

DELLA from CYB

9 Sept 1974

Here's Virginia Taber's correction of your sheet for Edwin M Belknap, with a copy of her ~~letter~~ in which I've marked in red the paragraph explaining her changes.  
letter

This is a typical case of having to decide which witness to trust. I think Virginia rather than Frank, as women usually more accurate on such matters than men are.

It's a constant problem, once we reach the years in which the numbers of persons are so huge that we can't dig for documentary proof except when a major error seems likely. At that point, we have to accept what descendants say -- unless we have reason to distrust their statements. And when the descendants differ, we have to choose between them -- or else stop to dig for documents, which is warranted when the problem involves lines of descent of many people, as it did in the case of the record of children and grandchildren of Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris, when we found all records hopelessly garbled. The years of work on that tough job required assembling ~~me~~ (I'll guess) more than 100 original documentary records, but the effort was justified. . . . 100? No. Probably more like 200, I think.

Meanwhile, the problem of deciding whether or not to accept what a descendant says is always with us. This seems to be especially true of the records of Admiral Charles. I see many things in them that are valuable and acceptable. But I have to warn both you and myself to be wary when his information comes not from documentary sources but from "what someone has said." Glancing through his pages, I see many and many a point on which I know that he merely repeated what someone told him, without further confirmation --- and often what he thus repeated was obviously in error.

A minute or so ago, I happened to look at his page for Orin, son of Jonas Newton Belknap, my great grandfather -- p 76 in the biggest book on descendants of Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson. It shows this Orin b in "Cattaraugus County, NY." Now, I know who told the Admiral that, and I know why and how that person thought so. And I also know -- within five yards plus or minus -- the exact spot in Ontario County where stood the house in which this Orin was born (on indisputable evidence).

This is just an example. I could name others. But all I'm trying to do is to warn you against copying the Admiral blindly and trustingly. Maybe this one example will be enough -- I hope.

On the other hand, I greatly admire the job the Admiral did in assembling documentary evidence on the early generations (though he flopped badly on Ebenezer and got all mixed up on various Samuels). He found a few documents that I hadn't found -- and some of them solve problems that had troubled me till now, such as the date when Samuel B and Mary Newton moved to Massachusetts and the true date when his brother Job did. I'm looking forward to the time when I'll be able to sit down to the job of combining the Admiral's records and mine. I'll be grateful, then, for what is plainly trustworthy -- and I'll be painstakingly cautious when I don't see visible indications of sound sources.

Canall

DELLA from CYB 2 Sept 1974

This isn't urgent. Put it aside till you have idle time on your hands. It's just something that I think should be in your files, even though you can't make use of it at this time.

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The memo attached deals with the lines of descent of some 200 to 300 Belknaps whose names you do not have. All of them are, in my judgment, descendants of Stephen the youngest brother of my great great grand father Jonas Newton Belknap. They divide into two groups: (1) those who are or were descendants of Stephen by a marriage that may have been bigamous, hence illegitimate; (2) those who are probably but not fully proven to be Stephen's descendants. Of course I can't release the data on them, in my files, until there's more certainty on both groups. . . . But I think you should know about this partially solved problem, just in case you encounter it in some form, in the future. (I doubt that you have bumped into it yet.)

It's an old problem. HWB tackled it, and got nowhere because he misunderstood the true nature of the problem. Franklin Belknap's notes contained a fragment of it, which led nowhere. My files had more on it, uselessly, for some years. . . . Four or five years ago one of the many requests for aid that come to me was written by a man who was plainly a good candidate for "most distinguished living Belknap" and knew nothing of his ancestry but the names of his father and mother. Two years later, I was able to prove that he was a descendant of Stephen Belknap son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton -- and in the past twelve months I've been able to track two other inquiries to a "probable" descent from the same Stephen.

The attached memo, explaining the present status of the problem, may possibly interest you -- even if it only illustrates the nature of much of the work that has consumed a lot of my time in recent years.

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I think I must stipulate that there must be no correspondence with the three persons to whom the memo is addressed. I have no right to expose them to any annoyance beyond having to listen to my views -- with which they may not agree.

*Samuel*

20 Sept 1974

Della, my dear --

Don't be stubborn. I couldn't possibly let you pay for the Admiral's work out of your own pocket. I owe too much to your aid and encouragement. When I remember the swift generosity with which you sent me a set of your own records when all you knew about me was that I tackling Belknap genealogy, I'd feel very small if I didn't try to equal your unselfish kindness in this little way. So I'm sending back your money order. Please don't be stubborn about it.

And while you're so busy with your immediate job on your book, don't feel obliged to deal with the various sheets I've been sending to you lately. I'm not in urgent need of a reply. They can wait till you have time for them.

Now --the points you raise in your letter of 14 Sept:

JOB Sr: The sheet showing data from Stiles Ancient Windsor is OK -- as far as it goes. But it's incomplete, like so much of the genealogy in that old book. Local histories, of course, are highly unreliable on genealogy, and this one was no exception -- as professional genealogists have often pointed out. It's not as bad as Ruttenber's old history of Newburgh, which has misled so many people, but it needs careful handling, for Stiles printed only what he found, which often was only a partial fragment of the story. . . You'll find a better statement on p 6 of the Admiral's second and final book about descendants of Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson (the one that has only a single index of names) but he was wrong on Ruth's place in the list of children. She was child vii, born in 1790 (month and day unknown). Darius, born 1769, was child vi. . . HWB got the information on these two children from old family papers in hands of Job descendants, found by James Kibbe -- including Job's comment on the unhappy first marriage of Ruth: "I kept my daughter from the wolves, but the owls got her." (I'm quoting from memory; so the wording may not be entirely accurate). Where the Admiral got Ruth and Darius, I don't know, but the fact that he and HWB, working 20 years apart, got the same results is enough for me.

You say that you have a Charles "with the children of Job and Rhoebe Newton." He doesn't belong there, I'm sure. The Charles Belknap who voted in Enfield in 1849 must have been Charles Kellogg B, son of Francis and grandson of Job Sr. You'll find him on the Admiral's page 24 and page 67 (which agree with HWB).

FRANCIS BELKNAP & HANNAH PRIOR: You say: "Also shown with Job Belknap (Jr) and Hannah was Francis Perley Belknap b 1787 in E Windsor . . . married Hannah Prior." I fear what you are citing must be all mixed up. There was no "Francis Perley." There was a Francis and there was a Parley -- both sons of Job Sr's son Francis -- page 24, Admiral. The Francis who married Hannah Prior (2nd wife) was child ii of the first Francis (Admiral's p 24) and the Admiral shows his marriages and children on p 62. He and HWB are in complete agreement. So your sheet 352 seems incorrect. . . The list of children on your 352 is same as given by HWB and the Admiral, except they have the son as Edwin Francis, not Francis Edwin.

(I should add that the spelling Perley appears in some sources, but I proved it to be Parley long ago., Not going to take time to look up how I did it, right now.)

Evans is wrong in putting "Francis Perley" in family of Darius and Elizabeth Crane. They had no children. But the vagaries of Evans are beyond human comprehension. Was it he who invented a "Francis Perley"? I wonder.

Barrell



Mesa Arizona  
Feb. 1. 1961

Dear Della;

Received your letter. The father of Judson lives in Colorado I got quite a long letter from him, but he did not give me enough information to get his family together.

I sent him back some sheets to fill out one for his fathers family and another for his Grandfather as well as one for his own family.

If I get them back I'll let you know just what I have.

He has a brother in Toronto Canada one of the family died in Greenington Wyo.

He is getting along in years so I hope he moves fast.

I ran on to another family James Dare Belknap who come across the plains in 1850 and settled some where near Stockton I visited a grand daughter and she gave me a little information but being the youngest of the lot knows very little about James Dare.



She is also hunting for some more information. Hope she finds it.

I have a book on the English Ancestry of Abraham B. of Lynn Mass. which to me is interesting

Lore

Henry

BELKNAP

Pocatello Gen. Library

Tree Talks Vol 8 2 June 1968

Town of West Leyden Census of 1830  
Copied from Census records found in  
Courthouse Lowville, N.Y.  
Copied by Huldah Wendt Hutchins

BELKNAP, Joseph

HATHAWAY, Isaac

Henry

Tree Talks Vol 8 No 4 December 1968  
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Cemetery Records  
Eden Valley Cemetery In town of EDEM  
on Route 162 about 3 miles from Hamburg  
just before the Eden Valley bridge

Copied by Mrs Almeron B. Soanes  
1341 Bullis Road Elma N.Y. 14059

BELKNAP John d. Feb 6 1916 age 92 yrs  
9 mo 2 da

Susan W. Belknap, beloved wife  
of John Belknap d. January 14, 1892  
age 63 yrs 9 mo 9 da

William E. 1849 - 1922  
Harriet A. wife of William E.  
1850 - 1901  
Genevieve 1904 - 1918



CLINTON from CYH

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 one, to me, was 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.

(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 3 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, talking of her childhood, said: "Nobody would speak to us, nobody at all." Minutes? 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?

*Pamell*



So Rev. John McKinney Preached for them once A month during the summer of 18, 48 . . . and now here I will try to explain A little mistake (that I find in an old P C A . . . in that number Brother Parsons<sup>10</sup> wrote A littl sketch of the History of the first settlement of the Belknaps and Starrs, and some one made Brother P to say in that sketch that Rev J W Starr Preached the first sermond in that setelment, that was a mistake, for Father McKinney organized the first class and Preached to them once a month all the summer of 18:48 while J W Starr was crossing the Plains . . . this writer knows as we crossed the Plains to gather, and both came in to the church by letter on the same day . . . now I just want to, say Honor to whome is due) I think Rev John Mckinenie done more than any one man in this settlement in traveling through the winter and gathering up the Emegrants and getting them organized in to classes, and keeping them to gather till other help came I want you all to cherish his Memory as the Heroe of the fathers and now I will write 1848, nothing worthy of note trans Piered Relegiously through the summer the members wer all gathered in and Housed Oren Belknap was appointed Class Leader<sup>17</sup> and they kept up Prayr and class Meetings when their was no Preaching, and they did not expect any Recrutes in their Ranks till the next fall when A nother Emigration came in, but they wer not Idle, Houses wer to be built and Rails to be made and a little sod to be turned over for a little crop for the next year. . . . October the 5 18 48, today the way worn travlers arived at the Belknap settlement five familyes all connected with the family of Jessey Belknap he had two boys a bout grown, George Belknap Wife and two little boys, Chatman Hawley Wife and four children Mrs Hawley was the daughter of Jessie Belknap (and after ward Grand Mother of Professor Hawley<sup>18</sup> now of Salem) Rev J W

<sup>10</sup>The Rev. John Parsons, author of many articles on early Methodist history. Beside *The Beautiful Willamette*, (Metropolitan Press, Portland, 1924) being his chief work.

<sup>11</sup>A layman who was responsible to the pastor for the religious welfare and moral conduct of the group of church members under his charge.

<sup>12</sup>Willis Chapman Hawley, a professor in Willamette University from 1891-1907, President during 1893-1902. For over 20 years after his service at the University Mr. Hawley was a member of Con-



Star wife and six children then their was the Newton family Mrs Newton and Mrs Jessey Belknap were sisters

October the 12 18 48 Sunday this happens to be the day for Father Mc Kinney to preach Ransome B yoked up two yoke of oxen and gathered up a lode of Methodist went over to Mr Luce<sup>19</sup> to meeting and all the neighbors was out we all took our church letters and handed them in and swelled the ranks to twenty eight and we had a good day after being seperated from our friends for more than a year, so we went on holding meetings when ever we could get to gather,, for now the rainy season is come ing on and the creeks are bad to cross as their is no bridges, only Indian Trails and they cross the creeks where ever they come to them so we dont get to gather verry often, but Father Mc inney always Manages to make his visits once A Month and sees us all at our Homes and prays with us and Ex-orts us to be *Loyal to the Lord* and better times will come soon, he travels on Horseback with A big Blue Army Blanket with a Hole in the middle to put his Head through And a wide Rimmed grey Hat to keep the water from runing down his back and always so Pleasant and cheerful, it was like A Ray of bright sunshline on a dark cloudy day to meet him it seemed to chear up the whole famile, (May his Labours of Love never be forgotten) though I am sorry to not see his name, not Mentioned A mong the Herows of Early Methodism any more Surely none was more faithfull than He, if I had the Talents to write I would write A ulogy on his Ponier labours in the upper Wilametta valey, But he has gon And all his Labours now are ore To all his Loveing friends I say The *faithful Hero* toils No more, — And now we have Passed through our first winter in oregon, and I will write March the 1, 18, 49,9 Evry thing is excitement the Calafornie Mines is all the talk, all the Able Bodyed men are planing to be off to the mines the familys will double

gress. This reference to Professor Hawley in Salem is one which helps date the time when the letter was written.

<sup>19</sup>John Luce. *History of Benton County, Oregon* (etc.) (Portland, 1886. Published by David D. Fagan), 365 and 448, refers to the organization of this class; but makes the mistake of crediting the work to Rev. Kennedy instead of John McKinney.

up and leave one old feable man or a boy to look after evry two familys

Brother Roberts the superintendant of this whole Pacifick cost has been here to look over the ground and see if it will be best to put another man on with Bro Mc kinney now Brother Roberts is General supertendant and Bishop and Presideing Elder all in one his Districke takes in California and Oregon and Puget Sound, so after looking the ground over and talking witt all the Preachers he concluded to put the whole Willametta valey in one circuit and put three men on insted of one that would leave men enough to take care of the School<sup>20</sup> at Salem and the church their, so Waller<sup>21</sup> and I O Rainer<sup>22</sup> and John W Mckinnie on the Circuit then we had John W Starr<sup>23</sup> a local Elder to help out in case of imergency he was called the *Minute* man was always ready to step foreward and fill any place on any ocaision so now I will try to get back to the Belknap settlement,<sup>24</sup> (first the men must be got off to the mines.

April the 1 18 49) the 17 of March the company of men started for the Mines can not wait for the snow to get off of the mountains so will go to the Mouth of the Columbia and get on a sail vesal and go by water., so we women foalks must try to Hold the fort, two familys in evry house the old Father Jesse Belknap and Ransom Bs live to gather on the old hom of: R B;

<sup>20</sup>Refers to the oldest existing school of the Pacific Northwest. The Oregon Institute, organized Feb. 1, 1842, opened on Aug. 13, 1844. It was chartered in 1853 as Willamette University.

<sup>21</sup>Rev. Alvan F. Waller was born in Abingdom, Pa., May 8, 1808. In 1833 married Miss Elpha White. Came to Oregon on the ship *Lausanne* in 1840 as a member of the Oregon Mission of the Methodist Church. Was for many years financial agent of Willamette University. Died Dec. 20, 1872. *History of the Willamette Valley*, edited by Lang, (Portland, 1885), 807.

<sup>22</sup>Rev. James O. Raynor was born in Radford, England, Feb. 19, 1827; married Sarah J. Hood, a widow, at Salem, July 9, 1850. He was superintendent of schools for Jackson county in 1858. He died at San Mateo, California, June 18, 1888. (From Biographical notes in the Oregon Historical Society.)

<sup>23</sup>Rev. John W. Starr was born in Maryland, April 22, 1794. Moved first to Virginia and later to Ohio with his parents. Moved to Iowa in 1840 and finally came to Oregon in 1848. He died at his home near Bellfountain in 1868. *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, Oregon*, 274-75.

<sup>24</sup>About five miles west of Monroe.

17 January 1869



Mrs Gilbert, and this writer, are on the old gilbert Home with two Boys I think a bout 16 and 14 years old to care for them and six small children, Mrs S F Starr and Chatman Hawleys family lived to gather on the Hawley Home sted, Mr. H was a Feable man, Oren Belknaps family and Rev J W Starrs lived together on the what is now the Bellfountain neighbor hood, and now we have all got settled and the Preachers have made A Round we must take up the Church work and keep all we have and try to gather in A few more, Mr Hammers<sup>25</sup> family and Mr Caton<sup>26</sup> live on the Caton homestead, and now its June we find Mr. Luces House to Small and to far to one side of the settlement, so the meetings are moved to Mrs. Gilberts House, now we have Preaching evry two weeks, this first sunday in June Bro Waler is here and gave us one his strong sermonds on the need of the Church taking A firm stand and building on A solid foundation, the House was crowed evry one seemed to be interested all churches are friends and try to help on with the work but the Methodist Church is all the organized Society any place a round here so some of them have Joined with us under the watch care of the Church till such time as theirs gets started we all work to gather no Jars or discord but all labour for the one great cause of trying to save soles, in two weeks Father Mc Kiney will Preach he will give us one of his nice Gentle sermonds on what great things can be accomplished when the people all had A mind to work

then we have I O Rainer he will give us the Terors of the law takes the Commandments tells us if we keep the law the Lord will always be on our side *but wa to the man who breaks them*) says their is no law broken with out A Penalty and he told How the Israelites was slain for breaking his commands then windes up with warning to us all to remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy, (then Rev John W Starr comes in with his calm Perswasive way and says chouse this day whome you will serve, if God *then serve Him, if Bail then serve him*) . . . Well now we have

<sup>25</sup>Jacob Hammer.

<sup>26</sup>Jesse H. Caton, whose homestead was just west of Ransome Belknaps claim and about a mile south of the settlement known as Alpine (as Mr. Hawley recalls the locations).

C. Hawley in Salem and his work at Willamette University closed in 1907. These three references mark the composition as belonging to the opening years of this century, previous to 1907 and most likely in the fall of 1904.

The original manuscript belongs to Willamette University. The university received it in 1931 from the estate of the late Rev. John Parsons. Dr. Parsons was for many years an eager and persistent seeker after materials dealing with our early history, especially such as pertained to the work of the Methodist Church. Unfortunately, Dr. Parsons left no record of its original acquisition. A portion of chapter six of his book, *Beside the Beautiful Willamette*, is based upon this narrative and he quotes a few passages from it. He gives her name as Keshah instead of Ketturah, a mistake which perhaps he fell into by hearing certain members of her family refer to her by that name. Her name in the original manuscript however is clearly Ketturah and members of her family confirm that spelling (not agreeing on the double "T" however). The writing is a bold but often not too steady a hand. Capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are left unchanged.

The writer, Ketturah Belknap, was Mrs. George Belknap. We must apparently be content to know her mainly from this narrative. A reference in it places her birth as of August 15, 1820. She arrived in Oregon from Iowa over the overland route in 1848. Her life was long in the pioneer land for she was writing this delightfully vivid narrative some 56 years later. The scant references we have found give no details of her life. The manuscript has a marginal note reading: "to be continued—if you want any more let me know and in the next chapter will organize the first class. Read this in Connection with the first Chap I sent." Its first page is missing.

So during the winter of 18 forty seven, four of the family Sold their earthly Possessions and on the fifth of May 1847 started to cross the Plains, (NAMELY) Oren Belknap Ransome Belknap, Lorenzo D Gilbert and Samule F. Starr, Oren Belknap

*Handwritten:* Harkins  
 1 Ransom A. Belknap was born in Hart County, Kentucky on Dec. 14, 1820. Boyhood spent in Licking County, Ohio and Van Buren County, Iowa. Married Mahala Starr (born in Highland County,



was Jonas Br son and his wife was Rev J W Stars daughter S F Stars wife was Jessey Belknaps daughter also Mrs L D Gilbert, S F Stars wife was Jessey Belknaps daughter also Mrs L D. Gilbert, S F Starr was Moses starr's<sup>2</sup> Son, after A tedious journey of almost six month, they reached the end of their journey and wintered near where Corvalice now is, in the neighborhood of Mr John Stewart, and they had not been their Long till the Rev John Mc kinney<sup>3</sup> found them and Preached to what few he could find once a month then in the spring (1848) they started south up the vally to hunt a place to take claims and make themselves Homes, and they found the valley that now is the Belknap settlement<sup>4</sup> and all took claims their, So when Farther McKiey came a round he missed them and started on their track as all good Itenerants do then their was no oregon conference, Dr. Roberts<sup>5</sup> was superintend of this whole Pacifick coast.

Dear Addie<sup>6</sup> this should have gon in my last Epistle to you, but by some over sight it was left out so I will begin the next chapter on A nother sheat, you can read this in connection with

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Ohio in 1820) on Sept. 29, 1842. Fagan, *History of Benton County, Oregon*, 807; also Fred Lockley: "Impressions of the Journal Man," *Oregon Journal*, Aug. 23, 1936.

<sup>2</sup>Moses Starr born June 22, 1787, in Virginia. Moved to Ohio as a young man and later to Iowa. His wife was Elizabeth Calhoun of Virginia. He died in 1853 shortly after reaching Oregon. His wife established a pioneer farm, maintained her large family, and was regarded as the community physician for many years. *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley Oregon*, 1315-16.

<sup>3</sup>Rev. John McKinney was born in Tennessee, April 3, 1798. Married a widow, Ann E. Austin Keschler. Moved to Jackson County, Missouri prior to 1820 where he both farmed and preached. Came to Oregon in 1847. Sketch of the McKinney family written from family sources in Sarah H. Steeves, *Book of Remembrance of Marion County, Oregon, Pioneers 1840-1860*, 137-143.

<sup>4</sup>About three miles east of Monroe, in Benton County, Oregon.

<sup>5</sup>The Rev. William M. Roberts was the third superintendent of the Oregon Mission of the Methodist Church. He was born in Burlington, New Jersey in 1812. He reached Oregon by vessel in June, 1847. He was an outstanding leader in the pioneer state for many years, dying on August 23, 1868 at Dayton, Oregon. A considerable number of his letters are in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, XXI, XXII, and XXIII.

<sup>6</sup>Adeline Belknap who married Robert Kyle. According to an interview written by Fred Lockley in the *Oregon Journal*, August 23, 1936. Mrs. Kyle is now a widow 82 years old and lives in Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Della:

June 16 1974

Your inquiry about an alleged "Eliza Belknap":

As you weren't able to make a copy for me of the Evans material in your possession, I have to assume that the quoted passages in your letter of 6/12 come from an Evans version of some of Aunt Kit's ~~memoirs~~ memoirs as published in Oregon Historical Quarterly in 1937.

My immediate reaction, as I read your letter, was: "Poor Della -- she's another victim of one of Evans's forgeries."

From time to time, in recent years, I've had the task of showing someone just how Evans falsified a document that he said he was copying. I've never yet seen a case in which he didn't commit the unpardonable sin of altering a document. Cases that come instantly to mind: (1) Obituary of my great grandfather Jesse Belknap, in which Evans made twelve alterations, all falsehoods. (2) Inventory of Abraham's estate at Lynn, in which Evans made a number of senseless changes, I forget just how many.

Now I'm enclosing copies of the pertinent pages from what was actually printed -- with the passages that Evans falsified marked in red. As you can see, Aunt Kit never said that Rev John W Starr's wife was "Eliza Belknap." Indeed, there was no such Eliza at Belknap Settlement in Oregon -- nor anywhere else in those years, as far as I recall. Evans invented her.

J W Starr's connection with us Belknaps was that his eldest daughter Nancy was the wife of Jesse Belknap's nephew Orin (son of Jonas, Jr). His wife in Oregon was Eliza Ann Lucas. His farm in the Bellfontain area of Belknap Settlement adjoined that of Orin. His first wife, who had died in 1828 after the birth of her fifth child, was Hannah MacWilliams (widow Phillips).

If what I've said seems to indicate contempt for Evans, that's correct. Nothing based solely on his statements should ever be published.

Fortunately -- or so I hope -- he never got his lying hands on the much more extensive portions of what we affectionately call "Aunt Kit's Diary."

*Sam*

PS -- I'm also enclosing a copy of a memo to my cousin Clinton, dealing with some problems of accuracy in the piece in Oregon Historical Quarterly.



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*son of Newton Balknap  
and Esther Parker* 1792

(102, 129.4, 32, 15, 4, 1)

**Jesse Balknap**

Cherry Valley,

b. 26 January 1792, ~~Ontario County~~ N. Y.  
d. 19 Nov 1881, Benton Co., Oregon  
m. 20 Feb 1818, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
Buried at Alpine, Ore.

& Jane Carlinghouse  
daughter of James Carlinghouse & Eleanor Hunt  
b. 26 March, Lancaster Co., Pa.  
d. 10 Dec 1876, Benton Co., Oregon  
Buried at Alpine, Ore.

(See Note below)

**CHILDREN**

- i. \*Kesia, <sup>Feb.</sup> b. 6 March 1813, d. 21 Oct 1899; m. Chasman Hawley
- ii. \*Mannah, b. 21 Dec 1814, d. 10 May 1911; m. Lorenzo Dow M. Gilbert, 31 January 1839
- iii. \*George, b. 30 Aug 1817, d. 16 Sept 1897; m. Keturah Penton, 3 Oct 1839
- iv. \*Hanson Amos, b. <sup>Aug.</sup> 18 Dec 1820, d. 6 June 1896; m. Mahala Starr, 29 Sept 1842
- v. \*Talitha Cumi, b. 2 Dec 1824, d. 30 Oct 1906; m. (1) Samuel Starr, 11 Nov 1840  
(2) William Bond, 11 Sept 1862  
(3) Washington Walts, Aug 1867
- vi. \*Corrington Cavitt, b. 29 Aug 1830; d. 19 Sept 1906; m. (1) Ann Aletha York  
(2) Mary Josephine Sumner
- vii. \*Harley Augustus, b. 6 Oct 1838, d. 24 Dec 1904; m. Thirsa Imman 19 June 1855

NOTE: Father of Jane Carlinghouse (and the three other Carlinghouses who married children of Jonas Newton Balknap) is often said to be "Elijah" Carlinghouse. In 1969 and 1970, research in Ontario County, N. Y., disclosed that the attribution to "Elijah" probably was based on an error in a fallacious local history. The only Carlinghouses in that ~~county~~ county in early 1800's were James, Joseph, Benjamin. There was no "Elijah." The Carlinghouse who married Eleanor Hunt was James. His family lived almost adjacent to that of Jonas Newton Balknap.

Residences: Ontario County, N.Y.; Hardin County, Kentucky; Licking County, Ohio;  
Allen County, Ohio; Van Buren County, Iowa; Balknap Settlement, Benton  
County, Oregon.

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KEZIAH BELKNAP

daughter of Jesse Belknap

& Jane Garlinghouse

b. 6 Feb 1813, Ontario Co., NY

d. 21 Aug 1859, Benton Co., Ore.

m. Prob. 1828; Licking Co., Ohio

(NOTE 1)

Lived in: Licking Co., Ohio; possibly Allen Co., Ohio; Van Buren Co., Iowa;  
Benton Co., Ore.

&

CHATMAN HAWLEY

(His father may have been David Hawley)

b. 20 Nov 1803 (possibly in Ontario Co., NY)

d. 2 Dec 1857, Alpine, Ore

(NOTE 2)

CHILDREN (HAWLEY)

i David b 28 Dec 1828, probably Licking Co., Ohio. d 12 April 1913, Alpine, Ore.  
m Martha Elon Freel, b 8 Dec 1843. d 24 Dec 1929, Alpine, Ore

ii Jesse b 13 Nov 1832 d 4 Oct 1897, Alpine, Ore.  
m Elizabeth Ann Starr, b 12 May 1836 d 28 Feb 1907

iii Sewell b 2 Feb 1838 d 1 June 1896, Alpine, Ore.  
m Emma A. Noble b 25 Dec 1842 d 24 July 1917, Alpine, Ore. (NOTE 3)

iv Sarah Jane b 1842 d 1902 (dates from Mintonys, They Laughed Too)  
m Squire Rycraft b 1828 in Ohio. d --- (NOTE 4)

v Leonidas H. b -- Oct 1851, Alpine, Ore., d 4 March 1928, Alpine, Ore.  
m Lydia Jane (Jenny) Dodge b 7 July 1859 d 8 Aug 1927

NOTE 1: Marriage date probably 1828 as that was year in which her father Jesse transferred land in Licking Co, Ohio, to Chatman Hawley and also to Gamaliel Garlinghouse, husband of Jesse's sister Esther.

NOTE 2: Chatman Hawley's birthdate computed from age shown on gravestone. His birthplace not known; but there was a Hawley family in Ontario Co., NY, which moved to Kentucky at the time when the Belknaps and Garlinghouses did and later moved to Licking Co., Ohio, with " " "

NOTE 3: Sewell Hawley's son Willis Chatman Hawley (usually known by his middle name) was U S Congressman 1907 to 1933 and close friend of Herbert Hoover. Best remembered as co-sponsor of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff (most ultra-protectionist tariff in U S history).

NOTE 4: All dates, except those for Sarah and her husband come from gravestones at Alpine, Ore. for birth and death  
The source of dates for Sarah and her

NOTE 5: Birthplaces of Jesse, Sewell, Sarah not known.

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d. 16 Sept 1897  
m. 3 Oct 1839, Allen Co., Ohio

& Keturah Penton  
Daughter of John G. Penton  
and Magdalena Burden  
b. 15 Aug 1820, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
d. 19 Aug 1913

(See Note below)

CHILDREN:

1839

- i. Hannah, b. 20 Aug 1841, d. 20 Nov 1843
- ii. John P. b. 30 March 1843 d. 15 March 1846
- iii. \*Jesse Walker b. 23 Dec 1844 d. 18 Dec 1871 m. Florence A. Mann
- iv. Martha b. 27 Dec 1846 d. 30 Oct 1847
- v. \* Lorenzo Gilbert b. ~~XXXXXX~~ 10 Aug 1848; d. 28 Feb 1926 m. Nancy Ellen Green (NOTE 1)
- vi. Henry Clay b. 23 Oct 1850 d. 8 Dec 1871 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- vii. \*Millard Fillmore b. 19 Oct 1852 d. ~~-----~~ m. Alice Cross
- viii. \*Lusina Emiline b. 18 Feb 1855 d. 1921 m. Edmund Tosier
- ix. \* Lovina Jane b. 12 June 1857 d. 1945 m. Samuel Henry Christian
- x. Son, b. 6 April 1859 d. 10 April 1859
- xi. \* George Simpson b. 20 July 1861 d. 1931 M. Tina Betts (Belts?)

} Born in  
Van Buren Co.  
Iowa

} Born in  
Bellevue  
Settlement  
Oregon

(NOTE: 1) Keturah (variously spelled, Kiturah, Kitturah, etc.) was "Aunt Kit" to three generations of descendants of Jesse and Jane. She was the chronicler of this branch of the family. Most of what is known of the days in Ohio and Iowa and in early Oregon has come from her diary and the writings she based on it -- which included the story of the travel from Ohio to Iowa and then the ~~six~~ six-month journey to the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

NOTE 2:

on the Oregon Trail,

v. Lorenzo Gilbert - born en route, at or near Vale, Oregon,  
near eastern border of the Territory -  
This times the 1848 party, as having crossed the  
Snake River from Boise in early August

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vii \*Angeline (twin of Adeline)

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iv. Webster Clark Belknap: 2nd + 3rd wives

(1) Elizabeth ("Lizzy") Hooper, widow of Edward M. Belknap (grandson of Jonas N.B.'s brother Starr)

(2) Annie Elizabeth ("Bessie") Cliff, widow Patterson

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TALITHA CUMI BELKNAP

(1)  
SAMUEL FLETCHER STARR

Daughter of Jesse Belknap  
& Jane Garlinghouse

Son of Moses Starr & Elizabeth Calhoun

b 2 Dec 1824, Hardin Co., Ky.  
d 30 Oct 1906, Berkeley, Calif.

b 10 Sept 1820, Monroe Co., Ohio  
d 1 March 1858, Starr's Point, Benton Co., Oregon

m (1) 11 Nov 1840, Van Buren Co, Iowa

(2) 11 Sept 1862, William Bond -- b 1814?, Ohio? d 1 May 1865, Starr's Point, Ore.

(3) 11 Aug 1867, Washington Waltz -- b 9 Feb 1830, # Floyd City, Indiana  
d 6 January 1900, Piru City, Calif. (name of town  
as spelled by his son H. W. Waltz in 1914)

#### CHILDREN

##### (I) STARR

- i. Elizabeth Jane b 24 Sept 1841, Van Buren Co., Iowa d ----  
m 2 Sept 1859, Garrison Turner
- ii. Keziah b 28 Sept 1843 died young
- iii. Leander James b 2 Dec 1845, Van Buren Co., Iowa d 4 Nov 1932,  
m 4 Sept 1869, Malinda Frances Coyle
- iv. Moses Wesley b 7 Dec 1847, Belknap Settlement, Benton Co., Oregon (First Belknap child  
born in Oregon)  
d 11 Feb 1912  
m 2 June 1872, Emma A. Welsher
- v. Sarah Talitha b 29 March 1851 d ----- 1936  
m 11 Nov 1866, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ James Monroe Bond
- vi. Hannah Matilda b 13 March 1853 d ----  
m 28 Dec 1873, Samuel Mitchell Driver
- vii. Mary Evaline Arabel ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ b 20 Sept 1854 d -----  
m 18 June 1876, Henry Washington Waltz
- viii. Ransom Fletcher b 4 Nov 1856 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ d 15 Aug 1934  
m 25 Dec 1876, Jessie Driver
- ix. Samuel Finley b 22 July 1858 d 3 March 1934  
m 23 Aug 1883, ~~IXX~~ Almira (Myra) A. Thrasher

##### (II) BOND

- i. Irene Grace b 2 Aug 1864 d ----- 1956  
m 20 April 1882, Horace Clingman

##### (III) WALTZ -- No children

Source of her name: From the story of the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue,  
of whom Jesus said, "She is not dead, but sleepeth."

