under 10; 1, 10-16; 1, 26-40.

Females: 2 under 10; 1, 26-45.

1 in agriculture

Garlinghouse, Gamaliel

Males: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45.

Females: 1 under 10; 1, 16-26.

(No reference to being in Agriculture here)

Garlinghouse, James

Males: 1, 10-16; 1, 16-26; 1 over 45.

Females: 1 under 10, 1, 16-26; 1 over 45.

3 in agriculture

*dies in Ohio  
(not found on map)*

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Page 1, last par. On HWB's sheet for Elijah he suggest the possibility that James and Eleanor Garlinghouse were the parents of Catharine, Mary and Jane. I assumed the Kentucky James Garlinghouse to be the same as that to which HWB alluded. The factor of proximity would seem to lean toward a family near by. It would seem somewhat unlikely that three daughters, without their parents, would migrate alone to the West and all three wind up marrying into one family. I must admit, however, that I don't have the firm evidence to really tie the matter down and if you do I shall quickly yield.

Page 2 My records show the following children of Jonas N. in Ohio in Licking County, in 1830: Jonas, Elijah, Jesse and Ori but the 1840 US Census in Wapello County, Iowa doesn't seem to list Jesse there at that time. It is, of course possible that his name was overlooked in the review of the records by John Sherman.

Page 2. No I haven't reviewed the US Census for 1850 for Davis County, Iowa (Established in 1844). I have, however, visited the area, checked some of the cemeteries and made inquiry of the post master of the small town of Belknap and have inquired of old timers in and around the town only to be told that to the best of their knowledge and memories, no Belknap had ever resided in the community-- that the town was named after "General Belknap" (William Worth Belknap, who won distinction as a Civil War general under Sherman, was later, in about 1869, made Secretary of War, later to be impeached, as you already know, I'm sure.

Thanks for providing me with a copy of the Evelyn Belknap outline of her family and your letter to her.

CB.

Re  
LACY L. BELKNAP  
of LINCOLN

NEBRASKA

Current Address

Apt. B 23

Trendridge Rd

Lincoln, Nebr

68505



JNB Descendants - from Elisha

Carroll:

Do you have any information  
as to other children of this Lacy  
L. Belknap? That is, Siblings of  
Willard J.?

CB.



Reference: 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-1 Husband's Full Name

LACY L. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap, (1899), Apt. B-23 Trendridge Road, Lincoln, Nebr., 68505, who stated that his records were confirmed by those of his sister, Ethel Belknap, (Mrs. H.M. Ochsner) (1902) of Madison, Nebr. and other members of the family. (Continued in note at bottom of page.)	Birth	5	7	1808		Ontario Co., N. Y.		
	Chr'd							
	Mar.	3	2	1833				
	Death	16	2	1887				
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation	Farmer						
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	Elisha Belknap						
	Mother's Maiden Name	Bettie Briggs						
	Wife's Full Maiden Name	Eliza Carney						
	Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	13	12	1813		Ontario Co., N. Y.		
	Chr'd							
	Death	11	5	1906				
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation if other than Housewife							
	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	Her Father							
	Mother's Maiden Name							
Compiler	Clinton Belknap							
Address	2019 Harwood							
City, State	Lincoln, Nebr.							
Date	25 July, 1969.							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
23	1 WILLARD J.	Birth	26	4	1836		Licking Co.	Ohio	Set
493	2 Sarah Martin	Mar.	9	12	1857				
		Death	4	5	1929				
		Burial				Creston		Nebr.	
	3	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

"This Information Obtained From cont.:  
Electrostatic copies of records from the Elisha Belknap (1787) Bible as furnished by Mrs. M. Raymond (Jane) Belknap, 4615 Ovid Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, also confirm Elisha as the father of Lacy Belknap (1808). (See Family History notes on Elisha Belknap #49)



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Reference: 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-32 Husband's Full Name

