

Ogden, Utah
Mar 23, 1976

Dear Carroll;

I'm sure the information you have on the Fors Belknap family is the most correct. I have not double checked it with any Vital records. I had just come across the information about the Bible on a film in the Salt Lake Gen. Libr. It had the name of the society who had collected these items from old Bibles. I did not copy it off the film. But it was signed by the person who donated the record, and the date received, which was May 16, 1939. I knew Fors Belknap could not have recorded all of the information, such as his death date. Most of these old family Bibles are kept by member of the family and other members of the family keep on recording in them. I think I wrote the the Bible was "The Old Forrest Belknap Bible was owned for years by Mrs. Cäaud Wagner, 1189 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio; Owned now by Mrs. Rose Belknap, Johnston E 5th Ave. Columbus, Ohio" That is all I know about it. So I guess we have settled that family question. I am so greatfull to you for your help.

Thanks for the additional information on the sheet of Henry Webber and Hannah Starnes.

Did I send you a copy of the information found on the Jesse Belknap's born 1739 and 1760. They are on my line. We have tried to find all the information we could. I do not remember all the people I have sent it to. I need to write it down, my memory does not do what I would like it to do.

I have read and reread your letter and information on the John Belknaps and the Eli Belknap & etc. I hope I have it correct. There should have been a law against giving children the same names of their fathers. It sure can make it hard for us to follow. I guess I should keep still, they might come back and tell me to mind my own business.

Do I have this family correct. This is the way it seems to be from your letters. This family is new to me and I do not want it to be incorrect.

John Belknap b. 1740- of Oakham, Mass.

md. 15 Feb 1769 in Brookfield, Mass.

The son of John Belknap and Ruth Farr.

md. Sarah Walker, who could have died between 1800 & 1810.

He md (2) Lydia----- She could be a widow with one child.

Children In 1790 census there were 3 sons & 2 dau.

Eli Belknap; b. about 1770, New Braintree, Mass. md 9 Oct 1800 a Clarrissa Lyman.

Asa Belknap; b. of Stephentown, N.Y. Intent to marry 15 Nov 1798 in Oakham, Mass to Abia Devetix. She was of Stephen town, N. Y.

Is there any more information on the other children in this family?

Next I will get out all the information I have received on the Belknap's that went to W. Va. Not sure I can find anything more. Mrs Alamarinda Belknap Hamrie is in Calif. I do not know if she is still living. She would be quite old. Her cousin Mrs. Hallie Belknap Weese, who lived in Ogden, is dead. Some of her children have passed away. The one son lives in Tremonton, Utah, some 80 miles from here, does not have very much on their family and does not do anything to find out. His brother is in Moses Lake, Wash. Has most of the material his mother had. He xeroxed most of it for me. It not put together very well. Too many loose sheets. Another cousin to this family was a Bailey Belknap. He lived near me. He could care less about his family. His cousins here never visted much with him, nor he with them. He retired and went to Arizonia. I read where he died. I also have written to a young couple in W. Va. who wanted information on their family. They said they would

see if their parents had done any research. That is the last I heard from them.

I need to be twins. Thanks again for your help.

I hear from a William "Gass" Belknap from Hawaii who is trying to find where he belongs in the family. He don't even know where his father came from. The last he can remember is Mich. His father was on the stage and traveled a lot. This fellow is quite a writer, and has been quite prominent in the Islands. This fellow is 75 years old or older. It is too bad they wait so long before they try to find out who they belong to. When his parents were living he could have learned so much more.

Oella Belknap

March 31, 1976

Dear Carroll,

Do you think tomorrow will fool us and give us sunshine and warm weather instead of more snow? At least, living alone, I do not have to beware of salt in the sugar!

It was good to hear from you, though the problem raised regarding the Gorham lot has not been solved any further by me. I re-read the list of deaths and marriages from the early Ontario County papers without result. I drove over to Wayne county with the same result. I'll admit that HWB's card would raise a fascinating possibility. Of course, the index to such early newspaper items is very limited. I'll keep my eyes open, however.

I imagine I mentioned the publication, "Tree Talks", put out by the Central New York Genealogical Society. I don't belong, but the city historian always lets me read each issue for possible finds. Below are a few on miscellaneous Belknaps, probably already known to you. I have been so condition to respond to the appearance of that name in print - like the famous Russian Bogs - that I continue to send on each item just in case.

- (1) March, 1975: "Record of funerals in First Baptist Church, Owego - Belknap, Mr. _____, age 74 yrs. and 10 mos. Apr. 22, 1867. Residence: Owego.
- (2) June, 1975: Same records as above:
Belknap, Hannah J., age 73. Dec. 3, 1870. Residence, Campville

And here's a cute one:

- (3) Abstracts of Guardianship Records in Monroe County
(TT, Dec. 1875)

Elvira Mahala Belknap swears that her husband John Belknap of the town of Riga d. 7 July 1831. Leaves 2 infant children: John Evans Belknap aged 10 in Apr. 1831 and Rufus Newel Belknap age 2 on 6 May 1831. Carter Evans of the town of Ogdon Guardian for John and Herrick Bromley of Riga guardian for Rufus. Dated 31 Aug. 1831. File 1831-45.

I just went back into our correspondence to see if I could find your Stephen listed in the items from Cayuga County. No help - Had I known this research would continue so long, I should not only have paged the correspondence, but started an index of names! Incidentally there are several ^{names} Lincolns mixed up with the Stiles, but I couldn't make dates fit. I'll keep looking.

As ever,

Lady S

P.S. I just discovered by your first letter that next February we can celebrate our tenth anniversary!

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

July 3 1973

Register of Probate
Hampshire County
Northampton, Mass. 01060

Dear sir:

Thanks for replying so courteously to my inquiry of June 15.

As I'd like to have a copy of the guardianship paper mentioned in your reply, I'm re-enclosing my original check, and also the note you wrote.

There's also a question I must ask. Although I assume you did not find a record of an intestate settlement of the estate of Samuel Belknap, in 1775 or thereafter, your note says only that you "have no will." So I must ask the obvious question: is there also no record of intestate proceedings, which perhaps are implied by the designation of Stephen Belknap as "heir of Samuel Belknap"?

Very truly yours,

C. Y. Belknap:



PS: I think I should add that I'd also be interested in any documents bearing any of the following names:

BELKNAP, Mary (wife of Samuel)	
Mary (wife of Rufus Kentfield)	
Chloe (wife of Levi Shumway)	
Joseph	} Children of Samuel
Seth	
Jonathan	
Susanna	

Hampshire, ss. Probate Court, Northampton, Mass. July 11, 1973
We have nothing else on Samuel Belknap. I enclose the guardianship paper
If any of the above Belknaps lived in this area after 1812 that is the
time the Counties were divided so perhaps you could check in Hampden County.
There are a few Belknaps listed prior to 1785 and these are indexed in
Book X and we cannot make copies of these. These are early records
which came to us from Springfield. ~~Amunxthaxxxx~~ I am sending you a
photocopy of all cards listed in our index under Belknap.

Yours truly,


Register.

18 Feb 1975

Mrs Herman M Richardson
National Society, of Daughters of the American Revolution
1776 D Street N W
Washington D C 20006

Dear Mrs Richardson:

Last year, you kindly supplied a copy of an application that I requested. Now there is another one that I need, if it can be provided:

Application accepted in 1895 or 1896 from a descendant of Capt. John Belknap, 2nd Rgt Ulster County Militia, naming his wife as Dorcas Peet. Said to have been listed in the 1896 lineage book. Name of applicant unknown to me.

I'm enclosing my check for \$2.

I'd also like to get copies of all other applications by descendants of this man. If you can tell me how many there are, I'll send payment for them.

Very truly yours,

I have 409764
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18 Feb 1975

Registrar General
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Washington D C

Dear Sir:

In the course of preparing a Belknap genealogy. I enclose ~~with~~ a copy of the application made by Irving H Bower on the basis of descent from Capt John Belknap, 2nd Regt Ulster Militia (NY).

I am told that this application was made in 1899.

I shall be grateful if a copy can be supplied. On the assumption that the fee is the same as that of the D.A.R., I enclose my check for \$2.

Very truly yours,

A second letter, on a different subject, is enclosed.

Suggested condensation

p 80. 1st child, Samuel #46, b 1784 Belchertown, Mass.; d 1810, before Apr.;
Hopewell, N.Y.; m ca 1806 Sarah Hunt, b 1783, dau Aaron Hunt, dChildren:
Samantha b 1807, did not marry; Alethea b 1809mar 1810, m George Roberts
5 Jan 1825, Hopewell, N.Y., living 1880, Mich. Sarah m (20) Artemas Lincoln.

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MAIL TRAY



Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap
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313 Cooper Lane
Dewitt, New York 13214
20 May 1976

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

Dear Margaret and Carroll:

Hate to double up on you like this- but things are still going and I want to keep you posted. PLEASE do not feel that any of these random notes need a response until you are well enough to come visit and report orally! That is apt to keep you in place for awhile! Carol insists that I will dictate genealogy notes during my funeral!

Have checked the land records for Cayuga County, New York and came up with a big zero! Looked for Stephen and/or Mary from the start of the records through 1847 and there was NOTHING. I was so sure that the document would be found in those records. Must admit, it was a bit of a disappointment!

From 1847 to 1850 the State made an attempt to keep some vital records. This ATTEMPT went over like a lead balloon. There was nothing there either. There were then the New York Census records for 1850, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80. But Vitals were only recorded if they happened in the year before the census. Therefore, there is no record of Mary's death, other than her grave.

The best proof to date that Mary was Mary is in the 1855 N.Y. Census, which I have sent you before. Granted, it still does not couple her and her husband. Do you think that Stephen might still have been in Saratoga County as late as 1820? He sure was not in Cayuga County, or else he was missed by the census takers- a common event as you well know and have often pointed out!

Once you are well again, which will be in the near future we are sure, let us know what you think the next order of business should be- meanwhile, I will wear out my eyes reading the 1800-1820 Census for Saratoga County!

A rapid recovery is our sincere wish- take care and mend in haste!

Most sincerely,

1The LaPianas

cc: Mrs. Ezra A. Bowen

313 Cooper Lane
Dewitt, New York 13214
17 May 1976

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

Dear Carroll:

Just a few quick lines to ask again for your comments! Go back through my correspondence from time to time and note that my letters of 24 April and 1 May are still without comments. You have been such a big help that we can not proceed without comment and direction.

I was back to the library this past weekend and read the entire Federal Census for Cayuga County, N.Y. and am now sure that there is no Mary Belknap as head of household. Only the old, established reference to Hiram who was all alone!

Still want to get into the land records at Auburn, N.Y.- but that is going to have to take a day or two from work and at the moment- we are too busy for me to get away! I like to dream that there might be a record there of land owned by Stephen and Mary before they split. But it is going to take some searching. Fortunately, because of the GOODELL line in the same area, I have been through those records before and know what is available and what I am looking for and at. We had two very difficult lines to establish on the GOODELLs too= lots of work and a lot of record searching.

Would love sometime to be certified as a genealogist but have no way of knowing how to do it! There is the course coming up with Mr. Stoddard (we have a proven Stoddard line) or the National Archives course which will be all but impossible to get into this year. What do you suggest?

Look forward to hearing from you again soon for as you can tell from the above and the past- we need all the suggestions we can get!

Best always,


John C. LaPiana

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DEWITT, N. Y. 13214

18 March 1976

Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap
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cc: Jane Bowman

Dear Carroll:

I must confes, at the onset, that this has been a very hard day and I am sure that there are going to be a lot more mistakes. Try to read over them! My boss is away and that means I have the full load of the whole Department! Not easy when he is here- and this way, it is horrid! I have to work hard and can not find time there to get ANY personal business done! What is the world coming to???

MOST interested in your comments on the Stephan problem. As you know, I have spent hours on it and feel that it alone is enough to certify me! But then, I am too close to it to be fully objective! Really appreciate your nice resume and the suggestions that you have passed along. I have done most of what you have suggested.

I do not believe that the MARY who is b. at Cayuga Co. is the wife we are looking for- can not tell you why- but there is something "wrong" with the dates and place. But I did do a careful census search. Mary was NOT with Pilgrim at any time, to wit:

1830 Cato, Cayuga County, N.Y.:
Belknap, Pilgrim: 120001: 110001

1840 Conquest, N.Y.
Belknap, Pilgrim: 1111001: 1200001
(second male mark may have been erased)

1850 Conquest, N.Y.

Belknap, Lyman	23	M
Pilgrim	54	M
Anna	54	F
Anna	18	F
Alscemena	17	F
Levi	15	M
Jane	11	F
Matilda	7	F

1860 Conquest, N.Y.

Belknap, Pilgrim	64
Anna	61
Levi P.	24
Matilda	17

18 March 1976

There is one further record that we have found:

1865 N.Y. State Census, Conquest, N.Y.

Belknap, Pilgrim	70	b. <u>Saratoga Co.</u>
Anna	66	b. <u>Vermont</u>
Levi	29	b. Cayuga Co., N.Y.
Edelia (d-in-law)	20	b. "
Stephen Brayton		
Jane		

Must admit that I have not recently read the 1810 or 1820 census, but as I am sure I have told you, in 1800 there were David, Jesse and Stephan in N.Y. State. The former ~~two in Cayuga, Co.~~ The first two were town of Milton at that time.

You must admit that it is interesting to note that the 1865 Census shows that Pilgrim was b. Saratoga County! That is one of the keys to why I believe Jane is right in what she has "speculated!"

Will immediately, well, as soon as time permits, get to the project that you have so well outlined. As a scientist also, I can not fault your logic or reasoning. We might come up with a zero- but then- at least it is a result and we can then go back to another "hunch". After many years that is what we have learned to do. I don't think I will ever be satisfied with all the lines we have traced and am sure I will never be "done"- but it is fun to look!

I have read the entire census for Cayuga County 1810 and 1820- looking for MIDDAUGH and there is nothing! So we can hire that out to another reader, to be sure, or just cross it off! As I promised you some months (years) ago, I was going to do and did all that I could see could be done to establish this line. Novice that I am, I do not think that I have left many rocks unturned. Will next get to the 1850 census and read the whole darn thing to see if I can find (1) a Mary Belknap c. 80 or an unnamed "Mary" in a family with another head of household.

As I said, delighted to hear from you and you can be sure that you will be hearing from me again soon! Keep up the good work!

Best regards,


John C. LaPiana

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Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap
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Mar. 22, 1976
CYB from ECB

Spent some time over the week end trying to reduce some of the verbage in my Corrections and Addition entries and came up with the following relating to the summary for Samuel B. and Sarah Hunt. Hope it meets with your approval.

Page

- 80 1st. child, Samuel No. 46 . Although the members of this Samuel's family were indexed in A Belknap Genealogy , the Family Group sheet, through some unexplained oversight, was not carried. The following brief summary, gleaned from contemporary records was provide by Carroll Belknap, of Riverside, Conn., 1969.

Samuel Belknap, b. 1784, in or near Belchertown, Mass., mar. ca 1806, Sarah Hunt, b. 1783 (computed from death rec.), da of Arron Hunt. Samuel died before Apr., 1810 at Hopewell, N.Y. Sarah then married Artemas Lincoln. She died 1878. She had 2 children by Samuel: Samantha, b. 1807, who did not marry, and died 30 July, 1879; and Aletha, b. 1809 or 1810, who married George Roberts 5 Jan. 1825, in Hopewell, Ontario Co., N.Y. and was "Living in 1880, in Michigan". No children by Sarah's 2nd. marriage.

C.B.

Mrs. Ezra A. Bowman
P.O. Box 1335
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Carroll Belknap
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- 1801 Eben
- 1802 Harris 18 May 1902?
- 1803 Clarinda (Lydia)
- 1804
- 1805 Sally
- 1806 Jason
- 1807 ~~Martin~~ + Hiram
- 1808 Martin 5 18 Feb 1808
- 1809 ~~Hiram~~ Hiram
- 1810
- 1811
- 1812 ~~Cyrus~~ Cyrus
- 1813
- 1814
- 1815 Betsy
- 1816 Harris
- 1817
- 1818
- 1819 ~~Dec 1819~~ Truheim
- 1820 Irena 19 Dec 1820
- 1821
- 1822 Simon ~~192~~
- NOT
Placed
- ~~Jason~~
- ~~Hiram~~
- ~~Ebenezer~~
- 2 Black
Placed
According
to H2C

Jason birth date

#5 Martin b 18 Feb 1807⁸

Hiram b 1809 = 24 to ^{interval} 35 mo

Cyrus 1812 = 36 to 24

Jason before Hiram
could be March to June 1808

Hiram ~~to~~ July 1809 to Dec.

Cyrus Aug.

Examined Shuman
Remus Co



NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1776 D STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

Jonas file

May 21, 1974

Mr.
Dear ~~Mrs.~~ Belknap:

In checking our files we find that the line of Jonas Belknap is established through the children Elisha and Jesse. There are 11 members on that line. The names and addresses of the most recent are: Mrs. Mildred Simmins 212 E. Vanburen Street, Ottawa, Ill. 61350; Miss. Dorothy Masters 148 Clyde Avenue, Evanston, Ill. 60201 and Mrs. Carol Rudi of 1903 NE Vivian, Apt. 2, Kansas City, Mo. 64118. We can provide papers on this line at a fee of two dollars per copy.

Sincerely yours,
OFFICE OF THE REGISTER GENERAL
Mrs. Herman M. Richardson

Mr.
~~Mrs.~~ C. Y. Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn. 06878

TO

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May 27 1974

Mrs Herman M Richardson
Daughters of the American Revolution
1776 D Street N W
Washington D C 20006

Dear Mrs Richardson:

Thank you for your prompt and courteous reply to my inquiry -- copy attached, for your convenience.

I enclose my check for \$2 for a copy of the record on Mrs. Carol Rudi, which will enable me to see the nature of the information you can readily supply.