King James Version, Mark 6:41

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her,  
Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say  
unto thee, arise.



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Corrington Gavitt Belknap

(1)

& Ann Aletha York

Daughter of Rev. John W. York

& Mary Powell Collier

b. 29 Aug 1830, Licking Co., Ohio

d. 19 Sept 1906, Los Angeles, Calif.

b. 3 Jan 1833 (probably in Kentucky)

d. 4 May 1880, Santa Barbara, California

Buried Santa Barbara, Calif.

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m. (1) 11 Oct 1853

(2) 24 June 1882

m. (2) Mary Josephine Sumner

Daughter of Judge Joseph W. Sumner, Kern Co.,

b. 4 Aug 1844

Joseph

Calif.

d. after 1921

CHILDREN By first wife, Ann Aletha York

i. Mary Emily, b. 8 Aug 1854, d. 1927; m. James H. Forney

ii. Rosa Aletha, b. 23 Feb 1857, d. -----; m. Charles E. Holt

iii. Clara Cordelia, b. about 1859, died in infancy

iv. Cora Hannah, b. 27 May 1864, d. Sept 1887

v. Charles Carroll, b. 27 May 1866, d. 17 Oct 1918; m. Henrietta M. Grenfell

By second wife, Mary Josephine Sumner

i. Frederick Holland, b. 2 May 1883, m. Bess -----, living 1971

ii. Joseph Corrington, b. 20 Oct 1885, d. Aug. 1897.

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**HARLEY AUGUSTUS BELKNAP**

**& Thirza Inman**

**Son of Jesse Belknap  
& Jane Carlinghouse**

**Daughter of Lacerus Inman  
& Susanna Stever**

**b 6 Oct 1832, Licking Co., Ohio  
d 29 Dec 1904, San Jose, Calif.  
m 19 June 1855, Eugene, Oregon**

**b 8 June 1836, Kentucky (Tennessee?)  
d -- (Living 1913)**

**CHILDREN**

**Monroe, Ore.**

- i. \*Horace Preston b 5 April 1858 1856^ d.-----  
m 14 April 1888, Wilda Ketchum (See NOTE 1)
- ii. \*Harley Thurston b 9 Feb 1858, xxxxxxxx Salem, Ore. d ----  
m Annie Frances Lister, 26 Oct 1879
- iii. \*Sylvester Irwin b 11 Feb 1866, Salem, Ore. d-----  
m 28 Sept 1891, Rhoda Barnes
- iv. \*Virgil Clarence b 7 Nov 1871  
m ----, Clara McHaley (Mc. Haley ?)
- v. \*Elbert Augustus b 18 Oct 1873, Bellfountain, Ore. d ----  
m 24 Dec 1909, Wills (Willie?) Williams
- vi. \*Grace b 29 Dec 1879 d ----- (Living 1969), San Jose, Calif.)  
m ----- Guy Smith

**NOTE 1: Wilda Ketchum, married (2) Edward H. Belknap, son of Ransom Belknap, 23 March 1941**

**Resided: Salem, Prineville, Oregon; San Jose, California.**

**Harley was a carpenter and then a builder. His sons Horace and Virgil were doctors.  
Sylvester was a druggist.**



WVS records; VR Woodstock, Holland, Wales; Morris Belknap records; John Sherman records; Lovering, Hist Holland; Brimfield VR; Court Records, John Belknap Intestate; Woodstock deeds.

JOSEPH BELKNAP

Son of Ebenezer Belknap

& Hannah Ayer

b abt 1700, Haverhill, Mass.

d 20 July 1788, Holland, Mass.

m 17 March 1724/5, Woodstock, Conn.

(int. 12 March 1724/5)

Was member of a scouting party at Haverhill, in 1722 (4 to 31, Aug. )

Came to Woodstock 1723 as a cordwainer (shoemaker). Was given 20 acres at Woodstock by Prudence's father, the Deacon, on 1 April 1726. Remained in Woodstock till 1742, when sold that land and moved to Holland, Mass. (then a parish of ~~Brimfield~~ Brimfield).

With sons William and John, served in French and Indian War 1756. With sons William, Daniel, John, signed petitions for separation from ~~Brimfield~~ Brimfield in 1762 and 1764. At Holland, built and operated a mill (first Belknap mill-owner). (NOTE 5)

CHILDREN

i \*John b 21 Sept 1725, Woodstock d before 13 Feb 1812, Holland (NOTE 1)  
m Elizabeth -----, 24 April 1747 (NOTE 2)

ii William b 7 March 1726/7 d 17 Sept 1727 (6 months old), Woodstock

iii \*Hannah b 21 Oct 1728, Woodstock. d --- m Daniel Thompson

iv Sybil b abt 1730, Woodstock d 3 June 1739, Woodstock

v Mary b abt 1734, Woodstock

vi \*William b --- 1735, Woodstock. d 17 March 1820, Clinton, NY  
m (1) Elizabeth McNeill (NOTE 3) ~~17 Nov 1762~~ 17 Nov 1761  
(2) Anna Burke 27 May 1766

vii \*Daniel b abt 1740, Woodstock d ----- (after 1802, last year on Dummerston tax list)  
m Polly Whipple

viii \*Jonathan b abt 1745, Holland (NOTE 4) m. Olive

NOTE 1: Death date from date of appointment of administrator of his estate -- his son in law ~~John Sherman~~ Jeremiah Sherman (2nd husband of Olive).

NOTE 2: Shown as "Elizabeth Ball" in one VR, as "Elizabeth W (torn)" in another Brimfield VR.

NOTE 3: Daughter of William & Elizabeth McNeill of Union, Conn. "McNeill," in some later records, is incorrect.

NOTE 4: Identification of Jonathan as son of John and Prudence was made by Lovering. He joined church at Holland in 1781, ~~and~~ baptized there 1782. Wife's name unknown.

NOTE 5: Holland and Wales, Mass., were parishes of what was then ~~Brimfield~~ Brimfield. Both Holland and Wales became independent towns. Early records (VR etc) of Holland, Wales and Brimfield are poor and often confused. Present edition of Brimfield VR does not indicate these places clearly or consistently.

NOTE 6: An Asa Belknap was a private on muster roll of Capt Davis' Company, Holland, 1756. No other mention of him in records Holland, Wales, Brimfield. No other Holland Belknap was in that Company. About 1890, William Burke Belknap of Louisville wrote that "there is reason to believe" Asa was son of Joseph and Prudence; but did not state the reason. No other identification has been found -- hence omitted from list of children above.

NOTE 7: Approximate birthdates for Sybil, Mary, Daniel & Jonathan are possible dates conforming to known sequence of birth, with regard to time of appearance on other records, such as: military service, petition signings, tax lists, lists of property owners, etc.



June 18-1974

# CORRECTION OF SOME MISIDENTIFICATIONS MADE BY H W BELKNAP

- ON: -- The Eli Belknap who married Clarissa (Cleracy) Lyman.  
-- The Asa Belknap who married Abia Deverix  
-- The John Belknap whose sons were Eli, Timothy, John, and Foris

The correction of these erroneous identifications is the result of years of research by John A Sherman, beginning about 1934, and by him and C Y Belknap cooperatively 1968 to 1972. The findings rest entirely on primary sources-- wills, land deeds, court proceedings, and other original contemporary records.

These misidentifications are the most serious errors in H W Belknap's work, as they have led to the statement of incorrect lineage for ~~many~~ scores of Belknaps.

The root of the errors was that HWB had no record of the second John Belknap in the list of three Johns descended from Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris:

- John (Sr), son of Joseph and Prudence, born Woodstock, Conn., 21 Sept 1725.
- John Jr, son of the above, born at Holland, Mass., 6 April 1748.
- John (III), son of John Jr, born at Holland 12 April 1784.

Lacking a record of the second John (John Jr), HWB assumed that the John Belknap who was reported to have married a "Lovina" was John (Sr) and that she was that elder John's second wife. He therefore assigned to John (Sr) three sons -- Eli, Timothy, and John (III) -- who were actually sons of John Jr and Lavina Brock (widow of John Hinds), as proved by the will of Lavina's father David Brock of Woodstock, Conn. This Lavina was the so-called "Lovina" that HWB thought had been second wife of John (Sr). (HWB also misassigned another son of John Jr and Lavina Brock: Foris, whom HWB listed as son of Foris's uncle William and Anna Burke.)

In 1935, John Sherman directed HWB's attention to this error. HWB acknowledged the error but did not alter his records, as he had ceased active work on Belknap genealogy in 1926. (After 1926, he merely filed new data without entering them in his systematic records.) So those who have relied on his notes have perpetuated his errors.

By the end of 1913, HWB had found the record of the marriage of an Eli Belknap and Clarissa (Cleracy) Lyman at Peru, Mass. (called Partridgefield at the time of that marriage in 1800). He assumed -- with no supporting evidence -- that this Eli was the Eli in his records of the family at Holland, Mass., and entered this marriage on his card for that Eli (whom he showed as son of John Sr, incorrectly).

On 24 Feb 1914, the Boston Transcript carried an inquiry signed H.L.C. (H. L. Conlee of New York City) asking for the parentage and date of marriage of a John Belknap and a Lydia, and for the date of marriage of their son Eli to Clarissa Lyman.

On 15 March 1914, in the Transcript, HWB replied: "John born Sept 21 1725 married second(?) perhaps Lovina -- (the correspondent says Lydia), and had Eli by second wife, born Sept 15, 1780, married Cleracy Lyman. Eli was born at Wales, Mass. and married at Peru, Mass., being then of Stevens Town, Mass."

(NOTE: The name of the town was an error for Stephen Town, New York. There was no town of that or similar name in Massachusetts.)

On 16 March 1914, the Transcript carried a lengthy communication from Conlee, beginning: "John Belknap of Rensselaer County (New York) married Lydia. They had several children, one of whom was Eli." Then followed names of descendants of that Eli and Clarissa Lyman.

HWB ignored Conlee's repetition of "Lydia" and entered the children of that Eli and Clarissa (named by Conlee) as children of the Eli whom he believed to be the son of John Belknap (Sr) and a second wife named "Lovina" (but who was actually son of John Jr and Lavina Brock).

Conlee stuck with "Lydia." But in correspondence with him, HWB did not alter his insistence that "Lydia" was really "Lovina."

There was no evidence to support this insistence. But HWB clung to it.

He was completely in error. Years of research by John A Sherman and recent cooperative research by him and C Y Belknap have established the following unquestionable facts:

- Court records of the intestate settlement of the estate of John Belknap (Sr) of Holland, Mass. show that he married only once -- had a son named John (who is shown as John Jr in various records at Holland) -- and did not have sons named Eli, Timothy,  and Foris.
- Other records make it plain that these sons and <sup>another son and</sup> several daughters were children of John Jr and Lavina Brock.
- The Eli who married Clarissa Lyman could not possibly have been the Eli who was born at Wales, Mass. in 1780. Census records at Stephen Town NY show that Clarissa's husband Eli was born not later than 1774.
- That Eli (Clarissa's husband) moved from Oakham, Mass. about 1799 and in 1800 was settled at Stephen Town NY on land adjacent to the properties of his brother Asa and his father John.
- His father John was the oldest son of John Belknap and Ruth Farr of Westboro, Mass. He does not appear in Westboro VR, but HWB obtained acceptable evidence confirming his birth in 1740. He married Sarah Walker and lived in Oakham till 1799, then moved to Stephen Town NY with Sarah and their children.

The following facts have also been established:

- In 1803, while the Eli who married Clarissa Lyman was living at Stephen Town in Rensselaer County, John Belknap Jr of Holland, Mass. was in Oneida County NY with his sons Eli, Timothy, and John (III). His youngest son, Foris, had gone to Ohio with a young couple from Lanesborough, Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux -- probably not long after the death of his mother Lavina Brock, which occurred at some time before 25 Nov 1795 (the date of her father's will, indicating that she was dead by that date).
- In 1803, John Jr bought land at Lee, in the Town of Western, Oneida County NY. Three years later, his sons Eli and Timothy jointly bought land adjacent to the land that John Jr had bought in 1803. In 1808, Timothy who had moved to Smithfield in Madison County NY sold his half of that jointly owned land to Eli.
- Eli bought more land at Lee and remained there till 1817, when he moved to French Creek, Chatauga County NY. Timothy moved to Cambria in Niagara County  by 1820.



- During the entire period in which the Eli who married Clarissa Lyman was at Stephen Town in Rensselaer County, the Eli who was born at Wales, Mass. in 1780 was in different counties of New York.

In the process of correcting those misidentifications, a correction for a related error by HWB has been found:

- When HWB found the record of marriage of an Asa Belknap to Abia Devetix (of "Stephenton, Mass." according to his notes) he entered this marriage on his page for the Asa who was son of Daniel Belknap of Dummerston, Vermont. But Abia Deverix was of Stephen Town, NY (there was no such town as "Stephenton, Mass.") and the Asa who married her was the brother of the Eli who married Clarissa Lyman and lived on the farm adjoining that Eli's at Stephen Town. (No record beyond birthdate has yet been found for the Asa born at Dummerston.)
- In this instance, HWB indicated by "(?)" on his notes that he was merely guessing in his identification of the Asa who married Abia Deverix. But many people have omitted that (?) when copying his notes.

In the Census records for Stephen Town, NY, there seems to be a probable explanation of the "Lydia" named by Conlee as wife of the John Belknap whose son married Clarissa Lyman.

- That John Belknap, of Oakham, Mass., married Sarah Walker at Brookfield, Mass. 15 Feb 1769. She was presumably with him when he moved to Stephen Town, being the female Over 45 shown in the 1800 Census of his household. In the 1810 Census, the oldest female in this household was shown as aged only 26-45. As there was no daughter of that age, this was probably the Lydia named by Conlee -- second wife of John, and not mother of Eli as Conlee believed. On this assumption, Sarah had died between 1800 and 1810, and the marriage to Lydia had taken place during that same period. The 1810 census indicates that this second wife was probably a widow with one small child.

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C. I. Belknap, 6 March 1973

Della:

June 18 1974

I think I should send you the enclosed copy of a summary that I wrote last year, at the conclusion of four years of work on the branch founded by Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris.

In 1968, when John Sherman and I began that job, we knew only that all the current records of the first few generations of that branch were obviously erroneous. The farther we went, the more errors we found.

At the end, I drafted this very condensed summary of the chief reasons for the sweeping revisions to which the facts had led, so that the root of the errors would be plain to anyone who examined my files.

I haven't yet completed the laborious task of rewriting scores of HWB's sheets on members of this branch of the family.

Carroll



Sources same as for his father, plus Westboro VR, and will  
intestate record for JB, and will of David Brock

JOHN BELKNAP (Sr)

Son of Joseph Belknap  
& Prudence Morris

b 21 Sept 1725, Woodstock, Conn.

d 1812, before 13 Feb, Holland, Mass. (NOTE 1)

m 24 April 1747

& ELIZABETH (BALL?) (W-----?) (NOTE 2)

d probably between 1790 and 1800.

Lived at Holland, then at Wales, Mass. Like his father, served in French & Indian War, 1755: Capt Merrick's Co.; and in Rev War: Capt Davidson's Co., to Cambridge April 19 1775, in siege of Boston till evacuation by British. Served till 1780, aged 55. Inventory of possessions after death indicates he may have been a carpenter. In 1800, after his wife and died and his sons had left, was probably living with his brother William, then a selectman of town of Holland. At time of death, was probably living in home of his daughter Eunice and her husband Jeremiah Sherman in Holland.

P. 489 CHILDREN: (NOTE 3)

- i \*John Jr b 6 April 1748, Holland, Mass. d in Oneida Co., NY, probably in 1806  
m Lavina Brock, widow Hinds (NOTE 4)
- ii \*Eunice b 6 April 1753, Holland d ----- m (1) Elijah Lumbard, (2) Jeremiah  
Sherman, 28 Nov 1782, Brimfield, Mass. (NOTE 5)
- iii Joseph b 12 Oct 1755, Holland. (NOTE 6)
- iv \*Thomas b 6 Sept 1758, Holland. d----- m Chloe Lumbard 26 Aug 1790
- v \*Elizabeth (Betsey) b Wales 31 Aug 1760. d----- m Daniel Burnett Jr 10 Feb 1791
- vi \*Abigail b Wales 27 Sept 1761. d 28 April 1827 m William Janes (NOTE 7)
- vii Eli b Wales 12 Dec 1762. Died young.
- viii Prudence b Wales, date not known. Known only from list of John's children in  
record of administration of his estate.
- ix \*Elijah b Wales 17 Dec 1770. d----- m Thankful Lake 28 Aug 1794, apparently at  
Holland or Brimfield, as Brimfield VR says "both of Holland".

NOTE 1: 13 Feb 1812 is date of intestate probate of his estate.

NOTE 2: Town copy of Brimfield VR shows her last name as Ball. Another copy shows it  
as W---- with notation "torn." At a time when this second copy may have been in  
better condition, William Belknap of Louisville thought it might have read "Wallis."  
What seems most likely is that she was a widow Ball whose maiden name began with W,  
or vice versa. No confirming record has been found.

NOTE 3: This list of children differs from all other lists now current, which  
contain names of some of the children of John's son, John Jr. It derives directly  
from the list of John's children named as his heirs in the record of the administration  
of his intestate estate.

NOTE 4: Much of the widespread confusion about John's children, in past and present  
lists, has been a mistaken belief that the John Belknap recorded as marrying a "Lovina"  
was ~~this John's~~ this John's. But this John married only once. The "Lovina" who  
was erroneously assumed to be his second wife was Lavina Brock, daughter of David Brock,  
and widow Hinds, who married John Jr. The result of this assumption was a typical  
instance of a "lost generation."

NOTE 5: Brimfield VR shows marriage to Sherman as "Eunice Lumbard," her name as  
widow. List of John's children in administration of his estate shows Eunice Belknap  
as wife of Jeremiah Sherman who was the administrator appointed by the court.

NOTE 6: Some present-day compilations show this Joseph as marrying Esther Snow,  
daughter of Jabez Snow and Keziah Newton. Esther's husband was the Joseph who  
was son of John Belknap and Ruth Farr of Westboro, Mass. No record beyond date of  
birth has been found.

HWB 115 continued

NOTE 7: Some present-day compilations contain two errors about Abigail. (1) Showing name of her husband as "James" instead of Janes. He was member of the large Janes family at Brimfield. (2) Showing Abigail as marrying, second, Daniel Thompson. She married only once and her husband William Janes was buried beside her. This error has been the result of an incorrect entry in Brimfield VR: entry of an undated marriage, in a church record only, of "Abigail Belknap and Daniel Thompson" which is plainly an erroneous entry of the marriage of Daniel Thompson and Abigail's aunt Hannah, daughter of Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris.



HUSBAND

Joseph Belknap (Res. Boston, Mass.)  
~~abt 1630~~ bp. 13 May 1633 <sup>and Hatfield</sup> North Weald, Essex, England  
14 Nov 1712, <sup>(2)</sup> age 82  
Place: Boston, Mass.

Abraham Belknap <sup>bp. 2 Jan 1657/8</sup>  
2. Lydia Ingalls, 3. Hannah Moskin  
Place: Boston, Mass.

1. Ruth Williams  
~~abt 1631~~ 1638. bp. 2 January 1639/40, age 11  
Place: Boston, Mass.

Nathaniel Williams  
Mother: Mary

WIFE

Birth  
Chr.  
Death  
Burial  
Father

History of Newburg - The  
Belknap Family of Newburg,  
p. 65-69.  
~~Media Research Bureau, 1927:~~  
Hyrum Belknap rec. A, p. 25,  
27; B, p. 13, 14.

Family Representative

Name and address of person writing  
this sheet

Della A. Belknap  
815 - 32nd Street  
Ogden, Utah 84402

\*Sponsoring data requested only in this 1 birth date (no L.D.)

Church blessing  
List other names of husband in order of marriage  
List complete maiden name for all females

	CHILD	DATE BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE DIED	WHERE DIED	DATE BURIED	WHERE BURIED
M	1 Joseph Belknap	26 Jan 1658	Boston	Suffolk	Mass	30 Dec 1716	1. Deborah Fitch 2. Abigail Battolph
F	2 Mary Belknap	25 Sept 1660	"	"	"	18 July 1745	Joseph Crafts
M	3 Nathaniel Belknap	13 Aug 1663	"	"	"		
F	4 Elizabeth Belknap	1 July 1665	"	"	"		Mr. Patterson (Known only from her father's will, 1710, where it is spelled thus - "a" not "er")
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See comment in my memo

Joseph (Sr.) settled in Boston, Mass. where he was admitted a Freeman in 1655. He was one of the founders of the "Third" or "Old South Church" in 1668 from whence he took dismission to Hatfield, where he lived in good esteem from 1682 to 1696. He returned to Boston and died in 1712, at the age of 82 years.

3 May 1665



Genealogical Data for Husband

**HUSBAND**

Birth  
\*Chr  
Death  
Burial  
Father  
Married  
Other names of any

Joseph Belnap

~~abt 1630~~ p. 13 May 1633

14 Nov 1712 (age 82)

Abraham Belnap

abt 1667

1. Ruth Williams, J. Hannah Meekins

Place  
Place  
Place  
Place  
Mother  
Place

North Weald, Essex, England

Boston, Mass.

Mary Stallion

**WIFE**

Birth  
\*Chr  
Death  
Burial  
Father  
Other names of any

2. Lydia Ingalls

abt 1650 ?

1669 ?

Francis Ingalls

Place  
Place  
Place  
Place  
Mother

Lynn, Essex, Mass.

Mary

Where was immigration  
family record obtained?

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Family Representative

Name and address of person submitting this sheet

Della A. Belnap

815 - 32nd Street

Hogden, Utah 84408

MARRIED

For Husband or Wife

(on Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet)

Genealogical Data for Wife

Sex  
M  
F

**CHILDREN**

List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth

WHEN BORN  
Day Mo Yr

Town

WHERE BORN

County

State or Country

DIED

Date Mo Yr

Date To

Date To

Date To

Date To

Date To

Date To

Date

Ruth Belnap

21 Nov 1668

Lynn

Essex

Mass

abt 1669 ?

? I have no proof of Lydia's birthdate. Do you?  
Also, do you have proof that dau. Ruth  
was born at Lynn?

Used only in lieu of birth date (see L.O.S.)

Abbreviate in order of marriage name for all females



Where was information shown?  
family record obtained?

North Wold, Essex, England

**Boston, Mass.**

**Boston, Mass.**

**Mary** Stallion

**Mary** Stallion

Roxbury, Mass., b.p. there on same

Roxbury, Mass., b.p. there on same

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

~~Wetfield or Braintree, Mass.~~

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4-27 Additional Information - 2 - W. R. Carter, Jr.

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Date 16 MAR 1693-4

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Date: 20 July 1991 1516

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Date: 1 May 1993

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from Elizabeth's Bible

- March, 1684 Hatfield, Hampshire, "30 Sept 1700" from 2c  
 ← Computed from Bible entry  
 that he died "aged 81 yrs, 6 mos."



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Dear Della:

28 June 1974

Thinking of the book you're now preparing, I worry a bit about your records of some of the early Belknaps in America, which I think are based mostly or perhaps partly on very early work by HWB -- therefore contain errors which he corrected when he rewrote all his notes about 1920.

So I'm taking the liberty of sending you my present revisions of your sheets 734, 735, 736 -- based on all information now in my hands. Some of my changes may be of value to you.

Some comments I should make:

*you don't know*  
(1) First need, on this Joseph, is to get rid of that traditional date of birth, 1630. As HWB pointed out in 1914 piece in the Register, there was never any proof for this date. 16 years later, the true date was found in church record at North Weald -- but was not published till Moriarty examined HWB's unpublished notes in 1950. . . We should also eliminate statement that Joseph died at age 82 -- which was based on that same fictitious 1630 date.

(2) On 734, I have entered some data that I found in HWB's later notes, with good sources indicated. (The task of straightening out the much mixed up miscellaneous notes of early generations, left unassimilated by HWB after he stopped active work in 1926, has been difficult -- but I've made progress on it.)

(3) I assume the long note at bottom of 734 is quoted from some printed source, not named. It is wrong on date when Joseph became freeman of Boston. I think that it's probably right in saying that Joseph was at Hatfield 1682 to 1696, for I can't agree with the dates given by HWB on this point, and the evidence that I have obtained sets 1681 as a year when he lived in Boston.

*not necessary*  
(4) I'm unable to explain why daughters Mary and Elizabeth on 734 were baptized on same day in 1665 -- but that's the record. Have't found baptismal dates for the two sons on this page.

(5) Your 735. I distrust all the points that I've marked with an ? -- for I don't know where such information could have been obtained. I doubt that Lydia Ingalls was only 17 at time of marriage -- and I doubt that there's any basis for giving an exact year of death for her. So I've asked if you have proof. . . I originally wrote on this sheet a suggestion that it be held till I could investigate further -- but then remembered that I have already examined all available data on family of Francis Ingalls, when I was chasing down that non-existent Roger, whom Evans named. My memory of that search is what makes me doubt the entries I've questioned.

*Belknap*  
(6) The changes on 736 are self-explanatory, I believe -- and I may have told you about some of them already. I now feel pretty certain that the only child born at Hatfield was Samuel -- as I've found record of birth of Abraham 1681 in Boston. . . . You probably know that the John Meakins whom Ruth married was her first cousin.

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This is the best that I can do on this first Joseph, and I think it's good enough to use -- although I'm still digging for definite evidence on some points (such as whether or not he was the father, illegitimately, of the Mary Belknap who married Ebenezer Kentfield somewhere near Hatfield about ~~1713~~ 1713; she was born in or about 1693, five years after death of Hannah Meakins).



I've heard nothing from NEHGS, yet, about my request for a copy of Charles Belknap's two books of records. So I'm assuming my request hasn't been turned down. . . I also asked for some other copies of manuscript material -- so ~~XXXX~~ the total job I requested was about 250 pages, and I can't expect speed on it. . . When I get the CB material, will make you a copy. But should warn you that everything in ~~isn't~~ isn't automatically worth copying. I know it contains errors, just as Franklin Belknap's notes do. But Charles fortunately recorded many of his sources of his raw data, so that the validity of his findings can be appraised.

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Got some good news yesterday. Clinton Belknap, descendant of Jonas's brother Elijah, is just about ready to turn over to his printer his book on his branch ~~xxxxx~~ of the family -- same as mine down to and including ~~the~~ Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. Knowing the great care that he has taken, I'm rejoicing that at last an accurate Belknap job will be in print -- covering about 1000 names. Don't know the exact date of publication -- but not far off.

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Have just noted one point I failed to mention on your 734 -- my deletion of your mention of "Media Research Bureau" in sources in upper right-hand corner. For your own sake, don't even admit you ever saw that thing. It was a hack commercial job, copying whatever someone happened to find--mostly just not so. My copy of it is ~~marked~~ annotated to indicate 19 serious errors and untruths.

(annotated)

Carroll

DELLA from CYB

26 June 1974

Here is a batch of material that I probably should have sent to you some years ago.

It includes (1) Letters dated June 5 1929 to HWB from a descendant of your Jesse, in Michigan, and (2) data sheets sent to HWB by that man -- Charles Morris Belnap (with children of each person on second sheet).

When I was copying HWB's material, years ago, I laid this material aside -- on the grounds that I need not concern myself with descendants of your Jesse, as you were handling this job.

But today, it occurred to me to check this stuff against your Index -- and I noted that some of the later names in the file do not appear in that Index.

So perhaps you have use for the file.

Carroll



P156  
son  
P99 - Parents

22.

Daniel Belnap,

B. 1807

D. 1881

39. Lafayette, Gilbert, <sup>B.</sup> ( Lived in Chicago. Married. )  
1831
40. Melville, <sup>B</sup> ( Lived in Chicago. Moved West. )  
1846.
41. Mary ( ALEX- WARREN )
42. Francis ( NATE DRAKE )
43. Helan ( John SANFORD )
44. Josephine,

~~XXXX~~



24, Morris Belnap & Hannah Heck.

B. 1820  
D. 18 Jun 1903  
M. Erie Pa 1847  
b, North East, Pa  
d, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

B. 1827  
D. Sept. 1892  
b, Erie, Pa.  
d, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Moved to Eaton Rapids,  
Mich., about 1852.

Blacksmith, Farmer.

45, Charles Gordon,  
B. 16 June, 1849.

B, 23 Aug 1916.



45, Charles Gordon Belnap & Flora Elizabeth Clark.

B. 16 Jun 1849,  
D. 23 Aug 1916,  
M. 30 Oct 1877.

b. Erie Pa.  
d. Eaton Rapids, Mich.  
res. Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Blacksmith and Carriage  
Maker.

B. 13 Feb. 1856 , Parna, N.Y.  
D. 30 Oct. 1925 , Eaton Rapids  
Mich.

dau. of Matson Lee and Mary  
Elizabeth Clark.  
of Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Children;

46, Clark Lee,

B. 27 Feb. 1879.

D. 16 Feb 1926.

47, Charles, Morris,

B. 28 Jul. 1882.



46,

Clark Lee Belnap & Abbie C. Harris.

B. 27 Feb. 1879. B. 8 Feb 1876 Sheldrake, N.Y.

D. 16 Feb. 1926. D. 9 May 1917 Eaton Rapids, Mich.  
dau of Edwin S. & Mary Harris.  
of Eaton Rapids, Mich.

I. M. 25 Jan. 1905. No Children.

b, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

d, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

res, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

II. M. 8 Jun. 1918 Gladys G. Hale

B. 22 Sept 1900 Eaton Township, Mich.

No Children

D.

dau of Ezra & Martha Hale

of Eaton Rapids, Mich

Retail Clothing Merchant.

47. Charles Morris Belnap & Lottie C. Smith.  
B. 28 Jul. 1882      B. 19 Apr. 1882 Minden Township, Minn.  
D.      D.  
M. 19 Aug. 1912      dau of Alonzo & Laura M. Smith,  
at Chicago, Ill.      of St. Cloud and Minneapolis; Minn.  
b. Eaton Rapids, Mich.  
d.  
res. Battle Creek, Mich.

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ASST. MANAGER

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

June 5, 1929

Henry W. Belknap, Esq.,  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I think you might be interested in knowing that I have in my possession a copy of "The English Ancestry of the American Belknaps" which was written by yourself.

I also wish to advise that I have recently found among my papers the following notes, written in long hand on a piece of white tablet paper which has turned yellow with age.

I do not know who prepared this document, but believe that you will be interested in checking it with your records.

		Born	died
Jesse Belnap.	Aug. 31st.	1760	
Eunice Hall	May 25th	1763	
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David Belnap	Mar. 24th	1780	
Jesse Belnap	July 9th	1781	
Eunice Belnap	Aug. 28th	1783	
Ira Belnap	Apr. 3rd	1785	Nov. 28, 1878
Ansel Belnap	Mar. 24th	1787	
Rosel Belnap	Jan. 4th	1789	
Elem Belnap	Jan. 11th	1791	
Annie Belnap	Aug. 18th	1792	
Gilbert Belnap	Mar. 27th	1794	Oct. 25, 1851
Sally Belnap	Aug. 8th	1795	
Polly Belnap	July 9th	1797	
Laura Belnap	Apr. 3rd	1799	
Betsy Belnap	Jan. 11th	1800	
Hiram Belnap	July 30th	1802	Nov. 15, 1848
Isabel Belnap	June 28th	1804	

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you again for your kindness in allowing your Secretary to make a copy of your notes, which is now in my possession.

Yours sincerely,

OMB/BR



CHARLES M. BELNAP  
MANAGER



LOTTIE B. BELNAP  
ASST. MANAGER

## **Belnap Envelope Company**

NOTING:

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

June 5, 1929

Henry W. Belknap, Esq.,  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Supplementing my other letter of this date, I am also enclosing the following pages from my notes of the Belknap family.

Page 1-	Jesse Belknap
" 2	Gilbert Belknap
" 3	David Belknap
" 5	Roswell Belknap
" 5	Ansel Belknap
" 7	Hiram Belknap
" 19	Ira Belknap
" 22	Daniel Belnap
" 28	Arvilla Belnap
" 29	Betsy Belnap

I wish to state in connection with these pages listed above, that I cannot vouch for the accuracy of same. These pages are sent at your request, merely for the purpose of checking them with your records.

This information was given to me by Melville Belnap, No. 40, son of Daniel Belnap, No. 22.

It will not be necessary for you to return any of these records attached to this letter, or any of the records attached to the other letter.