WILLARD J. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap (1899) Apt. B-23 Trendridge Road Lincoln, Nebr., 68505. Phone- 434-7129		Birth	26	4	1836		Licking	Ohio	
		Chr'd							
		Mar.	9	12	1857				
		Death	4	4	1929				
		Burial				Creston		Nebr.	
		Places of Residence	Creston ans Ogallala, Nebr.						
		Occupation	Church Affiliation						
		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.	(2) Carrie Wilkinson (no children)						
		His Father	Lacy Belknap			Mother's Maiden Name		Eliza Carnay	
		1st Marriage							
		Wife's Full Maiden Name			Sarah Martin				
Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife		
Birth	8	5	1841		Champaign	Illinois			
Chr'd									
Death	18	5	1902						
Burial				Creston		Nebraska			
Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence							
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife					Church Affiliation		
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date 25 July 1969		Her Father			Mother's Maiden Name				

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-33 1	ALBERT H. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	17	11	1858				
		Mar.							
		Death	Died young						
		Burial							
49-34 2	ALMA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	30	7	1860				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
49-35 3	LAURA ANN Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	30	11	1862				
		Mar.			1885				
		Death	21	2	1961				
		Burial				Creston		Nebr.	
49-36 4	FRANK E. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	23	11	1864				
		Mar.			1887	(1st wife)		Illinois	
	1) Carrie V. Kegwin	Death	14	6	1949				
	2) Isabelle Langmuir	Burial				Creston		Nebr.	
49-37 5	ELIZA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	30	3	1870				
		Mar.							
		Death	2	1	1964				
		Burial							
49-38 6	SARAH ELIZABETH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	28	2	1872				
		Mar.							
		Death	26	1	1965				
		Burial							
49-39 7	ORPHA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	8	1876				
		Mar.							
		Death			1962				
		Burial							
49-40 8	BERTHA ORILLA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	28	10	1880				
		Mar.							
		Death	5	5	1896				
		Burial							
49-41 9		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
49-42 10		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



Reference: 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1 10th Gen in Am  
 FAMILY GROUP No. 49-36A Husband's Full Name FRANK E. (EMERY) BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From: **Lacy L. Belknap**  
 (1899) Apt. B-23  
 Trendridge Road  
 Lincoln, Nebr.  
 68505. Phone-  
 434-7129

Husband's Data: Birth 23 11 1864, Chr'd, Mar. about 1887, Death 14 6 1949, Burial, Creston, Nebraska  
 Places of Residence Creston, Madison & Lincoln, Nebr.  
 Occupation Farmer, Church Affiliation Presbyterian, Mary Rec.  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (2) Isabella J. Langmuir (#49-36B)  
 His Father Willard J. Belknap, Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Martin

1st Marriage  
 Wife's Full Maiden Name Carrie V. Kegwin

Wife's Data: Birth 24 2 1869, Chr'd, Death 18 10 1892, Burial, Creston, Nebr.

Compile Clinton Belknap, Places of Residence Creston, Nebraska  
 Address 2019 Harwood, Occupation if other than Housewife, Church Affiliation  
 City, State Lincoln, Nebr.  
 Date 25 July 1969, Her Father, Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-41	1 JESSIE Full Name of Spouse* F James Barrett	Birth 8 2 1888, Mar., Death 15 11 1968, Burial				Creston	Platte	Nebr.	
49-42	2 JOHN OSCAR Full Name of Spouse* M Myrtle Gorman	Birth 20 8 1890, Mar. 11 2 1915, Death 27 11 1968, Burial				Creston	Platte	Nebr.	
49-43	3 FLORENCE Full Name of Spouse* F Norvin Norwood	Birth 28 6 1892, Mar. 2 1917, Death, Burial				Madison	Madison	Nebr.	
	4 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	5 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	6 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	7 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	8 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	9 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							
	10 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth, Mar., Death, Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.



10th Gen. in Am

Reference: 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-36B Husband's Full Name

FRANK E. (EMERY) BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From: **Lacy L. Belknap**  
(1899) Apt. B-23  
Trendridge Road  
Lincoln, Nebr.  
68505. Phone-  
434-7129

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	23	11	1864			Illinois	
Chr'd							
Mar.	c.a.		1896				
Death	14	6	1949				
Burial				Creston		Nebr.	

