

M. M. BELKNAP

~~326 Main Street~~ 929 3rd.
Lewiston, Idaho

Dec. 4, 1967.

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

Dear Cousin Carroll:

I was pleased to get your letter of Nov. 15h to which you attached copy of your letter to Clark.

I can see that you have done quite a lot of work on the family history. Clark wrote that you would like a little run down of our branch of the clan. He said he would line up the rest of our family if I would just give my own family. As I am sure you already know I was the second son of Webster C. and Ida Clark Belknap. I was born April 26, 1879, in Spokane County, Wash. Then a territory. I was married Feb. 20, 1906, at Lewiston, Idaho, to Emma Gribbin. We had two boys, Byron Burdette and Donald Maynard. Our second boy, Donald, died at the age of 16, of cancer. My wife, Emma, died June 22, 1947. My son Burdette was married in June 1938, to Annabelle Nero. They adopted two children, Ronald and Susan. They are now both married. In compiling a family history I don't know if you include adopted children. On Dec. 19, 1949, I married Florence Jasper, a widow, with four children all grown and married. I guess that is about it so far as my family is concerned.

Many years ago I had some correspondence with Henry Wyckoff Belknap, and I have a little booklet, title I believe is the English History of the American Belknaps. On the fly leaf it reads: 100 copies printed for Henry Wyckoff Belknap. I am guessing that you have seen a copy of this booklet if you do not have yourself. If adopted children don't figure my line will end with my son Burdette.

Just this fall I met a man with the U. S. Corp of engineers working on a big dam near here, and he said he knew some Belknaps down on the McKenzie river east of Eugene, Oregon. They were new names to me so I don't ~~you~~ know who they are.

No doubt you are running into quite thickets of Belknaps. I understand the name is found quite often in the New England states. Three or four years ago my wife and I were on a trip to Hawaii. On the boat we met a couple from up Vermont way, I believe it was ~~he~~ operated a funeral home and he remarked that he had buried lots of Belknaps. Well, I wish you well in your efforts and trust ~~you~~ will be rewarding.

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Sincerely,

Maynard



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MEMO TO Maynard Belknap
FROM Carroll Belknap

Thanks a lot for the information in your letter of Dec. 4. It's helpful.

But I have to pester you by asking for still more data.

BYRON BURDETTE BELKNAP: Date of birth ANNABELLE NERO: Date of birth

HIS ADOPTED CHILDREN (who of course should be included):

RONALD Date of birth; Name of wife; Date of Marriage; Names and
 birthdates of children.

SUSAN Date of birth; name of husband; Date of marriage; Names
 and birthdates of children

Forgive brevity. I'm swamped with work. Our Mormon cousins in Utah have just sent me almost 1000 sheets of genealogy that they have been putting together in the past 25 years. Contains many errors, which means a lot of painful checking. . . They spell the name Belnap but believe they are descended from an uncle of the Jonas Newton Belknap who was our great great grandfather.

ALSO

YOUR SON DONALD MAYNARD Date of birth Date of death

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Jan. 24, 1968.

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

Dear Cousin Carroll:

Well, at long last I am getting a round to answering your memo of Jan. 9th in which you asked for some additional family information.

We were away on a trip to Calif. for some four weeks and found a lot of catching up to do and then finally had to write to my son Burdette at Pomeroy, Wash. to get of the information on some points. So here it is:

BYRON BURDETTE BELKNAP, born Nov. 29, 1906. (Incidentally that was my Father's birthday) ANNABELLE NERO BELKNAP, born Jan. 16, 1903

Ronald Bruce Belknap, born March 18, 1946. His wife Dorothy Charlene John Belknap. They were married July 30, 1965. Their child, Ronald Bradley Belknap, born Dec. 22, 1966. Susan Lee Belknap, born Oct. 29, 1946., married Keeney D. Van Horn Sept. 4, 1965. Child, Wendy Marie Van Horn, born June 30, 1966.