Yours sincerely,

CMB/BR



CHARLES M. BELNAP  
MANAGER



LOTTIE S. BELNAP  
ASST. MANAGER

## **Belnap Envelope Company**

NOT INB.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

June 5, 1929

Henry W. Belknap, Esq.,  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Referring to our conversation at your office in September 1928, I am enclosing copies of my records of the Belnap family, as follows:

Page 4- Jesse Belnap, my great grandfather, shown in your notes on Page 3, as "Jesse Belnap and Sally Camp", and I wish to call to your attention the eight children listed on the back of this page, from information which was given to me by Melville Belnap, and is probably correct.

I wish to also call to your attention the following pages of our own immediate family, which I know to be correct.

Page 24 my grandparents, Morris Belnap and Hannah Heck.

Page 45 my parents, Charles Gordon Belnap and Flora Elizabeth Clark.

Page 46 my brother, Clark L. Belnap and Abbie C. Harris.

Page 47 myself, Charles Morris Belnap and Lottie C. Smith.

I can vouch for the accuracy of these records, pages 24, 45, 46, and 47, and would like to have them included as a part of your records.

I would appreciate a letter from you stating that these pages will be included with your records.

Yours sincerely,

CMB/BR



Hub's reply

June 8th 1929

Charles M. Belnap, Esq.,  
Battle Creek, Mich.,  
Dear Mr Belnap:

Thank you for the records received  
this morning and I am glad that the ones  
copied for you were satisfactory.

Those you send will be duly added  
to my own as you suggest.

Hoping you are well and will again  
visit us when in these parts.

Yours very truly,



899  
28, Arville Belnap & HIRAM Bartlett

Children: ( Bartlett )

Hiram,

Frank,



29, Betsey Belnap &

Jackson

Children; ( Jackson )

William,

Harriet.



1. Jesse Balknap

✓ sk

2. Gilbert

3. David

4. Jesse

5 Roswell

6. Ansel

7. Hiram

8. Sara(Campbell)

9. Laura(Alexander)

10. Paula(Avery)



Voh

S. Gilbert Belknap.

11. Stillman

12. Volney

14. Girl

15. Girl



3. David Belknap

16. Ansil

17. Rural

18. Murray

19. Ira.

20. Chester.

21. Girl



4. Jesse Belnap.

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more on  
his kind

22. Daniel, B. 1807, D. 1881  
23. Gilbert, B. 1812, D.  
24. Morris, B. 1820 D. 18 Jun 1903  
25. Harriet,  
26. Louisa,  
27. Eunice (ANNIE)  
28. Arvilla (BARTLETT)  
29. Betsy (JACKSON)



5. Roswell Belknap

30. Gilbert,



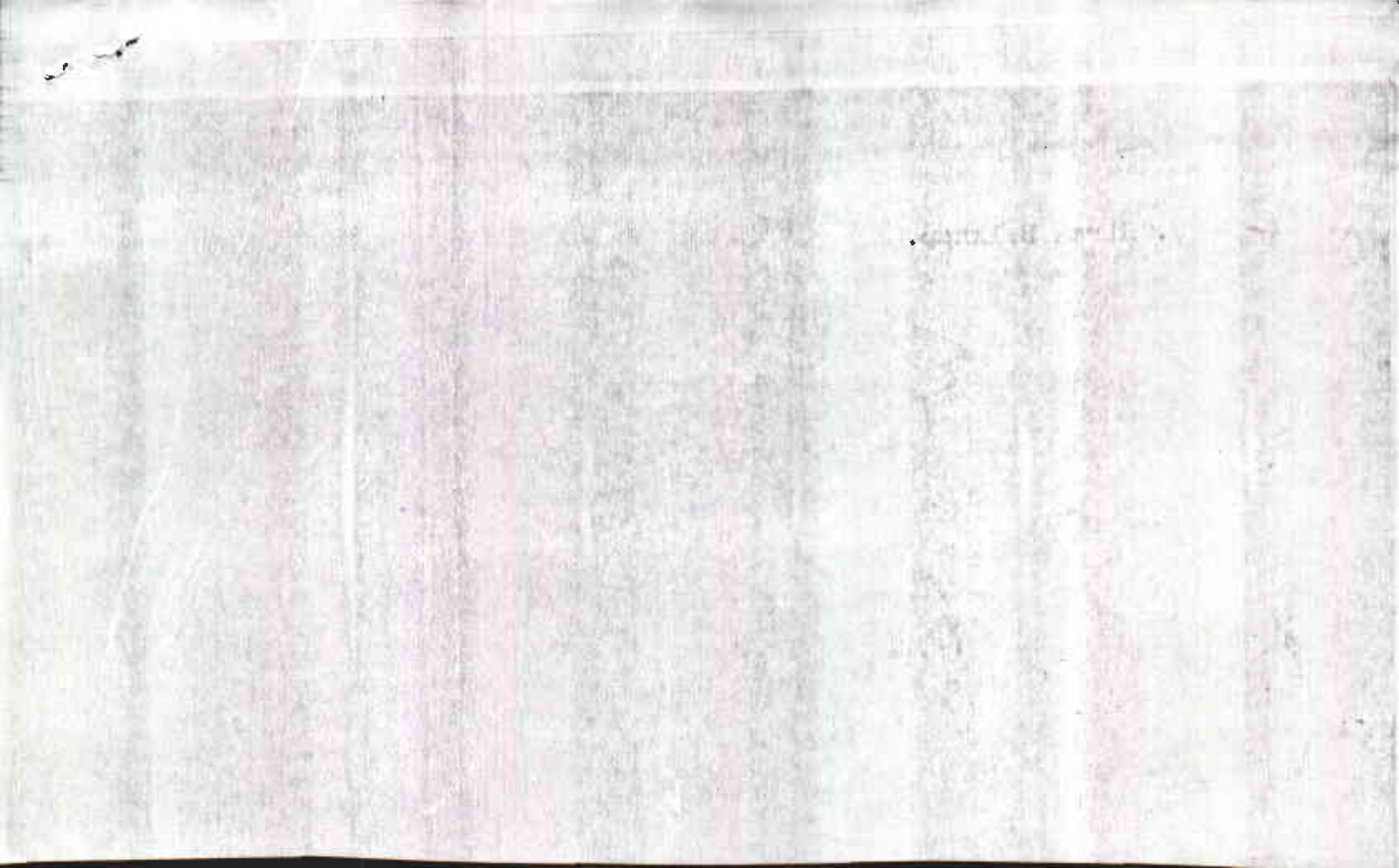
6. Ansel Belknap,

31. Hiron,

32. Gilbert,



7. Hiram Belknap.





19. Ira Belknap.

✓  
Children's  
names  
not the  
same

13,                      Eldest Son, ( Blacksmith )

14, David,

15, Emory,

16, Chester,

17, Newell,

18,                      Youngest Son.



Ogden, Utah  
Jan 25, 1970

Dear Carroll Belknap;

Finally I received this enclosed information on the "Wills" from England. You may already have some of the information on the Belknaps. I'm sending all that was sent to me. Hope every thing is coming along fine with you.

I'm trying to catch up with last years correspondence. I have a problem. I had all letters, papers, books and etc neatly placed on shelves. I had every thing placed so I could find it and was trying to get it typed and put into binders. During the Xmas holiday the spings holding the shelves gave way. Every thing went flying. Have spent most of this month trying to sort it out. Some of the letters are mis placed. I'M sure I have had one more letter from you. The last letter I find of yours was Nov 24, 1969. I thought I had answered it.

The Nove 24 letter deals with "Roger Belknap who married Mary Ingalls" I have also found this information placed in the Salt Lake Gen. Library by some one else. Have told Mr. Parker to try and see what he had found in his research. I have not heard from him since Oct. He has been to Canada. I do hope to see him in Feb.

It also bothers me that there is a birth date of an Abraham Belknap in 1635 in Epping, England. There is no other Belknap names in the births and marriages. The burials have not been checked. Seeing this is where our Abraham Belknap and Mary Stallion left England for America. I have been wondering if it could belong to that family.

If you have any information on Merrick Belknap of Quebec line as to where it joins the Abraham Belknap and Mary Stallion, I would like to have a copy of that information. I thought I had it worked out. Now I see there must be something wrong. There are too many things wrong. Merrick Belknap sent his line in as follows--

1. Merrick J. Belknap and Margaret Woodman
2. Walter George Belknap and Saloma J. Bacon  
b. 22 Apr 1864
3. James Belknap and Martha Smith  
b. 17 Feb 1832
4. John Belknap and Sarah Moody  
b. 4. Feb 1777 at Lisbon, N.H.
5. William Belknap- wife unknown  
birth date unknown
6. Obadiah Belknap md Sarah Mitchell Oct 27 1742

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#5, I do not find this family of William Belknap

#6, Have more than one version on this family. Henry W. Belknap and Glen Evans are both different.

H. W. B. shows Obadiah who married Sarah Mitchell to be the son of Ebenizer Belknap and Hannah Ayer. In other words He shows the line to be as follows--

1. Ebenezer Belknap and Hannah Ayer  
b. 25 Mar 1677
2. Obadiah and Sarah Mitchell
3. Nathaniel b. 1746
4. Obadiah md Abigail Locke  
b. 1774 / (John Belknap b. 4 Feb 1777 is Obadiah's brother. This John is Merricks great grand father)

The two lines differ. Hope you can understand what I'm talking about and that you will be able to help straighten it out. I have submitted these same questions to Mr. Parker. Haven't gotten any place from his information as yet.

Sincerely,



# HUSBAND

Birth 9 September 1814

\*Chr. 14 Jan. 1885

Death  
Burial  
Father Moses Belknap, Jr.  
Married 29 June 1836

Other Wives  
(if any)

Place Randolph, Vermont  
Place Goldfield, Iowa  
Place  
Mother† Margaret Richardson  
Place Albany, New York

WIFE ALMIRA JANE SEELEY (SEELYE)  
Birth 4 March 1817

\*Chr. 4 July 1888

Death  
Burial  
Father John Seelye

Other Husb  
(if any)

Place Albany, New York  
Place  
Place Goldfield, Iowa  
Place  
Mother† Susan Witt

Family Representative:

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

*Tam, in Civil War*  
*2 Feb*

Sex  
M

## CHILDREN

List each child whether living or dead, in order of birth

WHEN BORN  
Day Mo. Yr.

WHERE BORN  
Town County

State  
or  
Country

DIED  
Day Mo. Yr.

MARRIED  
(First Husband or Wife)  
List Additional Marriages with Dates  
Back Side of Sheet

Date June 1855  
To Harry Burmeister

Date Killed near  
To Teonis Station

Date Jan. 11, 1872  
To Matilda Jane Sill

Date 15 Sept. 1867  
To H. Clayton Ovis

Date died at 1 yr.  
To

Date Feb. 1871  
To James Will

Date 10 Oct. 1888  
To Jean Campbell

Date 5 Nov. 1879  
To Emily Sill

Date 3 Feb. 1892  
To Alice Guinn

Date 21 Oct. 1886  
To Mary Sill

Date  
To

Date  
To

Date  
To

Date  
To

Date  
To

Date  
To

1 Harriet Amelia

15/1/1839 Albany

N.Y. 1902

2 Franklin Louis

18/5/1841 Albany

N.Y. 31/8/1862

3 Frederick Augustus

3/11/1843 Albany

N.Y. 15/3/1917

4 Frances Cornelia

3/4/1846 Orangeville

Ill 20/8/1901

5 (Daniel) Webster

31/5/1849 Orangeville

Ill 17/8/1850

6 Laura Ann

23/4/1851 Orangeville

Ill 12/4/1916

7 (John) Wilson

5/7/1854 Orangeville

Ill 6/2/1940

8 Clatter Clarence

27/10/1855 Orangeville

Ill 2/9/1932

9 Charles Wesley

11/4/1858 Argyle

Wis. 1/11/1905

10 Edwin Wendo

21/1/1862 Argyle

Wis. 2/7/1955

11

12

13

14

Date  
For Wife

Christening Date required only  
Church Register  
List other wives of husbands in order of marriage.  
List other wives of husbands in order of marriage.  
List children, maiden names for all females.

... ancestor of Family Representative by placing "x" in front of name



in Civil War  
Feb

Other Wives  
(if any) —

Place Albany, New York

Partner —  
Other Husb. —  
(if any) —

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Christenmen date requested only be view of birth date (not L.O.B.)  
 Church blessing:  
 Use other wives or husbands in order of marriage.  
 Use complete maiden name for all females.



Mr Perley S Belknap of South  
Rayatten Vermont Say;

"

I have my own line of Ancesters very  
complete back to Abraham Belknap who came  
● over from Devon of Devonshire England  
in 1638 on the boat named 'Mary & John' and  
landed in Salem Mass; he had four sons and  
a daughter; your line of ancestors and mine  
divide on Simeon and Moses who were brothers  
I shall record the decent as I understand it;  
Abraham (1) Samuel (2) Ebenezer (3) Samuel (4)  
Simeon (5) Simeon (6) my Ancestor and Moses (6)  
your ancestor; Simeon & Moses came from  
Ellington Conn, about 1780 and settled in  
Randolph, so your ancestral home is located  
at East Randolph while mine is at Rayatten"

Moses Belknap Sr, married Sarah Kibbe - Children born;  
Dolly, Polly, Moses Jr, Betsey, Orpha, Rosa,  
Sophrona, Walter, Chester, Suker;

Moses Jr, married Margaret Richardson - Children born  
● Leatrice, Zebina, Sanford, Sarah, Bissel, Walter  
Royal, Augustus, Mariah, Daniel, Adaline, Laura;

Walter Belknap m'd Almira J. Bully - Children born  
Harriet, Frank, Frederick, Frances, Webster, Laura,  
J. Wilson, Clemmer C, Chas W, Edwin M,



Then to make record complete,  
Edwin M Belknap - and Mary Gill-  
Children born:

Hazel, Eleanor, Mariem, Frank.

● I'm giving you this, Miss Della, as it  
may be of some use to you in looking  
up someone - I feel quite well satisfied  
and really believe we have it about right,  
you put me right on one matter, that  
of my father's name being Walter Perrin Belknap  
in that you suggested might have been named  
for a Walter Perrin - who had married  
Sophrona Belknap a sister of Moses Jr.  
I have been to considerable pains and  
greatly appreciate the help that you and others  
have given us, it's interesting delving  
into the past, and especially I think too  
as our antecedents are a worthy bunch,  
and I'm sure we should be proud  
of the Belnap or Belknap name  
and again I want to thank you for your  
kindness, and if convenient may we hear from  
● you as to what you think of the accomplish-  
ment -

With great Respect

Edwin Mead Belknap  
Rte 1 - Perris Calif,

Perris RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA Oct 27/41

Dear Miss Della;

I want to assure you of our keen appreciation for your efforts in searching our genealogy, of course we regret the futility of your efforts - and as I shall be 180 in January - presume I shall not be able to learn much about my ancestors, and now fully realize that I started too late - might easily have learned a lot from my father had I started in time, which again recalls that "There's a tide in the affairs of man which if taken at the flood leads on to fortune"

Again thanking you and wishing you all the good things in life,

I beg to remain -

Very Sincerely

Edwin M Belknap



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Em Belnap  
Perris Calif



Miss Della Belnap  
2341 Madison Ave  
916-21 Ogden Utah

**HUSBAND** Bisail P Belknap  
 Birth Dec 24 1811  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death Nov 15 1889  
 Burial Orangeville Del  
 Father Moses Belknap Jr  
 Mar. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Place Randolph vt  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place Orangeville Del  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Margaret Richardson  
 Place Randolph vt

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

B P Belknap Jr  
Ridett Del,

**WIFE** Deborah Cole

Birth Feb 22 - 1814

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_

Death May 27 - 1906

Burial Orangeville Del

Father Sam'l Cole

Other Hus  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Place Randolph VT  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Deborah Beebe

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Stake \_\_\_\_\_

Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
	Margaret Eugene	8	Apr	1838	Massena		Ny	5	Nov	1889	Date To
	Edwin Martines	9	June	1839	"		"	17	Dec	"	Date To
	Mary E	22	Oct	1841	Oneco		Del	15	Jan	1915	Date To B Everett
	Laura A	23	Mar	1843	"		"				Date To
	Hannah J	23	Dec	1845	"		"				Date To D Mulke
	Carwin A	15	Sep	1847	"		"	9	June	1927	Date To Jennie Gross
	Forace Calvin	15	Nov	1849	"		"				Date To Millie Belander
	Edwin Cole	19	Feb	1852	"		"				Date To Anna McCay
	Lillie	19	Nov	1855	"		"				Date To Joe Feidt
10											Date To
11											Date To
12											Date To
13											Date To
14											Date To
15											Date To



# HUSBAND

Walter Belknap

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

Birth Sep 9th 1814 1812  
Chr.  
Death Jan 14 1885 age 70  
Burial  
Father Moses Belknap  
Mar. about 1836 June 29  
Other Wives (if any)

Place Royalton Vt. East Randolph  
Place  
Place Goldfield Ia  
Place  
Mother (Maiden Name) Margaret Richardson  
Place Albany N.Y.

# WIFE

Almira Seelye

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Birth Mar 4-1817  
Chr.  
Death July 4-1888 age 71  
Burial  
Father John Seelye about 95  
Other Hus (if any)

Place Albany N.Y.  
Place  
Place Goldfield Iowa  
Place  
Mother (Maiden Name) Susan Seelye age 95

State  
Ward

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED	
			Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.		
	1	Harriet	63	Jan	15-1839	Albany	N.Y.	1902	Date June 1856 To Deveraux				
	2	Frank	21	May	18-1841	"	"	31-Aug-1862	Date Killed in Civil War				
	3	Frederick	73	Nov	2-1843	"	"	15-Mar-1917	Date Jan 11-1871 To Matilda Dill				
	4	Frances	55	Apr	3-1846	Orangetown	Ill	20 Aug 1901	Date 1867 To H.C. Oriatt				
	5	Webster		May	31-1849	"	"	1850	Date To				
	6	Laura	65	Apr	23-1851	"	"	19 Apr 1916	Date Feb 5 1870 To Geo Dill				
	7	J. Wilson	86	Aug	5-1854	"	"	8 Feb 1940	Date Oct 10-1888 To Jennie Campbell				
	8	Clemmer C.	77	Oct	27-1855	Argyle	Wis	2 Sep 1932	Date Jan 5-1879-1879 To Emily Dill				
	9	Charles W.	47	Apr	11-1858	"	"	1 Nov 1901	Date Feb 3-1892 To Alisa Guinn				
	10	Edwin M.		21 Jan	1862	"	"		Date Oct 21-1886 To Mary Dill				
	11								Date To				
	12								Date To				
	13								Date To				
	14								Date To				
	15								Date To				



HUSBAND *Edwin M Belknap*  
 Birth *21 Jan 1862* Place *Argyle wis*  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father *Walter Belknap* Mother (Maiden Name) *Almira Jane Seelye*  
 Mar. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

WIFE *Mary Sill*  
 Birth *Dec 11-1866* Place *Goldfield Ia*  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father *Wm Sill* Mother (Maiden Name) *Phoebe Gray*  
 Other Hus. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Stake  
Ward

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
1	<i>Hazel</i>	16	July	1889	<i>Gladbrook</i>		<i>Ia</i>				Date <i>Oct 3-1919</i> To <i>E.K. Nail</i>
2	<i>Eleanor</i>	4	Aug	1891	<i>Stratford</i>		<i>Ia</i>				Date <i>June 4-1912</i> To <i>R.A. Wehr</i>
3	<i>Marion</i>	22	Sep	1897	<i>Los Angeles</i>		<i>Calif</i>	10	July	1908	Date _____ To _____
4	<i>Frank Edwin</i>	28	Feb	1903	<i>Salt Lake City</i>		<i>Ut</i>				Date <i>July 11-1938</i> To <i>Laurene Meachum</i>
5											Date _____ To <i>Meachum</i>
6											Date _____ To _____
7											Date _____ To _____
8											Date _____ To _____
9											Date _____ To _____
10											Date _____ To _____
11											Date _____ To _____
12											Date _____ To _____
13											Date _____ To _____
14											Date _____ To _____
15											Date _____ To _____



This name John Charles E. was a Captain and  
 reports military to my father - my father has his  
 picture but not very much about his family.

**HUSBAND** *Moses Bulknapp Jr*  
 Birth *Jan 24, 1780* Place *Mass*  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death *Apr 10, 1836* Place *age 56 yrs.*  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father *Moses Bulknapp Sr* Mother (Maiden Name) *Sarah Kibbe*  
 Mar. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives (if any) *Minerva Miles*

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

**WIFE** *1st. Margaret*  
 Birth *1781* Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death *Sept 28, 1827* Place *age 46 yrs.*  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Hus. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Stake \_\_\_\_\_  
Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED	
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.		
	1 Waiter	Do you know if this is male or female										Date To
	2 Zebina										Date To	
	3 Sanford										Date To	
	4 Sarah										Date To	
	5 Bissel	24	Dec	1811	Randolph	Vt					Date To Jan 10 - 1836 Deborah Case	
	6 Walter	9	Sept	1814	East Randolph	Vt	14	Jan	1835		Date To June 29 - 1836 Almyra Seelye	
	7 Royal										Date To	
	8 Augustus								12 Aug 1876		Date To Clara Sandborn	
	9 Mariah										Date To Wright	
	10 Daniel										Date To	
	11 Adalene										Date To	
	12 Laura										Date To Edwin Meade J. P. Smith	
	13										Date To Mariah	
	14										Date To	
	15										Date To	



# HUSBAND

Name *Moses Belknap Sr*  
 Birth *Sept 7, 1754* Place *Mass.*  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death *Sept 21, 1835 age 81* Place *Randolph Vt.*  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father *Simson Belknap* Mother (Maiden Name) *Elizabeth Parter*  
 Mar. *Mar 9, 1775* Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

# WIFE

Name *Sarah Kibbe*  
 Birth *Apr 2, 1755* Place *Enfield Conn.*  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death *June 1822 age 67* Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father *Daniel Kibbe* Mother (Maiden Name) *Mary Pratt*  
 Other Husb. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED	
			Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.		
1	<i>Sally</i>	<i>age 20</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>1774</i>				<i>12</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1794</i>	Date _____ To _____	B E
2	<i>Polly</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1778</i>				<i>23</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1802</i>	Date _____ To _____	B E
3	<i>Moses</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>1780</i>				<i>10</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1836</i>	Date _____ To <i>Margaret</i>	B E
4	<i>Betsy</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1782</i>							Date _____ To _____	B E
5	<i>Orpha</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>1784</i>				<i>7</i>	<i>Sept</i>		Date _____ To _____	B E
6	<i>Rosa</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>1787</i>							Date _____ To _____	B E
7	<i>Sophronia</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1791</i>				<i>11</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>1890</i>	Date _____ To <i>Walter Perrin</i>	B E
8	<i>Walter</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1792</i>				<i>26</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>1874</i>	Date _____ To <i>Priscilla</i>	B E
9	<i>Chester</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1795</i>				<i>6</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>1872</i>	Date _____ To _____	B E
10	<i>Luke or Susan</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1798</i>				<i>6</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>1889</i>	Date _____ To <i>John Miles</i>	B E
11												Date _____ To _____	B E
12												Date _____ To _____	B E
13												Date _____ To _____	B E
14												Date _____ To _____	B E
15												Date _____ To _____	B E



Perris Calif  
Dec 16-1943

Dear Miss Della:

Sometime ago a niece of Sunland Calif sent me a clipping from a Home Magazine about the trek in the 1840s of Belknap to Oregon - this was written by Miss Reva Barrett of Pullman Wash. On writing her she says so far as I can determine there is no relationship between our two families - she wrote a long letter which I can forward to you if you should desire it, she referred me to Mrs Chas O Elmer of New Orleans - the letter from her I have copied into other sheets enclosed - these may be of interest to you - I'm just getting really interested in this search. The 4 sons of Abraham Sr - was as follows  
Abraham (1) Joseph (2) Thomas (3) ~~please excuse me~~  
Jeremy (2) Joseph (3) Samuel (4)  
and one daughter -

Our line I understand is through Samuel ~~white~~ as is Perley O Belknap while Mrs Chas O Elmer is through Joseph - now I'm wondering whose yours is through - I'm rushing this through as it's nearly mail time we have a Rural Carrier so please excuse mistakes -

I feel sure you will be interested in this

Sincerely  
Edwin M Belknap

4157 MULBERRY  
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

9-28-'52

Dear Della:-

So glad to hear  
from you, yes my dear wife  
passed away Sept 9th 1951 just over  
one year ago - there's lots of poor  
ones men & women at this Rest Home  
and I have visitors occasionally  
Must tell you almost two years  
ago I had a letter from your  
sister enclosing a self stamped and  
addressed Envelope - well do you know  
I answered that yesterday  
Will say again that I'm glad  
to hear from you

Lots of love

Edwin M. Bellamy

4157 Mulberry  
Riverside -



Mr Berly S Belknap of So. Royalton  
Says - in writing to Edwin M Belknap of Dennis Mass  
" I have my own line of ancestors very  
complete back to Abraham Belknap who came over  
from Devon of Devonshire Eng in 1638 on the boat  
named "may" & John and landed in Salem Mass.  
He had 4 sons & a daughter and we all came  
from that stock - your line of ancestors and mine  
diverge on Simeon & Moses who were brothers. it  
I shall record the descent as I understand it,  
Abraham (1) Samuel (2) Ebenezer (3) Samuel (4)  
Simeon (5) Simeon (6) my ancestor and Moses (6)  
your ancestor  
Simeon & Moses came to Vermont from Ellington  
Conn about 1780 and settled in Randolph - so your  
ancestral home is located at East Randolph while  
mine is at Royalton" 8010 Forest St (18) New Orleans La

While Helen Belknap Elmer, (Mrs Chas O Elmer)  
writes as follows " It was most interesting to hear  
from you especially as you and my late father have  
the same name - Edwin -  
Our ancestor Abraham came from England to Lynn  
Mass afterwards moving to Salem in 1637 - He had 4 sons  
Abraham (1) Jeremy (2) Joseph (3) our ancestor Samuel (4)  
and one daughter Hannah"  
She continues,

" This is our line - Abraham Belknap  
Joseph (1630) Thomas (1670) Samuel (1707) Samuel (1735)  
Captain in fight at Concord Seth (1775) born in Newburgh  
N.Y. Seth Edwin (1816) Edwin (1848) born in N.Y. - La  
(my father) Edwin Jr (1882) Edwin III 1906 - I am very  
stupid about gathering facts from our family book, so shall  
just jot down my remarks as I find them - the only Moses  
I find in the New England states, is Moses Highbee Belknap  
who was the son of Abel Belknap and Hannah Williams  
of Sharon Conn, a reference to Ellington Conn is from a  
catalogue of the names of early Puritan settlers of the  
colony of Connecticut by Royal & Herman page 182  
it says: Samuel Belknap married Elizabeth and had  
a son Elisha born at Letherford 1708

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Elizabeth Belknap died at Ellington 1793  
Simcon Belknap died at Ellington 1804 - these  
names came late into the Colony from Mass.  
These last names seem rather disconnected, but  
I am just copying them as I find them - many  
years ago Commodore Chas Belknap U.S. Navy  
gave my father a copy & description of the  
Belknap coat of arms, with kindest regards  
and hoping you will let me know if I have  
given you any information of interest to you.  
Sincerely Hilda Belknap Elmer (Mrs Chas O Elmer)



DELLA

2/10/71

My conscience got the better of me. Looking at your sheet #413, I couldn't leave it alone.

So here is a fuller and more accurate one.

But so help me, that's as far as I'm going to go at this time, on the descendants of Jesse and Jane. Thank goodness, you don't have any other sheets on them, to be tinkered with.

Carroll

Note that name ~~is~~ of Jesse Walker Belknap's wife was Mann -- not Monkman as on your 413.

C. W. B.  
Direct line.

DELLA

2/8/71

You asked for my line. Here it is.

As you'll see, I began by incorporating biographical sketches; but became dissatisfied with them and stopped writing them.

Have tried to put the material in shape to meet the needs of the forms you use.

One request: Please keep the question marks that indicate uncertainties. Too often, in the past, I have found later workers discarding the question marks set down by the original investigator whose pages they were copying. Evans, for instance, was often guilty of this malpractice.

Sheets are numbered in sequence, in red.

Sheet 1 -- Samuel ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Belknap and Mary Newton. (Your #411) Contains best information now known; but I have not completed my search on dates for children. List of children is certainly complete. I have thought it essential to give you this sheet, to provide continuation to Jonas Newton Belknap.

Sheet 2 -- Jonas Newton Belknap. New to you, I think. This sheet summarizes four years of work on him. All data from dependable documentary sources. I recommend you use his full name, not just Jonas -- to avoid confusion with other Jonas's, which ~~XXXXXXXX~~ has misled many people in the past. (I wish everything in my files was as accurate as this sheet is.)

Sheet 3 -- Jesse (Your sheet 412) All data from dependable sources -- gravestones, documents, etc. (Your sheet 412 not good at all.)

From there on, all sheets unquestionably accurate -- though not all dates in full.

On Sheet 1, note that name of Samuel's mother was Mary Dickinson, not Dickson as on your 411. And Dickinson -- not Dickenson. Source of spelling, a number of legal documents.

Asterisks indicate I have continuations. But I shan't attempt to go farther at this moment. Just don't have time to transcribe records of something more than 700 descendants of Jonas Newton Belknap., Haven't yet had time to even organize them. I've been too busy collecting information and correcting errors.

Carroll



Della

2/20/71

~~Mrs Milne~~

In the process of filing things this afternoon, I discovered a typing error in the sheet for George Belknap & Keturah Penton.

Date of their marriage was 3 Oct 1837 -- not 1839.

How my fingers could make that mistake is beyond me -- for Aunt Kit's story of when and how George suddenly ~~XXXXXXXX~~ suggested immediate marriage because he and the rest of Jesse Belknap's family were leaving Allen County for Iowa in just a few weeks -- that's a story well known to all of us. I knew it was 1837.

So please correct my error.

I've checked the whole page to see if there were any other mistypings. Didn't find any.

Q4B

Amc - your #439 or #608

LINE OF DESCENT OF JOMAS NEWTON BELKNAP

Generation  
in America

1 ABRAHAM Belknap

Born Sawbridgeworth, County Hertford, England  
Baptized 15 March 1589/90  
Lived at Netteswell and North Weald, Essex  
Emigrated from Epping, Essex  
Settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, 1637  
Died Lynn, early Sept 1643

& Mary Stallion == daughter of Thomas Stallion & Mary Dalton  
Baptized, Latton, Essex, 24 Dec 1595  
Married, Latton, 28 Oct 1617  
Date of death not known (but presumably at Lynn)

2 SAMUEL Belknap

Born North Weald, Essex, England  
Baptized 16 March 1627/8  
Lived at Salem; Malden; possibly East Hampton, L. I.;  
and Haverhill, Mass.  
Date of death not known.

NOTE 1

& Sarah Jones -- daughter of Robert & Elizabeth Jones, Hingham, Mass.  
Date of birth not known  
Died 18 April 1689, Haverhill  
Married about 1652 (first child born 1653)

NOTE 2

3 EBENEZER Belknap

Born Dec. 1667, Salem, Mass.  
Died Nov 1762, Haverhill  
Lived at Haverhill

NOTE 3

& Hannah Ayer -- daughter of Nathaniel Ayer & Tamesin Turloar (Thurlow?)  
Born 19 Dec 1672  
Married 25 Feb 1690/1  
Died Nov 1779

4 SAMUEL Belknap

Born at Haverhill, about 1702  
Lived at Mansfield, Windsor, Enfield, Conn.  
Died before 8 June 1757 (probate of will), Windsor

NOTE 4

& Mary Dickinson -- daughter of James Dickinson and Mary Wood, Rowley, Mass.  
Born 29 Nov 1703  
Married 9 July 1723  
Date of death not known

5 SAMUEL Belknap

Born at Enfield, Conn., 13 June 1731  
Lived at Windsor (Ellington), Conn. & Belchertown, Mass.  
Died 18 June 1775, Cambridge, Mass., after fighting on  
Bunker Hill on June 17

& Mary Newton -- daughter of Stephen Newton and Mary Gibbs, Windsor, Conn.  
Born 8 Nov 1737  
Married 19 June 1754  
Date of death not known

Revised



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SAMUEL BELKNAP  
son of Samuel Belknap  
& Mary Dickinson

b 13 June 1731, Enfield, Conn.  
bpt 14 July 1731, Somers Church  
d 18 June 1775, Cambridge, Mass. (NOTE 1)  
m 19 June 1754

&

MARY NEWTON

daughter of Stephen Newton of East Windsor, Conn.  
& Mary Gibbs  
b 8 Nov 1737  
d (NOTE 2)

Resided: Windsor (Ellington) Conn.; Belchertown (in Murrayfield Plantation), Mass.