Places of Residence **Creston, Madison and Lincoln, Nebraska**  
Occupation **Farmer** Church Affiliation **Presbyterian** Military Rec. **None**

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (1) **Carrie Kegwin (See #49-36A)**  
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father **Willard J. Belknap** Mother's Maiden Name **Sarah Martin**

### 2nd Marriage

Wife's Full Maiden Name **Isabella J. Langmuir**

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	14	9	1862	Malvern		Iowa	
Chr'd							
Death	19	7	1934	Lincoln		Nebr.	
Burial				Creston		Nebr.	

Compiler **Clinton Bellknap** Places of Residence **Creston Nebr. and Malvern, Iowa.**

Address **2019 Harwood** Occupation if other than Housewife  Church Affiliation **Presbyterian**

City, State **Lincoln, Nebr.** Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.   
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date **25 July 1969** Her Father  Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-44	1	Birth	7	2	1898	Creston		Nebr.	
		Mar.		2	1917	Madison		Nebr.	
		Death							
		Burial							
F	LEONARD W. Barrett								
49-45	2	Birth	8	12	1899	Creston		Nebr.	
M	LACY L.	Mar.	19	7	1927	Essex		Iowa	
		Death							
		Burial							
	Lenore J. Fredrickson								
49-46	3	Birth	23	9	1902	Creston		Nebr.	
	ETHEL	Mar.			1925	Lincoln		Nebr.	
		Death							
		Burial							
F	H. M. Ochsner								
49-47	4	Birth	18	8	1906	Creston		Nebr.	
	DONALD LEE	Mar.	12	12	1935	Omaha		Nebr.	
		Death	31	8	1964				
M	Helen Vavra	Burial	3	9	1964	At Sunset Mausoleum, Berkeley, Calif			
		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	Full Name of Spouse*								
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Reference: 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1

FAMILY GROUP No. 49-42 Husband's Full Name JOHN OSCAR BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap		Birth	20	8	1890	Creston	Platte Co.	Nebraska	
(1899). Apt. B-23		Chr'd							
Trendridge Road		Mar.	11	2	1915	Madison	Madison	Nebraska	
Lincoln, Nebr.,		Death	27	11	1968	Council Bluffs		Iowa	
68505. Phone-		Burial	30	11	1968	Malvern	Mills Co	Iowa	
434-7129		Places of Residence	Creston, Nebr., Malvern, Iowa						
		Occupation	Farmer						
		Church Affiliation	Methodist						
		Military Rec.							
		Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.							
		Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father	Frank E. Belknap			Mother's Maiden Name		Carrie Kegwin	
		Wife's Full Maiden Name	Myrtle Eunice Gorman						
Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife		
Birth	4	8	1892	Creston	Platte	Nebr.			
Chr'd									
Death									
Burial									
Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence	Creston & Grand Island, Nebr., Malvern, Iowa						
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife							
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Church Affiliation	Methodist						
Date 26 July 1969		Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name						

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-49	CARRIE AVIS Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	3	4	1916	Creston	Platte Co.	Nebr.	Custodian at
F	Clair W. Jones	Mar.	24	1	1931	Rockport		Mo.	Malvern H. S.
		Death							
		Burial							
49-42	ALVA EUGENE Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	28	5	1919	Creston	Platte	Nebr.	Employee at
M	1) Martha Irene Reed	Mar.	19	8	1959	(2nd marriage) Rockport, Mo.			DeKalb seed
	2) Shirley Shrum	Death							corn plant at
		Burial							Shenandoah, Ia.
49-50	JOHN BYRON Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	29	5	1921	Creston	Platte	Nebr.	20 year army
M	Marie Robbins	Mar.	8	5	1965	Alexandria		Va.	career
		Death							
		Burial							
49-51	LOIS LORRAINE Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	30	6	1931	Malvern	Mills	Iowa	Housewife and
F	Floyd Harvey Anderson	Mar.	4	7	1948	Malvern	Mills	Iowa	mother of 2
		Death							daughters.
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
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8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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		Death							
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10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							