Meanwhile, I have two other questions to ask:

(1) I meant to ask about records of all members, both past and present. From the wording of your note, I think that the 11 members you mention may be just members now living. Can you supply similar information on all past members?

(2) Is it possible for you to supply such information on applicants whose membership was not accepted? These might be the ones of greatest interest to me -- and I might be able to help them as I have done in a number of such instances in past years.

Cordially,

Gay L. Loring

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acknowledged
5/16/76

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Carroll Y. Belknap
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E. CLINTON BELKNAP

2019 HARWOOD STREET
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68502
May 7, 1976

MEMORANDUM

To: All libraries, as well as individuals, holding copies of
A BELKNAP GENEALOGY, published during the Summer of 1974.

From: The Author, E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502.

The enclosed sheet of Corrections and Additions for the above
named genealogy is forwarded to you to be secured permanently
in your copy of said publication. Thank you!

*Am indebted to you for your patient
help, Carroll. Thank you!*

E.C.B.

Corrections and Additions, April, 1976, for
A BELKNAP GENEALOGY by E. Clinton Belknap, Summer, 1974

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- 14 Line 1, *eaglets*, not *eagleys*.
- 42 Delete any ? from Belknap, Chole (Shumway).
- 46 Delete any ? from Belknap, Mary (Kentfield).
- 47 Delete (Chatfield) after Belknap, Susannah, and delete 51 at right; see note re p. 139 & 140 below.
- 49 Line 2, *Neu*, not *New*.
Delete all Chatfield names.
- 61 Child 5, Samuel, d. after 11 Nov. 1701, as on p. 67.
- 67 Child 2, Mary, delete *Nathaniel Singleterry* as spouse.
Child 4, Samuel, delete *Mary Pease* as spouse.
- 68 Large par., starting line 9, the following phrases should be in quotes as indicated: Samuel "of Maulden, joiner"; Joseph "of Boston, glover"; "theire thirds"; "house lott formerly Abraham Belknap's house lott, father unto the said Samuel and Joseph"; Abraham "of Reading"; "27 acres with build-ings"; then "of Framingham".
2nd. child in list of ch., place ? before Sarah.
4th child, Abraham, bpl., *Framingham*, not *Farmingham*.
- 72 Hannah Ayer, add full bd., 19 Dec., 1672/3.
Child 3, Mary, spouse: *Nathaniel Merrill*, not *Cunningham*.
Child 4, "Daughter", spouse: *Mr. Cunningham*, not *Merrill*.
Child 5, John, 3rd. wife: *Joanna Tainter*, formerly m. to *Forbes* and to *Kendall*.
Child 8, Moses, m. *Sarah Roberds*, not *Roberts*.
Child 9, *Abiah*, not *Abia*.
Child 10, *Obadiah*, not *Obdiah*. Maiden name 2nd wife: *Mary Dow*, formerly m. to *Marble* and to *Roberts*.
Children: 5, John; 8, Moses; and 10, *Obadiah*: listed b. dates, reasonable estimates only.
- 74 Line 1, bpl. of Samuel, *Haverhill*, not *Framingham*; place of m. *Rowley*, not *Mansfield*.
Mary Dickinson, d. after 8 June 1759.
Child 8, David, d. 1760 in hospital, Montreal, "after capture of city from French". - CYB
Child 9, delete *Ruth* as child of this Samuel.
- 77 Mo. of Mary Newton: *Mary Witt*, "possibly widow Gibbs".
Child 1 & 2, delete any ? above Mary and Chloe.
Child 7, Stephen, apparently mar. twice. Now known (1976) this Stephen had wife, Eleanor Middaugh, by whom he had 2 ch., one born after Dec., 1814, the date of Stephen's death by drowning in Burlington Bay, near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Further research re earlier mar. to "Mary" currently being pursued by descendant, John C. LaPiana, 313 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, N.Y., 13214.
Full dates of birth for following ch. (MS VR Belchertown, at NEHGS): Mary, 8 Nov. 1754; Chloe, 3 Jan. 1757; Susan-nah, 3 June 1761; Joseph, 13 Dec. 1764; Seth, 19 Apr. 1767; Stephen, 28 June 1769; Jonathan, 15 Apr. 1774.
- 80 2nd top section, Martha Stiles, Bolton, not Benton.
1st child, Samuel, m. ca. 1806 Sarah Hunt, b. 1783, da. Aaron Hunt. Children: Samantha, b. 1807, did not marry; Alethea, b. 1809 or 1810, m. George Roberts, 5 Jan. 1825, Hopewell, N.Y., living 1880, Mich. Sarah, m. (2) Artemas Lincoln.
Child 6, Susannah, delete *David Chatfield* as spouse.
Child 8, Orin, add *Naomi Carpenter* as 2nd wife, as on p. 142.

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- 81 Battle of "Cobus kiln" also listed in another affidavit by Jonas as *Cobuskill*. See note last par., p. 86.
Battle of Newburn, not *Newburgh*; apparently intended as "New Berne" by Jonas who filed statement.
- 82 Par. 2, line 2, *Hunt's Hollow*, not *Hobb's Hollow*.
- 83 Par. 1, line 4: delete "(Probably the brother of Jonas N.)"
- 84 2nd par., line 2, Tamar Vinton bpl. *Charlton, Mass.*, not *Charleston*.
- 86 1st par., last 2 lines: *At time of pension application*, not in-jury.
- 98 1st child, Orin: d. *Hanford*, not *Hartford*.
- 99 &
- 100 Line 1, Elisha's place of birth as *Cherry Valley*, not *firm*.
Line 6, delete *Illinois* as place of res. for Elisha; wife went there after his death.
- 100 Wife, Lucy Finch: add to places of res.: Ontario Co., N.Y., and *Niagara Co., N.Y.*
1st child, Elisha Jr.: add bpl. Ontario Co., N.Y.
2nd child, Delana: date of d. (*Eli Belknap Bible*), 1 Nov. 1835, not 31 Oct. 1834.
- 102 Eliza Carney, b. *Lockport, N.Y.*, not *Lakeport*.
- 103 1st line: Elisha Jr., bpl. *Ontario Co., N.Y.*
- 104 Eli Belknap, b. *Niagara Co.*, not *City*.
- 106 Maria Belknap, b. *Niagara Co., N.Y.*, not *Ontario Co.*
- 124 Wife, Hannah: pl. of d. *Coulee City*, not *Coules*.
- 127 Last line, quoted par., *Willamette*, not *Williamette*.
- 128 Child 6, Adeline, name of spouse: *Robert Orr Kyle*, not *Ira Anderson*. Place of burial: *Alpine, Oregon*.
Child 7, Angeline, d. *Hayward, Cal.*, not *Bayard*. Place of burial, *Alpine, Oregon*.
Child 9, Edward, pl. of d.: *Prineville*, not *Prinerville*.
- 134 Next to last line: *Prineville*, not *Princeville*.
- 139 &
- 140 Disregard these pages. The author is now convinced Susan-nah who married David Chatfield was not Susannah, the da. of Jonas N. Belknap. We have not yet identified the spouse of this Susannah, but the first names of her children, found in an old listing by a grandchild of Jonas, are "Arthur, Josiah, Benjamin, Jesse, Esther, Jolse, and Aneliza".
- 141 1st child, Cynthia, add b. 3 Apr., 1820, *Hart Co., Ky.*, d. 15 Apr. 1906 - Probate Court, Licking County, Ohio.
- 145 1st par., delete entire last sentence. Was written at a time when the Susannah who married David Chatfield thought to be da. of Jonas N. Belknap.
- 276 Frank C. Dacquet, add d. 7 Apr. 1972; pl. of d., *Wamego, Kans.*
- 296 Par. 3, in last full line, *southeast*, not *southwest*.

23 March 1976

CYB from Jane Bowman

This must be short, but I do want to thank you for all your help in reading and commenting on my work. Your criticisms are helpful and accepted in the spirit in which they were intended.

I was a bit fearful that you would think me ungrateful. This is my first typing for a month. I have had my right arm in a sling, and it is amazing how many things one needs a good right arm for.

As I get underway again, I will keep you informed on what we find. I also heard from John LaPiana, but he had nothing new to offer at the time.

In one of those unconfirmed reports that float around, I have noted that Hiram Belknap and Sarah Eastman lived with her father Justin Eastman in Vermont when they were first married. Haven't checked it out yet.

I will be glad to use the material you sent on the English ancestry and will send you a copy of the entire section when it is complete. That may be some time, because I still must favor this arm.

Thanks again.

Jane Bowman

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2/3/74
CYB from ECB

More regarding the estate inventory of Abraham Belknap. In a summary relating to "The English Belknaps" by Flora Belknap of Utah, under date of March 20, 1947, she comments in material sent to Jane Belknap the "Abraham's inventory is the first in the Essex Antiquarian to mention pot hooks and hangers, brass pots and frying pans spit and dripping pans." Could this mean that his estate inventory has been placed in a museum section to itself and that is the reason it is no longer to be found in the files of the county?

Regarding place of burial of George Garlinghouse. With the firm statement in Rhea Hardenbrook's letter that the father of Jane Garlinghouse was George Garlinghouse the following (Which I may have already furnished you) from the Iowa State Historical Library records of graves in Wapello County, Iowa, may be of interest: "Garlinghouse, George, died 1865 Age 64."

Regarding Susannah, da of Jonas N Belknap . When Rhea Hardenbrook told me that she had no recollections of any Mrs. L. N. Johnson, to whom she might have provided information relating to the children of Jonas N. Belknap and their children she remarked that if she had ever had any such complete data she must surely have taken it from the records of her aunt Minnie Simpson ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Hiltburner, a sister of her father, who had been in Des Moines but was now deceased. She said Minnie's son still lived in Des Moines the last she knew but she could not be sure where. Thought it might be on Kingman. I have since located this Waldo Hiltburner, age 73, living with his son (Waldo Jr.) and his wife at 3812 Kingman, Des Moines, Iowa, phone 515-255-5826. He can be reached at this number only on Sundays. He is still working full time, 6 days a week, at the Central (also known as Kurtz) Hardware, ~~XXX~~ 312 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, phone 515-288-0148. Plans to retire next July 1.

I have talked with him by phone and he tells me his mother did have some old records that ^{are} old and brittle now and he thinks there may be an old Bible or two among the things. They are now in the attic and he wasn't too anxious to dig them out. Thought they were more concerned with the Meyer family than with the Belknaps but said that there might indeed be some records among them pertaining to the Belknaps as well as the Garlinghouses. He indicated that he would be willing to have me stop by some Sunday when it wasn't too cold and he would try to bring the records from the attic to see what we could find. I hope to get over there a little later but just thought I should share the information so more than one would have the lead.

We have been having one of our coldest winters in history although it has been much better to us the past couple of weeks. There is also the fact that I depend on my wife to do any out of town driving these days and since she is a church librarian she is tied up most Sundays on her job. Then too there is the question of getting gas to get home on if one goes to Des Moines on the week end..

Have you had any success in resolving the mystery as to the identity of Susannah's husband and children? This Des Moines lead may not prove fruitful at all but it is worth a try if you don't already have firm information from any other source.

Hiltburner

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and family
Think I told you I had expected to retire the end of December but because of urging by my employer and another turn of events have decided to stay on until Fall. Our oldest son Rowan, about whom I have remarked before, are now in Naples, Italy, where Rowan has been assigned for the next two or three years as Manager of the overseas \$M Magnetic Product Plant. Thought maybe if I worked a few more months we could save up enough cash to get over to see them and see some of the rest of Europe too.

in October

CB.

ECB from CYB

July 17 1973

I'm grateful for the batch of material on Reva Barret. It gives me some dates that I didn't have, on the Christian family, . . . And I'll write to Orville Belknap. Thanks.

X I should tell you, promptly, that I've just received material that seems to prove that I erred in identifying as daughter of Jonas N B the Susannah who married David Chatfield. There was abundant circumstantial evidence warranting that identification; but it probably was an error. As soon as the Watergate Hearings leave me time to start digging on it, I'll give you the full story. Meanwhile, this hasty warning.

Correll

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Aug 20 1973

JOHN SHERMAN

GLADYS GRAY

GEORGE MAY

CLINTON BELKNAP

Help!

Please!

In 1968, I identified as a daughter of Jonas Newton Belknap a Susannah Belknap who married David Chatfield in Ontario County NY in 1813. Though the evidence supporting the identification was wholly circumstantial, it seemed just about unchallengable -- or so I thought.

But recently, John Sherman has sent me an old letter written in 1949, which contains what amounts to a complete denial of that identification.

Since receiving that letter, I've been in touch with the source of the original data on that marriage: the New Haven Colony Historical Society. A renewed search of its files has verified the accuracy of the information the society supplied in 1968, but has produced no new information that might lead to a different identification of that Susannah, as far as I've yet been able to see.

In the hope that you may have in your files something that might help on this puzzle, I'm enclosing a summary of all the evidence yet obtained. Or perhaps your experienced mind can suggest lines of further search that I haven't thought of.

I think I should add that the list of children of Susannah and David, obtained from New Haven, seems to be unquestionably authentic on the face of it -- and is supported by other evidence obtained from one of their descendants.

X The contrasting list of children, in the letter forwarded by Sherman, also seems authentic -- for it's difficult to believe that the person who wrote that list could be so right on the children of all other children of Jonas and then be completely wrong on children of Susannah.

Y I can supply facsimiles of all the pertinent documents if you wish to see them. But I believe the summary will be sufficient -- and will spare you the labor of deciphering old handwriting and erratic spelling.

Samuel

WAS THE SUSANNAH BELKNAP WHO MARRIED DAVID CHATFIELD IN ONTARIO COUNTY NY
ON 15 AUG 1813 A DAUGHTER OF JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP ?

EVIDENCE AGAINST THIS IDENTIFICATION: Letter, 1949, from Flora Belnap of Ogden, Utah, to Mrs Jane Belnap, Des Moines, Iowa, containing a handwritten copy of a document prepared in 1895 or earlier by an unidentified grandchild of Jonas Newton Belnap. It lists correctly all the children of Jonas and Esther Parker. It then lists ~~the children of all those children~~. In all cases except Susannah, the lists agree with other lists based on other sources. Susannah's children are given as: Arthur; Josiah; Benjamin; Jesse; Esther; Jolie ? (spelling uncertain); Ameliza. . . . This differs completely from the names of the children of David Chatfield and his Susannah: David; Stephen; Rousel; Asenath; Seth; Mary; Marietta; Sylvester; Amanda; Matilda; Elizabeth. There is no apparent reason to doubt the authenticity of the document that Flora copied.

EVIDENCE FAVORING THE IDENTIFICATION (wholly circumstantial):

-- In 1810 the only Belknaps in Ontario County were Jonas ^{known to be} and his married and unmarried children; and a Seth Belnap who ~~may have been~~ ^{was} his younger brother. The 1810 census shows no daughters for this Seth. Jonas had a daughter Susannah, aged 18.

-- In 1810, three years before the marriage of David Chatfield and a Susannah Belnap, Jonas moved to the Bristol area, west of Canandaigua, where his farm could not have been far from that of Rousel (Roswell in some records) Chatfield -- David's father.

-- In 1813, Jonas Belnap's daughter Susannah was 21; David Chatfield was 24. Normal ages for marriage in that area at that time.

-- No other Susannah Belnap of anything near that age at that time has yet been found, anywhere.

-- No clues to possible parents of an other Susannah of such age have been found.

-- The Susannah who married David Chatfield died in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1856. About 1886, a grandchild of Jonas Belnap who had the family Bible wrote that his daughter Susannah died "in Ohio," (date not stated).

DEBATABLE EVIDENCE: In 1900, Mary E Chatfield, unmarried daughter of David Chatfield, then aged 78, wrote: "I do not remember ever seeing any of my mother's brothers or sisters." This would have been the case if her mother was Jonas Belnap's daughter Susannah. Mary Chatfield was born in 1822 in Lawrence County, Ohio -- when all of the brothers and sisters of Jonas's Susannah were in Kentucky or Licking County, Ohio, except for Elisha who was in Niagara County, NY. None of them was ever in or near Lawrence County. This part of her statement may tend to support the identification.

However, she added: "I have heard my

mother speak of her Uncle Ben. Perhaps an Uncle John; then there was an Aunt Betsey but I don't know her husband's name."

-- At first glance, the names of these uncles and an aunt look like possible clues to the parentage of the Susannah who married David Chatfield. But these clues, thus far, have led nowhere. No known Belknap family of that period had sons both Ben and John. (But of course these uncles might have been brothers of that Susannah's mother.)

-- Also, at first glance, those names seem to deny the identification of Susannah as a daughter of Jonas Newton Belknap. His children had no aunts or uncles with such names. The only uncles they could have known were their mother's brothers Stiles Parker and Elijah Parker; and the only aunt they could have known was their mother's sister Roxanna (Parker) Wright.

-- Yet there is a possibility which cannot be dismissed offhand by anyone who knows the history of Jonas Belknap's family in the years when they lived in Ontario County. This possibility is that "Uncle Ben" and "Uncle John" were Benjamin Garlinghouse and John Garlinghouse. . . From 1795 to 1810 the closest neighbor of this Belknap family, in Ontario County, was James Garlinghouse -- whose brothers Benjamin and John were nearby. For years, the unmarried children of Jonas Belknap and James Garlinghouse were neighbors and friends. Three of Jonas's sons married daughters of James; and one of his daughters married a son of James. The alliance of the Jonas Belknap family and the James Garlinghouse family was close and long-lasting -- in Ontario County NY from 1795 to about 1816 -- then in central Kentucky till about 1824 -- then in Licking County, Ohio, in the 1830's. So it is entirely possible that the children of Jonas Belknap, in their childhood and adolescence in Ontario County, might naturally have come to call Ben Garlinghouse and John Garlinghouse ~~uncles~~ "uncles," just as their Garlinghouse playmates and sweethearts did. . . To this extent, perhaps, the names of the two uncles tend to support the identification. (But it should be added that no such possible explanation, or any other explanation, has yet been found for "Aunt Betsey.")