In 1760 or 1761, he and his brother Job sold their farms in Connecticut and moved to the newly established Murrayfield Plantation in central Mass. Job returned to Conn. but Samuel remained in Mass. He and wife joined church at Belchertown, 1761. On tax list there in 1771 but not later. Enlisted in militia company as "from Granby" (town near Belchertown) 3 May 1775, along with his son Jonas. Served on Bunker Hill with Jonas. Died next day in camp at Cambridge. (NOTE 1)

#### CHILDREN

- i Mary, b 1754, Ellington d 1781 m Rufus Kentfield 25 Nov 1773
- ii Chloe b 1757, Ellington m Levi Shumway 27 Jan 1780
- iii \*Jonas Newton b 19 May 1759, Ellington bpt Belchertown 12 April 1761  
d 16 Feb 1824, Hart Co. Ky m(1) Esther Parker 17 January 1783  
(2) Rachel ----- (3) Tamar Vinton, widow Newton  
of Asa
- iv Susanna b 1761
- v \*Joseph b 13 Dec 1762, Belchertown d 13 Aug 1854 m Ruth Preston
- vi Seth b 1767 Belchertown
- vii \*Stephen b 1769, Belchertown d Dec 1814 m Eleanor Middaugh
- viii \*Jonathan b 10 April 1774, Belchertown d Oct 1838 m Sabra Shedd

'NOTE 1: The date and place of Samuel's death rest on oral and written tradition handed down by children and grandchildren of his son Jonas, who was with him on Bunker Hill. "He was a fleshy man and was overcome by the heat and died in camp at Cambridge the next day." The fragmentary data on Samuel in Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Rev. War are inconclusive; they neither prove nor disprove the tradition. As no evidence contradicting it has been found, the tradition is adopted here.

NOTE 2: After death of Samuel, his wife Mary Newton may have married Elijah Parker Sr. father of Esther whom Jonas married. She may have been the "Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary)" recorded as dying at Gorham, Ontario County, NY, 11 January 1814 "age 76" -- correct age for Mary Newton. Otherwise all that is known is church record at Belchertown, showing that she "removed" after Samuel's death. . . . Among the facts that may strengthen the likelihood is the statement made by descendants of Stiles Parker (Esther's brother and close companion of Jonas in Ontario County) that after the death of his first wife Martha Stiles, Elijah Parker Sr married a "Miss Belknap." Efforts to trace the travels of this Elijah have not found him in contact with any Belknaps except the Belchertown family. The word "Miss" in published Parker tradition may have been an error for "Mrs."

of this  
second  
marriage

**Jesse Belknap**

Cherry Valley,  
 b. 26 January 1792, ~~Ontario County~~ N. Y.  
 d. 19 Nov 1881, Benton Co., Oregon  
 m. 20 Feb 1812, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
 Buried at Alpine, Ore.

& Jane Garlinghouse  
 daughter of James Garlinghouse & Eleanor Hunt  
 b. 26 March, Luzerne Co., Pa.  
 d. 10 Dec 1876, Benton Co., Oregon  
 Buried at Alpine, Ore.

(See Note below)

**CHILDREN**

- i. \*Kesia, b. 6 March 1813, d. 21 Oct 1859; m. Chataen Hawley
- ii. \* Hannah, b. 21 Dec 1814, d. 10 May 1911; m. Lorenzo Dew Gilbert, 31 January 1833
- iii. \*George, b. 30 Aug 1817, d. 16 Sept 1897; m. Keturah Penton, 3 Oct 1837 (1837)
- iv. \*Ransom Amos, b. 18 Dec 1820, d. 6 June 1896; m. Mahala Starr, 29 Sept 1842
- v. \*Talitha Cumi, b. 2 Dec 1824, d. 30 Oct 1906; m. (1) Samuel Starr, 11 Nov 1840  
 (2) William Bond, 11 Sept 1862  
 (3) Washington Walts, Aug 1867
- vi. \*Corrington Cavitt, b. 29 Aug 1830; d. 19 Sept 1906; m. (1) Ann Aletha York  
 (2) Mary Josephine Sumner
- vii. \*Harley Augustus, b. 6 Oct 1832, d. 24 Dec 1904; m. Thirza Inman 19 June 1855

NOTE: Father of Jane Garlinghouse (and the three other Garlinghouses who married children of Jonas Newton Belknap) is often said to be "Elijah" Garlinghouse. In 1969 and 1970, research in Ontario County, N. Y., disclosed that the attribution to "Elijah" probably was based on an error in a fallacious local history. The only Garlinghouses in that ~~same~~ county in early 1800's were James, Joseph, Benjamin. There was no "Elijah." The Garlinghouse who married Eleanor Hunt was James. His family lived almost adjacent to that of Jonas Newton Belknap.

Residence: Ontario County, N.Y.; Hardin County, Kentucky; Licking County, Ohio;  
 Allen County, Ohio; Van Buren County, Iowa; Belknap Settlement, Benton  
 County, Oregon.

DELLA: Note correction of a blunder in typing, birthplace of Jesse.

*Correll*



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(660,302, 129.4,524 15, 4, 1)

RANSOM AMOS BELKNAP

& MAHALA STARR

Son of Jesse Belknap  
& Jane Garlinghouse

Daughter of Jeremiah Starr  
& Elizabeth ~~XXXXXX~~ Beaver (Beavers?)

b 16 Dec 1820, Hardin Co., Ky.  
d 6 June 1896, Benton Co., Oregon  
m 29 (30?) Sept 1842, Van Buren Co., Iowa

b 11 April 1820, Highland Co., Ohio  
d 22 Sept 1900, Benton Co., ~~AM~~ Ore.

CHILDREN

1843

- i. Lucinda Jane b 15 Nov, Van Buren Co., Iowa d 30 Dec 1857, Benton Co., Ore.
- ii. \*Sarah M. b 7 January 1846, Van Buren Co., Iowa d 24 Aug 1864, Benton Co., Ore.  
m Thomas ~~XXXXXX~~ Turner, 19 Feb 1863
- iii. \*Keziah b 18 Dec 1847, Benton Co., Ore. d 24 Dec 1913  
m 15 May 1878 Rev Milton S Anderson
- iv. \*Webster Clark b 29 Nov 1850, Benton Co., Ore. d ----- 1937  
m (1) Ida Clark ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 26 Nov 1874 (SEE NOTE 1)
- v. \*Lewis Franklin (Rev.) b 7 Sept 1852, Benton Co., Ore. d 1 June 1948, Medford, Ore.  
m (1) Correna Akers, 5 Dec ~~1860~~ 1880  
(2) Fannie Alice Dorsey, 3 Oct 1896
- vi. \*Adeline (christened ~~ElizaBETH~~ Adeline, but always called Adeline or Addie)  
b 8 July 1854, Benton Co., Ore. d ---- ~~1938, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1945  
m Ira Anderson, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 27 March 1887 January
- vii. \*Angeline (twin of Adeline) b 8 July 1854, Benton Co., Ore.  
d ----- 1938, Hayward, California  
m Ira Anderson, 18 May 1887
- viii. Samuel G. b 14 May 1856 d 18 Aug 1875
- ix. \*Edward H. b 12 Sept 1860 d 28 March 1948, Prineville, Ore.  
Benton Co., Ore.  
m (1) Ida Booth, 28 July 1889 Preston 23 March 1941  
(2) Wilda Ketchum, widow of Dr Horace Belknap, at Prineville, Ore.

Resided: Van Buren Co., Iowa; Benton, Co., Oregon. In Benton County, settled in 1847  
in Belknap Settlement; later called Starr's Point; now Monroe and Alpine, Oregon.  
Most of burials of above are in Alpine Cemetery.

in 1893.

NOTE 1: After death of his first wife, Webster Belknap married again, twice. Exact  
information about these later marriages has not yet been obtained. All children were  
by first wife, Ida Clark.

George Balknap  
Son of Jesse Balknap  
and Jane Garlinghouse  
b. 30 Aug 1817, Hardin Co., Kentucky  
d. 16 Sept 1897  
m. 3 Oct 1839, Allen Co., Ohio

& Keturah Penton  
Daughter of John G. Penton  
and Magdalena Burden  
b. 15 Aug 1820, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
d. 19 Aug 1913

(See Note below)

CHILDREN:

- i. Hannah, b. 20 Aug 1841, d. 20 Nov 1843
- ii. John P. b. 30 March 1843 d. 15 March 1846
- iii\* Jesse Walker b. 23 Dec 1844 d. 18 Dec 1871 m. Florence A. Mann
- iv. Martha b. 27 Dec 1846 d. 30 Oct 1847
- v. \* Lorense Gilbert b. ~~11~~ 10 Aug 1848; d. 28 Feb 1926 m. Nancy Ellen Green
- vi. Henry Clay b. 23 Oct 1850 d. 8 Dec 1871 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- vii\* Willard Fillmore b. 19 Oct 1852 d. ----- m. Alice Cross
- viii. \* Lucina Emiline b. 18 Feb 1855 d. 1921 m. Edmund Tomker
- ix. \* Levina Jane b. 12 June 1857 d. 1945 m. Samuel Henry Christian
- x. Sen, b. 6 April 1899 d. 10 April 1899
- xi. \* George Simpson b. 20 July 1861 d. 1931 M. Tina Betts (Belts?)

NOTE: Keturah (variously spelled, Kiturah, Kitturah, etc.) was "Aunt Kit" to three generations of descendants of Jesse and Jane. She was the chronicler of this branch of the family. Most of what is known of the days in Ohio and Iowa and in early Oregon has come from her diary and the writings she based on it -- which included the story of the travel from Ohio to Iowa and then the ~~the~~ six-month journey to the Willamette Valley in Oregon.



## GENEALOGICAL DATA FOR JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP

as known 24 October 1969

JONAS NEWTON BELKNAP, son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton.

Born, Windsor (Ellington) Conn., 19 May 1759

Baptized, Belchertown, Mass., 12 April 1761

Married: (1) Esther Parker, daughter of Elijah Parker & Martha Stiles, 17 January 1783 at Belchertown, while on leave from the Army. She was born 30 January 1761 at Bolton, Conn., and died 10 June 1809 in Middletown, Ontario County, N. Y. (now called Springwater, Livingston County). Buried in Town of Richmond (now Honeoye).

(2) Rachel (last name not yet known) -- married between 10 June 1809 and date of census taken in Town of Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y., in 1810. She died 4 July 1815 in that County.

(3) Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton; daughter of Abiathar Vinton and Rachel Caswell; born 30 July 1766 at Charlton, Mass. Married Asa Newton 25 January 1789. Married Jonas Newton Belknap at some time between 4 July 1815 and 12 December 1820. Date and place of death not yet known.

Died, 16 February 1824, in Hart County, Kentucky. Buried "on the bank of the Green River."

### CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE, ESTHER PARKER:

Samuel: born 1784, Belchertown, Mass. (or on a nearby farm). Baptized at Belchertown 14 August 1785 (two weeks after his parents joined the Belchertown church). Married Sarah Hunt in Ontario County, N. Y., date not yet known. Died in 1810, at Hopewell, in that county, before April 19.

Elijah: Born 1785, Belchertown, Mass. or nearby. Baptized at Belchertown 14 August 1785. Married Catherine Garlinghouse in Ontario County, N. Y., 8 January 1806 -- died in Indiana 1874 (date uncertain).

Jonas Newton Belknap

1759 1824

m. 1783

Eather Parker

1760 1815(or 1817?)

Jesse Belknap

26 Jan 1792 19 Nov 1881

m. ~~March~~ 1812

Jane Garlinghouse

26 March 1792 10 Dec 1876

Corrington Gavitt Belknap

29 Aug 1830 19 Sept 1906

m. 1852

Ann Aletha York

1836 4 May 1880

Charles Carroll Belknap

27 May 1866 17 Oct 1918

m. 8 Nov 1891

Henrietta M. Grenfell

30 June 1870 22 Dec 1966

Carroll York Belknap

29 Sept 1892 lvg 1968

m. 16 June 1924

Margaret George

3 Aug 1902 lvg 1968

John Henry Belknap

25 Feb 1929 lvg 1968

m. 1951

Gretchen Dykema

19 Dec 1930 lvg 1968

Anne York Belknap

14 Oct 1932 lvg 1968

m. 22 Aug 1964

Alvin L. Wachsmen

9 Jan 1921 lvg 1968

Peter Carroll Belknap Linda Belknap Sara Belknap

11 Dec 1952 lvg 1968 28 May 1955 30 Nov 1957

lvg 1968 lvg 1968

Gillian Margaret Wachsmen

19 Sept 1966 lvg 1968

RBT: It's OK for you to use this, even though some full dates cannot yet be supplied -- but provided you don't hook me up to an alleged "Mary Webster" as wife of Abraham. Walter Kerr Belknap seems to have had no citable authority for this entry; so it's on a par with the many other mere guesses about Mary's maiden surname -- "Adam, Jones, etc. etc."



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(52. 15. 4. 1)

Samuel Belknap  
 Son of Samuel Belknap & Mary Dickinson  
 b. 13 June 1731, Enfield, Conn.  
 bpt. 14 July 1731, Somers Church  
 m. 19 June 1754  
 d. 18 June 1775, Cambridge, Mass.

& Mary Newton  
 daughter of Stephen ~~Gibbs~~ <sup>Newton</sup> of East Windsor Conn  
 & Mary Gibbs (now Ellington)  
 b. 8 Nov 1737 (Witt?)  
 (See Note 2, below)

Resided: Windsor (Ellington) Conn.; Belchertown (in Murrayfield Plantation) Mass.  
 About 1760, he and his brother Job sold their farms in Conn. and moved to Murrayfield Plantation. He and wife joined church at Belchertown, 1761. On tax list there 1771. Enlisted in militia company as "from Granby" (town near Belchertown), 3 May 1775, along with his son Jonas. Served on Bunker Hill with Jonas. Died next day in camp at Cambridge.

CHILDREN

- i. Mary, b. 1754 d. 1781 m. Rufus Kentfield 25 Nov 1773
- ii. Chloe, b. 1757 m. Levi Shumway 27 Jan 1788 (year ?)
- iii. \* Jonas, b. 19 May 1759, Windsor ~~IE~~ (Ellington) Conn. bpt. Belchertown, Mass.  
 12 April 1761. d. 16 Feb 1824, Hart Co., Ky. m. (1) Esther Parker,  
 (2) Rachel -----, (3) Tamar Vinton, widow Newton.
- iv. Susanna, b. 1761
- v. \* Joseph, b. 13 Dec 1762. d. 13 Aug 1854. m. Ruth Preston. (? B. 1764 ?)
- vi. Seth, b. 1767.
- vii. \* Stephen, b. 1769. d. 1815 (before June). m. Eleanor Middaugh.
- viii. Jonathan, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ b. 1774 ? d. Oct 1838

NOTE 1: Birthdates of children, when shown by year only, are taken from manuscript ~~XX~~ VR of Belchertown, at NEHGS. Those questioned ~~XX~~ (?) are subject to further study.

NOTE 2: After death of Samuel in 1775, his wife Mary Newton may have married Elijah Parker, Sr., father of Esther whom Jonas married. May have been the Mrs Elijah Parker (Mary) who died at Gerham, Ontario Co., N. Y., 11 January 1814 "age 76." Otherwise, all that is known ~~IX~~ is church record at Belchertown, showing that she "removed" after Samuel's death.

The likelihood of this ~~IX~~ second marriage is somewhat strengthened by statement made by descendants of Stiles Parker (Esther's brother): that after death of his first wife Martha Stiles, Elijah Parker Sr married a "Miss Belknap." Efforts to trace the travels of this Elijah have not found him in contact with any Belknaps except the Belchertown family. The word "Miss" in published Parker tradition may have been an error for "Mrs."

COMPILED 7 Feb 1971, by C Y Belknap



Jonas Newton Balkmay

&amp; (1) Esther Parker

daughter of Elijah ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Parker  
& Martha Stiles

b. 19 May 1799, Windsor (Ellington) Conn.

d. 16 Feb 1824, Hart Co. ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
Kentucky

b. 30 January 1761, Bolton, Conn.

d. 10 June 1809, Middletown, Ontario Co., N.Y.

m. (1) 17 January 1783, Belchertown, Mass.

(2) between 10 June 1809 and date of  
census 1810 Bristol, N.Y.(3) between 4 July 1815 and  
12 Dec 1820(2) Rachel -----, d. 4 July 1815, in  
Ontario Co., N. Y.(3) Tamar Vinton, widow of Asa Newton  
daughter of Abiathar Vinton  
& Rachel Caswell

b. 30 July 1766, Charlton, Mass

~~XXXXXXXX~~Resided: Belchertown, Mass.; Cherry Valley, N. Y.; Pittstown (Richmond, Henneoye) N.Y.;  
Middletown, N. Y.; Gorham, N.Y.; Hart Co., Kentucky. (See Note 1.)

On 3 May 1775 enlisted <sup>at 16</sup> "from Belchertown" in same militia company as his father. Served with father on Bunker Hill. After death of father and expiration of militia service, enlisted in 7th Massachusetts Regt "for duration of war" and served till discharged as srgt. by General Washington at Newburgh, N. Y., with badge for ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ faithful service, 10 June 1783. Had been in battles of Saratoga and Yorktown. Married Esther Parker while on leave, Christmas period, 1782-3. Began moving west at some time before 1792. Was in Cherry Valley in that year. Arrived in Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1794. Elected Constable and Collector, and on Commission for Schools, at first town meeting of Pittstown 1796. Later was overseer of highways and fence viewer of Middletown. Presumably a farmer; but also gave his occupation as coopering, when applying for pension. Is on record in land purchases and sales in Ontario County, N. Y. (Pittstown, Middletown, Bristol, Gorham). Left that county for Kentucky after 1818. Was in Kentucky in 1820. Died there in 1824. (See Note 2.)

He and Esther joined church at  
Belchertown in July 1785.

## CHILDREN (by first wife, Esther Parker)

- i. \* Samuel, b. 1784, Belchertown, Mass. bpt 14 August 1785, Belchertown.  
d. 1810, ~~NY~~ Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y. before April 19.  
m. Sarah Hunt.
- ii. \* Elijah, b. 1785, Belchertown. bpt 14 Aug 1785, Belchertown. d. 1874, in  
Indiana. Married Catherine Garlinghouse 8 January 1806, in Ontario Co. NY
- iii. \* Jonas, , b. 1786. m. Mary Ann (Polly) Garlinghouse 15 January 1811, in " " "
- iv. \* Elisha, b. 18 January 1789 (said to have been at Cherry Valley, N. Y.)  
d. 8 January 1839, St Albans Township, Licking Co., Ohio.  
m. (1) Bettie Briggs, about 1807, and (2) Lucy Finch, 1 July 1810, both  
in Ontario Co.
- v. \* Jesse, b. 26 January 1792, Cherry Valley, N. Y. d. 19 Nov 1881, in Benton  
Co., Oregon. Buried at Alpine, Oregon. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ m. Jane Garlinghouse,  
20 Feb 1812, in Ontario Co., N. Y.
- vi. \* Susannah, twin of Jesse, b. 26 January 1792, Cherry Valley, N. Y. d. 12 Oct 1856,  
in Ohio. m. David Chatfield 15 ~~NY~~ Aug 1813, in Ontario Co., NY.
- vii. \* Esther, b. 1 April 1797, in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Middletown, NY (now called  
Springwater). d. 1879, Licking Co., Ohio. m. Gamaliel Garlinghouse.
- viii. \* Orin, b. 29 May 1799, same place as Esther. d. 15 Feb 1873, Pataskala, Ohio.  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ m. (1) Anna Draper, about 1824, in Ontario Co., NY.,  
and (2) Naomi Carpenter, widow Lyman, 1856, Licking Co., Ohio.



Jonas Newton Belknap -- Continued

CHILDREN (by first wife, Esther Parker)

- ix. \* Cynthia, b. 12 July 1801, same place as Esther and Orin. M. Isaac Newton.  
d. after 1856, Licking Co., Ohio.

POSSIBLE OTHER CHILD: Diantha, aged 9 in 1820. Known only from being named as "one daughter" in pension application 12 Dec 1820, when Jonas was living with third wife Tamar, in Kentucky. May have been either (a) daughter of Jonas and his second wife Rachel, or (b) daughter of Asa Newton and Tamar HENRY Vinton.

NOTE 1: Residence list omits Worcester, N. Y. (near Cherry Valley) because of uncertainty on date. A published excerpt from HENRY record of First Presbyterian Church Worcester, shows "Jonas Belknap and wife" joining that church in 1798. As the same record names Stiles Parker and Elijah Parker, Jr, who served in same Rev War regt as Jonas and HENRY virtually accompanied him in moving west, it may be assumed that Jonas and Esther were at Worcester (near home of Jonas's uncle Abel Belknap at Cherry Valley) at some time before or after 1792. But Jonas and Esther left that area not later than early 1794 and were in Ontario Co., NY, from 1794 on -- as were the two H Parkers (brothers of Esther). The date "1798" in the published church record is obviously result of an error in copying. True date is not yet known.

NOTE 2: The biographical sketch in the preceding page is too condensed. Should be expanded.

(3)

1792,

(302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Jesse Belknap

*Cherry Valley.*  
 b. 26 January 1792, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
 d. 19 Nov 1881, Benton Co., Oregon  
 m. 20 Feb 1812, Ontario Co., N. Y.  
 Buried at Alpine, Ore.

& Jane Garlinghouse  
 daughter of James Garlinghouse & Eleanor Hunt  
 b. 26 March, Luzerne Co., Pa.  
 d. 10 Dec 1876, Benton Co., Oregon  
 Buried at Alpine, Ore.

(See Note below)

## CHILDREN

- i. \*Kezia, b. 6 March 1813, d. 21 Oct 1899; m. Chatusan Hawley
- ii. \* Hannah, b. 21 Dec 1814, d. 10 May 1911; m. Lorenzo Dow ~~W~~ Gilbert, 31 January 1833
- iii. \*George, b. 30 Aug 1817, d. 16 Sept 1897; m. Keturah Penton, 3 Oct 1837 (1837)
- iv. \*Ransom Amos, b. 18 Dec 1820, d. 6 June 1896; m. Mahala Starr, 29 Sept 1842
- v. \*Talitha Cudi, b. 2 Dec 1824, d. 30 Oct 1906; m. (1) Samuel Starr, 11 Nov 1840  
 (2) William Bond, 11 Sept 1862  
 (3) Washington Walts, Aug 1867
- vi. \*Corrington Gavitt, b. 29 Aug 1830; d. 19 Sept 1906; m. (1) Ann Aletha York  
 (2) Mary Josephine Sumner
- vii. \*Harley Augustus, b. 6 Oct 1832, d. 24 Dec 1904; m. Thirsa Inman 19 June 1855

NOTE: Father of Jane Garlinghouse (and the three other Garlinghouses who married children of Jonas Newton Belknap) is often said to be "Elijah" Garlinghouse. In 1969 and 1970, research in Ontario County, N. Y., disclosed that the attribution to "Elijah" probably was based on an error in a fallacious local history. The only Garlinghouses in that ~~XXXXX~~ county in early 1800's were James, Joseph, Benjamin. There was no "Elijah." The Garlinghouse who married Eleanor Hunt was James. His family lived almost adjacent to that of Jonas Newton Belknap.

Residence: Ontario County, N.Y.; Hardin County, Kentucky; Licking County, Ohio; Allen County, Ohio; Van Buren County, Iowa; Belknap Settlement, Benton County, Oregon.



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(660, 302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Corrington Gavitt Belknap

(1) <sup>e</sup>  
& Ann Aletha York

Daughter of Rev. John W. York

b. 29 Aug 1830, Licking Co., Ohio

& Mary Powell Collier

d. 19 Sept 1906, Los Angeles, Calif.

b. 3 Jan 1833 (probably in Kentucky)

d. 4 May 1880, Santa Barbara, California

Buried Santa Barbara, Calif.

Buried Santa Barbara

m. (1) 11 Oct 1854 1853

(2) 24 June 1882

m. (2) Mary Josephine Sumner

Daughter of Judge ~~John~~ W. Sumner, Kern Co., Calif.

b. 4 Aug 1844

d. After 1921

XXXXXX  
Joseph

CHILDREN By first wife, Ann Aletha York

- i. ~~XXX~~ \*Mary Emily, b. 8 Aug 1854, d. 1927; m. James H. Ferney
- ii. \*Rosa Aletha, b. 23 Feb 1857, EX d. -----; m. Charles E. Holt

iii. \*Clara Cordelia, b. about 1859, died in infancy

iv. \*Cora Hannah, b. 27 May 1864, d. Sept 1887

v. \*Charles Carroll, b. 27 May 1866, d. 17 Oct 1918; m. Henrietta M. ~~Sumner~~ Grenfell

By second wife, Mary Josephine Sumner

- i. Fredrick Rolland, b. 2 May 1883. m. Bess ----- . Living 1971
- ii. Joseph Corrington, b. 20 Oct 1885, d. Aug. 1897.

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(1095, 660, 302, 129.4, 52, 15, 4, 1)

Charles Carroll Bellmap

b. 27 May 1866, Seattle Wash.  
d. 17 Oct 1918, Bay, N. M.  
m. 8 Nov 1891

& Henrietta M. ~~BAKMAN~~ Grenfell  
Daughter of Pascoe Grenfell &

Elizabeth Gordon Collie

b. Modesto, California 30 June 1870  
d. Norwalk, Conn., 22 Dec 1966

CHILD

\* Carroll York, b. 29 Sept 1892, living 1971; m. Margaret George



(6)

Carroll York Belknap

b. 29 Sept 1892, Porterville, Calif.  
living 1971  
m. 16 June 1924

& Margaret George

Daughter of John George & Adda Gentry  
b. 3 Aug 1903 living 1971  
Evanston, Ill.

CHILDREN

II

i. \*John Henry, b. 25 Feb 1929, living 1971; m. Gretchen Dykema

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ii. \*Anne York, b. 14 Oct 1932, living 1971; m. (1) David Hill, (2) Alvin E. Washman

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John Henry Balknap

b. 25 Feb 1929, Lake Forest, Illinois  
Living 1971  
m. 1952

~~XXXXXXXX~~ & Gretchen Dykema  
Daughter of Roger Dykema & Dorothy Knapp  
b. 19 Dec 1930 Living 1971  
Norwalk, Conn.

CHILDREN

- i. Peter Carroll, b. 11 Dec 1952, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- ii. Linda, born 28 May 1955, Greenwich, Conn.
- iii. Sara, b. 30 Nov 1957, Greenwich, Conn.

*comanche*

Anne York Balknap

b. 14 Oct 1932, Greenwich, Conn.  
Living 1971  
M. (1) 18 July 1953. Divorced Feb 1960.  
(2) 22 Aug 1964

(1) David Hill (2) Alvin L. Wachsmann

b. 19 January, 1921, in  
New York, N. Y.  
Living 1971

CHILD (WACHSMAN)

Gillian Margaret, 19 Sept 1966, at Stamford, Conn.



**SAMUEL BELKNAP**  
 son of Ebenezer Belknap  
 & Hannah Ayer  
 b abt 1702, Haverhill, Mass.  
 d 1757, before 8 June (NOTE 1)  
 m 9 July 1723 (NOTE 2)

**MARY DICKINSON**  
 daughter of James Dickinson of Rowley, Mass.  
 & Mary Wood (NOTE 3)  
 b 20 NOV 1703  
 d after 8 June 1759 (judgment in suit against  
 her by Almer Burroughs)

Residence: Mansfield, Conn., 1723; Enfield, Conn., 1726 (in part set off as Somers in July 1734, where Somers Church had been organized in 1727). The area containing Enfield and Somers was in Massachusetts until ceded to Conn. in 1749.

Occupation: a weaver, in Haverhill; farmer in Conn., but called himself "weaver" in a deed in his own handwriting, 20 May 1735.

# CHILDREN:

(HWB #)

- 129.1 Mary b 28 March 1724 Mansfield bp 11 July 1725 d 21 Nov 1747 "in her 24th yr"
  - 129.2 \*Simeon b 7 June 1726 Enfield bp 10 Aug 1729 Somers Church  
 d 3 Oct 1804 Ellington, Conn. m Elizabeth Porter 8 March 1750
  - 129.3 \*Job b Enfield 29 Oct 1728 bp 10 Aug 1729 Somers Church  
 d 29 Oct 1811 East Windsor, Conn. m Phoebe Newton abt 1753
  - 129.4 \*Samuel b 13 June 1731 Enfield bp 24 July 1731 Somers Church  
 d 18 June 1775 Cambridge, Mass. m Mary Newton 19 June 1754
  - 129.5 \*Ebenezer b 15 May 1734 Enfield bp 30 June 1734 Somers Church  
 d 3 July 1760 m Susannah -----
  - 129.6 \*Abel b 15 Sept 1736 Somers bp 30 Oct 1736 Somers Church  
 d 15 Oct 1810 Middlefield NY m (1) Elizabeth Stevens (2) Anna White
  - 129.7 \*Jesse b 9 April 1739 Somers bp 15 April 1739 Somers Church  
 d after 1818, Vermont m (1) Eunice----- (2) Deborah Hathaway 1778
  - 129.8 \*David b 5 Aug 1742 Windsor, Conn. d 22 Sept 1760 in Montreal Hospital, after  
 capture of that city from the French
- (The Ruth sometimes said to be Samuel's daughter, m Levi Gowdy, was his granddaughter.)

NOTE 1: Date for Samuel's death, above, is that of probate of his will by wife Mary. The inventory of his estate contains the following entry: "To his wages, lawful money £9-12s-00." One item in account of widow Mary as administrator of his estate reads: "To journey to Boston to get his wages." The source of these wages, the reason for collecting them at Boston, and the time and place of his death -- all are unknown.

NOTE 2: Marriage is shown in Mansfield VR. But this does not necessarily mean that it occurred there, for all early New England VR included entries of events that took place elsewhere. Tradition is that Samuel married Mary at her uncle's home in Rowley, Mass., and then moved to Conn. with her brother James. Samuel's farm and that of James, in Mansfield, were adjoining -- which may indicate that they arrived there together.

NOTE 3: Confusion of the name "Mary Dickinson" with that of her mother Mary Wood Dickinson has been common in past years. The facts are these: After James Dickinson Sr died in 1705/6, leaving two infant children, his widow married Daniel Pearson of Newbury, Mass., where her children by him were born. Pearson lived long after that marriage. There appears to have been a long dispute of the inheritance from James Dickinson Sr and the estate was not settled for some years. Meanwhile the children, James Jr and Mary, were brought up by their uncle Thomas Dickinson, who became their guardian. When the estate was finally settled, James Jr and Mary (signing as Mary Belknap, along with her husband Samuel Belknap who also signed the deed) sold to this uncle the land and dwelling "which our Honoured father James Dickinson died Seized of." The move from Mansfield to Enfield was made after Mary received her share of the £420 that the uncle paid for the property. -- a rather unusually large amount, for those times.

ADDITION TO NOTE 2: In the manuscript VR of Mansfield, the entry of the marriage of Samuel and Mary precedes immediately the entry for the birth of their first child, and reads "Samuel Belknap and Mary his wife were marryd July 9th 1723" -- plainly a record written at the time of that birth, for a past event which is not said to have occurred at Mansfield.

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Essex, in NWB record - "1693?"

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O.N.62,

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D. about 1757, D.  
M. 9 Jul. 1723, dau. of James Dickinson of Rowley, Mass.  
b. ~~Nov. 1708~~ & B. 30 Jun. 1678, D. 5 Jan. 1705/6,  
d. ~~Windsor, Ct.~~ Mary Wood, 3,  
res. Mansfield, Ct. 1723, B. 29 Aug. 1684,  
Enfield, Ct. 22. 16 Jul. 1701,  
Windsor, Ct. 1740,  
a Weaver,  
he & his wife Mary & her brother James all of Conn. settled  
the estate of James Dickinson Sr. Salem Prob. & Land Records.  
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John Hathon Mary ~~in~~ Belknap  
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Data  
For Wife

SOURCES OF INFORMATION Family Rec., Mass. R16; Adjusted for Della A. Belnap (4 yrs dau to #7) 375 - 32nd Street Ogden, Utah. Census, 22 Dec 1909; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vlt Rec (G3ar #1452 Pt 7); The Gilbert Belnap and Leverett Belnap fam rec; Research by Carrol Y. Belnap in Land, Probate, and town records.

OTHER MARRIAGES: #6 Abel m'd (L. STEVENS, Elizabeth /ords of Massachusetts and Connecticut; Early Settler of Rowley, Massachusetts, p 95; Vlt Rec of Rowley, Massachusetts, p. 61, 281.

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

Birth date.....	25 Dec 1684.....	Place Newbury., Essex, Mass.....
Christening date.....	.....	Place.....
Death date.....	Apr. 8 June 1759.....	Place.....
Burial date.....	.....	Place.....
Husband's Father.....	Benjamin Pearson *	Husb Mother <sup>(Maiden Name)</sup> .....
Marriage date (Husb).....	9 Dec 1708.....	Place Newbury, Essex, Mass.....
Other Wives of Husband (if any, list in order).....		