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Reference: 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
 FAMILY GROUP No. 49-45 Husband's Full Name LACY L. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap		Birth	8	12	1899	Creston		Nebr.	
(1899) Apt. B-23		Chr'd							
Trendridge Road		Mar.	19	7	1927	Essex		Iowa	
Lincoln, Nebr.,		Death							
68505, Phone-		Burial							
434-7129		Places of Residence Creston and Lincoln, Nebr.							
		Occupation Coal, later Furnace and Electronic controls							
		Church Affiliation Baptist Military Rec.							
		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father Frank E. Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Isabella J. Langmuir							
		Wife's Full Maiden Name Lenore J. Fredrickson							
		Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth	3	3	1895	Essex		Iowa	
		Chr'd							
		Death							
		Burial							
Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence Essex, Iowa, and Lincoln, Nebr.							
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife							
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Church Affiliation							
Date 26 July 1969		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		Her Father Andrew F. Fredrickson Mother's Maiden Name Ida A. Johnson							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
47-52	1	Birth	31	7	1928	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
	DAVID F.	Mar.	29	8	1950				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
M	Paula J. Pendray	Burial							
49-3	2	Birth	7	10	1932	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
	RALPH L.	Mar.	25	8	1956	Coatsville	Chester	Penn	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
M	Janet A. Robinson	Burial							
	3	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
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		Death							
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FAMILY GROUP No. 49-47 Husband's Full Name DONALD LEE BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap (1899) Apt. B-23 Trendridge Road Lincoln, Nebr., 68505. Phone 434-7129 and Mrs. Donald Lee Belknap, 3019 Carl- son Blvd., El Cerrito Calif.	Birth	18	8	1906	Creston		Nebr.	
	Chr'd							
	Mar.	12	12	1935	Omaha		Nebr.	
	Death	31	8	1964				
	Burial	3	9	1964	At Sunset Mausoleum, Berkeley, Calif.			
	Places of Residence	3019 Carlson Blvd. El Cerrito, Calif.						
	Occupation	Mechanic		Church Affiliation		Baptist Military Rec.		
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	Frank E. Belknap		Mother's Maiden Name		Isabella Langmuir		

Wife's Full Maiden Name Helen Marie Vavra

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	14	8	1910	Geneva	Fillmore	Nebr.	
Chr'd							
Death							
Burial							
Places of Residence	3019 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, Calif						
Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation						
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Her Father	Frank Vavra		Mother's Maiden Name		Christina Becwar		

Compiler Clinton Belknap  
Address 2019 Harwood  
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.  
Date 26 July 1969

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-54	1	Birth	14	1	1939	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	They have one son, Gregory Lee Belknap, b. 26-6-1963
		Mar.	26	3	1961				
		Death							
	M Clara Kay Fuller	Burial							
49-55	2	Birth	25	8	1940	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
F		Mar.							
	DIANNE MARIE	Death							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Burial							
	3	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							Note: "My son, Rolland Lee Belknap, works for the Pacific Gas and Electric, the public utilities in Oakland, Calif. My daughter works for an electronic firm in Oakland, Calif.--E and H Research Laboratories as an Electronic Assembler."
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							Mrs. Donald Lee Belknap 3019 Carlson Blvd. El Cerrito, Calif.
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							



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Reference: 49-42, 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-49 Husband's Full Name ALVA EUGENE BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap		Birth	28	5	1919	Newman Grove		Nebr.	
(1899) Apt. B-23		Chr'd							
Trendridge Road		Mar.	2	10	1943				
Lincoln, Nebr.,		Death							
68505. Phone-		Burial							
434-7129, and		Places of Residence Creston, Nebr., and Strahan & Shenandoah, Iowa							
Marvin Belknap		Occupation Area foreman Church Affiliation Methodist Military Rec.							
(student)		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (2) Shirley Joan Shrum--no children							
		Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father John Oscar Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Myrtle Gorman							
		Wife's Full Maiden Name Martha Irene Reed							
		Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth	28	10	1925	Randolph		Iowa	
		Chr'd							
		Death	16	10	1957				
		Burial	19	10	1957	Farragut		Iowa	

Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence		Church Affiliation Methodist	
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife			
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.			
Date 26 July 1969		Make separate sheet for each mar.			
		Her Father Walter Reed	Mother's Maiden Name Martha Hobbson		

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-56	1	Birth	30	4	1947	Shenandoah		Iowa	
M	MARVIN EUGENE	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	2	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	3	Birth							
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		Death							
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	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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Reference: 49-45, 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-52 Husband's Full Name DAVID F. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap		Birth	31	7	1928	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
(1899) Apt. B-23		Chr'nd							
Trendridge Road		Mar.	29	8	1950	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
Lincoln, Nebr.		Death							
68505. Phone-		Burial							
434-7129		Places of Residence see note at bottom of page							
		Occupation				Church Affiliation	Military Rec. Air Force, 1950-52		
		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father	Lacy L. Belknap			Mother's Maiden Name			Lenore J. Fredrickson

Wife's Full Maiden Name Paula J. Pendray

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	4	2	1929	Palisade		Nebr.	
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence		Church Affiliation	
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife			
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
Date 26 July 1969		Her Father		A. W. Pendray (step-father's Maiden Name Virginia Porter	

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 LINDA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	C	A	1952				
		Mar.							
		Death	c	a	1954	died young-congenital heart			
		Burial				Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Nebr.			
M	2 STEVEN ANDREW Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	9	6	1956	Wichita		Kansas	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	3 JAMES SAMUEL Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	10	9	1957	Wichita		Kansas	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
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	10 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

Note: places of residence: Lincoln, Nebr., Wheaton, Ill., Wichita, Kans., Goshen, Ind., Monterey Park, Calif.



Reference: 49-45, 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 24, 15, 3, 1

FAMILY GROUP No. 49-53 Husband's Full Name RALPH L. BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From: **Lacy L. Belknap**  
 (1899) Apt. B-23  
 Trendridge Road  
 Lincoln, Nebr.,  
 68505. Phone-  
 434-7129

Husband's Date Birth 7 10 1932 City, Town or Place Lincoln County or Province, etc. Lancaster State or Country Nebr.  
 Chr'd Mar. 25 8 1956 Coatesville Chester Pennsylvania  
 Death  
 Burial

Places of Residence See note at bottom of page  
 Occupation Minister Church Affiliation Am. Baptist Military Rec. Marines, 1950-52  
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.  
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Lacy L. Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Lenore Fredrickson

Wife's Full Maiden Name Janet A. Robinson

Wife's Date Birth 5 12 1934 City, Town or Place Coatesville Chester Penn.  
 Chr'd  
 Death  
 Burial

Compiler Clinton Belknap Places of Residence  
 Address 2019 Harwood Occupation if other than Housewife Teacher Church Affiliation Am. Baptist  
 City, State Lincoln, Nebr.  
 Date 26 July 1969 Her Father Earl Robinson Mother's Maiden Name Trott

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-60	1	Birth	2	4	1958	Lincoln	Lancaster	Nebr.	
F	SUSAN LYNN Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
49-61	2	Birth	28	3	1960	Lincoln,	Lancaster	Nebr.	
F	SHARON ALICE Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
49-62	3	Birth	20	4	1966	Canton		Ohio	
F	SANDRA KAY Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
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		Death							
		Burial							

Note: Places of residence: Lincoln, Nebr.,  
 Kansas City, Mo., No. Canton, Ohio,  
 Champaign, Ill.



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Reference: 49-47, 49-36, 49-32, 49-1, 49, 40, 32, 21, 15, 3, 1  
FAMILY GROUP No. 49-54 Husband's Full Name ROLLAND LEE BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Lacy L. Belknap (1899) Apt. B-23 Trendridge Road Lincoln, Nebr. 68505. Phone- 434-7129		Birth	14	1	1939	Lincoln, Lancaster		Nebr.	
		Chr'd							
		Mar.	26	3	1961				
		Death							
		Burial							
		Places of Residence	551-44th St. Richmond, Calif						
		Occupation	Service man,		Church Affiliation	Baptist		Military Rec	Military
		Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		Pacific Gas & Electric		Police-Army.			
		His Father	Donald L. Belknap		Mother's Maiden Name	Helen M. Vavra		2 yr.	