There it stands at the moment. The sole documentary evidence and the wide circumstantial evidence are in conflict. So we are left with two tasks:

-- Finding another Susannah who might have married David Chatfield.

The only possibility that has occurred to me is that the Seth Belknap shown at Honeoye in 1810 Census may have been Jonas's brother and may have had a daughter whom he named Susannah in memory of his sister Susannah who probably died in her teens -- as Jonas and his brother Stephen did. The 1810 Census figures lend no support for this possibility; but may have been wrong.

-- Finding another man whom Jonas's daughter Susannah might have married.

Possibly: search for any other Susannahs living in that area at that time, and trace their marriages. The only one I know about, thus far, is the Susannah who was wife of Joseph Newton of Livonia. I know her only from being named on one deed.

Any suggestions?

Susannah

2019 Harwood Street
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August 25, 1973

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

Have yours of August 20, 1973 regarding Susannah, daughter of Jonas N. Belknap.

X This bugs me. Some five years ago Jane Belknap of Des Moines, Iowa, placed in my hands what she indicated to be all of her file on the Belknaps and I made copies, or thought I did, of all the material in that file. I find no copy of any such letter as you describe as having been sent by Flora Belnap to Jane. (In your cover memo you refer to the old letter written in 1849 but on the next page indicate it was written in 1949 which I am sure is what you meant.)

I would greatly appreciate a copy of the letter from Flora to Jane. If Jane had that laying around she may also have other more complete information which would list the name of the husband of the new Susannah. And Jane is not so far away that I couldn't run over to Des Moines and check through her material again during my vacation period which begins in less than a month.

Jane has become so crippled with arthritis and lacks the follow through and alertness she once had but I am sure that she will put all of her records at my disposal if I run over there in person.

The only Betsy Belknap I have any line on , of the vintage, of Jonas' Susannah would be daughter of one Jesse Belknap who enlisted 6 August 1777 for three years in Captain Painter's Co. of Artificers and who had come from "Rome N. Y., or its neighborhood". He married Eunice Hall of and at Reading, Conn. Betsy was listed as this Jesse's 13 child with her birth date shown as 11 January 1800. No further data is provided as to whether she married, had children, etc. The information I have listed was included in Jane Belknap's file and was said to have been provided to her by a Charles Henry Belknap of Columbus, Ohio, and was attributed by him to HWB.

The same summary indicated Hiram Belknap, a grandson of Betsy's next younger brother Hiram was living at Ogden, Utah.

X I, for one, am surely not yet ready to push aside David Chatfield and his Susannah without some more very definite documentation to back up any new claims.

If Flora Belnap provided this listing of Susannah certainly more complete data may very likely be recorded in the Salt Lake files any I may very likely be out that way during my vacation also.

CB.

Susannah

CLINTON from CYB

Aug 29 1973

Here's a copy of that 1949 letter from Flora Belnap. It came to me in a batch of miscellaneous material from John Sherman, who is sending me his files of notes, etc., accumulated over a period of many years, so that I can make copies for my own files. Last batch included several letters from Flora to Mrs Jane -- probably sent on to Sherman in the years before you copied what was still in her possession. . . The one I copied was the only one containing information that was new to me.

X I'll value your comments on the substantial (and sometimes complete) accuracy of the lists of children shown in the letter. That's what stops me cold -- including no children for Cynthia, who died not long after marriage (if I'm right in believing Isaac Newton was her husband). Whoever wrote the document that Flora copied just knew too damned much for it to be accidental.

Please return the copy to me, for my files.

Susannah

September 7, 1973

2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

To: CYB
From: ECB

X Thank you for the copy of the letter attributed to Flora Belknap and providing different listing of children for Susannah, daughter of Jonas N. Belknap. Would appreciate it if you could send me the rest of the letter since nothing in these first four pages actually identifies the writer as Flora Belknap. The four page copy you sent me is being returned as requested. I have made a copy of it for my files, so far as it goes.

Have talked with Jane Belknap of Des Moines by phone last night but she is of no help. She states that she did, indeed, turn over to John Sherman a number of years ago her file of correspondence with Flora Belknap - or I guess it should be Belnap.

X As thorough as John Sherman seems to have been in other things, it seems unusual that he wouldn't have come up with this difference long ago.

X I was under the impression that you had had considerable correspondence and exchange of information with both Flora and Della Belnap and it seems unusual that this additional data wouldn't have been tossed in by Flora somewhere along the way in those exchanges.

X This is not the first time we have heard of Rhea Hardenbrook, formerly of Marengo, Iowa. She, I found to be something of a snob and one of those selfish individuals one finds now and then who is completely unwilling to share such family data as she may have with other interested persons.

I made a personal trip to Marengo one afternoon some years back, when we were visiting my wife's folks in Brooklyn, Iowa. Rhea was not home but her husband was and I explained to him that I would like very much to have an opportunity to at least see the Bible Rhea was reported to have listing the names of the three Garlinghouse girls that married the Belknap boys. Jane Belknap never seemed quite sure whether this was supposed to be a Belknap Bible or a Garlinghouse Bible. The husband, who seemed genial enough but not particularly interested in genealogy, explained that his wife was away, wouldn't be home for some days and that he would not be free to show the Bible without her consent. I suggested that I pay for a telephone call to her by him to get that permission. He made the call, identified me and my mission and her reply was "Absolutely not!" - that her material was not to be shared with anyone -- and that was that.

Rhea was a school teacher and Jane said Rhea had been trying to trace her ancestors in order to get into the DAR. It is quite possible she succeeded I suppose but such a record in the DAR would likely not carry the names of (Rhea) Susannah's husband or her children. So far as I was able to determine she had no children. I sent you a sheet on her (Rhea Myers Hardenbrook) when I shared copies of Jane Belknaps files with you. Am attaching another copy at this time.

X Later, after Rhea was reported to have died, I wrote her husband in an attempt to learn what had become of her material but got no reply whatever although the letter never came back. I suppose she may have left them to the Iowa State Historical Society in Des Moines. I shall check this out and let you know if I have any success.

C.B.

ECB from CYB

Sept 10 1973

Your memo Sept 7 -- lots of points to cover.

Remaining pages of Flora's letter -- an enclosing. Disregard the erroneous info in them, on some Rensselaer County people. Keep these pages. I don't need them.

There were several letters from Flora to Mrs Jane in the material that Sherman sent to me so that I could make copies for my files. The one I sent you was the only one containing anything of value to me. I didn't copy the others, before returning them to Sherman.

He had no reason to send that letter to me till now. Our cooperative work in the past six years centered entirely on difficult problems in the branch founded by Joseph (Ebenezer's son) and Prudence Morris in 1725. After we solved those problems, he began gathering up the data he had accumulated in many years of searching, and is passing them to me for copying. (My files of correspondence with him are almost five inches thick.)

I had no contact with Flora Belnap. She died some years ago. Della has carried on and has been kind and helpful. After their father died, Flora and Della quarreled bitterly -- and Flora, in letters that I've seen, accused Della of "stealing" the work that Flora and their father had done. I don't know Della's version of the story, but I'd accept it without question. The first thing Della did, years ago when she learned that I was working on Belknap genealogy, was to ship me (on her own initiative) a complete set of her organized records. And whenever she learns something new, she tells me. That's how I got the name of Abraham's wife, for instance.

I didn't recognise Rhea Hardenbrook's name -- on the sheets you sent me, long ago. I didn't read farther back than the name of Esther Belknap's daughter, for I can take the records of daughters no farther than their children's marriages.

Looking at the Hardenbrook sheets now, I note that the second page contains the old rumour that Jonas's father Samuel died at Belchertown. So I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from Belchertown -- citing Doolittle on Cambridge as place of death.

George May dug up list of Chatfield/s in Ohio's census 1850. Those at Perry, in Laurence County, match the names of children of David Chatfield and his Susannah, whoever she was. . . This negative info is all, thus far, on the Susannah problem. I've drawn blank on my inquiries, to date.

Susannah

2019 Harwood Street
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September 18, 1973
To CYB from ECB

A new development, quite unexpected, which may help us to clarify the question relating to the children of Susannah, daughter of Jonas N. Belknap.

In an attempt to locate, if still living, the husband, or some relative of Rhea Fern Hardenbrook, I wrote Jane Bigbee, Editor of the Pioneer Republican, 1021 Marengo, Iowa, who promptly came back with a letter stating that the person who had informed me of Rhea's death had been in error, that it was her husband that had died, and that Rhea was last known to be living at 8850 Hoyt Drive, Thornton, Colorado. Thornton is the suburb directly north of Denver. Rhea's zip is 80229. *Her phone No. is 303-287-6745*

I called Rhea a week or so ago to find that she had retired earlier only to find herself unhappy in such retirement and had gone back to work. She teaches, she said, for the American School of Tutoring (Phone 303-287-8110) and also at Tot College. She has a daughter, Doyne Jaquith, who lives in another Denver suburb, Commerce City (Phone 303-288-1335). She also has a son Donald who lives with her, but apparently has some incurable disease. She said he has approximately one and a half years to live and that he comes and goes at will but knows nothing concerning her genealogical material.

X She has agreed to see me and share with me her records on the children of Jonas, and their children so far as she has any record. As plans now stand, my wife and I will be going to Colorado this Saturday and will drive on down to Thornton from Greeley at a time convenient to Rhea.. Maybe we can get something from her on the Garlinghouse girls also. Will of course keep you informed.

X Either Rhea has mellowed with the passing of her husband and living more or less alone or I was sadly misled concerning her earlier attitude. She seemed quite genial on the phone the other night when we talked. Surely hope she has some really good records to share with us.

ECB.

ECB from CYB

9/27/73

X I'm most grateful for your effort to dig up information on Susannah -- and will be eager to learn what you get from Mrs Hardenbrook. My own efforts, thus far, have produced nothing.

Thanks for copy of notes taken at Ottumwa. All such stuff is precious to me, for I search continually for clues to unsolved problems -- and sometimes find them in just such notes.

2019 Harwood Street
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October 6, 1973

To: CYB from ECB.

Nothing of substance yet to report from my Colorado trip and contact with Rhea Fern Hardenbrook. As you know, I had called her from Lincoln and she had agreed to see me and share her genealogical "Family Tree" with me. I then called her from Greeley, Colorado, the night of September 22 and it was agreed that I would call at her home to see her material the following Monday night at 5 o'clock.

X When I called at the home she met me with a sad tale saying that she had completely forgotten that her daughter had picked up her material one day when she was in the home and had decided to put it in her, the daughter's bank safety deposit box for safe keeping. She discovered this only a short time before my arrival when she went to get the material from the room where she (Mrs. Hardenbrook) had formerly kept it. She was most apologetic and agreed that she would herself search the material and send me all the data she had on Susannah, daughter of Jonas N. Belknap and her family as well as any information she might have relating to the Garlinghouse girls and send it along to me or, said she, she might just mail me the complete compilation and let me review it and send it back to her, since she thought I looked honest!

X Well, I knew *to send to me* that if her daughter had her hands on the material Mrs. Hardenbrook would likely never be able to get it away from her even if she wanted to. I, of course told her that should she find it possible to send the full compilation to please send it by registered mail and that I would promptly return it the same way, or failing to do this I would be most grateful to her if she would send me a summary of such data as she had on the indicated points. Incidentally she denies ever having had either a Belknap or a Garlinghouse Bible. Either her memory is serving her wrong or Jane Belknap was misinformed.

Mrs. Hardenbrook said she would be 74 October 5 which was yesterday. She appeared alert and must be competent yet to be occupied as much as she is in a school program. Said she had a son living with her who was a problem, who came and went, and who was slowly dying of emphysema. There were a couple of cars sitting in the driveway that looked like they had been in a wreck so maybe he's a little wreckless along with the rest of his problem.

X Wrote Mrs. Hardenbrook a follow up letter yesterday and will let you know if it gets any results. She had completely forgotten any communications she may have had with a "Mrs. L. N. Johnson" -- didn't even recall ever having known of such a woman!

cfb -

October 19, 1973

To CYB From ECB

The attached copy of the letter from Rhea Hardenbrook is forwarded for such value as it may have for you. Have been most disappointed with the results of my contacts with this person and with her.

Please feel free to communicate with her directly if you feel that you might get additional results.



*I will, of course, thank
her for such response
as I have received. VCB*

Thornton, Colorado
Oct. 14, 1973
8850 Hoyt Ave.
80229

copy
⑤
Mr. E. C. Belknap

Dear Sir,

I wish you were here to look over these papers!! I really have spent all this Sunday afternoon trying to find the information you asked for.

I cannot find the name Catherine Garlinghouse anywhere.

This is the data I found:

Jonas Belknap born 1761 Windsor Conn. Lived in Betheltown, Mass.

Married Esther Parker -

D. A. R. Lineage Book Vol. 156, P. 88

Children:

Samuel

Elijah

Elisha

Jonas

Oren

Jesse

Susannah

Esther

Cynthia

Jesse born 1792 Mar.

Esther b. 1796 married
married Gamaliel
Garlinghouse - lived
at Alexandria, Ohio.

Family:
Emily Garlinghouse
born Ky. Apr. 17, 1823.
George Garlinghouse
father
Cynthia ^{B. Knapp} married
- Gilbert

Children:
Orin Gilbert
Serena Gilbert
My line Esther.

Have nothing on Susannah and
children.

I feel I have let you down but
I tried - You'll have to come and
look over the material -
Sincerely,
Rhea F. Fitchbrook

Jane Shellinghouse
born 1796.
Father George
Garlinghouse.
Data from
ancestors and
my father W.R.
Myers.

Memo. 4-21-74

2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 68502

To: CYB from ECB

Have struck out on the Des Moines lead regarding any confirmation material on a different list of children for Susannah, da of Jonas.

Just completed a call to Des Moines in an attempt to set up an appointment with Waldo Hiltbrunner for next Sunday only to be told by his son, ~~WXX~~ also, Waldo, that the father had died suddenly in February, this year, from a massive heart attack. Had never been ill, said the son, but then this heart attack, which was massive and terminal.

X 11 His son said his dad had searched in the attic following my call last fall only to find that there were no Bibles and other data he thought was there and that if anyone has it it would be Waldo Seniors sister, Mrs. Myra Deutsch, 4458 Merrill Avenue, Riverside, California, 92506. She would be the only other member of the family that could possibly have any genealogical and Bible records that her mother might have had so the son states.

I have no contact in California and think I'll leave it to you to make contact with Mrs. Deutsch, if you so desire. Have done a lot of messing around with this matter with Rhea Hardenbrook and now with the Hiltbrunner lead with no fruitful results whatever. Maybe you can write, telephone or contact Mrs. Deutsch ~~WXX~~ thru some third party in California and determine if she has anything that could be of help in clearing the question regarding Susannah's married name and names of her children.

X X It seems to me rather strange that if Rhea Hardenbrook furnished the alleged information to a Mrs. L. N. Johnson as reported, that Rhea would have no recollection at all of that fact now and would now have no memory at all of ever having even known anything about Susannah and her children. Think I'll just stick with the Chatfield listing until I am shown much better evidence than we have yet been able to verify to the contrary.

CFB

Look up ECB memo on Hiltbrunner
& write Mrs D.

Copy sent to EcB

File Susannah

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP 25 Club Road Riverside, Connecticut 06878

April 29 1974

Mrs. Myra Deutsch
4458 Merrill Avenue
Riverside, California 92506

Dear Mrs. Deutsch:

By roundabout channels, your name has come to me from your nephew Waldo Hildenbrunner, Jr., of Des Moines, Iowa.

He has said that you may possibly have some old records that might help me greatly in my work of drafting a genealogy of the Belknap family. As I understand it, he was referring to records assembled years ago by his grandmother Minnie Simpson Hildenbrunner.

These records, if they still exist, may contain information on the marriages of the children of my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap. I hope they contain, especially, records of the marriages of either or both of two of his daughters: Susannah and Cynthia.

I'll be most grateful if you'll tell me whether or not you have any old records of Belknaps -- which might yield the facts for which I've been searching for many years.

If you do have such records, I could do whatever would be most agreeable to you.---Either tell you what specific information I'm seeking -- or arrange to have someone (a Belknap living not far from you) make an appointment to visit you at your convenience in order to look at the records.

Am I right in thinking that you, too, may be a descendant of Jonas Newton Belknap, through his daughter Esther (Belknap) Garlinghouse?

Cordially,

C. Y. Belknap:

C. Y. Belknap

Susannah

ECB from CYB

13 May 1974

The delayed first letter from Mrs Deutsch finally arrived. If it had come sooner I might not have written to her again in such detail, for it now seems pretty clear that she can't be of help in tracing Susannah -- never heard of Belknap name before; knows nothing of Garlinghouse ancestry except a vague memory of having heard the name; thinks her mother Minnie Simpson Hiltbrunner got DAR membership with Simpson ancestry, not Belknap; believes all personal papers of Waldo H the elder were taken after his death by his divorced wife (mother of Waldo the younger) but does not name any genealogical stuff among those papers. I judge her trip to Des Moines may be concerned with ownership of the house Waldo lived in, which she calls "our house" and "my mother's house."

All very discouraging, as to Susannah.

Yet I'm not sorry I told her the whole story. She had done a lot to cooperate. Three phone calls: one to me to ask how I got intouch with her nephew, and two to relatives etc, for possible information. And three more or less rambling letters to me. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ So I owed her a real letter, if only to say thanks.

Can send you the file of her letters if you wish to be bothered with them.