Early Settlers of  
Rowley, Mass.  
pg. 277

Name (in Full)..... Daniel Pearson  
Mary Wood

HUSBAND:

HUSBAND: 5 Sept 1882  
Baptized..... 2 Oct. 1885  
Endowed.....

Heir..... Daniel Wood.....  
Relationship of Heir..... H. COUS.....

## WIFE:

Baptized 14 June 1931.....  
 Endowed 22 Sept. 1932.....  
 Sealed-to-Husband ~~did not seal~~  
 Heir..... Daniel Ward  
 Relationship of Heir to Cous. 11

WIFE \_\_\_\_\_ MARY WOOD \*

Birth date..... 29 Aug 1684..... Place of Newbury, Essex, Mass.  
Christening date..... Place.....  
Death date..... Place.....  
Burial date..... Place.....  
Wife's Father..... Thomas Wood \*..... Wife..... Mary Hunt  
Other Husbands of Wife (if any, list in order) (1) 16 July 1701 James Dickinson ★

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

Name W. Carter  
 56 W. 2nd S.  
 Spanish Fork, Utah  
 Stake Palmyra  
 Ward 2nd

Male or Female		CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr			WHERE BORN Town County		State or Country	DIED Day Mo Yr			*MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) *List additional marriages with dates on reverse of card (date)
M	1	Simon Pearson	7	Nov	1709	Newbury,	SSEX,	Mass.				Date _____ To _____
M	2	Ephraim Pearson chr	25	Nov	1711	"	"	"				Date _____ To _____
	3											Date _____ To _____
	4											Date _____ To _____
	5											Date _____ To _____
	6											Date _____ To _____
	7	THESE CHILDREN WERE SEALED TO JAMES LICKINSON										Date _____ To _____
	8	FIRST HUSBAND OF MOTHER MARY WOOD										Date _____ To _____
	9	Date 6 - FEB 1959 SL MOTHER SEALED TO FATHER AND 25 MAR. 1959 SL										Date _____ To _____
	10	Approved _____ El Ray L. Christiansen, SL										Date _____ To _____
	11											Date _____ To _____
	12											Date _____ To _____
	13											Date _____ To _____
	14											Date _____ To _____
	15											Date _____ To _____

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HUSBAND (1) JAMES DICKINSON

Birth 30 June 1678 Place Rowley, Essex, Mass.  
\*Chr. Place  
Death 5 Jan. 1705-6 Place Rowley, Essex, Mass.  
Burial Place  
Father (Prob) James Dickinson \* Mother Rebecca  
Married 16 July 1701 Place Rowley Essex Mass.  
Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?  
Rowley Mass. V R to 1850  
p 281 60  
Early Settlers of Rowley Mass.  
by Blodgett & Jewett 1933  
p 95

WIFE MARY WOOD \*

Birth 29 Aug. 1684 Place Rowley Essex, Mass.  
\*Chr. Place  
Death Place  
Burial Place  
Father Thomas Wood \* Mother Mary Hunt  
Other Hus. (if any) (2) 9 Dec. 1708 Daniel Pearson \*

Family Representative:  
Merl Lynn Elmer  
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.  
May H. Elmer Beddoes  
R.F.D. 1  
Payson, Utah

HUSBAND'S 1678  
Name (in full) James Dickinson  
Wife Mary Wood

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND  
Baptized 25 Aug. 1937  
Endowed 20 Apr. 1938  
8 cou 11  
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

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Sealed to Husband 25 MAR 1959 SL  
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(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

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	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.				
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M	2	James Dickinson *	31	Dec.	1705	"	"	"				Date 5 Mar. 1740- To Sarah Stickney	25 Aug. 1924	12 Feb. 1925	25 MAR 1959 SL
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Memorandum

To: Garret Van Dyke

Date 25 June 1969

From: Jim Parker

Re: ~~Belknap~~ Della Belknap's sheet on Samuel Belknap

Garret -

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Jim Parker



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*Della*

(C)

Essex, in New Bedford - "16"

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CLINTON BELKNAP

PAUL BELKNAP

JOHN HARRISON BELKNAP

CLAUDIA MARSHALL

DELLA BELNAP

From CYB 18 July 1974

BIRTHDATES OF CHILDREN OF SAMUEL BELKNAP AND MARY NEWTON

In the process of seeking fuller dates, I have found new evidence requiring a major revision of the birthdate of son Jonathan. He was not the 8th child but the 6th. The 1774 date based on a report on a MS VR of Belchertown was 10 years in error. The old family tradition that Stephen was the youngest son has been proved to be correct.

Without taking time to state all the rather complex evidence (including the probability that son Stephen married twice, not just once), I'll just list the birthdates as now established, for some of you need this information as soon as possible.

- i \*Mary b 8 Nov 1754
- ii \*Chloe b 3 January 1757
- iii \*Jonas Newton b 19 May 1759
- iv Susanna b 3 June 1761 Said to have died 1781
- v \*Joseph b 13 Dec 1762
- vi \*Jonathan b 10 (or 15) April 1764
- vii Seth b 19 April 1767
- viii \*Stephen b 28 June 1769

Presently, when the subject of Stephen's marriages has been clarified a bit farther, I'll rewrite my sheet on this family. Meanwhile, the dates shown above can be used.

# THE ENGLISH ANCESTORS OF ABRAHAM BELKNAP

(Based on two articles by Henry Wyckoff Belknap: The English Ancestry of the American Belknaps, New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1914, pp 83-92 and 190-198; and Belknap: Additional Records, Register, 1931, pp 265-288 -- with corrections and comments by C. Y. Belknap, May 1973)

This summary and commentary is needed for two reasons: to aid persons who have seen only the first of HWB's articles and thus are not aware of the revisions he made in 1931; and to warn against misinterpretations resulting from errors and unwarranted assumptions by HWB in both articles -- as well as some present-day misinterpretations which seem to have gained wide currency.

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The earliest proven ancestor of Abraham was a farmer in the Parish of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, who was known as RICHARD BELTOFT, and died during the first decade of the 16th century (1501-10) or possibly earlier. The line of descent to Abraham ran through Richard's son Laurence, his grandson Richard, and his great grandson Bennet, all of whom bore the name Beltoft. With one exception in the year 1600 (1599 by Old Style reckoning) none of these Beltofts ever used any other surname -- contrary to the mistaken impression conveyed by HWB in his 1914 article.

In 1624, all of the then-living descendants of the first Richard Beltoft -- including Abraham -- suddenly changed the family surname to Belknap, and never thereafter reverted to Beltoft.

The widespread notion that this family used "alternate surnames" has been derived from some of the wording in HWB's 1914 article -- especially from his distortion (no doubt unintentional) of a statement on this point by his record agent in England, C. E. Bernau. In a footnote in 1914, HWB misquoted what Bernau had written on the subject of alternate surnames, so as to support HWB's own belief that "they sometimes were called Beltoft and sometimes Belknap" -- whereas what Bernau actually said in his letter to HWB was an effort to show that he did not agree.

This point in the record is important. Mistaken belief in "alternate surnames" has led to many imaginative versions of the family history, some of which have been rather fantastic.

The record is simply this: a century and more of nothing but Beltoft, then more than three centuries of nothing but Belknap. (The exception in 1600 was merely the forerunner of the sweeping change that was made in 1624, as will be shown later.)

There has never been any justification for calling any of the early Beltofts "alias Belknap", as has often been done by some present-day members of the family.

With this background on the two surnames, the detail of the ancestry can be examined.

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## 1. RICHARD BELTOFT & Christian -----.

All that is known of this Richard and his family comes from the detailed records of lawsuits over his land, years after his death. He owned a "messuage" (i.e., land and buildings) of 30 acres -- a holding much larger than the average farm of those times. As he died about 1501-1510, it can be estimated that he was born not later than about 1460 or possibly as early as 1445 -- the choice of year depending on whether his son John was his eldest son as HWB believed or was his youngest son, as he possibly may have been, for reasons that will come to sight in a discussion of the will of his great grandson Bennet, later in this memorandum.



The children of Richard and Christian were (not necessarily in sequence of birth):

John, born probably not later than 1490	
Laurence	} Birthdates not known. Sawbridgeworth church register began 1558.
Edmund	
Thomas	
2 daughters	

In his 1931 article, HWB repeatedly called John the oldest son, and assumed <sup>that</sup> the other sons were born in the order shown above. There was no evidence to support this assumption. It rested on still another assumption: that the inheritance of Richard's property was in accordance with the rule of primogeniture. Both assumptions may have been correct. But there was no evidence in favor of them; and there is a reason for possible doubt about them -- as will be seen later.

## 2. LAURENCE BELTOFT (wife's name not known)

Like his father, Laurence is known only from records of lawsuits over land. He ~~was born~~ died before 2 February 1544/5, or -- much more likely -- about 1525.

His children (order of birth unknown):

Richard, born about 1520  
 Alice  
 A daughter, name unknown, who married a Sutton.

3. RICHARD BELTOFT (wife's name unknown) she was buried 17 January 1588/9, as "wife of Richard Beltoft")  
 Born about 1520. Lived with his uncle John from 1525 on. In a lawsuit, lost property his uncle John had tried to bequeath to him, but received settlement of 6 pounds. Buried 2 December 1599. when he was about 31 years old.

Because his will listed no land, HWB said he was probably "a prosperous copyhold farmer" -- i.e., a tenant farmer with lifetime tenancy of land belonging to a Manor. This surmise may have been correct; but there is reason for thinking that he may have given his land to his youngest son, Josias, a few years before he died.

In his 1931 article, HWB silently omitted two errors he had made in 1914:

- In 1914, he had called Richard "Beltoft alias Belknap." There was no evidence warranting this alias, which has misled many people.
- In 1914, he had given "Elizabeth" as the name of Richard's wife, although the editor of the Register rightly objected that there was no evidence for it.

Because HWB did not direct attention to these changes in his 1931 article, they have been ignored very often.

Richard's children:

Bennet, born -- probably -- before 1558, when church register began.  
 Alice, bpt 16 Sept 1561; died not later than 1594. m Edward Lyndesall  
 Josias, bpt 6 Sept 1562, Sawbridgeworth; buried 4 Feb 1599/1600, Southwark.

4. BENNET BELTOFT alias BELKNAP & GRACE ADAM

Born before 1558; buried 21 May 1624. Baptized Beltoft; signed will Beltoft; but his wife and children buried him as Belknap.

Once, and once only and under compulsion, Bennet called himself a Belknap. The occasion was when he probated the will of his brother Josias, who had made Bennet his chief legatee. Josias was the mystery man in our family history. All that we know about him comes from the brief and tender will that he dictated as he lay dying. From that will, we know that he had -- at age 37 -- accumulated an amount of money most unusual for a young villager in Shakespeare's time. How he did it, we do not know. He also owned "landes" (obviously at Sawbridgeworth) which he probably had never cultivated, but had been leasing to Bennet for at least four years without receiving payment of rent by Bennet. These lands and a sizable amount of money, he bequeathed to his brother. But to receive this inheritance, Bennet had to swear on oath in court that he was "Bennet Belknappe".

Josias had signed his will Josias Belknappe and had named his brother as "Bennet Belknappe." So, two days after Josias was buried, Bennet swore he was a "Belknappe." Why Josias, baptized Beltoft, chose to call himself Belknappe, is not known; but it seems plain that he must have been using that name for some time.

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The one time that Bennet called himself Belknappe was on 6 February 1599/1600. The will he signed 23 years later gave his name and that of his children as Beltoft. But when he died a year later, his wife and children buried him as Bennet Belknap -- and never used the name Beltoft again, in any recorded moment.

The reason for this sudden and dramatic change of surname is not known and need not be discussed in this memorandum, though a strong case can be built for the hypothesis that under the influence of a vigorous religious movement the first generation in which all the sons bore Biblical names (instead of the Norman first names that had been the rule in earlier generations) insisted on resuming the surname that they felt was rightfully theirs. But this is only an hypothesis, without real proof. If there is proof for this or any other explanation, it will be found only when the record of earlier Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth -- before the first Richard -- has been traced.

## Bennet's children:

Abraham, baptized 10 March 1589/90  
Frances, bpt 3 January 1590/1  
John, bpt 8 April 1593  
Daniel, bpt 2 November 1595  
Josias, bpt 12 August 1599

Of these children, only Abraham was married before their father's death. All the others married as Belknaps, in the years following the death of Bennet. And Abraham, who had married as a Beltoft seven years earlier, was called Belknap when a man was tried for stealing sheep from him, six months after Bennet's death.

What usage should be followed in naming Abraham and his brothers, after the change in surname? HWB called them "Beltoft alias Belknap" in what he published in 1914. At other times, he called Abraham "Belknap alias Beltoft." Unfortunately, the use of the word "alias" has seemed to foster the notion that the two surnames were used alternatively and concurrently, which was never done at any time. It seems better, now, to adopt a terminology that recognizes and emphasizes the suddenness and completeness of the change -- such as "Belknap, formerly Beltoft" or more compactly "Belknap ex-Beltoft"



Because Bennet's will made his youngest son Josias his residual heir, it has been customary to say that Abraham, the eldest son, was disinherited and to believe that he was in disfavor with his father. But the detail of Bennet's will shows plainly that no such disfavor existed. Quite the contrary, Bennet left to Abraham his only sizable legacy of money -- just 20 shillings, but that was a lot of money for Bennet; he had to give his executor a year to raise that much. And Bennet left half that much to Abraham's son, for whom he had stood godfather. And he made Abraham his ultimate heir if Josias should die without issue. And he named Abraham his executor.

Plainly, some other explanation must be found for Bennet's disposal of his land. The possible explanation may be seen by noting something that happened sometimes in early days in New England and even as late as 1870 in other parts of America -- the apparent survival of the pre-Conquest practice that the Normans called "Borough English" (tenure en burgh anglais), inheritance of land by the youngest son rather than by the oldest, as was the feudal custom on the Continent. The Normans brought the rule of inheritance by primogeniture with them, and it became the general practice in England; but it was not the native English practice and it did not wholly displace the custom of inheritance by the youngest son. In various parts of England, the old practice -- Borough English -- lingered on for centuries and was not legally abolished until 1925.

Borough English came to New England with the first colonists. For instance, Robert Jones (father of the wife of Abraham's son Samuel) bequeathed his land to his youngest son just as Bennet had done. And it is quite possible that Abraham's will (which has not been found) left his land at Lynn to his youngest son John; the record of later sales of that land suggests this possibility.

In America, the custom of Borough English seems to have taken two forms: (1) leaving land to the youngest son by will as Bennet did, and (2) giving the land to the youngest son when the father became old and unable to farm it -- often with the understanding that the father would continue to live there, with the youngest son's family. This second method was the one followed by Abraham's son Samuel, and by Samuel's son Ebenezer, and apparently by Ebenezer's son Joseph -- and in 1870 by the great grandfather of this present writer, "as was the custom"

The existence of this second variation, in America, suggests the advisability of taking another look at the "landes" that our mystery man Josias bequeathed to his brother Bennet in January 1599/1600. How had he come by ownership of them? His will indicates that he had owned them for at least four years; so he was not older than 33 when he acquired them. The value of the land, as indicated by the yearly rent stated in the will, makes it seem highly improbable that a young villager bought it himself at or before age 33. So the obvious probability is that his father Richard gave the land to Josias at some time before he made his will in 1594, when he was about 74 years old. This may well be why this Richard's will mentions no land.

Finally, in turn, all this consideration of the terms of Bennet's will can lead back to a question raised early in this memorandum. Was HWB correct in assuming that the inheritance of the land owned by the first Richard Beltoft was by primogeniture, and that therefore John was his eldest son? Or did Richard's will (which is known only by the way it was described by witnesses in a law suit) actually follow the practice of Borough English, so that John was his youngest son? The question may have only minor importance. Yet it will need to be borne in mind by anyone who searches for Beltoft records earlier than those that have yet been found at Sawbridgeworth.



Lansing, Mich.  
April 29, 1948

Miss Della Belnap,  
815 32nd. St.  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Miss Belnap:

Your name has been given me by the Utah Gen. Soc. as a possible source of information on John Belnap of Grand Rapids Michigan and Chicago, Ill, whom I believe descends from your line of Belnaps i.e. Jesse 1760 of Erie Co. Pa.

JOHN BELNAP  
b. 1829, Feb. 5  
London, Ontario.  
d. 1898, Dec. 20  
Gd. Rapids, Mich  
bur. Chicago, Ill

MARRIED

ADALINE M.  
b. 1836 Ohio  
d. 1896 Chicago, Ill  
Bur. Oakwoods cemetery,

#### Children

George	of Grand Rapids in 1898
William	Yeeoman on U.S.S. "Oregon" in 1898
Charles	lived in Chicago, 1898
Addie	Mar. Mr. Conelly and lived in Chicago in 1898

John Belnaps' mother was Olive Evans Belnap, born 1798 at Randolph Vt. daughter of John and Martha Evans, came with her parents in 1812 to Ogden, Monroe Co. N.Y. had three brothers who settled in Jefferson Co. N.Y.

It seems probable that this John Belnap might have been the son of Rosel ( Rosnell) Belnap 1780-1832 and the brother of Gilbert Belnap 1821-1899 both of whom were born in Canada.

In 1873 Gilbert Belnap visited his relatives in " Mich., Ill, New York, Pa. and Canada," so Hiram Belnap relates in his family history published in the Ogden Examiner Sept. 13, 1925.

Rosel had a brother Ansel 1787-1870 who had children born in Canada but John was not his son. I assume that your father was Hyrum 1858 and your Grandfather, Gilbert 1821. Inasmuch as Hiram had spent much time in collecting data on the Belnap Family I felt sure that the results of his research must be preserved somewhere. Several Michigan Belnaps descend from Jesse 1760 fifteen of whose children I have identified.

I have the lineage of more than 500 Belnaps, mostly of early generations, which I am indexing, in preparation to turning over to The Mich. State Library which has a very fine Genealogical Dept. Will be glad to furnish any information to you which I have.

Glen W. Evans  
1610 Osbend Ave, Lansing 10 Mich.

Sincerely yours.

*Glen W Evans,*



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NOTE 3: The parentage of the Sarah Belknap who married Nathaniel Sangleterry 22 Dec 1673 has not been established, though she was obviously of the same generation as that of Samuel's known children. There appear to be five possibilities. (1) That she was the Mary, daughter of Samuel, born 14 Oct 1656, for whom only the birthdate has been found. Or (2) that she was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah, born about 1655, for whom no birth record has been found. Or (3) that she was a daughter of Sarah by a first marriage, if it is true that Sarah Jones was a "widow Hill." Or (4) that she was a daughter of Samuel's younger brother John, who is not known to have married but died at some time before Samuel moved from Salem. Or (5) that she was either an adopted child or an illegitimate child of Samuel. No clues pointing to any of these possibilities have yet been found.

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other person by virtue of any former right which they provide  
a damage to said Ebenezer or his heirs Executors and Assignes  
and my selfe my heirs Executors administrs & assignes to defend him  
the said Ebenezer Bellknap in & peacefully possession & disposal  
of said land be it upland Meadow or Swamp and for the Confirmation  
hereof I the said Abraham Bellknap have hereunto set my hand  
and Seal this 11. Day of November 1701 in the 11 year of his Majesty  
William the third of England  
Leads & Testimony  
me of Peter Brewer  
Israel Bellknap

Abraham Bellknap & a Seal

Haverhill Sept 6. 1705.

Now J. Stephen Seal Given Abraham Bellknap personally appeared &  
sworn that he had signed this Instrument  
& did acknowledge it to be his act & deed  
me Nathl. Pillsbury Justice of Peace  
Haverhill



Samuel Belknap to Abr<sup>m</sup> Belknap. rec<sup>d</sup> on Record Dec<sup>r</sup> 29. 1731.

To all Christian People before whom this Deed of Gift shall come greeting  
 Now Know Ye that Samuel Belknap of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Doverhile in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolk in the  
 Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in New England (Journor) For divers Causes & with  
 good Considerations Moving me the unto. But more Especially for y<sup>e</sup> Considera-  
 tion of y<sup>e</sup> Love & good Will that I bear unto my loving & dutifull Son Abraham  
 Belknap of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Reading in y<sup>e</sup> County of Middlesex in the Province  
 above. (Turner) H<sup>U</sup> Given unto my son Abraham Belknap above.

same for Ever. And in Witnefs of the same I y<sup>e</sup> said Sam<sup>l</sup> Belknap have  
 set to my Hand & affixed my Seal this Twenty first Day of November  
 y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety & five, and in the  
 Seventh Year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William.  
 Signed sealed & D<sup>n</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Presence of us } Samuel Belknap and a Sec  
 Joseph Burnap }  
 Midd<sup>l</sup> J<sup>s</sup> Concord August 31. 1731. Before the  
 Court of General Sessions of the Peace appeared Jeremiah Spick & made Oath That  
 he was present & saw Sam<sup>l</sup> Belknap Execute y<sup>e</sup> above Instrument as his Act and Deed

And that He together with Joseph Burnap. at y<sup>e</sup> same Time set to their Hands  
 as Witnesses to y<sup>e</sup> Execution thereof Attest Sam<sup>l</sup> Shapps Cler<sup>pa</sup>  
 Midd<sup>l</sup> J<sup>s</sup> Charlestown Dec<sup>r</sup> 17. 1731. Before His Majesty's Court  
 of General Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> Peace appeared Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Burnap and made Oath  
 that he was present & saw Sam<sup>l</sup> Belknap Execute y<sup>e</sup> within  
 Instrument as his Act & Deed. And that He together with Jeremiah Spick  
 & Patience Belknap. at y<sup>e</sup> same Time set to their Hands as Witnesses to  
 y<sup>e</sup> Execution thereof Attest Sam<sup>l</sup> Shapps Cler<sup>pa</sup>



Know all men by these presents that I Abraham Bellknap of Framingham Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England for and Just Summe of Sixty pounds already in hand paid which is to my full Satisfaction doe hereby give grant sell & confirm unto my brother Ebenezer Bellknap of Haverhill a Certain tract of land in the bounds of Haverhill bounded East by a Steeping white Oak Marked so by a Swamp to an ash Marked Northward by a brook running into a fishing river Southward by a small Walnut Mark being four corner bounds of said land respectively be it more or less as it is so bounded being by Estimation Twenty Seven acres with all of Buildings fences Wood Waters Orchards whatsoever therein thereon or thereunto be belonging unto him my forsaide Brother Ebenezer Bellknap to have & to hold & peacefully to possesse and enjoy to him his heirs Executors assigns for ever & I said Abraham Bellknap doe warrant my selfe to have been before & unlike if him of this conveyance the only legall possessor & particular proprietor of the forsaide land & Buildings & doe warrant the same to be free from all former Gifts grants sales Downes wills Debts Mortgages Judgments or any other legall incumbrance whatsoever in from by or under me or by my means or procurement or by any other person by virtue of any former right which may prove a damage to said Ebenezer or his heirs Executors and I hereby bind my selfe my heirs Executors administrators assigns to defend the said Ebenezer Bellknap in & peacefully possession or disposal of said land be it upland Meadow or Swamp and for the Confirmation hereof I the said Abraham Bellknap have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 11. Day of November 1701 in the 11 year of his Majesty William the third of England

In Testis & Witness  
before of Peter Brewer  
Samuel Bellknap

Abraham Bellknap & co. Seal

Haverhill Sept 6. 1705.

Edward J. Applewell

When Abraham Bellknap personally appeared & affirmed that he had signed this Instrument & did acknowledge it to be his act & deed before me Nathl. Saltonstall Justice of the Peace in & County of Essex



1  
Abraham Belknap(ex-Beltoft)  
Son of Bennet Beltoft alias Belknappe  
and Grace Adam, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

& Mary Stallion  
Daughter of Thomas Stallion & Mary Dalton,  
of Latton, Essex  
bp Latton, 24 Dec 1595

Baptized as Beltoft, Sawbridgeworth, 15 March 1589/90.

Married as Beltoft, Latton, Essex, 28 Oct 1617.

Lived at Netteswell, Latton, & North Weald, Essex; and Lynn, Mass.

Emigrated from Epping, Essex, year and ship not known, at some time between 10 May 1635  
and early 1638.

Began use of name Belknap at some time before 20 Oct 1624: trial of one Norrington  
for stealing sheep from "Abraham Belknap of Latton" (six months after his father's death  
Church register at North Weald spells name Beltrap; same spelling occurs once in  
register at Sawbridgeworth,

Deposition signed by mark "A" at North Weald Basset 31 Jan 1626/7 gives name as Belknapp.  
Died at Lynn, Mass., in early September 1643.

Occupation in England, farmer -- probably a land owner. Called "yeoman" in deposition  
made 31 Jan 1626/7. In Massachusetts, a farmer.

Though eldest son, was left only 20 shillings by Bennet's will, which made the youngest  
son Josias the ultimate heir to Bennet's land, with reversion to Abraham only if Josias  
died without issue. Josias married 1631; first child born 1632.

Was allotted 40 acres at Lynn, 1638. After death in 1643, his will (which has not been  
found) was probated by wife Mary at Salem -- hence later error in assuming he died at  
Salem. Inventory of his estate shows net value of 47 pounds, 17 shillings.

#### CHILDREN

2. Abraham, buried Netteswell 6 Dec 1620.
3. Abraham, born circa 1622, alive 14 April 1623, known only from being named in  
Bennet's will on that date.
4. David, buried North Weald 2 March 1624/5. Probably  
born after 14 April 1623, as not mentioned  
in Bennet's will. (Church register at  
North Weald shows  
name as Beltrap.)
5. \*Samuel, baptized Immanuel, North Weald 16 March 1627/8.
6. Dorcas, baptized North Weald 7 Feb 1629/30; died young.
7. \*Joseph, bp North Weald 12 May 1633.
8. \*John, bp North Weald 10 May 1635.
9. \*Hannah, born about 1639 or 1640, presumably at Lynn, Mass.

When emigrating from England, was accompanied by wife Mary and sons Samuel, Joseph  
and John. Contrary to tradition, none of his brothers came to America. Church  
registers and wills in Hertfordshire and Essex show that all his brothers remained in  
England. He had no brothers named Joseph and Thomas -- the names most commonly said  
to be those of brothers who came to America with him. Identification of a Thomas  
Burnap as an immigrant Belknap, by Banks (Topographical Dictionary, etc.) was based  
on an error by H. W. Belknap, which HWB later retracted when Burnap proved to be a  
variant of Burnett. No other Belknap immigrant has yet been found.

Sources: NEHQ Register, 1914, 1931, 1950. Correspondence of H.W. Belknap and  
E. C. Bernau. Banks, Topographical Dictionary of Puritan Immigrants. Field  
reports of research in Essex, 1970-1973, by agents of Salt Lake Gen. Soc.

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1. Abraham -- continued

THE

CHANGE OF NAME, AS RECORDED

28 Jan 1599/1600 <sup>As uncle</sup> Josias made his will as Josias Belknappe, naming his brother as Bennet Belknappe. J signed the will in full, not by mark. (The numerous legatees must have known him as Belknappe; otherwise the will would have been meaningless. So he must have begun calling himself Belknappe at some time before the date of the will.)

4 Feb 1599/1600 Josias was buried as a Belknap at Saint Saviour's, Southwark. Entry in church register: "Josias Belknap, a man being a stranger and no parishioner." (HWB's note based on letter from Bernau 9/5/30 shows spelling "Belknap" but does not indicate explicitly that this was the spelling in the church register.)

6 Feb 1599/1600 Bennet probated J's will, swearing he was Benedict Belknappe.

(But 14 Apr 1623 Bennet made his will as Bennet Beltoft, naming all his children and his grandson Abraham as Beltoft.)

21 May 1624 Bennet was buried as Bennet Belknap.

15 June 1624 his executors, wife Grace and son Josias, probated his will as that of Benedictus Belknap, though it was signed Beltoft.

19 Oct 1624 Bennet's daughter Frances married as Belknap. (Six month after Bennet's death)

20 Oct 1624 Trial of one Norrington for stealing sheep from Abraham Belknap of Latton.

24 March 1624/25 Abraham's son David buried at North Weald as Belknap (Beltrap).

31 January 1626/7 Abraham made deposition at North Weald Bassett as Abraham Belknapp.

10 July 1630 Grace, daughter of John and Elizabeth Belknap (Belknop) was baptized. (Presumably John, son of Bennet, was married as Belknap about 1628 or 1629, at the home of his bride in some other town.)

20 Oct 1630 Bennet's wife Grace was buried as Belknap (Belkap).

2 May 1631 Bennet's son Josias married as Belknap (Belkap).

After the date of ~~trial~~ Bennet's ~~trial~~ no use of Beltoft appears in records till 1663, when two children of Henry Belknap (grandson of Bennet) were buried as Beltoft; and again in 1683 when this Henry's last child Mary was buried as "daughter of Henry and Mary Belknap als Beltoft." These are the only recorded instances of reversion to Beltoft by those who made entries in church records or other records. They may indicate only that an aging pastor or warden remembered that the family name had formerly been Beltoft. This Henry, like all of the children of Bennet's sons, was christened Belknap -- and married as Belknap, twice.

The spelling Belnap first appears at ~~Saw~~bridgeworth in the will of that Henry, 10 Apr 1686. It had appeared earlier, in 1658, in register entry of burial of Daniel Belnap at Notteswell. These are the first recorded indications of a silent "k". Earlier spellings such as "Belkap" and "Belknap" seem to indicate presence of a hard consonantal sound in middle of the name -- as also in "Beltrap". As all spellings except that of Josias in signature to his will, 1599/1600, were set down by persons who were trying to write what they thought they heard, it may be assumed that the hard "k" was sounded in the first half of that century and became silent in the second half -- as in the consistent spelling "Bellnap" in records of Essex members of the family in that period. Thus the change in the pronunciation of the name appears to have occurred about the time ~~revised 7 March 1973~~ when the same change was generally being made in all English words containing "kn". (Oxford English Dictionary, section on letter "k")

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NOTE ON ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN

The list of children given on page 1 is that published in NEHC Register 1950 by G. Andrews Moriarty, the most respected New England genealogist. After H. W. Belknap's death, Moriarty examined HWB's notes and papers, finding among them some documents obtained after HWB had written the report he published in 1931. One of these documents was the record of births shown in the parish register of North Weald, giving birthdates for two children previously unknown -- David and Dorcas -- and also for Samuel, Joseph and John, which also had not been known. This record remedied an old error in the birthdate of Joseph, commonly said to have been in 1630 but proving to be in 1633. (Some present day writers still copy that traditional erroneous date, 1630.)

Another old error, originated in the 19th century by an unreliable historian, named two sons, Abraham and Jeremy. Savage, page 158, found no trace of a Jeremy -- and neither has anyone else. However, Savage mistakenly perpetuated the notion of a son named Abraham, by saying that he "took the oath of allegiance 28 Nov. 1677, but nothing more is heard of him."

There was nothing to hear. The Abraham who took oath of allegiance in 1677 was the oldest son of Abraham's son Samuel, then aged 17, who took the oath at Haverhill when his father did. He could not possibly have been a son of Abraham, for the deed of the sale of Abraham's house lot at Lynn in 1671 by Samuel and Joseph, with the signed concurrence of their sister Hannah, indicates that no other heirs of Abraham were alive in that year, six years before the date of the oath of allegiance.

one or  
Abraham did have two sons who were christened Abraham. The first died young, as the record shows. The second is known only from being named in Bennet's will in 1623, being probably not more than two years old at that time. There is nothing to indicate that he came to America. The presumption is that he died young.

One other error should perhaps be mentioned, though it has not been copied very widely. About 1955, one erratic and extremely unreliable amateur worker in genealogy circulated the statement that a son of Abraham named Roger married a daughter of Roger Ingalls of Lynn. Effort to verify his statement showed that his only source was an unsubstantiated mention in an article in an obscure local historical society bulletin. But he supported his claim by saying he had confirmed it by data in a published genealogy of the Ingalls family. Examination of all compiled genealogies of that family, including the one he cited, disclosed that none of them mentioned either any such Roger or any such Ingalls daughter. No other mention of this alleged Roger is known.



Original allotment: Record of lawsuit 26 March 1661 by William Langley and Henry Collings on behalf of the town of Lynn, vs John Hathorne, "in regard to . . . land not laid out to him," includes a list of those to whom land had been allotted in 1638 -- among them, Abraham Belknap 40 acres.

Inventory of his estate 16 Feb 1643/4, four days before his will was probated, shows a total of 45 acres listed in five parcels:

- (A) "The houses and 5 acres of land"
- (B) "2 acres of planting land"
- (C) "2 acres of salt marsh"
- (D) "6 Akers salt marsh at Fox Hill"
- (E) "30 Akers at the village"

Whether the apparent increase of 5 acres, since 1638, reflects an aquisition of more land or merely indicates variation in surveying is not known.