Wife's Full Maiden Name Clara Kay Fuller

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	26	1	1943	Oakland	Alameda	Calif	
Chr'd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler Clinton Belknap		Places of Residence	
Address 2019 Harwood		Occupation if other than Housewife	
City, State Lincoln, Nebr.		Church Affiliation	
Date 26 July 1969		Her Father August Fuller	
		Mother's Maiden Name Doris Brandt	

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
49-63	1	Birth	26	6	1963	Fort Riley		Kansas	
		Mar.							
		Death							
M		Burial							
	2	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
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E C B from CYB

Sept 14 1969

Just before going into hospital I made for you this copy of a letter addressed to an uncle of mine in California — from a G M Bellnap who says he is descended from Joseph G Bellmaw, son of Elijah.

Do you wish to follow up? Or shall I?

Oct 14 1969

CLINTON

Katie Christian's version of Aunt Kit's recollections arrived yesterday. I dropped everything else and read it from beginning to end -- with love and reverence.

Then I made copies for myself and Claudia Marshall. Today I'll mail your copy back to you -- with great thanks.

*Paul*



Oct 17, 1969

MEMO TO: Gladys Gray  
George S May  
E Clinton Bellnap

First, let me say "Thanks" to all three of you for information you've given me recently — not yet digested nor even acknowledged. In this memo, I'm merely going to summarize where I think we stand, after getting the Walbridge book.

It's going to be obvious that I'm placing heavy reliance on the statements of D B Waite. As all of you know my well-founded distrust of local histories, I must say I trust Mr Waite. . . First, he himself stated clearly that he relied on evidence, "knowing full well that when we contravert the long-published data of misinformed and guessed-work historians who have preceded us, we are incurring the displeasure (of descendants of early settlers)? . . . Second, there are continual indications that his statements depend on valid evidence, not on ~~XXXXXXXX~~ recollection or hearsay. . . Third, whenever he says anything on which I have factual knowledge from other sources, he is entirely correct. . . So I trust what he says, when it differs from what someone ~~XXXXXXXX~~ else has said.

Now, to begin with, what I'll call FINISHED BUSINESS.

- (1) Proof of parentage of Elisha, for Carol Anne: I have plenty, now.
- (2) The "two Jonas Bellknaps": I'm sure you'll agree, now, that there was only one — and that two different census takers caught Jonas in two different places at two different times in 1800. I can write an essay supporting this conclusion, if necessary — but by this time all of you have beaten me to it, I'm sure.
- (3) Jonas at Worcester N Y in 1798 — I now resume my early disbelief. He can't have been in Otsego Co. in that year. The citation of the church record, in Early Settlers of New York State, June-Aug 1939, must contain an error in copying — such as turning 1793 into 1798. (Modern historical publications don't command respect merely because they are printed. An issue of Oregon Historical Society journal, for example, says Jesse's son Ransom was born in Hart County, Ky -- but Ransom himself testified that it was Hardin County.)

Next, the UNFINISHED BUSINESS — and there's lots of it.

- (1) Who was the Rachel ---- that Jonas married at some time between June 10 1809 and the taking of the census in Town of Bristol, 1810?
- (2) When did Jonas marry Tamar Vinton — between death of Rachel and the date of his pension application in Ky, 1820?
- (3) Who was Diantha — the "one daughter aged 11 years" whom he named in that application? Was she daughter of Jonas, by Rachel? Or daughter of Tamar, by Asa Newton?
- (4) What were the names of Samuel's children, and dates of birth? After his widow married Artemus Lincoln, did these children take Lincoln name, or retain Bellnap name?