Deutsch letters (after phone call)

- #1 - No records of any kind
- No memory of Belmont (but is interested)
- Vague in Garland house
- Her father: George J. Simpson
(as: son of Isaac S. & Emily G.?)
- After death of her brother (Waldo V. H. Thompson)
his divorced wife (mother of Waldo T. -)
removed all his papers from the home
of his late mother (Minnie Simpson H.)
where she lived -

- # 2 - "A relative" recalls I name" in connection with Supron side"
- She is going to Des Moines, to her mother's home

- # 3
- mother of her father George S. was a garden of use
 - Her mother was A.R. & Inquiring wouldn't cover Sam's m. (up?)
 - Her two sisters both dead (Sam was married to her)
 - She has spoken to a son of her sister Esther who has no further info. beyond what his D has given
- ~~Sam~~
- ~~Sam~~ family was from Westville & she checks phone info & found a ~~Sam~~ sister there now.

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

April 29 1974

Mrs. Myra Deutsch
4458 Merrill Avenue
Riverside, California 92506

Dear Mrs. Deutsch:

By roundabout channels, your name has come to me from your nephew Waldo Hildenbrunner, Jr., of Des Moines, Iowa, *(name in error - Waldo R. Hildenbrunner) correct name is for*
He has said that you may possibly have some old records that might help me greatly in my work of drafting a genealogy of the Belknap family. As I understand it, he was referring to records assembled years ago by his grandmother Minnie Simpson Hildenbrunner. *(Minnie Simpson Hildenbrunner)*

These records, if they still exist, may contain information on the marriages of the children of my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap. I hope they contain, especially, records of the marriages of either or both of two of his daughters: Susannah and Cynthia. *I do not know of any - suggest you check with "D.C.R." organization*

I'll be most grateful if you'll tell me whether or not you have any old records of Belknaps -- which might yield the facts for which I've been searching for many years. *now of any kind - never even heard the name before - "Belknap"*

If you do have such records, I could do whatever would be most agreeable to you:---Either tell you what specific information I'm seeking -- or arrange to have someone (a Belknap living not far from you) make an appointment to visit you at your convenience in order to look at the records.

Am I right in thinking that you, too, may be a descendant of Jonas Newton Belknap, through his daughter Esther (Belknap) Garlinghouse? *- could be - but I have no record at all*

Cordially,

C.Y. Belknap

C. Y. Belknap:

"Garlinghouse" I have heard name mentioned - by my grandfather - from Westerfield Ohio - I believe - years, years, ago - and descendants also of: Physeus Simpson Grant (Dea. Grant). Only thing I can think of - to check with - my Grand mother - was "Mary Jane Smith" her father - dean Smith foundry - in Ohio *(Westerfield Ohio)* My grandfather's name - was George I. Simpson "Garlinghouse as I remember on Simpson side." *(over)*

I do not have any family records of any kind -
My brother "Woods Hiltbrunner" - passed away
recently - and since he lived in our mother's
home - & recently passed away - Feb 17, 1978 -
and my nephew Woods Hiltbrunner who
lived with him - informed me his
mother (deceased wife of 30 or 40 years
of my brother) came in our home after his
death and removed all his personal
things - cancelled checks, letters & personal
things - such as "Who Who" books of our
city - De M. with my mother's picture etc -
I have no way of knowing ever -
what records expected - in this material
which according to my nephew - his
mother - removed, immediately on Feb 17, 1978

My mother - did belong to the
"Daughters of the Revolution" - on the
"D.A.R." - organization "Minnie Pearl Simpson"
daughter of Mary Jane Smith Simpson and
George J. Simpson - she my mother married
Rush M. Hiltbrunner, of Victor, Iowa -
I believe it was Western, Ohio - my grand
parent ever from - I can not be at all
helpful - M. B. Deibel

5-3-74

Dear Mr Belknap:

I checked further
a relation also remembers the
name Galloway - in connection
with the 'Simpson' side - no more -
just the name familiar - as
to me.

[NE of Columbus]

I checked Westernville.
This information is
a B. H. Belnap (wife Eldora
Louise Belnap) #614-8888883

They might know more -
or some thing.

I expect to leave for Des M.
very soon - so any future
requirements - please
be sent to my mother's address.

3812 Kingman Blvd
Des Moines, Iowa.

M. B. Belknap

5.
Pineville, Calif.
5-4-74

Dear Mr Belknap.

I hope the information
I have sent you by letter and
via phone will - will keep
you in tracing family and
sorry I can not be of more
help.

" I believe and am sure
Garlinghouse" - was on Simpson
side - I believe my grand father
George I Simpson's - mother
was a Garlinghouse - and
I am quite sure the town
was Wetherville Ohio.

Unfortunately - I can
not think of many living
relatives - none that would know.

My suggestion is
(since I do not have
the papers - you contact
the D.A.R. I recall
paper my mother had to

firmish for that - in order
to become a member. She
had then as she wanted
me to join - at some time.
which I never did. I was
closer to my Grandfather -
than any. He lived with
us for years - and took
quite a liking. He attended
Leava University - when there
was only 3 Buildings to the
University in Leava City.

He had two sisters Sarah
and Esther. Both now gone.
Sarah. (Rhea Harpembrook's
grand mother). "Sarah Myers."
"Esther Kaser" now gone for years.
Lived in Leava City - I spoke
to her grand daughter - in
Des Moines - and she remembers
it just as I have stated
to you - nothing more.

Tracing ancestry is
a very interesting hobby

Friend showed I even by
chance - come across
any thing - I would surely
send it on to you.

This is the first I have
ever heard of Belknap - and
it interests me also - I
have heard of the "Pres. Grant
connection" - "Ulysses Simpson
Grant" - but not the definite
relationship - Could Belknap
be connected with Grant's
in any way? Just a thought.

Good Luck - in your
search - and it was nice
to speak with you -

Sincerely -

Myra B. Reutsk

3812 Kingman Blvd.

De Maine, Iowa

50311

May 9 1974

Mrs Myra B Deutsch
3812 Kingman Blvd
Des Moines IOWA 50311

Dear Mrs Deutsch:

Although the first letter that you wrote to me seems to have gone astray, what you said in your other two letters and over the phone makes me feel that I should write to you without further waiting for that missing letter, for I don't know how long you plan to be in Des Moines -- and it may just be possible that while you are there you may find what I've been searching for.

But before going on, I want to say that I must have been right in thinking that you are -- like me -- a descendant of Jonas Newton Belknap, who served in the Revolutionary army through the whole war, from Bunker Hill on to the end. From what you have said, I judge that the Emily Garlinghouse who married Isaiah Simpson was your great great grandmother -- or possibly just great grandmother. Emily was the daughter of Esther (Belknap) Garlinghouse, wife of Gamaliel Garlinghouse and daughter of Jonas Newton Belknap. So this may give you a reason for helping me in my effort to solve a puzzle.

The puzzle is, thus far, one of the most difficult ones that I've encountered in some many years of working on the preparation of a comprehensive Belknap genealogy, covering ~~about 1300~~ 1300 entries from 1300 to the present time. In this work I've reached the point at which I'm concentrating all time and attention on points of doubt and dispute. . . among them, the marriage of Jonas Belknap's daughter Susannah.

The trail that we have been following has come to center on a search for two documents.

(1) The family Bible of Jonas Belknap and his wife Esther Parker: From a letter that she wrote about 1885, it seems virtually certain that this Bible was then in the possession of Cynthia (Belknap) Avery, sister of Emily. But contact with her descendants has turned up no trace of its present whereabouts, if it still exists. So it is conceivable that it came into the hands of your ancestor Emily. It would surely contain the information we seek, about Susannah's marriage. So when Mrs Rhea Hardenbrook mentioned the family papers collected by her Aunt Minnie Simpson, it was possible to hope that they might include this Bible.

(2) A letter written late in the last century, before 1895 I believe, by a grandchild of Jonas Newton Belknap, naming his grandchildren. All we have, of this letter, is a copy of a copy of a portion of the original. This faulty copy was made in 1949, from a copy supplied by a Mrs L N Johnson who said that the original (or a copy?) was in the possession of Mrs Hardenbrook -- who recently said that she does not remember it but that it might have been in her Aunt Minnie Simpson's papers. Our copy does not give the name of the grandchild who wrote the letter (or perhaps memorandum). I think it highly probable that this unknown writer was your ancestress Emily (Garlinghouse) Simpson -- or perhaps her sister Cynthia (Garlinghouse) Avery. The excerpt that we have gives only the names of the children of each of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap. Our hope is that the full letter also showed the names of the spouses.

Forgive me for inflicting all this detail on you. I have to do it, for there's always the chance that you might happen on some clue to the present location of either or both of these documents. If so, you'll be of great help to the women who claim descent from Susannah when seeking D. A. R. membership, and ask me to confirm their claims.

And of course I'll be most grateful for help on my own task of completing a Belknap family history and genealogy.

Meanwhile, if by chance you'd like any information about the Belknap side of your own ancestry, I'll be glad to send it to you.

My thanks for your kind response to my inquiry.

Cordially,

C. T. Belknap:

P.S. Looking at what I've written, I see that I should explain my frequent use of the word "we." Many people have been helping me greatly in what I've been doing -- among them, most notably, Clinton Belknap of Lincoln, Nebraska, who called on Mrs. Hardenbreck a short time ago. I'm sending him a copy of this letter, to keep him posted on what I'm doing in this matter.

Letter from Flora B. - 1949
Chn of Esther ^{Buckley} Larkin Jones
+ Samuel "

DAR Washington
1776 E. ~~St~~ NW

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George named for E's Bro.
Orin " "
Riley " Riley Gilbert
Cynthia Anne " for E's sister Hannah
Emily b 17 May 1843, died
m 6 June 1842, Isaac Simpson
d 23 Dec 1897 Victor, Iowa

Jonas Becking + Esther van der

Esther Bell Thompson + Gamaliel Bailey

Emily Parlinghouse + Isaiah Simpson
19 June Simpson in State Library of South

Sarah Ann Simpson + Isaac B. Myers
1 mine Paul Simpson on Paul's letter

Walter R. Myers + Ella May Smith
Myers & Smith — Dentists

Rhea Myers + Lant. Handenbrook

Emily was Rhian's grandmother

Receptor by my lighter brown
-manganese-
(obtains from this game by 20 minutes)

4/27/74

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CARROLL BELKNAP

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ECB from CYB

April 30 1974

I'm endlessly grateful for all your effort to help on Susannah. My own efforts, thus far, have yielded nothing. But I still have two possible lines of inquiry to pursue -- neglected thus far, but will try them.

Enclosed is copy of letter to Mrs Deutsch. Found it difficult to write. Omitted mentioning you, as thought you might prefer. Will let you know what reply I get, if any.

Have been reviewing all recent memos from you -- to see what points I may have failed to cover, during a period in which active genealogical work was not possible.

-- Mrs Hardenbrook's "George Garlinghouse" as Husband of Jane. Just another error by a vigorous old lady. Gladys Grey researched Ont Co Garlinghouses thoroughly. No George there. . . . George G in Iowa was of later generation.

-- Cynthia m a Gilbert -- in Mrs H's letter Oct 14. ~~Not~~ I have this record. Not Jonas's dau Cynthia.

-- Cynthia m Isaac Newton. . . Somewhere in my disorderly files there's a sheet of Evans' work, one of many such fragments sent to me from various sources, naming Isaac ~~XXXX~~ as Cynthia's husband. I disregarded it till the weight of cumulative circumstantial evidence forced me to think he was probably right -- though he had given no source for his statement. Though I have shown this marriage on sheets for Jonas, I still keep looking for documentary evidence. Probably should say "believed to have m Isaac Newton." Hence mention of Cynthia in letter to Mrs Deutsch.

-- Someone has sent me a list of Belknaps who were members of A & H Artillery Co, Boston. If it was you, my thanks.

Have I missed anything, in queries by you?

You may be interested to know that the "family tree" for Rowan's friend Kenyon Belknap has finally produced a mass of good material -- coextracting some of my HWB records and ~~RM~~ adding more names of descendants of the Simeon who was uncle of Jonas N.

File

2019 Harwood St.
Lincoln, Nebr., 68502
June 24, 1974

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

Dear Carroll,

I have now completed my compilation, and have arranged to have 30 copies reproduced and bound in a hard back binding for distribution to members of my family and to certain State Historical Libraries. One copy will, of course, be yours.

You mentioned once that you hoped my work would rate a placement in a couple of Eastern libraries, including Essex. If, after you have reviewed the contents of your copy, it rates such placements, I shall be prepared to forward a couple of extra copies for your disposal in such libraries.

This volume will consist of some 295 pages, including about 16 pages of introduction and background material, 24 pages of selected extracts of Keturah's Chronicles, a 20 page index listing slightly over 1000 names of Belknaps, spouses and children, as carried in the compilation of Family Record sheets (many of which are accompanied by narratives) which follow the index. Some 20 pages of pictures are also being included.

As you already know, the basic purpose of my work has been to pass on to my children and grandchildren much better information than was immediately available to me relating to my ancestral heritage.

I should have completed the project before the costs of paper, printing and binding went sky high, but it didn't work out that way. Anyway, I want it done so it won't be hanging at loose ends for someone else to worry about at some later time. A volume such as this is, of course, never is really completed, because new data is always coming along to become a part. But that can be covered later by a supplement if need be.

Because I am deeply indebted to you for help and guidance with the early Belknap records in our line and have given you numerous credits in my compilation, I would like very much to have a photo of you to include in the bound volume if you should care to provide me with same. If it were one with your good wife, all the better.

In one of your more recent memos you asked if I had sent you material relating to Doolittle's records indicating that Samuel's death had been the day following his illness. The answer is "no". I remember checking excerpts of those records rather carefully, I thought, but do not recall anything, beyond the fact that they showed his death as in 1775.

Do you have anything more on Susannah's family? I am including a note in my records that some question has been raised in this regard.

Was most grateful for the known record of Abraham's land holding at Lynn. Also for the comments regarding Ezra Meeker and his comments about the wagon train and use of a wagon bed for ferrying.

The recent communication concerning Diantha was most interesting. How did you ever find her? Plymouth County, Iowa, is just across the Missouri River from Northeast Nebraska. The tribe surely got around in Iowa, didn't they? Wonder if Isaac Newton may have settled somewhere near Diantha? Do you have any further confirmation on the Diantha information?

If you should view my request for a photo with favor, I will appreciate it if you can forward the same to me right away.

With sincere regards and appreciation.

Charles Bellamy

ECB

July 1 1974

Dear Clinton:

I'm rejoicing in the news that your work is about to be printed. Finally an accurate bit of Belknap history will be in print. After struggling so long to combat the prevalent errors, I'm treasuring the thought that something better will be on record.

And I envy you. My own comparable task, for my own family, is still largely unwritten, though all of it is in my head. I've pampered myself by yielding continually to my pet vice: addiction to puzzles. Time after time, I go baying off like a hound following a new scent, instead of sticking to organizing what I've accumulated. So, hundreds and hundreds of pages of solved problems not yet reduced to final form in my master file. Every so often, I swear off -- then succumb to the next temptation, for the fun is in the chase, not in the routine labor of organizing the catch.

Of course I'll be deeply grateful for a copy -- and I thank you for your generous offer of a couple of copies for placing in such libraries as NEHGS.

But I'm embarrassed by fear that you'll overstate my part in your accomplishment. My own debt to people like you is so great that I'm constantly aware of the fact that what makes genealogy practicable is the cooperation of fellow workers. When you say that you got something from me you really should add that I got it from X who got it from Y who was following up a hint from Z.

I'm glad you're going to cite bits of Aunt Kit, for I know you'll do it accurately. My most recent task of tackling one of Evans' many falsifications of documents required me to make copies of the pages he had distorted, in the piece published in 1937 by the Oregon Historical Society -- which he had altered so as to create at Belknap Settlement, an Eliza Belknap who never existed on land or sea. (She was an Eliza Lucas, actually, but Evans didn't know that -- and I wouldn't have known it without the great mass of data given to me by the outstanding authority on the Starr family with which my tribe intermingled on the way to Oregon.) . . . The time I've spent chasing misstatements by Evans would have been enough to write the book I haven't written -- or so it seems.

I wish I had kept an accurate record of what I've sent to you, for I'm wondering what I have failed to pass along to you after drafting it for the information of someone else. Think I haven't sent you a correction on one small point -- birthplace of Jesse's son Ransom, which I once said must have been in Ontario County for I found Jesse at Victor, NY, in 1820 census. Quite recently, I've established that the Jesse at Victor in that year was son of ~~James~~ brother Jonathan, who raised his family at Constantia in Oswego County. So Ransom's birthplace was Hardin County, Ky, as I originally said.

James's

In 1971, you sent me a copy of a letter from Michigan State Library, naming a John Harrison Belknap as having shown interest in Belknap records. I don't think I've yet told you of the outcome. . . Should have. I wrote to him and got in

reply a response that baffled me at the time. At 82, all he knew was the names of his father and mother -- of whom I had no record. Too bad, for his own history made him perhaps the outstanding candidate for "most distinguished living Belknap." Last year, while searching for facts about the Lizzie Belknap who was the second wife of one of Jesse's grandsons but had been forgotten in Oregon, I finally solved the puzzle of John Harrison Belknap -- with an assist from a Paul Belknap in Florida. He proved to be a great grandson of Jonas's younger brother Stephen, whose story had been a bit of mystery since the day in 1885 when Jonas became his guardian.

Now I'm deep in the ensuing puzzle -- where was Stephen between 1785 and 1813, when he showed up in Hamilton, Ontario? The answer, apparently, is going to be the solution of the old problem of the brothers Pilgrim and Stephen, which has baffled everyone since 1912 -- but in the end, I fear, I'll have to take refuge in the classic words of George May: "I believe but cannot prove."

Meanwhile, another tempting puzzle -- a new attack on identification of the mysterious Mary Belknap in Doolittle's #184 -- joined Belchertown church 1789, died 1781, aged 88, ~~1781~~ widow Kentfield. A letter from a Kentfield descendant has provided a clue to follow. It may lead to deciding that this unknown Mary was or may have been an illegitimate daughter of the first Joseph Belknap, who lived in frontier Hatfield, Mass., 1682 to 1696. Joseph had sired 12 children by three wives by 1784 and was only 55 when his third wife died at Hatfield. He looks like a prospect for father of this Mary, who was born 1793 if Doolittle's entry was correct.