No record of subsequent transactions involving parcel "E" has been found. The known record of the property in the other parcels is as follows:

(1) 14 April 1671, his children Samuel, Joseph and Hannah sold <sup>"theire thirds" of</sup> 3/4 acre "part of a house lott formerly Abraham Belknap's house lott," for 10 pounds, to Thomas Laughton Sr. This was plainly a part of parcel "A." The wording of the deed deserves close examination. The word "thirds" was at that time a customary legal term for an inalienable right to minimum inheritance under either a will or intestate proceedings -- originating in the provision for a "widow's thirds" of all properties owned by a deceased husband (in the English Statute of Wills, 1540) and later extended to include similar rights of other heirs to equal shares of properties subject to intestate probate. In this expanded usage, it did not mean an arithmetical third -- though in this instance it would have that meaning by coincidence, as there were only three signers of the deed. If there had been four or even five signers, the phrase "theire thirds" might still have been used. The fact that there were only those three signers is a clear indication that both the mother Mary and the brother John were dead. It appears also to indicate that the preceding owner -- either Mary or John -- had died intestate. It can also be regarded as indicating that the three surviving children -- Samuel, Joseph and Hannah -- had <sup>equal</sup> the same rights of inheritance to whatever else remained of the lands listed in the inventory of their father's estate. And it leaves wide open the question of whether Abraham had done in his will the same thing that his father Bennet had done: leaving his land to his wife for her life, with the youngest son John the residual heir upon her death. There is no firm evidence that Abraham did this. But it is plain that his will did not make any other child his chief immediate or residual heir; only John could have been such an heir. To this extent, then, the possibility that Abraham's will may have followed the custom of Burrough English cannot be ruled out.

(2) 10 May 1682 Joseph Belknap (clearly Abraham's son, not his grandson Joseph Jr as HWB thought) sold to Edward Hutchinson for 19 pounds "6 acres of fresh meadow at Lynn, formerly given to Abraham Belknap by the said town." This appears to include parcel "B" and the remainder of parcel "A". In the light of the details of sale #1, above, it can be assumed that Joseph had bought the interests of Samuel and Hannah.

(3) 11 April 1713, five months after the death of that Joseph, his sons Joseph Jr and Samuel -- his joint executors -- sold to Joseph Belcher two lots of salt marsh at Lynn, described as "2 acres" and "6 acres." These appear to have been parcels "C" and "D." Again it seems plain that Abraham's son Joseph had acquired the shares of his brother Samuel and his sister Hannah.

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

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12 May 1974

MEMO to E Clinton Belknap

Copies to John Sherman, George May, Della Belnap, Paul Belknap, R B Taylor, J H Belknap

I'm deeply indebted to you for your comment on the sheets on our first Samuel, which I sent to you last May. It has led to a rewriting of those sheets. So I'm now sending you the new version, with its supporting exhibits -- one of which is condensed by omitting the long central portion, which contains nothing bearing on genealogy.

Your comment about the son Samuel who went to southern N J was of course correct. Though it had no part in the writing of the new version, it happened to make me reread all the evidence on which my 1973 version was based. In this rereading, I got the notion that the full deed which was said to have been acknowledged in 1731 might contain information identifying the Samuel who appeared to have acknowledged it in 1731. So I sent for a copy of the deed, to compare with the abstract in H W Belknap's notes.

To my surprise, what I found was that H W Belknap's abstract of the deed, in his notes, was astoundingly erroneous. The conclusion that he (and I) had drawn from that abstract was correct. But his abstract was incredibly false. . . I say "incredibly" because I'm unable to think of a way in which HWB could have made the error when he was so painstaking as to reproduce even the mark by which Patience signed as witness and also the recorder's misspelling of Samuel's signature. But he did make the error, as the accompanying exhibits show.

Please destroy the 1973 version on Samuel. . . One of the penalties of trying to share the fruits of research is the difficulty of stopping further circulation of an error detected in later research.



Lansing, Michigan  
August 29, 1948.

Miss Della Belknap,  
815- 32nd. St.  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Miss Belknap:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your most gracious invitation to attend the Belknap Family re-union to be held at Ogden Sept. 11th. and I regret that the distance only prevents my attendance.

The Belknap Family re-union appears to have been event for many years. On Sept. 13, 1925 the Ogden Examiner ran a full page describing the reunion of that year, and your father was prominent on the program. He gave a review of the family history. Among the Belnaps attending were: Leveritt of Hartford Ct., Scott Belknap of Carthage, Ill., Henry Belknap of Idaho, Joseph H. Belknap of Ogden, Mary Belknap Lowe of Franklin Idaho and many others whose names are no doubt familiar to you.

The Belnaps owe a great deal to your grandfather Gilbert and to your father Hiram in their efforts to gather together the history of this family with its many ramifications. Not long ago I came into possession of 5 or 6 letters written by your father in 1906 to J.O. Belknap of South Royalton, Vt. who also was gathering material on the family. Several times large quantities of data were collected and turned over to various genealogists of the family who had agreed to publish it. However before it could be accomplished, death ensued, and either through carelessness or cussedness of their survivors the data was either concealed or lost.

I am not a descendant of the Belknap line but while assembling data on the Evans genealogy, I ran across an old will in which a John Belknap of Grand Rapids was mentioned as an heir at law. He was the son of Olive Evans of Ogden, Monroe Co. N.Y. b. 1798. This whetted my curiosity as to whom Olive married and being of a stubborn and persistent disposition I spent much time and effort in an endeavor to identify her Belknap husband. He finally turned out to be the son of Abel and Bethiah Newhall Belknap of Lynn, Mass. and Chili, Monroe Co N.Y. His name was John Belknap b. 1790. The lineage goes: Abraham (1) Joseph (2) 1630; Thomas (3) 1670; Samuel (4) 1707; William (5) 1730; Abel (6) 1754 and John (7) 1790. John married Olive Evans, daughter of John and Martha Evans. He died in 1831 and Olive died in 1825. John and Olive and his parents Abel and Bethiah are buried in the North Chili cemetery, Monroe Co. N.Y. and all have grave stones. John and Olive had a son John Evans Belknap born 1822 and after Olive's death John married again and had a son Rufus whose mother was Elvirah W.

John Evans Belknap (8) 1822, married Harriett Richmond of Riga Monroe Co. N.Y. They came to Michigan in 1853 and settled at Tallmadge a short distance West of Grand Rapids. The half brother Rufus married Harriett Waters and he settled in Walker Tsp. Kent Co. Mich but a few miles from John's.

John's daughter Olive Belknap married William A. Quigley. She was born near Churchville, Monroe Co. N.Y. in 1850. Their son Amos Quigley b. 1872 lives to-day on the original John Belknap farm in Tallmadge, Mich.

The information concerning John Belknap was acquired only after long and tedious research and in this search I accumulated a large amount of genealogical data on this most interesting family many of whom settled in Michigan. The Mich. State Library which has an extensive genealogical department asked me to assemble my data and prepare copies for the Detroit, Mich and the Grand Rapids Mich. libraries. This has been done and it contains the lineages of about 1500 Belknaps, indexed, together with the names of their wives and husbands which should prove helpful to descendants who are attempting to locate their ancestors. Recently I was able to assist Mrs. Jane Belknap of Des Moines Iowa in her search.

There is a matter in which I would like your co-operation. Most of the Belknap lineages assembled many years ago by their descendants list Samuel Belknap (4) born about 1703 probably at Framingham, Mass and his wife Mary Dickenson. He was the original Ct. settler and live at Mansfield, Sommers and Enfield. Have you any references as to where the information was secured that Samuel was the son of Ebenezer or that his wife was Mary Dickenson? His marriage is recorded as "Samuel Belknap and his wife Mary". A great deal of work was done to establish this lineage which was referred to as the "missing link" in old correspondence. About 1906 a Miss Adeline Belknap of South Orange, N.J. is referred to by Commander Charles Belknap, U.S.N. who did much research work on the family, as having found the "missing link" but he did not state what she had found. Your father communicated with Charles Belknap and it occurred to me that perhaps your father may have secured this information from him. Charles Belknap's records were turned over to his son who would not permit any one to see them altho later fragments of them were published in Putnam's Leaflets.

I will not take more of your time as I assume you are assembling the tomatoes and water melons for the Reunion. If I can be of any assistance to you in Belknap matters, I shall be happy to assist you. A letter written by Edwin M. Belknap of Perris Cal. in 1942, speaks of your kindness in assisting him with information about the family, and I too am grateful for the trouble you took for me.

With best wishes for a successful gathering of the clan, I am

Most sincerely yours,

*Glen W. Evans.*

Glen W. Evans,  
1610 Osband Ave.  
Lansing 10 Michigan.



Lansing, Mich.  
October 5th. 1948

*uncalled to*

Miss Della Belknap,  
815 32nd. St.  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Miss Belknap:

How did the Belknap Family picnic turn out? I assume you had a large turn out and a splendid gathering.

Enclosed you will find the lineage of the Olive Evans- John Belknap marriage which caused me a great deal of search to secure, but it started me toward gathering the Belknap Family records which I have greatly enjoyed working on.

I have a "maverick Belknap which I found in the Thompson Family Genealogy. He is;

EPHRIAM BELKNAP

MARRIED

SALLY TERRY

b. 1790

d. 1886 Burlington, N.Y.

b. 1801 E. Windsor Ct.

CHILDREN

Julia	1830-	
Charlotte D.	1832-	Mar. Elihu Phelps
Nancy	1834-1870	Mar. 1857, Joseph Belknap Jr.
Joseph	1836-	
Hiram	1838-	
Emily T.	1841-1900	Mar. 1867 Erastus Fox
Martha O	1844	Mar. 1870 Abraham Park.

Can you tell me from your records, who the parents of Ephriam Belknap were ? and what was his ancestry. I do not find any Ephriams among my Ct. Belknaps. I assume he was born in Ct. His daughter Nancy and her husband Joseph Belknap Jr. lived at Adrian Michigan.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

*Glen W. Evans*

Glen W. Evans,  
1610 Osband Ave.  
Lansing 10 Mich.

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

BY MRS. MARY F. C. DIXON.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Memo from GYE

Nov 24, 1969

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

SUBJECT: THE ALLEGED "ROGER BELKNAP"

Excerpt from requirements for Certified Genealogist:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Same page: Evans names following sources:

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

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

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

- (1) He was the first tanner in Massachusetts.
  - (2) He was Abraham Belknap's chief creditor -- amount 3 lb, 3s 10 s.
  - (3) His wife's name was Mary \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (4) His tannery vats were at Swanscott.
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- (5) Shown as a "proprietor" in Lynn town records, 1638.
- (6) His will dated 10 Aug 1672 was probated 1 Nov that year, naming as legatees his wife Mary, his son-in-law Joseph Belknap, and his daughter Elizabeth (who had married a Farnum) in Andover. No other names shown in abstract of this will, except overseers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### mentions of Francis Ingalls:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do you differ?

DELLA BELNAP CLINTON BELKNAP GEORGE MAY JOHN SHERMAN

I have finally and reluctantly drafted my notes on our first Samuel.

Reluctantly, because it makes me abandon for the moment the problems that I've not yet solved:

- The name of mother of Sarah Jones. I'm not content with the spelling "Soane." Possibly an early New England effort for "Swain"? That's the nearest common New England name I have thought of. . . Worth noting that the mother was first wife of Robert Jones, not his second wife as H W Belknap thought.
- Parentage of the Sarah who married Nathaniel Singleterry. I can't accept any of the various guesswork answers that have been given, without some proof to convince me.
- First marriage of Sarah Jones, if it happened. I can't disregard the frequent statement that she was widow Hill. But I haven't found proof, one way or the other.

I'll be grateful for comments and corrections.

CARROLL May 2 1973



2  
 SAMUEL BELKNAP  
 son of Abraham Belknap  
 & Mary Stallion  
 bpt 16 March 1627/28  
 at North Weald, Essex, England  
 d after 31 Aug 1731 (NOTE 1)  
 m abt 1652

&amp;

SARAH JONES (widow Hill?)  
 daughter of Robert Jones  
 & Elizabeth Soane (Swain?), Hingham, Mass.  
 b abt 1627, Reading, Berks., England  
 d 18 April 1689, Haverhill, Mass.

Occupation: a joiner -- i.e., craftsman who built fixed furnishings of house, such as settles and cupboards and shelves.

Residence: Salem, Malden, Haverhill, Mass. (Possibly briefly, Easthampton, L. I.)

Listed in 1653 as owning two small lots at Easthampton, Long Island. Shown in account book of a Salem merchant, 1657 and 1659. In 1669 list of Salem residents not entitled to privileges of the common, as his house built before 1660. Shown on town map as owner of large property in Salem, between present Essex St and North River. In deeds 1665 and 1666, sold portions of this land. In 1666 named as creditor of estate of Thomas James of Salem; and as debtor to Thomas, Jere, and James Meachum of Salem. In deed 14 April 1671, Samuel of Maulden, joiner, and Joseph of Boston, glover, and their sister Hannah sold "theire thirds" of ~~XXXXX~~ 3/4 of an acre in Lynn, part of a "house lott formerly Abraham Belknap's house lott, father unto sd Samuel and Joseph." In 1673, bought 2 1/2 acre lot in Haverhill, which he sold in 1685. Oath of Allegiance at Haverhill 28 Nov 1677. Named in will of Robert Jones 20 April 1688. On 13 Oct 1696 deeded his homestead at Haverhill -- "27 acres with buildings" -- to his youngest son, Ebenezer. On 21 Nov 1696 deeded other land at Haverhill, 100 acres, to his son Abraham "of Reading." On 31 Aug 1731, at Concord, acknowledged this deed to Abraham -- witnessed by his daughter Patience. (NOTE 1) On 11 Nov 1701 witnessed a deed signed by son Abraham "of Framingham."

#### CHILDREN:

- 10 Mary, b 17 Aug 1653. d young
- 11 ? Sarah m Nathaniel Singleterry 22 Dec 1673 (NOTE 2)
- 12 Mary, b 14 Oct 1656
- 13 \*Abraham, b 4 June 1660, Salem. d abt 1728, Framingham
- 14 \*Samuel, b 1 May 1662, Salem Went to Southern New Jersey about 1690 and was there in 1697. (NOTE 1)
- 15 \*Ebenezer, b Dec 1667, Salem. d Nov 1782, Haverhill
- 16 Joseph, b 25 March 1672, Haverhill. d 28 Aug 1672, Haverhill
- 17 Patience, b 17 Sept 1675, Haverhill. d after 31 Aug 1731 (NOTE 1)

NOTE 1: In NEHG Register 1950, G. Andrews Moriarty disputed the date of death of Samuel given by H W Belknap -- "after 1731" -- saying that the man acknowledging on 31 Aug 1731 the deed signed in 1696 conveying land to Abraham "of Reading" was Samuel's son Samuel. For two reasons, it is plain that Moriarty was in error. (1) 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. He could not have been the man making the acknowledgment in 1731, as he could not have been the grantor of the deed in 1696. (2) The further history of the land given to Abraham in 1696 identifies, as signer and acknowledger, his father Samuel. On 11 Nov 1701, Abraham -- then "of Framingham" -- sold part of this land to his brother Ebenezer, and the deed was witnessed by Samuel Belknap, who could only be his father. (As this deed was recorded in Essex County, it probably was executed at Haverhill.) Later, 17 June 1720, Abraham "of Framingham"

## 5 Samuel Continued

sold 50 acres of that land -- no acknowledgment being made at that time. In 1731 the need of validating Abraham's title to the property that he sold in 1720 seems to have arisen -- requiring that the 1696 deed conveying the land to him be acknowledged by the grantor. This acknowledgment was made by Samuel Belknap on 31 Aug 1731 and witnessed by Patience Belknap, daughter of Samuel. That the grantor and acknowledger was Samuel the father was made plain by the wording of the 1720 deed executed when Abraham sold half of the land: ". . .  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 100 acres which was laid out to Bartholomew Heath's third division & by him conveyed to Mr Thomas Brackett of Boston, shopkeeper, & from him to my Hon<sup>d</sup> father & from him to me." So the statement that Samuel the father died "after 31 Aug 1731" is correct. He was the first Belknap to live past 100 years of age. . . As no later record for his unmarried daughter Patience has been found, the same statement is made for the date of her death.

NOTE 2: The parentage of the Sarah Belknap who married Nathaniel Singleterry 22 Dec 1673 has not been established, though she obviously was of the same generation as that of Samuel's children. There appear to be four possibilities: (1) That she was the Mary, born 14 Oct 1656, daughter of Samuel Belknap and Sarah Jones -- in which case she married at age 17. Or (2) that she was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah, born about 1655, for whom no birth record has been found. Or (3) that she was a daughter of Sarah Jones by her first marriage (if it is true that Sarah Jones was "widow Hill") and had adopted the name of her stepfather. Or (4) that she was a daughter of Samuel's brother John who is not known to have married and died before 14 April 1671.

NOTE 3: From the dates of record (obviously incomplete) a sketchy summary of Samuel's life can be set down in skeletonized form. . . When his father Abraham died in Sept 1643, Samuel was 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old. His mother Mary was 48. His brother Joseph was 10; John was 8. His sister Hannah was 3 or 4. It can be surmised that the burden of being the man of the family fell naturally on Samuel. The land at Lynn remained in the family -- presumably under ownership by Mary. But little of it was good farm land. . . By the time of his marriage, about 1652, Samuel had learned the trade of a joiner and continued in it the rest of his active life, being termed "joyner" in deeds as late as 1696, when he was 68. . . At the time of his marriage or soon afterward, he went to eastern Long Island with a party of men intending to settle there; and in 1653 owned two small lots at Easthampton, L. I. Whether he ever actually lived there is unknown. . . By 20 Oct 1657 he was settled in Salem, and by 1660 was in possession of a large lot of land in what is now the center of the city. Till 1669, he is on record in Salem. . . In 1670 or 1671, he moved to Malden, nearer Boston, where he and Joseph and Hannah sold "their thirds" of their father's house lot -- which suggests that their mother Mary had died, and indicates plainly that the brother John was dead by that date. . . Samuel was not long at Malden. In 1673 he bought a small lot -- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres -- at Haverhill, which he sold for 80 pounds in 1685, probably at a high profit. Samuel remained at Haverhill till at least 1696 and probably at least 1701, and prospered -- for by 1696 he owned land totalling 127 acres. In that year, at age 68, he gave his homestead, "27 acres and buildings," to his youngest son Ebenezer (possibly with the customary understanding that he would continue to live there, with Ebenezer?). A little later that year, he gave his farm land to his son Abraham, who was then at Reading. Five years later, 11 Nov 1701, he witnessed the deed by which Abraham sold ~~part~~ of that farm land to Ebenezer. At that time, Samuel was probably living in Haverhill. . . Nothing more is of record till 1731, 30 years later, when he acknowledged, at Concord, the 1696 deed to Abraham. He was then 104 years old, and his daughter Patience may have been living with him. Nothing more is known.

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CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

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July 15 1973

Dear Della:

As I've heard nothing yet from Dr W Dean Belnap, I think I should write a reply to the letter you wrote on July 5.

In essence, the answer I must give to you and him is that it would be a waste of time for the two of you to try to examine my records now -- for they won't be ready for that sort of study until at least a year from now. But this brief reply needs full explanation; so I'll beg forgiveness for what's probably going to be a lengthy and wordy letter.

It seems to me that the true cause of Dr Belnap's suggestion is the fact that I've never really told you exactly what I've been doing and how I've done it. I have not been merely compiling a genealogy from what is in existence. Quite the contrary, I've been trying to produce records based on verified original data, regarding all existing compilations -- including even yours -- as helpful material requiring close scrutiny and also unbiased critical appraisal of visible or possible errors. The result is that my records often differ from yours, sometimes in minor ways (such as the name of the first wife of William Belknap of Brimfield on your sheet 493, not McNeill but McNall), and sometimes in major ways, such as the list of children of that William's brother John on your sheet 489.

I'd better go back and start at the beginning of my serious work on Belknap genealogy, nine years ago, before you reproach me for not sending you such corrections as I went along. There's a big reason why I've not done that.

Early in my work, years ago, I was innocent enough to think that if I could find the great body of Belknap genealogy built up by Henry Wyckoff Belknap in the first quarter of this century my task would be easy. As you know, I did find it -- and was permitted to make electrostatic copies of his organized notes (about 3500 pages). I also was able to examine some thousands of pages of his correspondence, and made copies of all of them that contained information on his sources or data that he had not entered on his final records before he stopped working on Belknap genealogy. But I soon discovered that even his much-corrected notes, rewritten shortly after 1920 perhaps, contained many visible errors and lots of entries that were subject to question.

So I was forced to regard his records of approximately 2500 persons as just raw material, which I'd have to edit very rigorously -- accepting what seemed well substantiated, re-investigating whatever seemed unsubstantiated.

And as I accumulated other compilations and data in printed sources such as various so-called encyclopedias of genealogy, I found that they -- too -- would have to be regarded as requiring verification where and when they lack proof of accuracy.

In short, I found nothing that I could accept blindly, merely because someone had said it or published it. I would have to dig deep for facts -- in vital records, wills, intestate proceedings, land deeds, and so on and on. I'd

also have to plod through innumerable local histories -- not for what their authors said, which is not evidence and often is visibly wrong, but for whatever original documents they reprinted, which are evidence. (Example, Lovering's great History of Holland, Mass., in which his statements on parentage are often erroneous while the many original documents that he reprinted are a magnificent source of valid evidence. If HWB had seen this book, he would have avoided some of his worst mistakes.)

So, for all these years, I've been engaged in endless search for facts which sometimes have led to ~~many~~ changes in the records with which I was working. The heart of my work was the huge body of material created by HWB, but I was editing it and altering it when I found revision required. Other collections, such as yours, were helpful in disclosing debatable points and in providing clues worth pursuing -- but always I had to search for valid contemporary evidence that would justify a final decision on what was correct.

This took time, of course. The hardest problem arose from a letter written to HWB in 1934, protesting that the information he had provided on the branch started by Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris could not possibly be correct. As HWB had ceased work on American genealogy in 1926, he merely acknowledged the protest with his habitual courtesy -- and did nothing about it. When I got in touch with that protester in 1968, his problem was still unsolved. So he and I tackled it together.

It took us five years to arrive at a solution that we could accept. In that period, our correspondence and the documents we accumulated (copies of wills, deeds, and what-have-you) filled five fat file folders, each more than an inch thick. Sometimes we almost quit in despair of finding the evidence we needed. But in the end, we came out with what both of us regard as a sound record of the first four or five generations of that branch.

I'm enclosing a small example of what the two of us produced -- our complete revision of the record of John Belknap Sr, son of Joseph and Prudence. You can compare it with your #489.

Why haven't I sent you such revised sheets as I went along? Simply because there wasn't time. I was too deeply involved in many investigations. Ordinarily, all I could do when a problem had been solved was to stick its file folder into the file cabinet containing such material -- deferring to some future time the laborious task of reducing the data to proper form for inclusion in my master file. Only when there was urgent need for preparing a sheet like the one I'm enclosing did I take time to prepare it, for the approval of the correspondent who had helped on that problem.

So the great bulk of my revisions did not get into final form that you could examine -- but has remained unsummarized, awaiting organization when time permits.

Meanwhile, of course, I was deeply involved in expanding the master file by getting records that went well beyond the point that HWB had reached by 1926. At a guess, I'll judge that I've added at least 2,000 more names. They, too, are in file folders, waiting for the labor that will be needed in order to put them into proper shape for inclusion in the master file.

All this time, I was conscious of my desire to aid you as much as you had aided me. But I felt that I could not expect you to alter your records just because I said so. I'd have to give you valid proof that the changes were right -- which could be done only by stating the evidence, as on the sheet I'm enclosing.



For instance, your sheet #489 shows an Eli Belknap marrying a "Clarissa Lynn," whose name was actually Lyman, not Lynn -- and we have proved beyond question that the Eli who married that Clarissa was not a descendant of Joseph and Prudence but came from a very different branch. The error in your sheet stems from a bad and unjustifiable blunder by HWB in his early days, which he did not correct when he rewrote all his notes about 1920 or a year or so later. In correcting that error of his, I've removed from the Joseph-Prudence branch some 80 persons (not shown in your sheets) who do not belong in that branch at all. But I can't expect you to accept this revision until I find time to set down on paper a detailed statement of the complex evidence that requires it.

Please don't think for a moment that I believe I'm infallible. I make mistakes, too. Just this week I've been reminded of that unhappy fact. A correspondent has sent me a letter written by your sister Flora in 1949, containing what seems to be unquestionable proof that I erred in identifying a Susannah Belknap as twin sister of my great grandfather. This error of mine is embarrassing. On the basis of the identification that I made, the D.A.R. accepted the application of a descendant of that Susannah and thus has a member who has no right to membership. I'll have a devil of a problem, trying to rectify my error, won't I? The fact that I had abundant circumstantial evidence supporting that mistaken identification doesn't soothe my remorse.

A couple of weeks ago, I decided that I'd have to cease collecting new entries in order to concentrate on the task of reducing to organized form all the data in those files of mine. Then will come the job of preparing an index of some 4500 names. How long will the job take? At a guess, at least a year. Then my stuff will be ready for your eyes -- not now.

Can our differing records be combined? Yes -- on two conditions. (1) That you can prove that your record, not mine, is right on a certain family. (2) That I can prove to you that mine is right, if it actually is right. In other words, if the two of us are reasonable people and are willing to spend a lot of time looking carefully at the many differences.

But I suppose that the main point is simply that I've been working along lines quite different from assembling a compilation from present-day sources, so that my records, when I get them into shape for examination, are bound to disagree with much that is currently in manuscript and in print.

Wish me well, on the plodding labor that I now must undertake. It won't be fun. The fun was in the solving of problems.

Yet I can be sure that there are still some puzzles that I haven't yet tackled, and that I'll stumble onto them in the coming twelve months.

*Sam A. H.*

HUSBAND ABRAHAM BELKNAP OR BELTOFT \*

Birth..... Place.....  
Chr..... 10 Mar. 1589-90 Place Sawbridgworth, Essex, England  
Death..... Sapt. 1643 Place.....  
Burial..... Place.....  
Father..... Bennet Beltoft or Belknap \* Mother (Maiden Name) Grace Adam  
Mar..... Place.....  
Other Wives (if any).....

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?  
New Eng. Hist. Gen. Reg.  
Vol. Cvl p 316-7 Vol 68  
p. 195-198.; ch par rec, N. Weald,  
Essex, Engl; ch par rec Sawbridge-  
worth, Hrtfrd, Engl 1158-1709; Lynn,  
Mass vit rec; will of Bennet Belknap  
(over)

HUSBAND'S  
Name (in Full) Abraham Belknap or Beltoft.  
Mary  
TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

WIFE MRS. MARY BELKNAP OR BELTOFT

Birth..... abt. 1598 Place of North Weald, Essex, England  
Chr..... Place.....  
Death..... Place.....  
Burial..... Place.....  
Father..... Mother (Maiden Name).....  
Other Hus. (if any).....

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.  
Mildred E. Evans  
241 N. 3rd. E.  
Logan, Utah 10  
Stake Cache 10  
Ward 4th. 10

HUSBAND:  
Baptized..... 22 Apr. 1930  
Endowed..... 13 Feb. 1931  
Heir..... John Lowell Tanney  
Relationship of Heir..... 6.g.g.son  
WIFE:  
Baptized..... 16 Dec. 1944  
Endowed..... 14 Mar. 1945  
Sealed to Husband 14 July 1948  
Heir..... John Lowell Tanney  
Relationship of Heir..... 6.g.g.son

ARCHIVE RECORD

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
			Day	Mo	Yr	Town	County		Day	Mo	Yr	
M	1	Abraham Belknap			1620	North Weald	Essex	Eng.	6 Dec.		1620	Date To
M	2	Abraham Belknap			1622	"	"	"				Date To
M	3	David Belknap		Mar.	1624	"	"	"	2 Mar.		1624	Date To
M	4	Samuel Belknap *		16	Mar.	1627	"	"				Date To Sarah Jonas
F	5	Dorcess Belknap chr.	7 Feb.	1629-30	1630	"	"	"				Date To
M	6	Joseph Belknap * chr.	12 May	1633		"	"	"	14 Nov.		1712	Date To (1)@Ruth Williams*
M	7	John or Jeremy Belknap chr.	10 May	1635		"	"	"				Date To
F	8	Hannah Belknap *			1639-40	Lynn	Mass	"	21 Nov.		1679	Date To 6 Dec. 1663
F	9	Sarah Belknap *			abt 1643	"	"	"				Date To Christopher Osgood
												Date To 22 Dec 1673
												Date To Nathaniel Singletary
	10											Date To
	11											Date To
	12											Date To
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Child	Child	12 JUL 1952 L
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Child	Child	12 JUL 1952 L
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Williamsburg, Va DATE 20 Mar 66		



Della:

I've just been rewriting my notes on Abraham -- partly to correct an error I had made and partly to amplify certain points.

I think I should send you a copy.

If I've sent you earlier versions, please destroy them.

Nov 24 1970

1  
Abraham Belknap (ex-Beltoft) and Mary Stallion  
bp Latton, Essex, 24 Dec 1595  
Son of Bennet Beltoft alias Belknappe & Grace Adam, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. Daughter of Thomas Stallion & Mary Dalton

Baptized as Beltoft, Sawbridgeworth, 15 March 1589/90.  
Married as Beltoft, Latton, Essex: 28 Oct 1617  
Lived at Netteswell and North Weald, Essex.  
Emigrated from Epping, Essex: year and ship not known.  
Began use of name Belknap at some time between 6 Dec 1620 (burial of first child at Netteswell) and 2 March 1624/25 (burial of son David at North Weald).  
Church register at North Weald spells name "Beltrap" (same spelling occurs once in church register at Sawbridgeworth).  
Deposition signed by mark "A" at North Weald Basset 31 Jan 1626/7 gives name as Abraham Belknapp.

On 28 Jan 1599/1600, A's uncle Josias signed his will Josias Belknappe and named his chief heir, his brother Bennet, as Bennet Belknappe -- thus forcing Bennet to swear on oath in court 6 Feb 1599/1600 that he was "Benedictus Belknappe". . . On 14 Apr 1623, however, A called himself and his children Beltoft in his will; and his wife Grace and son Josias probated his will as Beltoft 15 June 1624. But on 21 May 1624 Bennet had been buried as Bennet Belknap. Thereafter (with exception of church entries for three children of Henry Belknap, in 1663 and 1681) the name Beltoft does not appear again in records of this family in Herts. and Essex; always Belknap (various spellings).

A's occupation in England unknown, but apparently landless. Called "yeoman" in deposition made, 31 Jan 1626/27.

Though eldest son, A was virtually disinherited by Bennet's will, which left him only 20 shillings, with youngest son Josias the ~~chief~~ chief ultimate heir -- with reversion if A only. Josias died without issue. (He married 1631; first child born 1632.)

A was allotted 40 acres at Lynn, Mass., 1638 (or 1637?). Was a farmer at Lynn. Died in Sept 1643 at Lynn. Will not found; but was probated by wife Mary at Salem (hence later error in placing his death at Salem). Inventory of his estate shows net value 47 pounds, 17 shillings.

#### CHILDREN

2. Abraham, buried Netteswell 6 Dec 1620.
3. Abraham, born circa 1622, alive 14 Apr 1623, died young. (Known only from being mentioned in Bennet's will 14 Apr 1623)
4. David, buried North Weald 2 March 1624/5. (Probably born after 14 Apr 1623, as not mentioned in Bennet's will)
5. \* Samuel (baptized "Immanuel"), North Weald 16 March 1627/8. (Church register at North Weald shows name as "Beltrap.")
6. Dorcas, baptized North Weald 7 Feb 1629/30; died young.
7. \* Joseph, baptized North Weald 12 May 1633.
8. \* John, baptized North Weald 10 May 1635.
9. \* Hannah, born about 1639 or 1640, presumably at Lynn.

When emigrating from England at some time after 10 May 1635, A was accompanied only by wife Mary and sons Samuel, Joseph, John. Contrary to tradition, none of his brothers came with him. Church register Sawbridgeworth shows all his brothers remained there. Identification of Thomas Burnap as a Belknap, by Banks, was based on an error by HWB, which HWB later retracted. No later Belknap immigrant has yet been found.



1. Abraham -- continued      SEQUENCE OF CHANGE OF NAME, AS RECORDED

28 Jan 1599/1600 Josias made his will as Josias Belknappe, naming his brother as Bennet Belknappe. J signed the will in full, not by mark.

4 Feb 1599/1600 Josias was buried at Saint Saviour's, Southwark. Entry in church register: "a man being a stranger and no parishioner." (HWH's note based on letter from Bernau 9/5/30 shows name as Belknap but does not indicate that this was spelling in the church register; HWH sometimes used present-day spelling in his notes when name was spelled otherwise in original documents. No later report of this entry is known to me; so no certainty of spelling of the name in that register.)

6 Feb 1599/1600 Bennet probated J's will, swearing he was Benedictus Belknappe.

(But 14 Apr 1623 Bennet made his will as Bennet Beltoft, naming all children and grandson Abraham -- son of Abraham -- as Beltoft.)