*in 1815, when George  
was born, and in*

- (5) Did Cynthia marry Isaac Newton? I have many reasons for thinking so; but no proof, yet. . . Also, who was Isaac Newton son of?
- (6) What children did Gamaliel Garlinghouse and his wife Esther Belknap have? We know only one -- Mrs Cynthia Avery.
- (5½) What children did Cynthia have? We know only one -- Cynthia Gilbert (which I'll bet was her married name; Lorenzo Gilbert from Ontario County -- mentioned by Waite -- married Jesse's daughter Hannah; a brother of his may have married a daughter of Cynthia).
- (7) When did Elijah, Jonas Jr, Jesse -- and Gamaliel Garlinghouse -- and Isaac Newton -- go to Kentucky? We know only that Jesse was in Hardin County in 1817, when Ransom was born -- and that the others were ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in Hart Co. in 1820 -- and that Jonas Sr did not leave Ontario Co till late 1819 or early 1820 (although his close associate Stiles Parker was in Ky in 1818).
- (8) What was the parentage of our Garlinghouse girls -- Catherine, Jane, Mary Ann (Polly)? I have only family tradition for saying they were sisters. I'm betting they (like Gamaliel Garlinghouse) were children of the James(Sr) who was in Ontario County in 1800 or before and in Ky in 1820. But no proof.

There -- that's enough to occupy you, if you have idle time on your hands.

Me, I've got to lay off of you for a moment or so, while I resume pestering other people -- to whom I haven't written since last Summer, 1968. Their unanswered letters are stacked deep on my desk.

P S Last I forget George May's surmise.

- (9) Was Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary), who died Jan 11 1814 at Gorham, the Mary Newton who was Jonas's mother? That is, had she married Esther Parker's father Elijah (sr) at some time after her husband Samuel Belknap died in 1775? Was she the wife shown for Elijah (sr) in 1790 census, Canajoharie? The age at death -- 76 -- is OK. But all we know for sure is that the Belchertown church record says she "removed" after Samuel's death. We don't know date of death for Elijah's first wife, Martha Stiles. I think (guess?) she must have been a widow when she died.

*the Mary, 2nd wife,*



November 29, 1970

MEMORANDUM

To: Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Conn., 06878

From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr., 68502

Was so glad to know you are still in good health.

Am most grateful to you for the information provided in your memo of 11/24/70 as well as for the delayed memo of 10/18/70 regarding Jesse and Susannah, twins. I am also deeply indebted to you for the other material enclosed with your memos.

The substitute "Christmas Card" prepared for Gladys Gray is a gem, just another example of your unusual ability to present material in an interesting manner. I have repeatedly been impressed with your talents and skills both in retaining and coordinating such a breadth of complicated and complex Belknap family data and putting it together ~~in~~ so meaningfully for the edification of others. I am sure your own immediate family will cherish for generations to come the rich heritage of family history and information that will be theirs because of your resourceful endeavours -- to say nothing of debt of gratitude from others in the Belknap Tribe!

Speaking of gratitude ( or lack of same), I suppose I shall never be able to comprehend the gross lack of expressed gratitude on the part of Carroll Ann Belknap and her family for all the help you provided in helping her establish membership in the DAR. I can understand that her grandmother, Jane's health may well explain her lack of follow up but neither Carroll Ann nor her father, Donald, can offer such excuses. Not too long ago I saw Don in Lincoln one day and he informed me that his daughter was now a fully accepted member of the DAR, based on the data you had provided for her. I took occasion to say that I trusted that either he or his daughter, or both, had taken time to inform you and thank you for all your good help but I fear they haven't attended to this matter.

You mentioned Sopha Belknap. Sopha, of Cisco, Texas is a cousin of mine. She is a granddaughter of Joseph Gillett Belknap by his first wife, Elizabeth Vancleave while I am his grandson by his second wife, Olive Brock. She has been most helpful in providing information about her segment of the family. You will find her and her own family carried under No. 64-6 and 64-19 through 64-31 in the Family Group sheets which I forwarded at an earlier time.

Your memo and enclosures mailed to me November 24 have provided me with a most interesting week end. Again THANK YOU!