You ask about Diantha: Nothing new, except the fact that death certificate shows her as "Phoebe Diantha," not Diantha Phoebe as previously reported to me by George May, who was responding to a query by a descendant of Alba Jeffers and Diantha Newton. I don't think this discrepancy means much. But it directs my attention to the possibility that the Phoebe Newton who was daughter of Calvin Newton of Livonia, then in Ontario County, might be the Phoebe Diantha who married Jeffers. So, nothing but a "maybe," for our record. . . . However, I find it interesting that on Carol Anne's DAR application the people at Washington made this annotation on Diantha: "ch of 2nd wife", whatever they thought this meant. (Got copy of this application by accident, error by DAR in substituting for an application I had ordered. Do you want to see it?)

X
Susannah: Dead end. Only remaining hope is that I might some day find a way of inducing an answer from the man who may have a clue. He advertised for info on descendants of David Chatfield and Susannah Belknap. I offered to send it. He never answered my letter -- nor a second letter -- and I got nothing but evasion when I phoned him. My first encounter with this sort of person.

A little while ago, I tackled a question that may be of interest to you: Why did the Samuel branch of the family follow a path so different from the path followed by the Joseph branch. The wording in old deeds showed a strong pattern:

NEXT MORNING -- July 2

Reading what I had been writing I became dissatisfied with what I was saying on this subject. So I've chopped it off. Now I'll start again.

SAMUEL'S BRANCH: The pattern in the first three or four generations can be seen rather clearly in the surviving deeds, which often name the man's occupation. Like Samuel himself, a man would begin by entering a skilled craft (joinery, coopering, turning, for example), which he would follow in his twenties. By his thirties, he would have accumulated enough capital to start buying land -- farm land. He would obviously become primarily and then wholly a farmer. But, most significantly, he would retain to the end of his life his pride in his craft, calling himself "a cooper," or "a joiner" just as if he were still practicing that well-paid craft. (His early earnings from his craft were also the source of the capital required for moving to a new area where more and better land could be bought.)

So the branch started by Samuel became essentially or mainly farmers, generation after generation. ~~Remarkably~~ Few of his early descendants broke away from the pattern.

JOSEPH'S BRANCH. Here the pattern is not so easy to trace, for there are relatively few surviving deeds -- because these men seldom bought land. Not till after the Revolution did any of them turn to farming -- when the Woburn family moved to Newburgh. Through the early generations, Joseph's descendants were townsmen: following (almost always) trades that could be conducted in shops: glovers, leather goods makers, etc -- including a bookshop in one instance. One became a city-dwelling shipowner.

Without overstressing the contrast, it's fair to say that these two main branches of the family differed sharply: on the one hand, townsmen and city-dwellers who tended to stay put (despite some exceptions, of course); on the other hand, farmers and countrymen who tended to move on, generation after generation, in search of more and better land.

I don't know whether or not this sort of generalizing will interest you. But I think it helps to explain, maybe, how Jonas Newton Belknap happened to call himself "a cooper" in his ~~2322~~ pension application. We can guess that perhaps this craft was the means by which he accumulated the capital that financed his move to New York in or about 1790. But his use of the term when he was in his sixties does not necessarily mean that he was still practicing the craft.

Incidentally -- speaking of old puzzles -- I've just received evidence that the lot sold by Jonas in 1819, at Gorham, really had been inherited by him, as we used to surmise. If I can find out the name of the testator, perhaps we'll have the answer to whether or not the Mrs Elijah Parker who died at Gorham was his mother, Mary Newton.

Oh, well -- enough gossip for now.

I see I've not answered your query about a photo. Please, no. For two reasons: (1) photos in your book should be those of your own branch, not outsiders like me; (2) the only photos of me in the past twenty years have been passport photos, and they -- dammit -- tell the truth.

NEHGS has finally bought a copying machine. So I'm now beginning to get copies of material previously unobtainable, such as Belchertown MS VR. Can give you some fuller Belchertown dates, if not too late for your use.

Harley

ECB from CYB

4 July 1974

Your letter June 30 -- rec'd yesterday.

In the copied material you sent to me I see nothing to suggest that Mrs L N Johnson was a daughter of Harley. It seems to me that the paragraph in big parentheses, beginning "Copy of Mrs L N Johnson record . . .", makes it plain that everything above it was obtained by Mrs Johnson from an "original copy in possession of Mrs Rhea Hardenbrook," just as was the family tree memorandum naming children of Jonas's children. So who it may have been that was said to be a ~~daughter~~ of Harley is not indicated in any way. child

The most likely one, perhaps, might have been Harley's oldest child, Horace -- who was actively interested in genealogy and provided all of HWB's firm data on Harley's children (with an exception that I'll come to, in a moment).

On the sheet I sent to you for Harley, the only daughter was Grace, who m Guy W Smith. He was her only husband. She was still Mrs Smith the last time I saw a letter from her a year or so ago. I believe she diedblast year.

Harley may have had a daughter named Lillie. A note in HWB's miscellaneous file listing a report from an unnamed source, shows Harley's children's names in scrambled sequence, nothing that the sequence is not known, and including a Lillie, "d.y." In a list of some hundreds of Jesse's descendants, prepared by descendants of Aunt Kit, Lillie appears in a listing of Harley's children, which has no detail and contains some errors. As this big roster was reliable only on descendants of Aunt Kit and often wrong on other groups, I haven't trusted it on Harley. The main point influencing me is that Harley's son Horace did not name this Lilly -- not did his son Harley Thurston who also supplied data to HWB. And that note in HWB's files, showing a Lilly d y, was written several years before he corresponded with Horace and Harley Thurston. So I'm still omitting Lilly -- perhaps wrongly.

I suppose you have noted that the list of Elisha's children, in the new material, does not agree with the list given in that "family tree" memo that contains names of Susannah's children, thus indicating different authorship. I think it rather plain that this "family tree" memo that was in Mrs Hardenbrook's possession was probably written by a child of Esther and Gamaliel Garlinghouse -- from whom Mrs H is descended. Note reference to "Silas Garlinghouse" immediately following the listing of children.

So, who was Mrs L N Johnson?-- I dunno -- and have no guess to offer.
forgotten

As to possible contact between her and Susannah, have you ~~remembered~~ Mrs Avery's statement in letter to Waite, that "Susannah died in Ohio"?

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

June 30, 1974
To: CYB from ECB.

Have you identified Mrs. L. N. Johnson whose records had listed different children for Susannah than had ours, as a daughter of Harley Augustus Belknap? That would seem to be the case judging from a sheet found among Jane Belknap miscellaneous material last evening. Listed on the 6x9, three ring note book sheet is certain data regarding Samuel, Jonas, children of Jonas and Esther, children of Elisha and Lucy Finch, Esther Belknap who married Gamaliel Garlinghouse followed by the words:

"My father was Harley Augustus Belknap" and below this Jane Belknap (apparently) makes the explanation that the material is a copy of Mrs. L. N. Johnson record of Chico, California.

Jane goes on to note further that Elisha b. 1789 "was my husband's ~~great~~ grandfather. Eli Belknap was his grand grandfather."

While I carry the record of Harley Augustus Belknap, I show only one daughter, Grace b. 29 Dec 1879. And I find no listing of a son Harley Augustus Belknap. If I am interpreting this matter correctly, it would seem to mean that there was still another daughter younger than Grace or that Grace whose husband I carry as Guy Smith must have had a subsequent marriage to an L. N. Johnson. *No*

If Mrs. L. N. Johnson was this close to the family she surely should have had good information. Perhaps Susannah may have lived in some proximity to her family in California.

I am sending you a photo copy of the loose leaf note book sheet to which I refer. There were notes on the back of it too so will send a copy of both sides.

ECB.

*Conn
Karp
Mrs
MS*

1. Sammel Belknap b. June 13, 1731 d. 1775
 b. Somers, Conn.
 m. Mary Newton of East Windsor,
 Conn.

2. Jonas Belknap b. 1761
 m. Esther Parker.
 (D.A.R. Lineage book Vol. 156,
 p. 881 also Hist. Sketch of
 the Cong Church in Belchertown,
 Mass. by Mark Doolittle 1852.
 Page 117- list of members 1737
 -1851

CHILDREN OF JONAS ANDC ESTHER (PARKER) BELKNAP.

1. Samuel
2. Elijah
3. Elisha b. 1789-
4. Jonas
5. Oren - 1799

Cherry Valley, N.Y.

6. Jesse b. 1792-6-26 - 11-19-1881
7. Susannah 1792

8. Esther m. Gamaliel Garlinghouse

Children of Elisha Belknap & Lucy Finch Belknap

Lacy, Elisha, Henry, Eli, Richard,
Delany, Mirah, George.

(Given in old letter of family tree)

Esther Belknap, who m. Garlinghouse was of Alexand-
-ra, Ohio. Places that are mentioned
in this family are Licking Co. Ohio,
St Albans, Ohio.

*Esther
not wife of
Jonas*

*Could then be
the Esther
reportedly buried
at Alexandria, Ohio?
in 1817 C.B.
9/20/68*

My father was Harley Augustus Belknap

Copy of Mrs L. N. Johnson record of Chico, Cal
Taken from record of original copy in possession
of Mrs Rhea Hardenbrook of Marengo, Iowa

Note ; Elisha b. 1789 was my husbands gr- grand-
-father. Eli Belknap was his Grand father.

Ebenezer Beckwith, B. 1767

Hartwell Mass D 1762

Mar 25 - 1690

See Ebenezer Beckwith, B. 1767

From Rev. Mr. John Beckwith, B. 1767

From Rev. Mr. John Beckwith, B. 1767

From Rev. Mr. John Beckwith, B. 1767

ECB from CYB

Dec 17 1972

I hope that you and many others will forgive my long delay. It was unavoidable. Many things to write to you about. Can cover some of them now -- others later.

** Your sheet for me. Enclosed, with additions in red.

** Similar sheets for Orin and Jonas Jr -- these will require digging into mass of material not yet filed and organized. Do not recall just how much more I have on their children.

** Dictionary of International Biography. I get things of this sort about once a year. In my judgment, they are just attempts to find suckers who will pay high prices for a copy of a book with no standing.

** Am mailing to you, separately, a few pages from the Sunday magazine of the NY Times, which I laid aside for you some months ago, in the belief that you it might interest you as much as it did me. Please return it to me -- there are others to whom I should send it. . .

** My summary sheet for Abraham. I am now convinced that I erred in saying that he was "apparently landless" in England. For reasons that I'll cover later on, I now think it highly probable that the term "yeoman" in the deposition he signed in 1626/27 meant that he was a freehold farmer, though no proof of such ownership has yet been found. I am revising that line to read: "A's occupation in England not yet proven. Called 'yeoman' in deposition made 31 Jan 1626/27, which may indicate that he was a farmer owning the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ land he farmed at that time."

** In earlier letters to you I have said that the spelling "Belknappe" in will of Josias was significant, as the old Belknap family had died out. This year I have found records of two Belknappe's (thus spelled) who were alive in middle of 16th century -- about the time of the lawsuits that HWB reported in NEHR. Have not been able to identify their ancestry.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and yours .

2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

April 2, 1973

To-CYB

From-ECB

Appreciate the points made regarding the Oregon Historical Quarterly article.

Yes, please do pass along the copy I sent to some one who might especially care for it.

In completing preliminary remarks to my compilation, I am adding another segment entitled "The Distaff Side." to follow the page entitled "Family Builds Heritage In America". Under this heading I comment that the record of ~~MM~~ Belknaps in America has been enhanced and enriched by the women who have elected to share their lives with men bearing the Belknap name -- by the wives whose companionship, stamina, resourcefulness and talents have contributed, generation after generation, in helping to make the Belknap men look good! Specifically listed are Hannah Ayer, Mary ^Newton, Esther Parker, the Garlinghouse girls, etc.

Because of her penchant for recording of background as well as events of those earlier days in America and because she was witness, either directly or through related experiences of her parents, to the east-west advance of the early pioneer across the breadth of a continent, it is my plan to cite Keturah Penton, wife of George Belknap, as a prime example of the distaff contribution and carry a number of quotations from her writings as presented in the compilation by Katherine C. Barrett, made available to me by Jane E. Belknap, who had received it from Reva Barrett, daughter of Katherine.

Would you know any reason, legal or otherwise, if properly credited, why this should not be done? Her writings contribute so much to remind subsequent generations of just how much those who went before contributed to the heritage which is ours today!

CB.

ECB from CYB

3/7/74

Your memo about possibility that the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Samuel son of Samuel might have returned from NJ has borne unexpected fruit. No further evidence on that specific point -- but certainty that the evidence for HWB's conclusion on last date for the first Samuel was sadly falsified. Will send you the full story and revision of sheet for him as soon as I can find time to type it. Meanwhile -- last known date for him is 1701, not 1731.

ECB from CYB

13 March 1974

I've finally remembered where I saw the name of ^athe source of HMB's inventory of Abraham's possessions:-- in his 1914 piece in the Register.

MEHQ Register, Vol 68, 1914, p 195:

The inventory has been preserved "and a summary of it has been printed in Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Vol. 1, p 6, note."

The underlining is mine -- to stress that it's not the original.

If you want me to get this for you, I can include it the next time I order books from MEHQs. Maybe they'll lend the book.

You'll note that the source identification in HMB's notes was merely "p. 150," below a heading "LYNN" -- meaningless to me.

2019 Harwood &
Lincoln, N.H.
10-28-73

C.Y.B. from E.C.B.

For what they may be
worth I am enclosing
supplies received from
Essex and Suffolk Counties
in Mass. re inventory
of Abraham B's estate

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502
October 5, 1973

County Recorder
Essex County
Salem, Mass.

Re: Inventory of Estate of
Abraham Belknap
Lynn, Mass
16 Dec. 1643
P. 150

Dear Sir:

It is my desire to secure a Xerox, or other type, photo copy of the above cited inventory of Abraham Belknap's estate.

Will you please indicate the charge for such a copy so I may forward the amount to you. Thank you very much for your courtesy in this regard. A stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in making reply.

Sincerely



E. Clinton Belknap
2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

10-10-73

Checked 1600's probate records.
No such estate on file here.

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502
October 16, 1973

County Recorder
Suffolk County
Boston, Mass.

Re: Inventory of Estate of
Abraham Belknap
Lynn, Mass
16 Dec. 1643
P. 150


Dear Sir:

It is my desire to secure a Xerox, or other type photo copy of the above cited inventory of Abraham Belknap's estate.

Will you please indicate the charge for such a copy so I may forward the amount to you? Thank you very much for your courtesy in this matter.

A stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in making reply.

Sincerely


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

Oct 23, 1973

No record of any estate between
1636 and 1894.

Miss F. M. Kerry

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502

2/7/74

CYB from ECB

Re: Samuel, son of Abraham.

In your summary of Samuel which you sent me with your communication of May 2, 1973, I find a statement the logic of which I have difficulty in following. In the note relating to why you believe Morarity was in error about the date of death of Samuel, you cite two reasons, the first being that the son Samuel had gone to Fairfield, Conn. sometime before 1690 and from there to Southern New Jersey about 1690, where he remained till 1697, probably longer. You conclude therefore that he could not have been the ~~MAN~~ grantor of the deed in 1696. What would have, with certainty, prevented him from returning for that purpose (or as an incidental act when returning temporarily for some other purpose) or to have made such an execution by mail through proper legal representation?

May I prevail upon your patience to enlarge a bit on this for me?
Thank you.

I am not disagreeing with your conclusion relative to the date of death, just the logic in this step one.

CB.

CLINTON from CYB

April 7 1973

I'm much interested in your desire to pay due tribute to the women in our history. Trouble is, we know so little. Here and there a hint, but not much. Though one fact that keeps recurring is the inter-family relationships -- with several marriages into the same family: the Ayers, the Newtons, the Garlinghouses -- and finally, in my branch, the Starrs.

As to Aunt Kit's writings, I share your wish to make use of what she said, by liberal quotation. But haven't been sure that I should without getting permission from her living descendants -- such as Reva Barrett, if I could learn her address. If you know her address, I'd be glad to have it.

A few comments on Reva's version:

-- Oh up to Fort Hall; not trustworthy after that. Especially doubtful on statement that the dangerous part of the Columbia was handled by using wagon beds for boats. Impossible, to the mind of a sailor like me. At that time, there were boats taking immigrants through the Dalles, for money -- while the men drove their livestock through the mountains south of that portion of the river. One main objective of the Oregon immigrants was to bring their livestock -- cattle, sheep, horses -- through to the Willamette Valley. . . Only mention of this aspect of the journey, by Aunt Kit, is at the start of the trip -- when she speaks of "Corry" (my grandfather, 16 yrs old) riding on an old horse in charge of "the loose stock." . . . On the journey of the earlier party, no mention of livestock except the story of losing a few cattle to Indians soon after entering the Black Rock Desert (confirmed by journal of another wagon train, just ahead of our 1847 party).

-- Important to remember that Kit was pregnant when the 1848 party left Iowa. The most dramatic part of her story, the all-night drive to reach Fort Hall, takes on added drama when we remember that Kit was then 8 months pregnant. Lack of water wasn't the only spur that drove her husband on, during that night.

-- Few valid details of the journeys of the two parties -- 1847 and 1848 -- have come down in family tradition. Hannah saying that she "wore her skirts out, walking all the way." Gumi, always the individualist, defying the train captain's order against lighting fires at night -- and undertaking to cook herself a late meal till an arrow knocked the frying pan put of her hand. The Starr wagon (Gumi and Sam Starr) capsizing in a total loss at the crossing of the Rogue River -- wrecking the Indian canoes that were ferrying it -- and being given to the Indians to placate them. These bits of the 1847 trip have good confirmation. For the 1848 trip, only what Kit tells us -- the contradictory bits of tradition about the second half (Fort Hall to Oregon) can't be trusted. . . The sons and daughters of Jesse's children used to complain that "the old folks never talked much about the trip across the plains. It was just another trip to them. They had done it before."