21 May 1624 Bennet was buried as Bennet Belknap.

(But 15 June 1624 his executors, wife Grace and son Josias, probated his will as that of Bennet Beltoft.)

19 Oct 1624 Bennet's daughter Francis married as Belknap.

2 March 1624/25 Abraham's son David buried at North Weald as Belknap (Beltrap).

31 January 1626/7 Abraham made deposition at North Weald Basset as Abraham Belknapp.

10 July 1630 Grace, daughter of John and Elizabeth Belknap (Belknop) was baptized. (Presumably John, son of Bennet, was married as Belknap about 1628 or 1629.)

20 Oct 1630 Bennet's wife Grace was buried as Belknap (Belkap).

2 May 1631 Bennet's son Josias married as Belknap (Belkap).

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After date of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of Bennet's will, no use of Beltoft appears in records till 1663, when two children of Henry Belknap (grandson of Bennet) were buried as Beltoft; and again in 1683 when this Henry's last child Mary was buried as "daughter of Henry and Mary Belknap als Beltoft." These are only recorded instances of reversion to Beltoft by those who made entries in church records or other records. They may indicate only that an aging pastor or warden ~~XXXXXX~~ remembered that the family name had formerly been Beltoft. They do not necessarily indicate that this Henry, who was christened Belknap like all children of Bennet's children, ever called himself Beltoft. (SEE NOTE)  
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(records of

NOTE: That Henry married twice, both times as Belknap.





Re: JOHN EYRE and HANNAH WEBB

Ref: Quoting from "The History of Treman, Tremain, Truman Family in America"--with related families of Mack, Dey, Board and Ayres. Five Colonial Families Volume 2

Thomas Eyre, Esq. of New Sarum lineally descended from Humphrey LeHeyer of Bronham, Wilts, held lands in Wernborn County of Dorset in 21st year of the reign of Elizabeth.

He Married Elizabeth, daughter of John Rogers, Esq. of Poole and had issue:

- Children:
1. Robert, his heir--born 1559
  2. Giles of Brickworth in Wiltshire from whom came the family of the extinct Lord Eyre of Ireland. He obtained the peerage of Ireland.
  3. Christopher, born 1578. Founder of Eyres Hospital at Sarum.
  4. Thomas, born 1580 Mayor of Sarum 1610
  5. William, born 1588 Barrister at Law
  6. JOHN, born 1587-90 moved to New England 1637
  7. Elizabeth married G. Tooker
  8. Catherine Married Thomas Hooper
  9. Rebecca married John Lode
  10. Anne married John Sevan

Ref: From Burke's General Armory of England. Eyre (Bronham, Wedhampton, Chalfield, New House etc,) County Wilts descended from Humphrey LeHeyer of Bronham whose great grandson Galfridus de Eyre of Bronham was living tempo Edward II the derivative branches were the Eyres of Battey Grange, County Hants, the Eyres of Eyre Court Castle, County Galway of who was Lord Eyre, the Eyres of Macroom, County Cork.

The coat-of-arms of all the families of England vary but little and the original Derby family now represented at Rampton is the one from which John Ayer of Haverhill, Mass. descended.

From comparison of coat-of-arms and some tedious researches in the old country histories of England it is certain that a family of Eyre of Wiltshire England is a branch of the Rampton family.

From Mrs. Ethel Ayre Campbell, South Attick, Mass.

#6. John d. 1587/90 m. Hannah Webb, their son:  
Nathaniel Ayre b: 1638 d. 17 Nov 1717 married:  
Tamar Webb their daughter and their dau.  
Hannah Ayre was the wife of:  
Ebenezer Calkins

Sylvia Richardson, from Carroll Belknap

11/10/71

(Copy to Della Belnap)

showing the English  
Thanks for the sheet, ~~showing~~ ancestry of Hannah Ayer who married Ebenezer Belknap, and of her sister Elizabeth who married Ebenezer's brother Abraham. This is new information to me and I'm glad to have it.

I assume the pencilled note about Hannah's parentage was written by Mrs. Campbell, for it doesn't look like your handwriting. Perhaps you may wish to direct her attention to an old puzzle for which I have found no solution: the identity of "Tamesin Turloar," Hannah's mother. (Note spelling as usually found: Tamesin, not Tameson.)

One preceding worker has suggested that "Turloar" may be an erratic misspelling of "Thurlow."

"Tamesin" -- the only occurrence of this first name I have found in early New England -- may also be a more or less phonetic misspelling, no worse than many others in that period. Consider this possibility:

"Thomas" was often spelled "Tamas" -- the "a" sounded "ah".

Possibly "Tamasin" was pronounced "Tahmahseen" and was a variant spelling of "Thomasina."

So -- could ~~TAMESIN~~ "Tamasin Turloar" mean "Thomasina Thurlow"?



DELLA:

3/11/72

I recently discovered a mistake I had made on my sheets for Abraham. Enclosed is a revised set -- with changes and additions marked red. Please destroy earlier version.

NOTE to you on second sheet means that the spelling without "k" in will of that Henry does not mean that he himself had adopted that spelling. It merely means that the person who wrote that will and set down the name to be signed by mark did not hear a "k" sound and so omitted that letter, as many others did from then on. In register entry for burial of his daughter Mary, three years before date of the will, his name was spelled with "k." So I question naming him "Belnap" on the evidence of the will alone. . . . In early Massachusetts documents, there are many instances of omission of "k" when the name was written by persons not members of the family -- but not in any actual signatures that I have yet seen. All New York documents naming your ancestor Jesse -- as far as I have yet seen -- use the "k". But I have not yet seen any examples of his own personal signature. Have you? (and Connecticut)

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Abraham Belknap (ex-Beltoft)

\* Mary Stallion

bp Latton, Essex, 24 Dec 1595

Son of Bennet Beltoft alias Belknappe daughter of Thomas Stallion & Mary Dalton  
& Grace Adam, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

Baptized as Beltoft, Sawbridgeworth, Herts., 15 March 1589/90

Married as Beltoft, Latton, Essex, 28 Oct 1617

Lived at Netteswell and North Weald, Essex

Emigrated from Epping, Essex: year and ship not known

Began use of name Belknap at some time between 6 Dec 1620 (birth of first child at Netteswell) and 2 March 1624/25 (burial of son David at North Weald)

Church register at North Weald spells name "Beltrap" (same spelling occurs once in church register at Sawbridgeworth)

Deposition signed by mark "A" at North Weald Basset 31 Jan 1626/27 gives name as Abraham Belknapp.

On 28 Jan 1599/1600, A's uncle Josias (baptized Beltoft) signed his will Josias Belknappe and named his brother Bennet as Bennet Belknappe -- thus forcing Bennet to swear on oath in court 6 Feb 1599/1600 that he was Benedict Belknappe... On 14 Apr 1623, however, Bennet called himself and his children Beltoft in his will.

On 21 May 1624, Bennet was buried as Bennet Belknap. On 15 June 1624, his wife Grace and son Josias probated his will as that of Benedictus Belknapp, though it was signed Beltoft. Thereafter (with exceptions of church entries for three children of Henry Belknap, in 1663 and 1681) the name Beltoft does not appear again in records of this family in Herts. and Essex; always Belknap (various spellings).

A's occupation in England unknown, but apparently landless. Called "yeoman" in deposition made 31 Jan 1626/27.

Though eldest son, A was virtually disinherited by Bennet's will, which left him only 20 shillings, with youngest son Josias the chief ultimate heir -- with reversion to A only if Josias died without issue. (Josias married 1631; first child born 1632.)

A was allotted 40 acres at Lynn, Mass., 1637. Was a farmer at Lynn. Died in Sept 1643 at Lynn. Will not found; but was probated by wife Mary at Salem (hence later error in placing his death at Salem). Inventory of his estate shows net value of 47 pounds, 17 shillings.

#### CHILDREN

2. Abraham, buried Netteswell 6 Dec 1620.

3. Abraham, born circa 1622, alive 14 Apr 1623, died young. (Known only from being mentioned in Bennet's will 14 Apr 1623.)

4. David, buried North Weald 2 March 1624/25. (Probably born after 14 Apr 1623, as not mentioned in Bennet's will.)

{Church register at North Weald shows name as "Beltrap".}

5. \* Samuel (baptized "Immanuel") North Weald 16 March 1627/8

6. Dorcas, baptized North Weald 7 Feb 1629/30; died young

7. \* Joseph, baptized North Weald 12 May 1633

8. \* John, baptized North Weald 10 May 1635

9. \* Hannah, born about 1639 or 1640, presumably at Lynn.

When emigrating from England at some time after 10 May 1635, A was accompanied only by wife Mary and sons Samuel, Joseph, John. Contrary to tradition, none of his brothers came to America. Church register and wills at Sawbridgeworth show all his brothers remained in England. Identification of a Thomas Burnap as an immigrant Belknap, by HWB, was an error which HWB later retracted. No later Belknap immigrant has yet been found.



DELLA BELNAP from Carroll Y Belknap

Jan 23 1973

Page 1 of the records enclosed with Mr Field's letter 11 Nov 1971 to W D Belnap shows the following transcript from Essex Quarter Sessions Rolls:

Roll No. 247-16: Norrington 20 Oct 1624 at Loughton, stole 7 white ewes each worth 5s. of Abraham Belknappe. Pleads not guilty.

If "at Loughton" indicates where Abraham lived at that time, we then have something that may help to fill the gap between 1620 and 1627, in our knowledge of where he lived in England after his marriage.

I think it likely that "Loughton" is a variant spelling of Latton -- the name of the parish in which Abraham married Mary Stallion. My reasons:

*This is correct*

- In the spelling of that time, "au" was a frequent variant of "a." For example, the name Frances was often spelled ~~frances~~ as in the case of Abraham's sister. *fraunces,*
- An "a" may easily have been miscopied as "o." The spelling originally may have been Laughton -- which would have been pronounced just like Latton -- i.e., "Lahton."
- Old maps of or near that period show only a Latton in Essex -- no Loughton nor any similar place name.
- All of the places where Abraham has previously been found are close together in a small area -- Sawbridgeworth, Netteswell, North Weald, Epping -- and Latton is in that area, only one mile from Netteswell..

I may be misinterpreting the significance of the words "at Loughton." Perhaps they do not indicate Abraham's location. But on the assumption that they do, I have summarized on the attached sheet what is now known -- to myself -- about the places where Abraham was in the years between his marriage and his emigration.

If I err in this matter, I'll be most grateful for comments and corrections.

And I think I should ask a question:

Have the parish records of Latton been searched, for the years between 1620 and 1627?

28 Jan 1599/1600 Josias made his will as Josias Belknappe, naming his brother as Bennet Belknappe. J signed the will in full, not by mark. (The numerous legatees must have known him as Belknappe; otherwise the will would have been meaningless. So he must have begun calling himself Belknappe at some time before the date of the will.)

4 Feb 1599/1600 Josias was buried as a Belknap at Saint Saviour's, Southwark. Entry in church register: "Josias Belknap, a man being a stranger and no parishioner." (HWB's note based on letter from Bernau 9/5/30 shows spelling "Belknap" but does not indicate explicitly that this was the spelling in the church register.)

6 Feb 1599/1600 Bennet probated J's will, swearing he was Benedict Belknappe.

(But 14 Apr 1623 Bennet made his will as Bennet Beltoft, naming all his children and his grandson Abraham as Beltoft.)

21 May 1624 Bennet was buried as Bennet Belknap.

15 June 1624 his executors, wife Grace and son Josias, probated his will as that of Benedictus Belknapp, though it was signed Beltoft.

19 Oct 1624 Bennet's daughter Frances married as Belknap.

24 March 1624/25 Abraham's son David buried at North Weald as Belknap (Beltrap).

31 January 1626/7 Abraham made deposition at North Weald Bassett as Abraham Belknapp.

10 July 1630 Grace, daughter of John and Elizabeth Belknap (Belknop) was baptized. (Presumably John, son of Bennet, was married as Belknap about 1628 or 1629, at the home of his bride in some other town.)

20 Oct 1630 Bennet's wife Grace was buried as Belknap (Belkap).

2 May 1631 Bennet's son Josias married as Belknap (Belkap).

After the date of probate of Bennet's will, no use of Beltoft appears in records till 1663, when two children of Henry Belknap (grandson of Bennet) were buried as Beltoft; and again in 1683 when this Henry's last child Mary was buried as "daughter of Henry and Mary Belknap als Beltoft." These are the only recorded instances of reversion to Beltoft by those who made entries in church records or other records. They may indicate only that an aging pastor or warden remembered that the family name had formerly been Beltoft. This Henry, like all of the children of Bennet's sons, was christened Belknap -- and married as Belknap, twice.

(The spelling Belnap first appears at Sawbridgeworth in the will of that Henry, 10 Apr 1686. It had appeared earlier, in 1658, in register entry of burial of Daniel Belnap at Netteswell. These are the first recorded indications of a silent "k". Earlier spellings such as "Belkap" and "Beltnap" seem to indicate presence of a hard consonantal sound in middle of the name -- as also in "Beltrap". As all spellings except that of Josias in signature to his will, 1599/1600, were set down by persons who were trying to write what they thought they heard, it may be assumed that the hard "k" was sounded in the first half of that century and became silent in the second half -- as in the consistent spelling "Bellnap" in records of Essex members of the family in that period.

REVISED 7 March 1972

NOTE TO DELLA: All earlier known spellings of that Henry's name, at birth and marriage, etc., contain the "k".



## ABRAHAM BELKNAP

## RESIDENCE LOCATIONS IN ENGLAND (as known Jan 1973)

DATE (new style)	EVENT	PLACE OF ABRAHAM
1617 26 Oct	Married	Latton, Essex
1618		
1619		
1620 1 Dec	Burial of child Abraham	Netteswell (1 mile from Latton)
1621		
1622		
1623 14 Apr	Bennet's will mentions A's 2nd son Abraham. (otherwise unknown)	
1624 21 May	Death of Bennet (burial)	Loughton (Latton?)
20 Oct	Trial of Norrington for theft	
1625 2 March	Burial of A's son David	North Weald (6 miles from Latton)
1627 31 Jan	Deposition signed by mark "A"	" "
1628 16 March	Baptism of A's son Samuel	" "
1629		
1630 7 Feb	Baptism of A's daughter Dorcas	" "
1631		
1632		
1633 12 May	Baptism of A's son <del>John</del> Joseph	" "
1634		
1635 10 May	Baptism of son John	" "
1636		
1637		
1638	A was allotted land in Lynn, Mass.	

NOTE: Banks, Topographical Dictionary, etc., gives Epping, Essex, as place from which Abraham emigrated, but does not show date and does not name source of his information. This does not necessarily indicate residence at Epping. May merely mean that this was where he signed up for passage to Massachusetts Bay at some time after 10 May 1635, and before ~~1635~~ date of allotment in 1638. Epping is only 4 miles from North Weald, and was nearest large town.

*✓ still looking F.S.*

*This is correct  
mark Smith*

information not  
available when  
he prepared this pedigree.

25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn.  
Jan. 6, 1968

MEMO TO Della Belnap  
FROM Carroll York Belknap

Enclosed are the following documents:

- Pedigree of Hyrum Belnap, ~~extract~~ original as sent me by you.
- Copy of that pedigree, with annotations and revisions by me — *based on*
- ~~xxxxxxx~~ Copies of documents supporting ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ revisions:
  - (A) Photostats of pages 280-288, New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1931.
  - (B) Photostat of pages 316-317 of same publication, 1950.
  - (C) Copy ~~mg~~ of H W Belknap's record of Samuel Belknap and his wife Mary Dickinson.

Please return "A" and "B" to me when you have finished with them. You ~~xxx~~ can keep "C".

As I think you may not have seen the 1931 and 1950 material in The Register, perhaps I should explain its background.

In 1914, H W Belknap published in The Register, as you know, what he then knew about the English Ancestry of the American Belknaps. He had The Register print 100 additional copies for him, which found their way into various hands. One copy is in the Library of Congress (which unfortunately has no similar copy of what he published in 1931, for no separate reprints of it were run off).

Meanwhile Charles Bernau in England continued searching. As the result of his further work, H W Belknap published in The Register in 1931 a long article correcting what he had published in 1914 — pages 265-288, 1931 volume. It's a detailed record of a lawsuit and the genealogical conclusions drawn from that record. (I have a photostat copy of the whole article, but am sending you only the pages that summarize the conclusions.)

In 1950, <sup>four</sup> ~~five~~ years after HWB's death, his friend and fellow genealogist G. Andrews Moriarty (whose skill is pretty well unchallengeable) reviewed all the documents on which the 1931 conclusions were based and published in The Register his endorsement of those conclusions — and, in addition, his summary of the records of Abraham's children, which Bernau had found in England but which HWB had not published. So, finally, a true statement of the birth of Abraham's children became available, with exact dates and places.



In explaining my annotations on Hyrum Belknap's pedigree, I'll begin with the last entry on its page 4, and work my way backward.

THE FIRST KNOWN BELTOFT in our line: The 1931 article (A) shows his first name to have been Richard and the first name of his wife to have been Christian — facts not known in 1914. The dates for his death and the probable date of his birth are deduced by HWB and by me, from the 1931 article and the documents on which it was based. There is no justification for saying "Belknap or Beltoft", for there is no recorded indication that he was ever known as Belknap.

Here, before going on, I must digress. HWB'S 1914 piece has misled many people, including many genealogists. In it, he said that Bernau had found that the name of the Sawbridgeworth family "was sometimes Beltoft." Later, he wrote of "the use of alternate surnames," implying that the two names were used more or less simultaneously.

Both statements are contrary to the actual record. What really happened was something much more sudden and much more dramatic. Like this: Suddenly, on the death of their father (Bennet), an entire generation ~~changed~~ dropped Beltoft and adopted Belknap as their family name. Thereafter, there were only three isolated instances of the use of Beltoft — in entries on the records of the church at Sawbridgeworth in 1663 and in 1682.

LAURENCE BELTOFT — the 1931 article (A) shows that he was the father of the second Richard Beltoft. The "Henry" named as possibly this Richard's father, but with a question mark, in the 1914 article, has not been identified — but presumably he was a cousin of Laurence (son of Edmund or of Thomas). There is no record indicating that he was ever known as a Belknap.

Laurence BELTOFT  
THE SECOND RICHARD ~~Belknap~~ — named as "Beltoft alias Belknap" in HWB's 1914 article, but not in the 1931 article. There is no record indicating that he was ever "alias Belknap" — even though his son Josias was using the name Belknappe at the time of this Richard's death. The name of his wife was given by HWB in 1914 as "Elizabeth." But in 1931 the editor of The Register challenged this on lack of authentication — and HWB replied that he had no proof but that "Mr. Bernau had believed that this was her name." So we have to insert a question mark after her name.

BENNET ~~Belknap~~ BELKNAP OR Beltoft — I have left this entry unchanged. But there are only three recorded instances when he was known as a Belknap. (1) When the will of his brother Josias forced him to identify himself as Benedict Belknappe in court, though he signed his own will as a Beltoft, many years later. (2) When his wife Grace Adam (not Adams) and his youngest son Josias swore in court that he was a Belknap, when proving his will. (3) When his wife and his children buried him as "Belknap."

ABRAHAM BELKNAP — I have added "or Beltoft," in line with the wording used in the pedigree. Abraham was christened Beltoft — must have married as Beltoft, for he buried his first two sons as Beltoft, while living at Netteswell. He seems to have changed to "Belknap" when he moved to North Weald (variously written thus and North Weld and Northweald Bassett in various documents and maps). And he signed a deposition as Belknap in 12 1626. . . I think that the one precise way of naming Abraham and his brothers and his sister would be to say "Belknap, formerly known as Beltoft."

(Some day, when I get around to it, I'll write much more fully about this sudden dramatic change of family name -- and what led up to it -- and why it happened.)



Looking back at the last short paragraph on the preceding page, I see that I must promptly say that I ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> not intend to discourage you from continuing to search for a link between the Sawbridgeworth family and the de Bealknap family. There is no doubt in my mind that the Sawbridgeworth Beltofts knew and had known for years that their true and proper name was Belknap -- and that in 1624 they simply resumed the name they knew was properly theirs. No other explanation seems to fit the recorded facts. . . . And I think I know how and where I'd start searching for the link, if I were sure of living enough longer.

SAMUEL BELKNAP (on page 3 of pedigree) -- data inserted come from the 1950 article by Moriarty (B). Whether we should say North Weald or Northweald Basset, for his birthplace, is uncertain and probably doesn't matter -- same place, however written.

EBENEZER BELKNAP -- my insertions come from HWB's final and well-documented record.

SAMUEL BELKNAP (on page 2) -- Data inserted from HWB's final record, thoroughly documented. Note that his wife was Mary Dickinson, Mary Wood was the maiden name of her mother. Note final paragraph on (C). HWB was uncertain about date of ~~her~~ birth as 1703 (?). Elsewhere in his records he surmised that it was more likely 1693 -- which is supported as a probability by information recently sent to me by a distant relative in Massachusetts. (I may later be able to supply

JESSE BELKNAP -- my insertions come from HWB's final record and from my own independent records.

At some points I have entered a query, "Source ?" -- meaning that I have no confirmation of the entries at those points. I hope you can tell me the sources.

Please feel entirely free to challenge any of my annotations that you disagree with.

Mary Dickinson's

PS. '18 - Thanks for the batch of forms. '19 '11 be useful

the date of her death -- now under investigation)



2/29/68

Dear Claudia:

I promised I'd send you the backward extension of the English ancestry. So here it is. ~~There are and will be other people to whom I should send it.~~ There are and will be other people to whom I should send it.

I have already given you the published sources of what I'm going to be saying -- New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1914, 1931, 1950. But what I'll be saying is based on more than was published, for I have been fortunate enough to be able to study the correspondence between H W Belknap and the ~~XXXX~~ English record agent Charles Bernau, over ~~the~~ period of many years in which they worked together on the task of tracing the English ancestry of Abraham. So I know the basis of what HWB wrote and published.

And so, before starting, I must make one point -- that HWB was not only a devotedly persistent perfectionist but also, very often, a rather stubborn man, clinging to a notion that he had adopted, even when ~~it~~ it no longer was justified.

Early on, he was impressed by a casual sentence in a letter from Bernau, to the effect that "the use of alternate surnames was very rare in England (in the 15th century) though somewhat common in the Channel Isles." He quoted this sentence in what he published, as an indication that he believed that our village ancestors used both surnames -- Beltoft and Belknap -- alternatively and more or less at random. But examination of Bernau's letter shows that Bernau meant exactly the opposite -- that he, himself, did not really believe that this was a case of alternate surnames. . . . Similarly, Bernau wrote that he had found a couple of instances in which the Lay Subsidy rolls showed the same man as Beltoft one time and Belknap another time. HWB, in what he wrote, magnified this into a broad generalization covering three generations. When I study the actual evidence, I find that there were only two such instances, and both were in the generation that dropped Beltoft and adopted Belknap as its surname.

Thinking as he did when he wrote what he published in 1914, HWB called Abraham's grandfather "Richard Beltoft alias Belknap." In all the detailed evidence behind what he wrote, it is plain that this Richard was never on record as being "also known as Belknap." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ In what HWB published in 1931, he corrected this error, on the advice of other genealogists, but he said nothing about having made the correction and few people seem to have noticed it. Even in most recent years there have been advertisements in genealogical magazines, offering for sale information about "Richard Belknap", Abraham's grandfather -- and what they offered turned out to be based solely on what HWB published in 1914, without noting what he published in 1931.

Partly this perpetuated error results from the fact that HWB got The Register to run off, in booklet form, 100 copies of what he published in 1914. Most of these copies, ~~which~~ still in his hands, were destroyed when his home burned down in the Salem Fire in 1917. But he had a few of them in his office in Essex Institute, where he was curator. And he had placed a copy in the Library of Congress -- another copy in the New York Public Library -- another copy in the library of the New York Genealogical Society -- and so on. (And some few copies found their way into the hands of individuals; like Maynard, for example.) . . . Unfortunately, he did not do the same thing for what he published in 1931. So the only easily findable result of his work is that 1914 booklet -- which is cited again and again.

What I have been trying to say, in this sort of preamble, is that there is no known justification for saying "alias Belknap" until those Beltofts actually changed from Beltoft to Belknap. I'll show you just when that change occurred. But I will not, at this time, attempt to deal with the reason for the change. That's a separate subject, involving statements of my personal interpretation of the long and detailed evidence in my hands (including much that has not been published). I'll write about that subject some other day. For the moment, I'll merely give you the facts -- as shown in church registers, wills, lawsuits, and depositions in law suits, etc.

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The record that has been traced, up to now, begins with Abraham's great-great-grandfather.

(1) RICHARD BELTOFT, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. A yeoman farmer with an above-average holding of land in fee simple (absolute ownership).. As the result of a lawsuit in the middle of the 15th century, this land passed out of the family. . This Richard's birth date is unknown, but it is known that he died in the first decade of the 15th century -- 1500 to 1510. But he probably was relatively young when he died, as he left a family of young children. For this same reason it is assumed that his wife CHRISTIAN (surname unknown) was the mother of his children. The order of birth of his sons is apparent from what is known about his will. Nothing is known about the two daughters.

Children:

John, probably born not later than 1490 or 1493

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LAURANCE

Edmund

Thomas

2 daughters

*Three  
(John, in ~~the~~ lawsuits,  
was always called  
Beltoft.)*

The very lengthy records of the lawsuit resulting from his will always name him Beltoft -- never anything else.

BELTOFT,

(2) LAURENCE, son of the first Richard -- also never named as Belknap. Lived at Sawbridgeworth. ~~Probably~~ Date of birth unknown. Date of death, probably about 1525 as that is the year in which Laurence's older brother John took Laurence's son Richard ~~in~~ <sup>into</sup> his home, where he lived till he grew up. Wife's name unknown.

Children: order of birth unknown

RICHARD, born about 1520

Alice

Another daughter, first name not known

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(3) RICHARD BELTOFT, son of Laurence -- never on record as anything but Beltoft. Wife's name unknown, but HNB said Bernau "thought" it was "Elizabeth". No proof exists. A landless farmer, on copyhold (that is, a tenant of the local "squire"). Lost both the land owned by the first Richard and also the house and small acreage bequeathed to him (through what we now call a "living trust") by his uncle John. Prosperous enough to be able to bequeath other



rather considerable possessions to his children.

Born about 1520. Lived Sawbridgeworth. ~~NAME~~ Buried at Sawbridgeworth 17 January 1588 ~~NAME~~ (by calendar then in use; 1589 by our present-day calendar). ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Children: (Order of birth not certain, but sound reason for believing Bennet to be the eldest)

BENNET (date of birth not known, but probably ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ before 1558 when Sawbridgeworth church register began)

Alice, baptized 15 Sept. 1561

Josias, baptized 6 Sept. 1562

divide

Now I must summarize the unusual will of this Richard Beltoft, for it plays a small part in the later change of name to Belknap..... His wife being dead, this Richard's will left "the Best" of everything he owned to his younger son Josias. Then the executor and administrator were to ~~divide~~ the rest of Richard's possessions into two parts "as equal as possible" and let Josias take his choice -- with Bennet, the older son, ~~receiving~~ what Josias did not want.

receiving

his son

(Sounds like this Richard didn't much like Bennet, doesn't it? Well, neither do I -- for reasons that I'll be explaining in a moment.)

(4) BENNET (short for Benedict) BELTOFT. Always known as Beltoft except on two occasions, which ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I'll come to in a moment or so.

Born probably before 1558. Lived Sawbridgeworth. Buried 21 May 1624.  
Married Grace Adam, 25 May 1586. His will dated 11 April 1623.

Often referred to as "the church warden" -- but was elected to this office for only one year -- 1610. (Two churchwardens elected each year, for one-year term. Fact that in this small village he was thus chosen only once may indicate he was not too popular.)

Inherited no land, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ from his father. Did inherit land from his younger brother Josias. May have acquired some land by his own effort, but this is not known.

later,

Children:

ABRAHAM, baptized "Beltoft", Sawbridgeworth, 10 March 1589/90.

Frances, baptized Beltoft 3 January 1590/1

John, baptized Beltoft 8 April 1593

Daniel, baptized Beltoft 2 Nov 1595

Josias, baptized Beltoft 12 August 1599

What emerges from study of Bennet's will and his apparent relations with his wife and children is a picture of a petty tyrant. Of all his children, the only one that married before his death was Abraham, who left Sawbridgeworth and moved (first) to Netteswell, the other side of the River Stort. Frances did not marry till she was almost 35 years old, soon after her father's death. John must have been about 26 when he married. Daniel, about 38. Josias, ~~about~~ 32. All late ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ages for marriage in such villages in those times.



Abraham, who had married and moved away, was obviously not in Bennet's favor. Ben long and detailed will virtually disinherited his eldest son, Abraham, and left all main property to go to his youngest son, after the death of Bennet's wife Grace whom he directed, in his will, "to keep the house and buildings in good condition and not to strip or waste the wood" (my wording, in present-day English, CYB) Ab was cut off with a bequest of 20 shillings -- but was to inherit the land and build if his young brother Josias died without "heirs of his body" -- an unlikely contingency which did not occur.

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Now is time to explain the change of name from Beltoft to Belknap. I'll state the facts, without exploring motives at this time.

This part of the story begins with Bennet's brother Josias -- Abraham's uncle. All that we know of him comes from the short and sweet and tender will that he obviously wrote or dictated as he lay near death. It contains none of the usual legal wording of wills drawn up by lawyers at that time. And he himself signed it. (None of his generation or before could sign their names.)

From the will of Josias we know that he had married a Brown, who was dead. And that he loved her brothers and was grateful to the servant of one of them. And that though he owned "landes" (which he did not describe) he apparently did not live in a home of his own, as all his possessions aside from money were stored with a brother-in-law and with Bennet. And that he willed to Bennet "my landes and everything ~~to~~ I received from my father" -- ~~for~~ together with some money and forgiveness of the money debt owed to him by Bennet, including unpaid rent on the "landes." And that by some unknown means he had built up what was a remarkable estate for a 38 year old villager who had begun with no real inheritance -- including money owed him in Ireland and in Southwark on the south bank of the Thames. I can estimate his estate at probably about ~~£~~ 150 pounds -- a huge sum for those days, for a young villager. (Shakespeare, after a much longer business life of great prosperity, accumulated only about three times that much wealth -- in the same period in which Josias lived.)

And we know from his will that Josias was away from home when this will was drawn -- probably at Southwark, where he appears to have been buried. Entry in church register in Southwark, in the year when Shakespeare's Globe Theatre was built, "Josias Belknappe, a stranger and no parish ~~son~~ <sup>being</sup>." ~~son~~

And we know from his will that he called himself "Belknappe" and that he forced his brother Bennet to go into court and swear that he was Behedict Belknappe, as named in the will of Josias, ~~xxx~~

Josias was buried 4 February 1599/1600. Within two days, Bennet hastened to court to probate the will, as "Benedict Belknappe", on oath in court.

That is the only time that Bennet is known to have ~~called himself~~ called himself a Belknap.

Twenty-three years later, when he signed his will, he made his mark as Bennet Beltoft.

But in 1624, when Bennet died, his two chief legatees -- his wife Grace and his youngest son Josias, ~~xxx~~ probated his will by swearing under oath in court



that though his will was signed (by mark) Beltoft, his name was Belknap.

And meanwhile, before probating his will, his wife and children had ~~buried~~ buried him as Bennet Belknap.

From that day on, it was Belknap. A few short months after Bennet died, his daughter Frances married as a Belknap. ~~Her~~ <sup>John, Daniel and Josias,</sup> Her brothers, when they married, married as Belknaps and christened their children Belknap — and were buried as Belknaps when ~~they~~ they died. And Bennet's wife Grace was buried as a Belknap.

There were only two reversions to Beltoft, in records after the death of Bennet. Twice, many years later, some clerk or janitor or church warden set down Beltoft in the church register when someone who had been christened Belknap was buried. That's all.

But one of Bennet's sons had led the way, before Bennet died.

and one or two years before Bennet signed his will.

Abraham, from whom we are descended, married about four or five years before his father died and must have used Beltoft at that time, for his first son, dying in infancy in 1620, was recorded as a Beltoft in the church register at Netteswell. But when Abraham moved a bit farther south in county Essex, to ~~EX~~ North Weald — a village near Epping — the church register of the baptisms of his children shows that he had begun naming himself "Belknap" in or before 1622 — two or perhaps three years before his father Bennet died. Perhaps that was one of the reasons why Bennet disinherited his eldest son — for none of Bennet's other children had the courage to call themselves Belknaps while their father lived. (The North Weald church register spells it "Beltrap" — but that was a common misspelling of Belknap in days when some one wrote down what he thought he heard said by an illiterate man — and from other evidence the identification of Abraham at North Weald, and as Abraham Belknap properly spelled, is unmistakable.)

We can properly call ~~him~~ Abraham's father Bennet Beltoft alias Belknap. Only twice was he known as a Belknap.