I hate what you say about our Mormon cousin Belnap. I think I know the answer to that spelling. A good many years ago at a convention I met a man from Southeast Idaho, and he said he had a friend named Belknap that lived near him. I gave him my card and asked that he give to this friend. In due time I got a letter from this BELNAP. He said his grandfather, or may be great grandfather, came out to Utah in 1847 and joined the Mormons. He said his grandfather wanted to do something different, so he took the "K" out of his name. So according to this man they did have the "K", so I think no doubt they came from our line of Belknaps that settled in Mass.

My Son Donald Merd was born June 2, 19 1908, and died July 24, 1926.

Maynard

Hope this will give the information you wanted and sorry about the delay,

Sincerely,

Maynard E. Belknap.

You are certainly putting in a lot of work on this project, and I wish you best of luck.



25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn.
Nov. 15, 1867

Mr. Maynard M. Belknap
929 Third St.
Lewiston, Idaho

Dear Cousin Maynard:

I'm most grateful for your letter; and it has been good to hear from Clark again.

To let you know what I'm doing, I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to Clark.

But perhaps I should explain why I'm doing it. . . . For many years I've been collecting in rather unsystematic fashion what information I happened to find about our family. But last year I got hold of some Belknap genealogical material that is so full of errors that I began trying to get it corrected -- and this led into doing some real research -- and that, in turn, led to my searching for the great mass of records assembled by Henry Wyckoff Belknap of Salem, Massachusetts, many years ago.

When I found that huge body of family records, I arranged for it to be deposited with the Historical Society in my own town, so that I can work with it.

So I'm up to my eyebrows in it, as you'll ^{see} in my letter to Clark.

I'm asking him for more help. Perhaps you'll want to help, too.

Being retired and thus free to do what I want to do, I'm finding this task most happy and rewarding.

My thanks, again, for spurring Clark into writing to me.

Cordially,

Carroll York Belknap:

M. M. BELKNAP

326 Main Street 929 3rd St.
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Nov. 3, 1967.

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

Dear Cousin Carroll:

Your letter of Oct. 27th came some days ago and ordinarily I would have answered by return mail. But I was somewhat puzzled as to just who you were, and so as not to be writing in the dark I fired off a letter to Clark to get some information as you stated you had had correspondence with. As a co-incident I got a letter from him in the same that yours came in.

Today I got a letter back from Clark telling me that are a grandson of Uncle Corrington Belknap. Clark also sent me a letter a copy of a letter he wrote you last March in which he told you much about our immediate family. When you addressed me as "cousin" I figured you must be some of our clan. I heard Father speak of Uncle Corrington many times. Later on I met two of his daughters. Clark tells you about my meeting Mary. He had it about right, but it was in Feb. of 1902 that I went to Grangeville, Idaho, to take teachers' examination. I registered at a hotel and that evening Mary saw my name on the registered and looked me up there. She was not there for the examination but was on her way home to Moscow from visiting her sister (I believe Nellie was her name). She was then Mrs. Forney. I believe she married Mr. Forney several years before and they later moved to Moscow. But I presume you know all about that. The U of I. later named a girls' dormitory MARY FORNEY HALL. I met Nellie Holt and her husband many years later as they moved to Lewiston after retiring from the stock ranch on the Salmon River.

Clark said he would write at once, Yes, indeed we are living on borrowed time, especially me, as I am 88 years old, but am thankful to be as well as I am. I retired Jan. 1, 1960, and my wife, Florence did quite a bit traveling during the next few years, but a couple of years ago I had some sort of a heart attack and since we have not done much long distance driving.

Clark tells me that Uncle Corrington went to Alaska or the Yukon during the big gold rush. A year ago last June we took a boat trip from Vancouver, B. C. up the Alaska inside passage as far as Skagway. Our boat laid at Skagway all day to give the passengers a chance to take the railroad trip up over the famous White Pass. It is hard to believe that literally thousands struggled up that place on foot. It was scary enough by train. You are right about Clark's family. He and Mae have been married since about 1912, I believe, but they have never had children. Well, it was nice to get your letter, as I knew nothing of Uncle Corrington's line except the two daughters I mentioned. I hope you will have a line from Clark ere you get this.

Very sincerely,

Maynard Belknap.