CYB

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
April 22, 1973

To: CYB
From: ECB

Yours of April 7, 1973, at hand. A temporary absence from home has delayed my reply somewhat.

As usual, you have brought me back to reality by pointing out that we do not really have too many details concerning various early spouses of the Belknaps under consideration and you are, of course, right. I think however, that we would all be willing to stipulate that contributions by the distaff side have undoubtedly ~~have~~ played a very meaningful part and with that as a premise we could certainly point to Ketturah as one whose contributions have richly added to the record of our heritage in America.

You ask concerning the mailing address of Reva Barrett. I made such an inquiry to Jane E. Belknap in Des Moines October 4, 1964, and was told at that early date that Reva had already died "about ~~four~~ ^{five} years ago." Thus, her death would have been in about 1959. Jane said she had been a librarian in some college.

Katherine Christian Barrett, Reva's mother, states, as you know, that the original of Part I of her compilation, belonged to Walter W. Belknap, grandson of Jesse (Sr) and son of Jesse, "the little boy who was four years old at the time of the trip across the plains." Katherine thought the original of Part II had been lost. Do you know the names and addresses of any of Walter's descendents?

Yes, I'm aware that Ketturah was pregnant at the time of the journey to Oregon, and that she delivered another son before the end of that journey. I have felt sure that her pregnancy and condition of health at the time was the reason her husband wanted her to have as comfortable a place to ride as possible and prompted him to veto her suggestion that they sleep outside the wagon at night along the way.

As one carefully reads the paragraph on page 39 of the compilation, he gets the definite impression that Ketturah is saying that not only the little sick boy might not make it through the night and be left (buried) along the way but that if this happened she might very likely join him. One can surely excuse her for the fact that "I have lost my memorandum, cannot give dates, have to write from Memory."

I think the chronology of her entries may be a bit off in a place or two but nothing to really worry about. After the crossing of the river at St. Joseph she comments that "our next point will be the crossing of the Platte River near old Fort Laramie." Actually there was to be the fording of the South Platte at the site of the old California Crossing and the episode of getting the wagons safely down the treacherous decline into Ash Hollow

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before they would proceed to the crossing of the North Platte near Fort Laramie in what is now eastern Wyoming.

That in which I am most interested is the passing along to posterity from the notes of Ketturah something of the challenge of primitive American life that these early pioneers faced and the courage and fortitude with which they met that challenge head on or died in the attempt -- of the battle with the elements, with illness and disease, of the ingenuity in making do with what was at hand, of banding together to help each other, of their faith in God and themselves -- of their self discipline, with no feeling sorry for themselves, no bellaching against the government, or expecting or even thinking about some handout from a state, territorial or federal welfare agency!

If they can have, somehow, even a fleeting glimpse of the price paid for their heritage by those who went before, I can't help thinking that it may help them not only to be more self reliant but may also make them happier in the pursuit of their own life endeavors.

You comment concerning the moving of livestock with them to Oregon. At one point Ketturah does point out that she and George were taking, beside their three yoke of oxen, three horses and 10 cows. (One of which was lost at the St. Joseph crossing of the Missouri River.) At the St. Joseph crossing, she speaks of the loose horses being sent across with the wagons and "next, the loose cattle must go as they are in a dry lot without anything to eat."



2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502
November 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM

To- CYB from ECB

Have just reread your note of 13 October, 1974, and get the impression you were asking me to let you know when I returned from Europe so you might counsel with me as to the best place to locate the three additional copies I had sent you before going to Italy. No restrictions were intended on your placement of those volumes. I have full confidence in your judgement in this regard. My only desire was that you let me know where they had been placed so I might have the information for my records.

I do have an additional half dozen or more copies to place in selected genealogical or state historical libraries and would appreciate any suggestions you might have along this line. Had thought in terms of placements in Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas and Texas and would like your reactions. I am anxious to get them packaged and on their way because they surely aren't doing any good resting here in a bedroom closet.

Had a telephone call from a Wilford Dean Belknap, MD, at Salt Lake City, about three weeks ago. Said he was writing a genealogy of his grandfather, had heard through Dick Taylor of my compilation and wondered how he would be able to consult my records because the early records of his ancestral line and mine should correspond. I referred him to the copy which I had placed with the Mormon Genealogical Library and told him to let me know if he had any difficulty getting from that library what he wanted of my records and I would see that they were available to him directly, if need be. Have heard nothing more from him. He is a pediatrician in Bountiful, Utah, a suburb of Salt Lake City.

ECB

2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502. 8 January 1975.

CYB from ECB.

You will never know how very grateful I am for your 3 January 1975 communication, received last evening. A less tolerant and patient man could just as well have told me to go to hell and get lost for the rest of time. And, after once again rereading yours of the 19th of December, 1974, in the light of this more recent memo, you could, no doubt, have felt much justification for such a response.

I'm surely just as sorry as you about the whole thing and since it is now entirely evident that it has been an honest misunderstanding all around, I trust that you will overlook my shortcomings and join me, if you feel you can, in putting the matter behind us and moving on with the mutual trust and free exchange we have enjoyed in the past. Life is too short and there is yet too much to be done to waste our time and energies otherwise.

Your letter to Miss Diane MacLachlan was much more complimentary and generous than deserved. I do thank you.

And I really do want to follow through with the proposed addendum, or rather appendix, which is a much better word. You are probably right in saying that to have added such before distribution could only have served to strengthen, rather than detract from, its integrity, but since I, somehow, had such a strong mental block on that concept I do trust that I may count on your cooperation in the substitute plan. And, believe me, I will accept the pointing up of such dissents and points of difference as you may offer with sincere thanks and objectivity. Anything we can do to keep later researchers from getting off on misleading tangents can only serve to further the general cause in which we are mutually interested and enhance the integrity of our mutual endeavors.

Thank you again, Carroll, for your forbearant patience and tolerance. I am so deeply indebted to you in so many ways!

Clinton B.

27 Deacember, 1974

MEMORANDUM

To: Carróll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Rd., Riverside, Conn., 06878
From: E. Clinton Belknap, 2019 Harwood St., Lincoln, Ne., 68502

Received your memo of December 19, 1974, the day before Christmas and must admit that I was left with a feeling not too unlike just having been punched in the solarplexus when least expecting it. I regret that I had so badly misread your earlier letter of September 18, 1974.

Acting upon the general tone of that earlier communication, I had assumed there would be no question of your willingness to sponsor the placement of copies of my book with NEHGS and others, and thus sent you three copies for such distribution.

I am sorry that now, after these additional months of delay in meticulous review and searching, you have seemingly found yourself in the embarrassing position of really preferring not to make such placements without including a disclaimer. I assure you I had definitely not intended to place you in any such position. I apologize and release you fully from any such undesired participation in such distribution.

Although I had, indeed, expressed my indebtedness to you for much on-going help and guidance in the compilation, I had never intended to saddle you with any personal responsibility for the veracity of every detail included in the volume; for material from you which I had quoted, yes, but otherwise, no.

I truly doubt if, over the years, there have been many such genealogical summaries of the magnitude and scope of this one that have not come up with a few errors or shortcomings somewhere in its makeup subsequent to publication.

I believe I have pretty well demonstrated my sincerity and integrity in searching objectively for information, and in recording and documenting same. These attributes have been sharpened by your influence over the years since I first heard from you in March, 1968.

With my birthday and the holiday activities at hand, I have not yet found time to research the contended points of error or misstatements raised in your current memo, but I shall do so and shall follow through to correct same and the others alluded to in a manner proposed later in this communication, which I trust you may find acceptable. Otherwise just bundle the three copies up and return them to me and I shall reimburse you for the postage.

I somehow get the feeling that at least a part of your reaction is engendered by your apparent basic antipathy toward Glen Evans and anything remotely connected with his name. This has been

evident, it has seemed to me, in previous correspondence from time to time, and somehow just hasn't correlated with your usual general zeal for fairness and objectivity toward others. I am sure much, if not all, of this reaction is related to all the extra work, misinformation carried in parts of his material has caused all of us. Although I would certainly be among the first to agree that some of his work has been poorly documented, if documented at all, I am still indebted to him, at least to a degree, for having provided me with a genealogical outline (as inaccurate as some of it proved to be) that got me going on a much larger genealogical endeavor and, if I am not mistaken, the Belknap family is also indebted to him for his efforts in incorraling the records of Adm. Charles Belknap and effecting their deposit in the genealogical library at Boston.

But to get back to the more specific subject at hand, I do and have always appreciated your zeal for accuracy, completeness and documentation, and I am equally interested in correcting such data as requires correcting in my book, or listing the reasons held by others for questioning a particular entry, but may I propose a different approach in accomplishing this end? If you will please forward to me a complete list of the items that have caught your attention, together with your position on same and why, I will research them in my files and will, at the first anniversary of publication, August, 1975, or before, personally issue an addendum, to be sent out with a proper covering letter to each library of record holding a copy or copies of said book, said addendum to be secured permanently in the back of each such volume. I feel sure that not too many Belknap families will have been too seriously misled between now and that date.

If, with this understanding in mind, ~~you~~ you care to forward the three volumes you now hold, to genealogical depositories of your choice, together with a simple letter of transmittal complementing the work to the degree you feel justified, while at the same time expressing recognition that no volume of this magnitude and scope could logically be expected to have been produced without at least a few unintentional mistakes or errors surfacing after publication, I would, of course, deeply appreciate such action on your part. If you feel so inclined, you might even add that the author is fully aware of such a factor and has plans to follow through with a very brief addendum by the first anniversary of publication, August, 1975, or before, which will not only correct such limited shortcomings as may have been found, but also provide a brief statement of any really significant new data which may have come to light in the interim.

But please, Carroll, spare my ego the trauma of having my production emasculated even before its distribution! I realize, as you say, that it would be largely a listing of just details, but it could not help but detract from the stature of the work. I'm sure if I were a librarian and were presented with a new publication already carrying a bill of particulars as to its ~~considerably~~ shortcomings, said publication would certainly be *considerably* down graded in my mind if not, in fact, tossed in the trash can.

Carroll Y. Belknap from E. Clinton Belknap p.3 27 Dec., 1974

Incidentally, has Dr. Wilford Dean Belknap of Bountiful, Utah, been in touch with you recently, or you with him following my memo of November 30, 1974? I had suggested that in addition to reviewing material in my book about which he had asked, that he might also care to communicate directly with you in his attempt to do a genealogy of his grandfather.

Yes, I will appreciate it if you can secure and forward to me the proper names and addressed for delivering copies of my book to Los Angeles and San Francisco Libraries.

If you determine that the N. Y. Genealogy and Biographical Society, NYC, maintains a loan service, I shall be glad to either furnish you an additional copy for them or send one direct to them if you so indicate.

Please send me at your earliest convenience the complete listing of errors and uncertainties you have developed in relation to "A Belknap Genealogy".

Do hope the New Year is good to you and yours. Had intended to retire at the end of this month, but with the economy as unsettled as it is, have decided to continue another year.

CB

CLINTON from CYB 19 Dec 1974

Distribution of your book

My delay in writing to you about this has been caused by my wavering uncertainty about what I should do -- if anything at all -- about what seem to me to be a relatively small number of questionable details in some pages.

First, now -- where to place copies?

My notion about the three copies you sent to me for placing in libraries is that I would like to send 2 copies to NEHGS in Boston, which lends books to members when it has a duplicate copy -- and 1 copy to NY Genealogical and Biographical Society, NYC -- but first I'd like to find out if NYGBS maintains a loan service and could use a second copy. I don't think it does, but I ought to make certain, for NYGBS does provide a lot of helpful service far beyond what most libraries offer.

As to what you might do about other libraries, I think it would be fine to place copies in major genealogical libraries in main geographical sections of the country. For example:

National:	Library of Congress
Midwest:	Newberry Library, Chicago.
West Coast:	Mormon Library, Los Angeles (I can get proper name of it) and the library in San Francisco (I can get its name from George May, who uses it constantly)

If you wish, I'll ask John Sherman and George May to supply correct names and addresses for the ones in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

As far as I know, none of these libraries needs a second copy for loan circulation -- but I may be wrong. Might inquire, first?

How far you might wish to go, beyond this modest list, I can't guess. All that's on my mind is the desirability of wide geographic distribution, for your fine book is going to be consulted again and again in the next 100 years. I just wish that most of them were service institutions like NEHGS instead of being mere repositories useful only to people who can visit them.

Now -- my uncertainties.

The more I study your book, the more I admire it. Yet of course there are points that seem questionable to me -- which is inevitable in any compilation of this nature. They aren't major matters from your point of view and mine -- just details of dates, places, marriages, etc. But even such minor details might be important to readers in future years, whose descent from our first Samuel isn't the same as ours.

My first reaction, when I first read the book, was to feel that I should try to do something about these points of minor disagreement. But now -- finally -- I'm not so sure and I'm going to leave it up to you to decide.

I think I'd better give a few examples of what I'm talking about.

Samuel, chart on pages 67: Mary m Nathaniel Singleterry -- possibly, but not proven .
Samuel m Mary Pease-- unsubstantiated (Evans got it from
an error in Adm Charles' first rough notes, which the
Admiral himself rejected in his final compilation.)

Samuel, chart on p 74 -- wrong birthplace for him. Questionable place of marriage.

Same Samuel, p 75: Evans's statement that he got "a grant of land" at Mansfield was
wrong. His first land there was bought on a mortgage, which he paid off two years later.

Samuel, chart on p 77: No reason for ? ? on Mary and Chloe.
Stephen m Mary is unproved and highly doubtful, and his marriage
to Eleanor Middaugh (possibly 3rd wife) is well proven. (Evans,
who didn't find Eleanor, made a sad mess in his records on this
Stephen and the many descendants, including those now living.)

As you see, just details -- except that the living descendants of Stephen, who are now
busily trying to unravel the puzzle of his marriages, wouldn't regard "Stephen m Mary"
as minor. (Maybe I'm just saying that anything derived from Evans alone, without
confirmation, is virtually certain to be questioned.)

Maybe I should do nothing about such points. I'll let you decide. But what I could
do, if you wish, is to write a few pages that could be fastened into the back of the
book -- stating in the fewest possible words the reasons for doubt on points that may
seem worth mentioning. If you want me to do this, I'll send it to you for your
editing -- as you may be able to show me that my dissent on a point is wrong.

I'll defer shipping the book to NEHGS till you've told me whether you want me to
do anything-- or nothing.

Meanwhile, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Samuel 67

Mary m N Singetony

Samuel m Mary Pease

Samuel p 74

R Framingham
m Mansfield

p. 75
H. Grant

Samuel p 77

Mary Choe

Stephen m Mary

Jonas p 80

Sarah m David Chatfield

Orin - 2nd m omitted

CLINTON from CYB 3 January 1974

It saddens me deeply to know that I have angered you by my blundering misjudgement. Nothing that I can say, I fear, will make amends. Yet I hope you'll permit me to say how the misjudgement occurred.

Looking back, it's easy to see that I should have stuck by the decision I made when I first wrote to you about the book, telling you how fine I thought it was. At that moment, I simply couldn't let myself mention the minor details that I questioned -- they weren't important enough warrant hurting your feelings.

My instinct was obviously sound. I should have relied on it. But as time went on, I talked myself into feeling that you'd accept my petty dissents without being wounded by them. The balance was tipped by my recollection of the letter in which you urged me to publish before it's too late, on the grounds that something with errors in it is better than nothing at all. Though I hadn't been able to follow that advice, I thought that the man who gave it must know that any compiled genealogy based on various sources is sure to contain points that will be questioned.

What troubled me, now, is that you seem to be charging me with acting in bad faith. Please, not guilty. Nothing that I have said or done has diminished my firm approval of the book.

As soon as you told me you had sent a copy to the Salt Lake library, I wrote to Della Belnap in Ogden, who is preparing copy for the book that Dr W Dean Belknap is sponsoring, telling her that she should consult your authorities. ~~He and I have been in contact at various times, mostly about his desire to combine my files and Della's -- something I had to decline because I'm humbly aware of the many weaknesses in my records. All I could do was to give him and Della copies of all early material that I felt was reasonably reliable. I suppose my letter to Dr Belnap was what led him to get in touch with you for there was delay in placing your book on the shelves in Salt Lake. When Della wrote that it wasn't yet available, I sent her xerox copies of the pages in your book that solved the problem she was tackling. (Della and I share a long record of sharing the results of our efforts to straighten out these confusions that have come down to us.)~~

In letters to others who should know about your book, I have expressed nothing but ~~unqualified~~ praise for the first Belnap material that is worth reading. My small dissents have been mentioned only to you.

Beyond that, I've done nothing. I've made no effort to go through the book looking for things to challenge. The only notes I've made on any such points were set down in my memo to you, to illustrate what I had in mind. There, I naturally chose primarily points that bear to some slight degree on problems that have come to my attention recently, because I'm known to be working on a comprehensive Belknap genealogy -- the difficulties of the Kentfields in Maine who are trying to substantiate their descent from Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton -- the blank wall confronting a descendant of Pilgrim Belknap, who is trying to find proof that Pilgrim either was or was not a son of Samuel's son Stephen.

Of course I'm biased in my attitude toward such points. Most of my heavy correspondence in past years has centered on trouble spots -- how much to trust what has been said

by someone twenty five years ago or a hundred years ago. So I tend to overestimate the importance of minor details, though I try to keep them in perspective. In what I said to you, I thought I was correcting my bias by emphasizing the relative unimportance of my minor dissents. But apparently I failed -- to my deep regret.

But "Bad faith"? No -- not guilty.

My wife was right about it, when I told her sorrowfully about the mess I've got myself into. She said, sternly: "You should have spoken out when you first wrote to Clinton; and then, when you didn't do that, you should have kept your mouth shut."

I agree with her, now. But this does nothing to lessen my regret for having offended a man to whom I owe so much gratitude for years of priceless help-- including the detection and correction of some of my many errors.

Of course I'll promptly do what you told me to do about the three copies you so generously placed in my hands. I'll send two copies to Miss MacLachlan at NEHGS (copy of my letter to her is enclosed). And I'll send the other copy to NIGBS as soon as I exhume the name of the right person to address. Some time in the next three to six months, the Register will announce receipt of your book, which will lead to requests to borrow it -- which in turn may produce letters to you from those who profit by reading it.

I'll also write to John Sherman and George May, asking them to give you information about the two California libraries. I'll send you copies of my letters to them.

Please, you're wrong in thinking I'm reluctant to ~~placethesecopies~~ without dissent. I hesitated only because I couldn't decide, on my own, what you'd wish me to do.

My own view, differing from yours, is that the impact of the book ~~would~~ be strengthened by the sort of very brief appendix that I had in mind. My concept was an attached few pages beginning with a paragraph by you saying that since the publication of the book you had received some comments on minor points that you felt should be noted -- followed by a statement by me strongly endorsing the book and saying that only some few very minor points seemed ~~in dispute~~ to question. In my judgment, such an appendix would breed confidence in the accuracy of the book. But there's no point in saying this, now.

But I do wish, now, that you'd do what I did just a minute ago -- re-read my memo of 19 Dec and ask yourself, all over again, whether there really was anything in it to justify the angry violence of your reaction.

Jan. 4, 1975
Memorandum
To CYB from ECB

As I sat down to review some of our earlier correspondence, in an attempt to find where and how I had failed to pick up some of the points listed in your memo of 19 December, 1974, the following statement jumped out at me from one of the very first memos you sent me, under the date of March 20, 1968.

"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 cite 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, You see, once in a while he is right where everyone else is wrong;"

This puts the facts back in proper perspective and shows me to have been wrong in any inference your dislike for him may have influenced your objectivity toward him. Quite to the contrary -- with all his exasperating shortcomings, you were still crediting him with being right in some instances. Therefore, please disregard and forgive me for the untimely and unfair inference carried in my recent memo of 27 December. I am sincerely sorry.

ECB

CLINTON from CYB

March 23 1973

It was most kind of you to send me a copy of Aunt Kit's recollections, from Oregon Historical Quarterly. I'm grateful, for the thought. But I think I should tell you that I got a copy of it from Yale, some years ago, for you may have taken notes on parts of it and I ought to mention some errors that I had to deal with... And perhaps you may have in mind someone else to whom you'd like to give this copy.

Now some of the errors.

The most troublesome was, to me, what her dating of the arrival of Jesse's brother Jonas, in the passage beginning "And now I will write 1853" &- (page 289) in which she starts by writing in the present tense and then switches to the past tense as if interjecting a memory instead of looking at her diary: "The same year Jonas Belknap and family came. . ." Quite wrong. It took a lot of digging to deal with the discrepancy between this date and the date given by descendants of Jonas. Eventually got unquestionable proof that the year was 1849.

(p 271) On page 275, the dating of the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Sunday School meeting is confusing and obviously wrong. Could not have been 1847, as Kit didn't reach Oregon till Oct 5 1848. Yet she was correct in noting that Aug 15 1847 was her 27th birthday... Details of personnel she listed show that she was talking about the period when all males but the oldest and the youngest were at the mines in California -- 1849, before arrival of Jonas.

Birthplace of Ransom, on p 266 -- wrong county in Kentucky -- probably because the editor who wrote those footnotes was relying on secondary sources, such as newspaper pieces in the Oregon Journal, bylined "by the Journal Man" -- who interviewed old people and published what they told him from unsupported memory. This error on Ransom appears in one of his pieces. I have a file of those pieces; interesting but unreliable on facts... Other errors in some of those footnotes, but not important to you, I think.

One footnote, p 295 may be worth mentioning -- "Rev John W York" -- correct on Kentucky, wrong on Missouri. (Obits in church journals, like obit for my grandfather Corrington, were a bit unreliable on details.) John York was father of my grandmother Ann Aletha York, wife of Corrington. The story of how he happened to leave Kentucky is well substantiated. Became convinced slavery was wrong. Freed his few slaves in or about 1840. Was then ostracized by his neighbors, to the extent that he could not continue preaching. Endured this ostracism for more than five years. Finally gave up and headed west and north, eventually landing in Oregon -- in 1850, not 1852, as the footnote says. In church circles in the Northwest, was often known as "Father York" -- which seems a bit odd for Methodists, doesn't it? . . . Ann Aletha's portrait hangs in the home of my daughter, who is named for her. Ann Aletha, speaking of her childhood, said: "Nobody would speak to us, nobody at all." Minutiae? Yes, indeed. Maybe my years of endless effort to correct published errors have made the sight of them just hard to ignore.

Should I return the copy to you -- or may I pass it along to someone who might like to have it?

12-6-1970
MEMORANDUM

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

Thank you for your memo of November 30, 1970, and for the additional dates for John and Hannah and for your suggestion re simply citing North Weald Church records for the statement that the name was carried as "Beltrap" in church register.

Am much embarrassed by the fact that, in my haste to follow up on my telephone conversation with you regarding my memo to you on 11-16-70, which you indicated had not been received, I grabbed a Xerox copy of an old record sheet, the dates in the top portion of which I ~~thought~~ would serve to point up the discrepancy between the approximate ~~of~~ birth for Abraham and his oldest sons as related to the date of marriage for Mary Stallion as listed in your letter to Gladys October 29, 1969. This question you have readily settled by stating that the date cited was in reality the date of her baptism rather than the date of her marriage.

As regards the correct spelling of Ingalls and the elimination of Roger Belknap and Mary Ingalls from the record, let me assure you that these corrections on my more current master sheet were noted following the receipt of your memo of November 24, 1969, received more than a year ago.

I am enclosing copies of my current sheets on Samuel (1627/8), Ebenezer (1667), Samuel (1703) and Samuel (1731). Will appreciate it very much if you will review and criticize same as you may find time. I do want to pass along to my family and others who may be interested, only the most reliable data and do not want to perpetuate any known errors.

I suppose I should eliminate from all records any reference to Evans at all and may do just this. However, had it not been for him spurring my interest in Belknap genealogy I probably would have bogged down completely at an early date, I probably wouldn't have done much follow through and would likely never have been contacted by you. So, for these reasons perhaps I may tend to be more charitable with him than justified.

by you
Your request that any previous comment/to the effect that that the name ~~##~~ of Belknap was used by Abraham before the death of his father be deleted, has been followed, the deletion being made in your memo to me under date of August 6, 1968, page 5, item (8).

You ask concerning my source for the 1676 date of death for Samuel, son of Abraham. My only source to date is Evan's statement ~~that~~ "Samuel, #5, was a joiner at Salem, Mass. until 1662 when he moved to Malden, Mass. later, before 1672 when he settled at Haverhill, Mass. where he died in 1676."

(more)

12-6-70

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Memo

CYB rom ECB

References cited by Evans for this Samuel, as you know,
included "New England Genealogical and Historical Register.
Vol. 68, P-83-92; Vol. 85, P-265-268; Vol CIV 1950.
~~Savage's~~ Genealogy. Lynn, Salem and Haverhill records
History of Framingham, Mass. Glossary of English Her-
aldry, 1846; Colonial and Rev. Lineages of America,
New York 1939. Essex Antiquarian Vol. 8, P-142. "

Reference: 1

2nd generation

FAMILY GROUP No. 5

Husband's Full Name

SAMUEL BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Name	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Salem, Malden and Haverhill town records; Henry Wycoff Belknap record via C. Y. Belknap of Riverside, Conn.	Birth		1627/8			England	
	Chr'd						
	Mar.		1652	Probably			
	Death	After 1696		Haverhill	Massachusetts		C.Y.B.
	Burial						

American Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. I.

Places of Residence Salem, Malden & Haverhill, Mass.
Occupation Carpenter-Joiner Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Abraham

Mother's Maiden Name Mary

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah Jones

Wife's Name	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1635	Hingham		Mass.	
Chr'd							
Death	18 Apr.		1689	Haverhill		Mass.	see Reva Barnett
Burial							

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Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father Robert Jones of

Hingham, Mass.

Mother's Maiden Name

Elizabeth

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
	3rd Gen.								
	1 Mary Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	17	Aug	1653				
		Mar.							
		Death				Died young			
		Burial							
	2 Sarah Mary Nathaniel Singleterry	Birth	14	Oct	1656				
		Mar.	27	Dec	1673				
		Death							
		Burial							
	3 Abraham Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	4	June	1660	14 Jan 1690/1			
		Mar.							
		Death	ca		1728				
		Burial							
	4 Elizabeth Ayer	Birth	1	May	1662				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5 Samuel Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6 Mary Pease	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7 Ebenezer Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8 Hannah Ayer	Birth	25	Mar.	1672				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9 Joseph Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10 Patience Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	17	Sept.	1675	Haverhill			
		Mar.							
		Death	After 1731			(She witnessed signing of a deed in 1731)			
		Burial							
		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
		Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once, each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Reference: 5, 1

3rd Generation

FAMILY GROUP No. 15

Husband's Full Name EBENEZER 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
See Children Continuation Sheet for Family Group No. 15	Birth	12		1667	Salem		Mass.	
	Chr'd							
	Mar.	25	2	1690	Haverhill		Mass.	
	Death	11		1762	In Mass. near Plaistow, N. H.			(Reva Barrett says "Haverhill Mass.")
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation	Joiner				Church Affiliation	Military Rec.	Colonial Wars
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	Samuel Belknap				Mother's Maiden Name	Sarah Jones	

Wife's Full Maiden Name Hannah Ayer

	Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth	1672	3		Haverhill		Mass.	
	Chr'd							
	Death	1779			In Mass. near Plaistow, N. H.			Age 106 yr., 11 mo.
	Burial							
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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	13 Oct. 1968				Her Father	Nathaniel Ayer	Mother's Maiden Name	Tamesin Turloar

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
18	1 SARAH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	23	12	1691				Res: Southbor Mass.
F	Isaac Newton	Mar.			1716				
		Death			1790				
19	2 HANNAH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	11	8	1693	vir Haverhill			Res: Boston, Mass.
F	Mr. Flagg	Mar.							
		Death	ca		1794	Said to be over 100 (HWB)			
20	3 MARY Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	13	1	1694/5				
F	Mr. Cunningham	Mar.							
		Death	ca		1795				ae over 100 (HWB)
21	4 Daughter Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
F	Nathaniel Merrill	Mar.							
		Death				May be da. said to have died at age 17 (CYB)			
22	5 JOHN Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				HWB said she lived to over 100.			
M	Ruth Parr	Mar.				1697/8 Haverhill or Plaistow, Mass.			
	Mehitable Nurse	Death				1798/9 Westboro, Mass. (HWB)			
23	6 JOSEPH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
M	Prudence Morris	Mar.				1700 HWB lists no date for birth			
		Death							
24	7 SAMUEL Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
M	Mary Dickinson	Mar.	9	7	1723				HWB
		Death				(After 6 Dec. 1757-CYB)			
25	8 MOSES Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
M	Sarah Roberts	Mar.				1704 (1703/4)			
		Death	13	3	1803/4	Atkinson		N.H.	
26	9 ABIAH (sp?) Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
F	Jonathan Roberts	Mar.				1707 (?)			
		Death							
27	10 Obidah Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
M	Sarah Mitchell	Mar.	14	10	1803	list "a child". Names supplied by Glen W. Evans.			
	Mary Marble	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.

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Wife's full maiden name Hannah Ayer

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
28	No. 11 Daughter	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death		Died young			
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death		Note: Hannah Ayer, wife of Ebenezer, when age			
		Burial		105, rode from Atkinson, N. H. to Plaistow,			
	No. _	Birth		N. H. on a pillow behind her son, Obediah.			
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		Information Obtained From:			
	No. _	Birth		1. References given by Glen W. Evans, Lansing,			
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.		Michigan, included, "History of Framingham,			
		Death		Mass., Virkus Compendium of American Ancestry			
		Burial		Essex Antiquarian; Haverhill and Framingham,			
	No. _	Birth		Mass., town records."			
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.		2. Genealogical Society, Church of Jesus Christ			
		Death		of Latter Day Saints Inc., 107 S. Main,			
		Burial		Salt Lake City, Utah.			
	No. _	Birth		3. Carroll Y. Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside,			
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.		Conn.			
		Death		4. Henry Wycoff Belknap, via C. Y. Belknap.			
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	No. _	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

FAMILY GROUP No. 24

Husband's Full Name SAMUEL 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
Year of birth same as Mary Dickinson?	Birth			1703	Framingham		Mass.	
	Chr'd							
	Mar.	9	7	1723	Mansfield		Conn.	
Meld of HWB & CYB- See Glen Evans material for narrative information. Dates on children from HWB records.	Death			1757	Windsor		Conn.	See HWB #52 sheet
	Burial							
	Places of Residence	Mansfield, Somers & Enfield, Conn.						
	Occupation	Weaver (HWB)		Church Affiliation	Military Rec.			
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	Ebenezer			Mother's Maiden Name	Hannah Ayer		

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary Dickinson

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	29	11	1703	Rowley		Mass	See memo to Dick Taylor attached to CYB memo to me dated 5/11/68.
Chr'd							
Death							
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	James Dickinson of			Mother's Maiden Name	Mary Wood		

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	5th Gen	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
29	1	MARY	Birth	28	3	1724	Mansfield		Conn.	
F		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
			Death							
			Burial							
30	2	SIMEON (or Simon)	Birth	7	6	1726	Enfield		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Elizabeth Porter	Death	3	10	1804	Ellington		Conn.	
			Burial							
31	3	JOB	Birth	29	10	1727/8	Enfield		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Phebe Newton	Death	29	10	1811				
			Burial							
32	4	SAMUEL	Birth	13	6	1731	Enfield		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Mary Newton	Death	18	6	1775	Cambridge		Mass.	
			Burial							
33	5	EBENEZER	Birth	15	5	1734	Enfield		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Susanna	Death	3	7	1760				
			Burial							
34	6	ABEL	Birth	15	9	1736				Place and date of death given by C.Y. Belknap, River side, Conn.
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Elizabeth Stevens	Death			1790	Canajoharie, Otsego Co., N.Y.			
		Anna Gray	Burial							
35	7	JESSE	Birth	9	4	1739	Enfield		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Eunice	Death			After 1818				
		Deborah Hathaway	Burial							
36	8	DAVID	Birth	5	8	1742	Windsor		Conn.	
M		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
			Death			Before 1762				
			Burial							
37	9	RUTH (?)	Birth							
F		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
			Death							
			Burial							
	10		Birth							
		Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
			Death							
			Burial							

Husband--Samuel Belknap
Wife-----Mary Dickinson

Glen W. Evans of Lansing, Michigan, now deceased, (citing History of Enfield, Conn., Mansfield and Somers, Conn., as well as Rowley, Massachusetts town records, Horace Belknap family Bible and Gilbert Belknap family records of Ogden, Utah) stated that Samuel received a land grant at Mansfield in 1722, was married there in 1723, and the couple's first child, Mary, was born there in 1724.

Evans stated that Mary Dickinson, Samuel's wife, had come to Mansfield with her brother, James Dickinson, and in 1727 bought land adjoining that of her husband, Samuel. In 1729 they both sold their land holdings and removed to Somers, Connecticut, from whence they "later" removed to Enfield, Connecticut. They were living in Enfield at the time their son, Samuel, was born in 1731.

Samuel (1703) is reported to have been "a weaver" in addition to being a land holder. Perhaps his land holdings were for the purpose of raising sheep for the production of wool. He is reported to have died at the age of 54 in Windsor, Conn., in 1757.

References: 24, 15, 5, 1

FAMILY GROUP No. 32

Husband's Full Name

SAMUEL BELKNAP

This Information Obtained From:

Glen Evans, Lansing, Mich.; Henry Wycoff Belknap via Carroll Y. Belknap, River-side, Conn; Carroll Y. Belknap; Belcher-town Congregational Church records; Mass Soldiers & Sailors of the Revolutionary War; Mormon Church records, Salt Lake City.

Birth 13 6 1731 Enfield Hartford Conn. Enlisted Rev. War from Belchertown, Mass. 3 May 1775. Died in service
 Chr'd 14 7 1731 Somers Church, Tolland, Conn.
 Mar. 19 6 1754 Cambridge Mass.
 Death 18 6 1775
 Burial
 Places of Residence Windsor (Ellington) & Enfield, Conn., Mansfield & Belchertown, Mass.
 Occupation Belchertown, Mass.
 Church Affiliation Congregational
 Rec. Rev. War.
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
 Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father Samuel (1703) #24 Mother's Maiden Name Mary Dickinson

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary Newton

Birth 8 11 1737 E. Windsor, Conn., says Glen Evans, Lansing, Mich.
 Chr'd
 Death
 Burial

Compiler E. Clinton Belknap

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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 Stephen Newton

Mother's Maiden Name

Mary Gibbs

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
38	1 (?) MARY Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1754				
F	Rufus Kentfield	Mar.	25	11	1773				
		Death							
		Burial							
39	2 (?) CHLOE Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1757				
F	Levi Shumway	Mar.			1780				
		Death							
		Burial							
40	3 JONAS NEWTON Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	19	5	1759	Windsor (Ellington)	Conn.	Bapt. in Bel-	
M	Esther Parker	Mar.	17	1	1783	Belchertown	Mass.	chertown Congre-	
		Death	16	2	1824	Hart Co.,	Ky.	gational Church	
		Burial						12 April, 1761	
41	4 SUSANNA Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1761				
F		Mar.							
		Death			1781				
		Burial							
42	5 JOSEPH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	13	12	1762	Belchertown	Mass.		
M		Mar.							
		Death	13	8	1854				
		Burial							
43	6 SETH Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1767	Belchertown	Mass.		
M		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
44	7 STEPHEN Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1769				
M	Mary	Mar.							
		Death				Is reported to have drown in Canada, -- Jane E. Belknap & HWB.			
		Burial							
45	8 JONATHAN Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1774	Belchertown	Mass.	Some descend-	
M	Sebra Shedd	Mar.						ants settled in	
		Death	10		1838	New Milford	Pa.	Mich. -- Glen Ever	
		Burial						letter 27 June	
	9 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth						1950.	
		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.

Husband--Samuel Belknap
Wife-----Mary Newton

Henry Wycoff Belknap records carry only children #40, #42, #43, #44, #45. Glen Evans and Belchertown "Vital Records" as reported to CYB by George May, May 12, 1970, from New England Genealogical Society Records in Boston, list #38, #39, and #41 also. Evans cites Bible records of Jonathan (my #45) as carrying records of Samuel and his family. He stated that a Mrs. Burton Belknap, Cliff Rd., Delmar, N.Y. had the Bible.

Glen Evans said to Mrs. Jane (M. R.) Belknap of Des Moines in a letter dated Sept. 23, 1948, that Jonathan, with his wife and family, lived in Brownville, Jefferson County, N. Y. in 1819. He had a son, Julius E. (1819-1889) and a son, Jesse, who married Catharine Ruppert. Julius Belknap, b. 1834 was a son of Jesse and Catharine, and he was the mayor of St. Clair, Michigan. Jonathan's wife was Sebra Shedd, as the Michigan Vital Records state, said Evans.

Glen W. Evans of Lansing, Michigan, listed Samuel's place of birth as Enfield, Conn. Henry Wycoff Belknap, in a summary (a copy of which Carroll York Belknap of Riverside, Connecticut attached to a memorandum to E. Clinton Belknap under date of May 31, 1968) also listed Enfield, Conn. as Samuel's place of birth, and the date of birth as 13 June 1731, but indicates that the child was baptised a month later on 14 July 1731 at Somers Church (Somers, Conn.) which would seem to indicate that the parents may have only recently moved to Enfield from Somers (see Samuel, #24) and went back where their church ties were for their young son's baptism.

So far as I have been able to determine, Samuel was a farmer and resided at various locations in Massachusetts and Connecticut during his life time. Henry Wycoff Belknap listed Windsor (Ellington) and Enfield in Connecticut together with Mansfield and Belchertown in Massachusetts. Samuel's military record shows that he enlisted in the Massachusetts Militia at Granby, Mass., 3 May 1775, and was then living in Belchertown, Mass. The Belchertown, Mass. Congregational Church records (see Hon. Mark Doolittle's Historical Sketch, #94 and #95) show that the couple joined the church in 1761.

There seems to be general agreement on the date of death for Samuel as 18 June 1775, the day following the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the place as the Military Camp at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Heat prostration is being accepted as the cause of death. Although Glen Evans introduced the cause of death as a wound from action in the Battle of Bunker Hill, there seems to be no real evidence for such a conclusion.

The Militia Record of Samuel (see Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol I, page 918) would tend to indicate that Samuel was still alive as late as December 23, 1775, it being reported that he filed for a bounty coat or its equivalent from Cambridge, Massachusetts on that date.

The Belchertown, Massachusetts Congregational Church records, where Samuel and his wife were members, records the date of Samuel's death as 1775. Genealogical records relating to Samuel and his wife, Mary,

Husband--Samuel Belknap
Wife-----Mary Newton

in the Archives of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Inc., (Mormons), Salt Lake City, accept 1775 as year of death for Samuel.

Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut, who has done extensive research and compilation of records, especially as they relate to the Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson line, indicates (see memorandum to E. C. Belknap, dated July 8, 1970) that he would, if time permitted, search for more verification, but goes on to say that he has been "accepting a combination of my family tradition, entries in HWB's", (Henry Wycoff Belknap's) "notes, disregarding the data shown in Mass. Soldiers and Sailors." He cites as his reasons for not relying on the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors Militia records has been "the notorious unreliability of early militia records, plus general 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.....Records shown in book need 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 data, means nothing."

He goes on to say that he has "been inclined to rely on the tradition passed down in my branch of the family, in every generation from Jonas and Esther", (Jonas-oldest son of Samuel).

"The version given by Reva Barrett (one of my tribe)" that Samuel died of heat prostration in the military camp at Cambridge on June 18, 1775, the day following the Battle of Bunker Hill, "is essentially the tradition handed down orally and in writing in my branch of the family. More fully in old family paper. He (Samuel) was a very fleshy man, and was overcome by exertion and heat (on Bunker Hill). HWB's entriesalso show death at Cambridge next day."

The Belchertown Church records state that Mary, the wife of Samuel, removed from the church following Samuel's death.

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
May 1, 1973

To: CYB
From: ECB

Because of her poor health, it is almost impossible to get Jane Belknap to answer a letter anymore but in going back over previous correspondence I find that Rava Barrett apparently lived at Pullman, Washington, and she was apparently librarian for the State college of Washington, located at that place. Have been unable to determine if she had any brothers or sisters that might still be living.

CB.

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502
May 2, 1973

Memo
To - CYN
From - ECB

Regarding your "umpire" memo of April 18, 1973, concerning Foris Belknap and the riddle of the deeds, I certainly claim no expertise in this area but will offer my reaction for such value as it may have.

I have read and reread both your covering memo to Gladys Gray and myself as well as the copy of the memo to John Sherman. As I have gone over the Sherman memo the last paragraph on page 2 of said memo kept bugging me. Why would this "the same John" erased from the 1811 deed as filed now be reappearing in the 1816 edition. It just didn't make sense to me.

In this summary memo to Sherman my attention was also focused on other segments including:

1. Your apparent assumption that any money the Belknap boys may have come into would be from their father's estate. Maybe a wealthy uncle could have left them an inheritance. Maybe some legacy left to the mother had been distributed to the boys.

2. On page 2, first line in second multiline paragraph, you list as fact "1811, 27 Aug -- John III transferred the land in lot 32, originally purchased by John Jr. to Foris." If you know this to be a fact that is one thing but I hadn't gathered from the rest of the material that this was a known fact but rather an unproved supposition.

3. Your statement on page 2 of the memo to Sherman in the third multiline paragraph indicating that because the Judge had said he personally knew this John that it must therefore have been John III. Could he not have known John Jr. also?

4. The Master in Chancery reference repeating to the 1816 filing.

I personally lean toward placing more emphasis upon this "Master in Chancery" element and although it would not necessarily rule out the death of John Jr. before 1805 theory it could account for "the said John" being back in the picture ~~in 1816~~ in 1816.

The early Court of Equity (Chancery) in America was, as I understand it, very closely patterned after the Chancery Court of England and was, in essence, a court of equity whose responsibility it was to untangle and apply common sense equity solutions to problems where strict law could not or did not afford relief.

In other words I would be inclined to think that perhaps John III had decided to do a short cut since both his and his father's name was John and rather than go through the process of transferring the title, first to him, John III, in trust for Foris in keeping with ~~the~~ the presumed intent of his father's will, and then by another procedure transfer the land to Foris when he came of age, he would just erase "the said John" and make it all come out right in one transfer. But later, when Foris was ready to sell the property, the would be purchaser or his ~~abstract~~ abstract attorney saw the erasure as a possible cloud upon the title and so to rectify the matter and be in a position to offer a ~~title~~

May 2, 1973

completely clear title Foris ~~had~~ had taken the problem to Chancery Court where a Master in Chancery (Agent of the Court) was assigned to review the situation and come up with some common sance equitable solution. And, since Foris had long since reached maturity the equitable thing to do was just to show the transfer directly from "the said John" ~~to Foris~~ to Foris, his son. This would now accomplish the ultimate intent of John Jr. and eliminate any question about any erasure.

Man, as I read this back it sound wild and way out but any way I pass it along for such amusement and such possible logic as it may afford.

CB.

January 17, 1973

Memorandum

To Carroll Y. Belknap from E. Clinton Belknap

Am indeed grateful to you for the information furnished in response to my requests.

I note in your memo of 7 Jan. 1973, in connection with your conjecture that Cynthia had died before 1838, that ~~MM~~ your conclusion is predicated on the assumption "that Cynthia married Isaac Newton, though I have only circumstantial evidence to support Evans on this point. I wish I had a note on Evan's source."

I do not recall ever having seen anything in any of Evan's material indicating that Cynthia had married Isaac Newton. The only thing I recall finding in Evan's material involving Isaac Newton, was that that statement concerning Jonas N. Belknap stating "last pension payment made to February 16, 1824 payable to Isaac Newton, Administrator of Jonas Belknap's estate, Lexington, Ky Agency." (Copy enclosed)

In reviewing my records, I find I started listing Isaac Newton as the husband of Cynthia only after receiving your memo of 3/28/68 in which you credited a letter received in a roundabout way from ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a descendant of Jonas (son of Jonas Newton B.) and Mary Ann Garlinghouse as saying that Cynthia married Isaac Newton. See Par. 4.

Next, in a copy of "Generation in America" ^{"6" received} with your memo of 4/14/68 the entry under children of Jonas Newton Belknap for Cynthia reads "born probably in 1797 or 1798 - said to have married Isaac Newton."

Later, in your memo of July 22, 1968, to Mrs. Milton R. Belknap, with a copy to me, you end page 3 with a "Note to Clinton", saying that "I've just received from an unexpected source, what seems to be convincing confirmation of the marriage of Cynthia and Isaac Newton. I'll try to get full details." You did not identify said source and I do not recall having received any further findings from you on the subject. Possibly I failed to register on something included on the subject along the way in one of your communications.

ECB Am enclosing a copy of John Sherman's letter to Jane Belknap under date of 10-2-59 which was my source for the death date of Feb 14, 1873, age 73 yrs, 8 months days for Orion Belknap. See "back of p 7"

25-251 - JONAS BELKNAP

PENSION # S-36408.

Dec 1966
Copied from
records in
State Library
 Lansing
Michigan
(5/4)

Jonas Belknap of Naples, Ontario Co. NY. who was a private in Col Brooks regiment of the Mass. Continental Troops for a term of seven years. He was on N.Y. Pension Rolls in May 1818 at \$ 8.00 per month.

A certificate of pension was issued to him June 25 1819

Arrears	\$ 74.32
Sept. 1819	48.00
	<u>\$122.32</u>

On Dec. 14, 1820 Jonas Belknap appeared in District of Ky. in Hardin Co. age 62. and stated:

That he enlisted in Jan 1777 at Northampton, Mass. in Capt. Keith's Co. Col. Jackson's regiment until Nov. 1777 when he was transferred into Capt. Luke Day's Co. of the 7th Mass Reg. under Colonel John Brooks of Albany, N.Y. where he served 2 years. He was discharged by Gen George Washington at Newburg, NY. June, 1783.

He was in the Battles of the taking of Gen. Burgoyne, also General Cornwallis and he was wounded at the battle at "Collier Kille".

He states that his wife's name was Pannie age 54, and that he had a daughter, Diantha, aged nine years on Dec. 20 1820.

He further states that he was in Battles of Bemis Heights, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, and Cober's Kille where he was wounded. He was pensioned by Congress Feb, 24, 1793 and he was a Sergeant when discharged.

He stated that in 1820 he lived in Hart Co. Ky, and he appeared in the Hardin Co. Court to make affidavit for his transfer from the New York to the Kentucky pension rolls.

From Pension papers at Veteran's Administration, Bureau of Archives Washington, D.C.

First pension payment made to Feb 16 1824
payable to Isaac Newton administrator of Jonas
Belknap's estate, Lexington Ky agency.

document shows our first letter
to be a "F" mislayed an "F"

JONAS BELKNAP

2019 Harwood S^T.
Lincoln, Nebraska
July 13, 1974.

To Carroll Y. Belknap
From E. Clinton Belknap

Have your memo of 4 July, 1974, and the other information supplied during the past month and a half and as always, I am grateful. I accept your position on the interpretation of the note regarding "My father was Harley Augustus Belknap". I had accepted everything above that statement as information recorded by Mrs. L. N. Johnson. It is still a puzzle in my mind as to how Rhea Hardenbrook of Marengo, Iowa, could have had such complete data on the Jonas Belknap family and children of his children and now be unable to recall anything about it at all.

I note your comment about your faith in my accuracy in recording. I doubt that the material included is any less accurate than it would have been had I not carried on my correspondence with you over these past many years...I have always had a yen for accuracy... but I am sure I have learned from you the necessity of more complete documentation and listing of references along the way. For this and for all your good help I am truly grateful.

I note your comments about putting off your actual compilation while you chase down the answers to specific puzzles... that you have everything in your head but just haven't taken time to organize it and put it together.

Actually, I'm very sure that you have your data recorded and that it awaits only your attention for its organization and production.

For those who follow I do think you are making a big mistake by not doing the organization and compilation NOW and let the mystery solutions wait for some one else, or until you have the rest completed and ready for publication. At least then someone else could see to the publication of the material when you may no longer be at hand. What you have in your head and what is so important in all of this is the knowledge of how it all ties together and the overall narrative and historical material that will congeal it into a vital, interesting and useful unit for posterity.

You are still alert, active and apparently vigorous and now is the time to get things put together in the manner only you can adequately engineer. It would be a shame to sacrifice the larger accomplishment for the sake of the solving of details in the total composite. None of us will live forever. I have become acutely aware of the fickleness of fate in observing the swiftness of change from normal, robust living one day to convalescent or skilled nursing home status a few months hence among those with whom I have become acquainted in my professional services as a medial social work consultant. I'm still robust and healthy except for some problems with my eyes but I'm never-the-less glad that my project -- much less imposing than yours -- is being wrapped up.

To Carroll Y. Belknap
From E. Clinton Belknap

July 13, 1974

I can and will now turn much more of my attention to accomplishing a similar mission with my mother's side of the family.

I note your comment about the birth place of Ransom, son of your Jesse. I already have the Hardin County, Kentucky, entry. Don't recall having received any different possibility from you.

Again my thanks for all the help you have provided in helping me do a job in what I hope will prove to be a half way acceptable manner at least.

ECB.

18 September 1974

Dear Clinton:

Your book is a whale of a good job, well done. I've gone over it again and again, marvelling at all the sustained labor that went into it, for you have done things that I couldn't attempt to do -- including endless personal contact with people who could give you first-hand information.

Of course you are aware of the fact that nothing as substantial as this has ever been published, on the Belknap family. Is "published" the right word? I don't know how widely you are planning to distribute it, but no doubt it will become widely known in time, even if limited in its first distribution.

I've been trying to guess how many names you have covered, beyond the generations down to and including Jonas Newton Belknap. Of the approximately 1100 names in the book, at least 600 (I'm guessing) are ones for whom this is the only known record. And of course I'll be appropriating them by adding them to my files, taking your permission for granted.

I wish I could feel so happy about adopting other batches of names that have only one source. Glenn Evans has a lot of entries that appear nowhere else, and I'm not going to undertake to research them from scratch. I think, now, that a practical solution may be to include them in my file with a heading to indicate where I got them and that they are unverified. I'll have to do the same sort of thing with the much smaller number of names that appear only in Dick Taylor's chart and which I've not succeeded in following up for verification. In the case of Della Belnap's files (inherited and expanded from the work of her father and her sister Flora), I'll have an easier time, for the only stuff she has that I don't have (and more accurately than hers) is the hundreds and hundreds of descendants of the Jesse Belknap from whom the Mormon Belnaps are descended; and these, I feel, I can rely on as probably correct -- except for some obvious errors in the first two generations: that Jesse and his children.

What troubles me, at the moment, is that the Utah Belnaps are in process of printing a genealogy that is bound to contain lots of errors -- or so I fear, for it is to be based on Della's files, which in many instances rely solely on Evans for data on the ~~main~~ Mormon branches. I've been able to help her when she has asked questions about something she got from Evans -- but I probably haven't dealt with more than a small fraction of that sort of erroneous material in her records. (You'd be amused, perhaps, at his alterations of some of Aunt Kit's writings.)

Oh dear. How I've wandered. I began to write about your fine book and then got sidetracked to my hips in my own concerns. Shame on me.

My most sincere congratulations to you (and to Mildred, I'm sure) for producing the outstandingly best Belknap job that has ever been done.

Have a fine vacation in Europe. You've earned it.

2019 Harwood
Lincoln, Nebraska
Sept. 11, 1974

Parroll from A.B.

Sent a card out to you this morning indicating my computations are back from the binding and that a copy had been sent to you 8/31/74.

I suddenly realize that with my preoccupation with getting ready for our trip to Europe the last of this month to visit Roman and his family and see a few sights, I have neglected to thank you for material recently received and to respond to the notation that you will now really zero in on compiling the data you have assembled. I, for one, am delighted with this news. Now we can look forward to a publication that every member of the tribe of Belknap can cherish because of its authenticity, breadth of coverage, and the rich historical background that you will be able to incorporate into the document. It would be hard to envision a more suitable memorial to all the years of work you have given to this general project. Sincerely, Clint B.

2019 Harwood Street
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68502
September 25, 1974

Dear Carroll:

What a splendid letter to receive from you under date of September 18, 1974!

I am especially pleased that you like the book. I am sure that you are aware that its acclaim by no other member of the Belknap family could have meant as much. As I have said before, I owe much of its integrity and documentation to your critical and valued guidance. Had I not had your patient counseling and unselfish assistance over the past number of years I am sure my end result would have been much less worthy of anyone's acclaim.

I have deposited a copy of the volume with the Nebraska State Historical (and Genealogical) Library and a copy has gone to the Genealogical Library, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints at 50 E. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, and I have mailed you, by insured mail, an additional three copies to place where you think they can do the most good. I will also have some other, as yet uncommitted, copies to place when I return and will welcome your suggestions.

Again my thanks and my best to you and yours.

Sincerely



E. Clinton Belknap