But what term shall we use for Bennet's children? "Belknap alias Beltoft" doesn't seem right. They were not "otherwise known as Beltoft." They were people who had formerly called themselves Beltoft and now consistently called themselves ~~Belknap~~ <sup>Belknap</sup> and their children Belknap, and their grandchildren were called Belknap, only Belknap.

Abraham

think that when we speak of ~~ANYONE~~ and his sister and his brothers we should write "Belknap (formerly Beltoft)." This, to my mind, is the only precise way of conforming to what actually happened.

hope you will not think I've over-emphasized my point. No, I think it's important to avoid the fuzziness of what has been put into writing and into print in past years. I think we should say, in sequence:

Beltoft, when it was only Beltoft  
Belknap alias Beltoft — for Bennet only. (Or Beltoft alias Belknap, if we prefer)  
Belknap (formerly Beltoft) for Abraham and his sister and brothers  
Belknap for their children and all ~~subsequent~~ generations.



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I hope you'll agree with me -- or tell me why you don't agree.

And some day, when I have time for it, I'll set down on paper what I believe to be the reason why that sudden swift change from Beltoft to Belknap was made.

Done

Riverside  
2/29/68



Oct 1 1968

DEAR DELLA:

Forgive me. You're the last person whom I could neglect. But since the death of my wife's mother in July I've had no time for genealogy. And we've been away lately. Found your letter of Sept 25 when I returned today. It reminded me that I hadn't yet answered your July letter. I apologize.

Your letter July 1: Sorry I ~~wasn't~~ wasn't at your reunion. Maybe someday I can. Thanks for data on John and Joan, children of Sir Robert. . . . Perhaps I can now add a little to the information sent by John Matthews. John's son ~~Walter~~ was not named "Harmon" as in quotation from Hasted's Kent (an unreliable source on many points.) His name was, in English "Hamon," in French "Hamond", in Latin "Hamo." He was treasurer of Normandy, under Henry V. His wife's brother, Ralph Boteler (as then spelled, later generations "Butler") was Lord ~~Sudeley~~ Sudeley, Treasurer of England under Henry V. . . . John's sister Joan Belknap married (1) Sir Ralph Stonor and (2) Edmund Hampden. . . . Most of above information from P. W. Montague-Smith, editor of Debrett's Peerage, and a descendant of Joan Belknap and Edmund Hampden. Rest from various old documents in British Museum. . . . I am nearing the point at which I'll set down on paper a statement of the circumstantial evidence that tends to link the Sawbridgeworth family to the family of the Judge -- wholly circumstantial, but nevertheless worth stating.

Your letter Sept 25: I'm interested, deeply, in your current research in England. Wish you'd tell me in detail what was found. Even negative results -- "no record found" -- can be very important to me, on certain points. . . . Are you sure you are right in calling Bennet's wife Grace Adams? It's Adam in everything I have seen of original documents -- no "s." Months ago I made some notes on this, for you, from records sent by Edward Bernau to HWB. Here they are:

"In or before 1543, John Beltoft (son of the first Richard Beltoft CYB) gave his father's will to Dennis Adam and William Garland, who took it with them."

"4 April 1544 John made a new settlement appointing trustees, in presence of Denys Adam (and others, CYB)"

Always ~~IN~~ Adam, no "s", in all such records of that family -- as far as I have seen.

I haven't yet gone to England. But I'll be in London on Oct 20 and 21 (on way to Greece for a month or more). I don't have anyone to suggest, for work in England.

Will be glad to see Mr Parker if he comes this way before Oct 19 or after Dec 1. As to the old Mary Wood-Mary Dickinson/ argument, I enclose a summary of the legal evidence assembled by HWB and Commander Charles Belknap -- I wrote it in May, condensing legal verbiage into everyday English as best I could. (I have found the Commander's detailed records and expect to get them lent to me when I return from Greece. His work was beautiful scholarship.)

I did hear from Mrs. Milton R Belknap, Des Moines. Her difficulties <sup>(I suspected)</sup> stemmed from ~~examined~~ a falsified entry in an old family Bible. My cousin Clinton Belknap (Lincoln Nebraska) went to Des Moines and examined that Bible and established the correct date of the second marriage of Elisha Belknap, brother of my great grandfather Jesse. So now Mrs. Belknap's granddaughter Carol Anne is successfully applying for DAR membership. Elisha's father, my great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap, fought on Bunker Hill

when he was 16 and remained in the Army till June 1783.

Forgive me for not having time, right now, to fill in the pedigree sheets you sent to me. As a temporary substitute, I enclose a copy of pedigree sent to Dick Taylor for his use, some months ago. It begins with ~~James~~ Jonas Newton Belknap, son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton — whom you have in your records. That Samuel, as you know, was the son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson (not, please, Mary "Wood"). So my great great grandfather Jonas Newton B. seems to be very closely related to your ancestor Jesse Belknap — some of whose descendants in Michigan spell it with the "K" as no doubt you know.

My grateful thanks to you.

Carroll



*Wella: Your #608 shows "Before 1731" (See also note on p. 2)*

ECB from CYB

March 11 1973

DATE OF DEATH OF ABRAHAM'S SON SAMUEL *of death*

Today I noted that on your latest sheet for Abraham (with memo dated May 1972) you retained for this Samuel the date you once said came only from Evans: 1676. My first instinct was to make a correction to "after Oct 1696" in accord with a memo to you some time ago. But something inspired me to take another look at sources. Result: I've come out with a humbling lesson in the folly of trusting even the greatest known authority.

The authority whom I trusted was O Andrews Moriarty -- the top man in New England genealogy during this century. In the Register, 1950, he gave his blessing to HWB's work on our English ancestry, but added:

"Mr Belknap states that Samuel, son of Abraham. .. was living in 1731." This in an error, for the Samuel living in 1731 was evidently Samuel's son Samuel."

Accepting Moriarty's judgment, I abandoned HWB's "living in 1731" -- and eventually wrote you a note indicating that I was sure that Samuel signed a deed in Oct 1696 and might have signed one in Nov of that year but that the second deed might have been signed by his son Samuel, in which case the Samuel who acknowledged the ~~the~~ Nov deed in 1731 would have been the son.

Now, reviewing all the evidence, including something I had not known ~~was~~ till lately and also something I hadn't noted, I've concluded that I was just as wrong as Moriarty was, and that HWB must have been right and our first Samuel must actually have lived till he was 104.

To make a record for my files, I'm going to give the full evidence for this reversal of mine. Here goes.

(1) Something I had not known till a little while ago: Samuel's son Samuel was settled in southern New Jersey by 1790, and apparently stayed there. So he couldn't have had anything to do with that deed of Nov 1696 and its acknowledgment in 1731. (I may have mentioned him to you, before, but I don't think so.)

(2) Something I had not noted till now: When ~~EMAXAMAMM~~ Samuel's son Abraham sold some of the land given to him by ~~SAMMAM~~ the Nov 1696 deed, the deed he signed on 17 June 1720 described the land like this -- "...  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 100 acres which was laid out ~~in~~ to Bartholomew Heath's third division & by him conveyd to Mr. Thomas Brackett. . . A from him to my Hon<sup>d</sup> father & from him to me" Underlining mine. So it is proved that the Samuel who signed the deed dated 21 Nov 1696 was the Samuel who was son of Abraham.

(3) Now for the 1731 date: It had to be the same Samuel, .. What seems to have happened is that at some time after Abraham of Reading and Framingham sold that ~~land~~ Haverhill land (rather half of it) a subsequent purchaser must have demanded verification of Abraham's title to it -- as no acknowledgement had been added in 1696. So, in 1731 -- as often happened in those days and in the next century -- a belated acknowledgment was attached, and signed by a Samuel who could only have been

the "Hond father" who deeded the land to his son in 1696.

So back into my records will go the date of death set down by HWB -- "after 1731" -- or more precisely, "after 31 Aug 1731." the day on which he signed that acknowledgement at Concord.

(From the fact that his daughter Patience, who never married, witnessed the acknowledgment in 1731, we can guess that she was living with her aged father and taking care of him -- but that's not evidence.)

And I'll never again trust an authority, no matter how great he is.

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DELLA:

Other points on your #608:

-- Moses and Obadiah were sons of Ebenezer, not sons of Samuel.

-- The son Samuel, born 1662, did not marry Elizabeth Jones. As I think I've told you before (if my memory is correct) the Samuel who married Elizabeth Jones was son of Joseph, born 1684, as proved by entry of his death in his wife's Bible. So your #609 is also incorrect.

CYB March 13 1973



NOTES ON NEW SHEET FOR ABRAHAM BELKNAP, received from Salt Lake 6/10/69

- (1) Hertfordshire — not Hertsfordshire. (confused by abbreviation "Herts"?)
- (2) Date of christening for Abraham should be shown as 1589/90, not just Old Style 1589. (This omission also at upper right of sheet.)
- (3) List of sources should include NEHGR 1931 — and also pages 316 & 317 of NEHGR 1950, as the piece by G. ~~Andrews~~ Moriarty on those pages is the source of the correct list of children. Andrews
- (4) Child 2 — Abraham — date of birth is not known. Moriarty gives it as "circa ~~1622~~ 1622." All that is of record on him is that he was named in Bennet's will in 1623.
- (5) Child 3 — David — date of his birth or christening not known. Permissible to say "Probably 1623 or ~~1624~~ 1624." Entry on his death should show "Buried 2 March 1624/5."
- (6) Child 4 — Samuel — date given for his birth was date of christening — and year should read 1627/8.
- (7) Child 7 — "John or Jeremy" — Very early writers stated a Jeremy. For many years all best genealogists have insisted that there was no Jeremy in this generation. Even Savage called him "the supposed Jeremy" and refused to accept him. Moriarty, in NEHGR 1950 (mentioned above) shows that John — as John — made a deposition on 27 March 1655. No record of any "Jeremy" in that generation has ever been found. Certainly it would seem that John was never "or Jeremy." Hack genealogies such as Connecticut Genealogy, which still lists a Jeremy, should be disregarded.
- (8) Child 8 — Hannah — date of birth should follow Moriarty's wording: "About 1639/40." Name of Hannah's husband is usually given as "Christopher Osgood the 2nd" to avoid confusion with his father.
- (8) Child ~~8~~ 4 — Samuel — article by Moriarty (most respected of all New England genealogists; see obit in recent issue of NEHGR) showed that the Samuel who was living in 1731 was not this Samuel. Date of death of this Samuel is not known. Entry "after 31 Aug 1731" should be deleted.
- (9) QUERY: Should name of Abraham, at top of sheet, show ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "(Christened Beltoft)"? Also, should that line also show "(Adopted name of Belknap at some time between 6 Dec 1620 and 2 March 1624/5, following precedent set by his uncle Josias)"?
- (10) NOTE FOR FUTURE ACTION: Do not accept entries on name and parentage of A's wife till proof has been examined.

DELLA:

Here's a note that Dick wishes me to pass along to you.

Me, I wish I were a juggler with only six balls to keep in the air.

A fine cousin in Oregon is helping me work out the record of the descendants of my great-grandfather Jesse (son of Jonas Newton B, who was cousin of your Jesse Belnap). There ~~are~~ <sup>have been</sup> 300 of us, to date.

My wife and I are about to go back to Salem and then to Boston, for still more family records.

Carroll  
3/30/68



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February 8, 1968

DELLA: I hope he  
warned them that this  
1914 stuff is misleading  
without 1931 volume.  
CYB 3/30/68

Mr. Richard B. Taylor  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We acknowledge with appreciation your contribution to the Las Vegas  
L. O. S. Branch Library of the following pamphlets:

1. NE H & G Register, Vol. LXVIII, April 1914, containing  
"The English Ancestry of the American Belknaps." page 190
2. NE H & G Register, Vol. LXVIII, January 1914, containing  
"The English Ancestry of the American Belknaps." page 83
3. NE H & G Register, Vol. CIV, July 1950, containing  
Waldron Phoenix Belknap, Jr., Memoirs page 235
4. Waldron Phoenix Belknap, Jr., Booklet printed by  
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DELLA:

To keep you informed -- here are copies of two letters to another very helpful cousin.

They may contain some bits of information that may interest you.

Carroll  
3/11/68



DEAR CLAUDIA:

Sunday 3/10/68

Today I'm going to try to answer the questions you asked on the sheet showing your own direct Belknap lineage. Most of them can be answered briefly. But one of them is going to let you in for an ungodly long effort to tell you what I know and don't know about Jesse's father — Jonas Newton Belknap. I'll ask, in advance, for your forgiveness of its wordiness.

I'm attaching your sheet, with red ink notations. (I've made a copy for my file, so that you can write me about any point that you have reason to question.) The paragraph designations below — A, B, C, etc. — are shown in red ink on your sheet. (Red check-marks on your sheet indicate that my records agree with yours. I'll be talking mainly about points of disagreement, and uncertainties.)

(A) It looks as if someone has misled you on dates Old Style and New Style. Up to 1752 the English calendar counted March 25 as the beginning of the new year. So dates from Jan 1 to March 24, before 1752, are shown both ways, as 1489/90 for the birth of Abraham. But dates from March 25 to Dec 31 are the same year in both Old Style and New Style. That's why I've crossed out the second year dates for Hannah Ayer. Death

(B) Birth date for Mary Dickinson is uncertain. I think 1703 the more likely year, and so did HWB in his later years. At present, I'm arguing with the Salt Lake people about this and other similar points. They place too much faith in the early "Vital Records" in Massachusetts — which were notoriously erratic up to ~~about~~ 1750 and cannot be trusted except when confirmed by other evidence. Often they differ by a year from more reliable records, such as church registers. . . . ~~Birth~~ date of her husband Samuel is now known to have been before 6 Dec 1757. (HWB showed it as "about 1757" in his early correspondence; found out better, years later.) Exact date not known, yet.

(C) Name of church is "St. Mary the Great." I have a photo of it and a detailed description dated about 1870. As I've already told you, Bennet was churchwarden only one year. Local pronunciation of Sawbridgeworth in his time was sometimes "Sapeearth" and sometimes "Sabbisford." Name of town was very ancient Old English out of Anglo Saxon, meaning "Sebrig's enclosure" at an early time when almost no English land was "enclosed" by hedge or fence. Variation "ford" came later, from the ford across the River Stort.

(D) Abraham and Mary had not lived in Sawbridgeworth since at least 1622 — long before coming to America. Their known residences in England were Netteswell (Netswell) and North Weald (Northweld; North Weald Bassett) in Essex. They apparently signed up at opling, with the Massachusetts Bay Company — as immigrants for America. (Banks' opographical Dictionary, published in the 1930's — I forget exact date.) (HWB was responsible for saying again and again that they came from Sawbridgeworth and did not ~~ex~~ learn the truth till just before he died. Mary probably was never at Sawbridgeworth, she was not a Sawbridgeworth girl. Where she was born or lived before marriage is not yet been discovered.)

(E) Ebenezer and Hannah had 12 children, ~~nd~~ as you say — but one daughter died at 17. The other 11 were long-lived.

Please give me the source of the middle name you show for Mary Gibbs. I have no word of it. . . . This Samuel did fight on Bunker Hill. I have his complete



military pay and enlistment record. He did not die on Bunker Hill as the old legend says — nor the next day as HWB sometimes wrote. His death occurred late in 1775, some time in late October or November or December — exact date not on record — merely "reported deceased" after last dated entry in December, which may well have been made after his death as it was an authorization for issue of "bounty coat or equivalent" which could have been taken as authorization of a money payment to his heirs. More about him later, when I talk about his son Jonas Newton Belknap.

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(Q) You ask about "Esther Lincoln" or "Esther Parker." Instead of merely answering that it was Esther Parker, I'm going to do much more. I'm going to try -- for the first time -- to tell what I now believe I know of the full story of Jonas Newton Belknap -- my great-great-grandfather. It's only lately that I've brought together enough real facts to put me in position to tell his story, without making some bad guesses as I've sometimes done in the past. As you and I seem to be the only persons who have made definite effort to learn about him, I think you'll not mind my being ~~my~~ long-winded -- for you, like me, are interested in our people, not merely genealogy.

First, I must clear the way by saying that HWB, to whom all Belknaps owe so much, made a sad mess of setting down a record of this Jonas. Eventually his file contained two conflicting cards for Jonas -- and both of them were full of errors, even to confusing the military record of Jonas with that of a much earlier Belknap who fought in a different war. And from time to time, in order to get help from living Belknaps, HWB wrote letters offering information that was based on his early research and would be found erroneous in later years. So he muddled the stream -- and I keep trying to clear it up.

In 1913, for instance, he wrote a letter to Clark containing at least six misstatements. One of them was this: "Jesse was the son of Jonas N. and a Lincoln." He might better have written that the wife of Jonas N. was "said to be a Lincoln," for he had no real evidence -- nothing but something said by someone who merely repeated a bit of hearsay. By 1920, when HWB wrote to my father, a Belknap relative-by-marriage in Connecticut had shown ~~him~~ the valid record of marriage to Esther Parker -- but today, 55 years after HWB wrote that letter to Clark, that Lincoln ghost still keeps on haunting us. One thing I'm going to try to do is to offer a surmise about that ghost -- but that will come late in the story.

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(H) I doubt that Jane's ~~mother~~ father was Elijah Garlinghouse. Some pages and pages of copies of original records (sales of land, wills, gravestones, etc) sent to me by my greatest ~~help~~ helper, Gladys Gray, a member of the staff of a church in Canandaigua, N. Y., make it seem much more likely that ~~her~~ father was either (Jane's) James Garlinghouse, in Lucerne County, Pa. in 1790 (a year or so before Jane was born) or Benjamin Garlinghouse, born 1761, died 1850, age 89, whose wife was Marcia (last name unknown) died 18 Nov 1845, ~~was~~ aged 77, hence born 1768. Please tell me the source of your entry of Elijah as her father. . . The Belknaps and the Garlinghouses were closely associated in the years from 1800 to 1820, in Ontario County, N. Y., near Canandaigua Lake. Two of Jesse's brothers also married Garlinghouse girls. His brother Jonas (son of Jonas Newton Belknap) married Mary Garlinghouse — who is said to have gone to Oregon with Jesse's family and to have died at Monroe, Oregon, in 1867. And Jesse's older brother Elijah married "Catherine" Garlinghouse according to HWB — but present-day descendants of this marriage call her "Christian" or "Christine." The three girls are believed to be sisters. HWB finally, after doubting that Elijah Garlinghouse was their father, came to believe that they were ~~the~~ probably daughters of James and Eleanor Garlinghouse. . . I think this parentage is ~~still~~ still open to study; so I'll welcome any aid you can give me. What's your source? . . . The Ontario County records make it certain that the Garlinghouses came from New Jersey (via N. E. Pennsylvania). You ask if they were "Dutch". I doubt it, for all the given names in this numerous family were English — mostly Biblical — with not one instance of a Dutch or German name — though I too was told, when a child, that they were of German or Dutch ancestry.

(I) You ask about last names of wives.... Abraham's wife, Mary, has been said by an extremely unreliable correspondent to have been "Mary Webster." This correspondent, Walter Kerr Belknap of Chester, Conn. is dead. His widow tells me that all his genealogical papers were sent to one of his cousins, whose name I have just learned. I'll write to that cousin in a day or so to see what I can learn about the source from which he got "Webster", for he named no source when he supplied that name to Charlene Belknap Taylor and her husband Dick — who prepared that "family tree" chart. Of course he may have discovered something that no one else has ever been able to find, the record of Abraham's marriage — but I'd think that in this case he would certainly have been eager and prompt to publish his discovery in some historical or genealogical journal, and I've not found any record of such publication. Judging by the visible inaccuracy of what he wrote to the Taylors, I have little faith in what he wrote about Mary's name. But I'll hope to find ~~some~~ real evidence that he was right. . . Grace Adam, Bennet's wife. Our cousins in Utah may have discovered her parentage. I haven't had time, yet, to study what they have dug up. . . Sarah Jones (wife of our first Samuel) was daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Jones of Hingham, Mass., according to HWB and other records. I am not sure of the date of her birth, nor the place (and one wonders how Samuel at Salem met a girl from the distant (for those times) south shore of Massachusetts Bay). . . . Hannah Ayer (wife of Ebenezer) was daughter of Nathaniel Ayer and Tamesin Turloar (which may be a misspelt version of "Thurlow.") Place of her birth uncertain, as yet. Her sister Elizabeth married Ebenezer's brother Abraham. . . Mary Dickinson, wife of our 2nd Samuel, was daughter of James Dickinson and his wife Mary Wood, Rowley, Mass. Note spelling — Dickinson, not Dickenson. After marriage to Samuel, she and Samuel and her brother James Dickinson the 2nd and his wife moved to north central Connecticut where they had adjoining farms and big families. . . The name of Richard Beltoft's wife; I've already written to you that her name is not really known and that there is no proof that her first name was Elizabeth, though HWB said (in a letter to the editor of The Register) that "Mr. Bernau thought she was the Elizabeth who died in 1589." The editor did not agree and neither do I.



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When I began writing this letter, I planned to end with an effort to tell the full story of what I know (now) about my great-great-grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap — for I have finally accumulated enough factual data to enable me to see that in everything that has been said or written about him by myself and other people there have been a lot of errors. I have often reproached HWB for his mistakes; but on the story of Jonas I've been just as guilty, and I want to remedy my past reliance on legend and gossip and hearsay. However, when I came to start writing the true factual story I found that it was demanding more time than I can spare at this moment. So it will have to be set aside for a while. I'll send it to you when I complete it.

Another thing I intend to write as soon as I can find time for it is the true story of Abraham — why he was landless, though an eldest son who should have inherited land — why he came to Massachusetts — and so on. The bare facts are all on record, but their meaning has never been put down on paper. I need to tell that story to every living Belknap whom I can reach, for all of us need to know it.

Meanwhile, my thanks for all the help you are giving to me.

Carroll  
3/10/68

DELLA BELNAP from CYB

March 13 1973

Your letter of March 3 with its helpful enclosures arrived today. It embarasses me, for I'm the one who should be saying thank-you. I've done little to help you, by comparison with all that you have done for me.

I'm going to try to reply at once, for fear of letting myself get sidetracked by other things.

(1) Thanks for sheets showing entries in Latton church register. Am returning them, after running off copies for my files.

(2) And thanks for having Mr Smith review my queries about "Loughton." I'll modify my record of Abraham to show him farming at Latton. Incidentally, my apologies for having sent you a poor carbon copy of my memo, instead of the original. Careless handling in putting things together for mailing. Sorry.

(3) The handling of Beltoft and Belknap in our English records? I'll draft a statement of my notions, for your consideration, and will mail it soon.

(4) Chart in QUEEN magazine. Will have a copy made for you.

(5) New material on Seymour Belknap=Lydia Campbell. Agrees with my files except on some dates -- minor differences, not important. . . On the chance that you may possibly have some use for it, I'm enclosing a copy of three sheets on which three present-day descendants of that line sketched their paternal and maternal lineage (with some obvious errors and shortages). Forget who sent it to me, long ago. Sent a copy of it to another descendant, a couple of years ago.

(6) My new sheets on Joseph Belknap=Prudence Morris and their descendants. Will ship to you as soon as some remaining details have been entered. I should assure you that you won't be able to confirm them by anything you find in records previously published -- the point being that all preceding versions have been sadly in error, as result of one of the classic errors in genealogy, "the missing generation."

(7) Pooling of information. Yes, gladly. But don't know just how to go about it right now. Trouble is that I've been primarily interested in two main lines of research: (A) correcting old errors by HWB and others, by digging for original documents not previously taken into account, and (B) extending my basic master file by collecting new material, on ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Belknaps not previously included by HWB and others. . . The result of this two-sided concentration of effort is that I have neglected the drudgery of entering new and revised data in my master file. So there are many hundreds of names in raw material not yet transferred to my master file in organized form. . . What I must do, of course, is to stop searching for more and more Belknaps and put what I've got into systematic form -- and then re-number all entries and index them so that what I have can properly be coordinated with the records you have built up. How I hate this drudgery! But I'll have to submit to it. And it will take a lot of time.

*Sincerely,  
Carroll*



*Belnap*

*in*  
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**  
*England*



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Early Chancery Proceedings, vols.1 to 5.

Beltoft, Maude Lounde, deceased, formerly Beltoft, mother of 22  
Katherine (wife of William Eland) and of Elyn(wife of George Broke), 24  
and grandmother of Elizabeth(wife of Wm.Blyton)Yorks.,1518-1529.  
501/16. 26

Beltofte, Elizabeth(wife of Hugh Champion and daughter and heir  
of Henry Beltofte)and Katherine(wife of William Ayland or Eland, 28  
and daughter of Thomas Beltofte deceased). Lincs.1504-15,293/20. 30

over



Ogden, Utah  
Mar 3, 1973

Dear Carroll;

Thanks for the information you have sent. I appreciate what you do. Sure have not done much for you, but will try to do what I can.

One can check and double check and still make mistakes. That is in the typing. Have had a lady helping to do the double checking, but one of us slipped up. Maybe you have already noticed on the family group sheets I sent on Benet and Grace Beltoft, that the death date is 29 Oct 1630. The marriage date was typed in the death date place. Also on the same page the "e" was left out of Edward Doucet. On one of the sheets where Laurence is given as the father, it is spelled wrong. I hope that is all the typing errors made. On these same sheets I have put the last name in parenthesis the the surname that was not found in the parish records, but where entered by others in the Salt Lake Gen. Library. Also to identify our line.

I have found no explanation as to why the name was some times Beltoft or Belknap, Ballnapp, Bealknap, Belknap, other than the fact the people could not write and who ever wrote the names wrote them as they thought it sounded. There are other spellings, but Beltoft has not been explained to my satisfaction.

I know in the N E H G R of Jan 1914 page 83,84 The Will of Bennet Beltoft, father of Abraham Belknap it says "In the Commissary Court of London for Essex and Herts, and was entered in the Probate Act Book for 1623-1626 under the name BELKNAP, while it appeared in the Calender of Wills under the name BELTOFT, which is the form used in the Will & etc".

Also my father was in England in 1913. He did much research, also had others do research for him. He said there was no way to tell when the Alias Belknap or alias Beltoft had started. He also talked about a Belknap who had adopted a Beltoft. My father isn't here to ask about these details now, nor did he write it down. Not until I can find something more diffinate, have not mentioned this. We will record the name as found in the records as it is found. Also the name Belknap in parenthesis will be used to identify the line for the rest of the family. This is what we have decided to do until a better or more satisfactory explanation can be found.

We are looking in the Beltoft family's origin. Nothing much is found on this name either. It has been called to our attention by our researchers Beltoft a hamlet in the "Isle of Axholme" in north-west Lincolnshire, in the parish Belton. The report says "It was inhabited by a family taking its name from the hamlet which was translated into Latin as "de Bello Toft". In 1394/5 they found a family of Thomas de Beltoft. They also had a Coat of Arms. This you already know, I'm sure.

Mr. Frank Smith has sent another man to help in Essex. There already is one in Essex and one in Herts. Mr. Fields, who worked for Dr. Dean Belnap, is going to Middlesex and Lincolnshire. Whatever they learn, if it is more than what you sent you will receive a copy of.

You will notice an "X" by the name that is the direct line on the sheets I sent to you. The direct line as Mr. Smith has helped us with is; Bennet & Grace (Adam) Beltoft or Belknap; His father is Richard Beltoft and Elizabeth; His father is Laurence Beltoft and his father is Richard and Christian. Don't know who Henry Beltoft Bur 5 July 1561, is.

Will have to apologize on the Will of Henry. Had the wrong Henry in Mind. Was thinking of the Henry Belknap bur 13 Apr 1686. When I read his Will made 10 Apr 1686, he only mentions his wife Mary; Children, Elizabeth, James and Daniel and a son-in-law Edward Dowsett. Usually this would indicate all the living members of his family at that date, the rest would be dead. However I don't know the death dates of these children Samuel, Benett, Abraham and Sarah. The child Mary was bur 13 Aug 1704. She would be living at the time of the Will. Also this Henry could have had a Bro-in-law Edward Dowsett as his 1st wife was Elizabeth Dowsett. I don't show or know who his Children married, but they could have married into the Dowsett family. After looking at these facts I couldn't be sure the Death Dates in Waltham Abbey are children of Henry who married Mary Pery. Hope to find some other evidence to identify them.



Guess I had better do my own typing and check all family group sheets a little better. In checking ~~Wm~~ Henry Belknap and Mary Pery 's sheet I see on one sheet the Bur date is typed in the death date. He was Bur 13 Apr 1686, not a death date. I hope There are no more typing errors.

I'm returnign your letter on Abraham Belknap. The comments in green are by Mr. Frank Smith. I'm also sending you a copy of the material found in Latton, Essex, Eng. You can see there were Belknaps there, but evidently had come from some place else as there where no birth or christening dates. Have not learned the relationship of these other Belknaps.

You will notice under the marriages a Daniel Beltnap and Barbara Gulliford. This I believe to be the son of Benet Beltoft and Grace Adam, who married Barberie.

Up to this time we have had nothing on Sir Robert having had a wife Amy. Only wife mentined as Sibbella or Sybill Dorset or Juliana Darset. Which some think is the same person.

Still have not had time to go over the material as I should ~~by~~ that Dr. Belnap obtained. Still trying to get through the material Jimmie Parker sent in. It is too confusing to try too many lines as once.

No we do not have the chart published in Queen Magazine in 1951 showing the line of descent of the Queen of England and that of Shakespear. Have heard about it. Would appreciate having a copy. However I would ~~not~~ want to pay for the copy to be made. Let me know the cost and I will sent it to you.

If you have differences in some families, we would like to know it. The it would give us a chance to double check our resources. The family of Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris is in my book on page 487. Most of the information is by H. W. B. Some by Glen Evans and now some by Jimmie Parker. Some of the information is conflicting. When you show information that is conflicting, could you give us the source for your information. We could check it out ~~him~~ in the Salt Lake Gen. Libr.

The Salt Lake Gen. Bibrary have just moved into a beautiful new building. The first 3 floors of a 28 story building. Besides the Library Volts ~~apre~~ in a granit wall of a canyon just outside of Salt Lake City. The volts are really somthing to see. All of the genealogy has been duplicated on film and are stored in these volts for protection. It would be nice for you to have a vacation and come out to see it, and some of your relatives too. Dr. W. Dean Belnap is now again on one of the committees of that Library. Maybe I should say the Salt Lake Genealogical Society. He doesn't have anything to do with running the Library. He has his own medical Clinis in Bountiful, its 8 miles north of Salt Lake City.

At the Belnap Family meeting held Feb 28, it was proposed to the family to continue the research of the Belknap family in U.S. and Canada. Is is so expensive to get a good researcher. They are so few most of them have more than they can handle. It was proposed to use student researchers under the direction of a teacher or Jimmie Parker. At the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, about 35 miles south of Salt Lake City, they teach Genealogical and research courses. The University has a student body over 20,000. Dr. Belnap was going to check into this further.

Dr. Belnap also thought it would help if all Belknap's who are interested, could join together and help each other with the information they already had. Then in return they would receive a copy of the material we found. It would all be documented. You already have a copy of Hyrum Belnap's research. A ~~copy~~ copy of Glen Evans work. And I'm sure more of H.W.B. work than what has been published. What do you think of the idea. *This also would save duplicate work*

It is Dr. Belnap's desire to put out a book or books on all material found and stories of any of the people we can find. His goal is four years. I told him you had the same idea of writing a book or do something along that line. We do not want to interfere with any of your plans. You could do as you wished, but we could possibly help you with some information.

Almost forgot, I'm enclosing more information on one of Seymour Belknap and Lydia Campbell's children. page 277. Received it from Mrs. Betty Joe Barnson Abraham. Her father married Aileen Belknap as a 2nd wife. I obtained part of this from Glen Evans record. She has verified the information he had and has added what Aileen Belknap had. Hope you can understand this letter and the typing. Have had so many interruptions. Thanks again for all that you have done for me.

Sincerely,



Cy 13  
Ogden, Utah  
Feb 13, 1973

Dear Mr. Belknap;

Thanks for all the information you have sent. Much of the material was new to me.

All the Parishes we have asked to be checked, were searched from 1800 to the earliest records they could find. I assume the same was done in the Latton, Essex area. To make sure I have sent a letter to Frank Smith to find out. The first part of our research I was only informed if some thing was found. Now I receive the complete reports from all the parishes as they are searched. We are still going through all the parishes, with in a 25 mi. radius of Latton and Sawbridgeworth. Some of the parishes they will not let any one look at the registers. We are also looking for the names of Adam and Stallion. Have found nothing more on the Stallion name. But Adam or Adams and its various spellings are every where. However nothing more has been found on our direct line.

I'm sending the names of the other parishes you have mentioned to Frank Smith for him to have checked. Will let you know what he says or does.

I had the Will of Abraham Belnap of Waltham Abbey, Essex. That parish did have records 1563 to 1800. Only Bellnapp found were burial dates.

1725 Mar 14 Bennet Bellnapp

1728 Apr 24 Abraham Bellnapp Jr

1783 Dec 5 Abraham Bellnapp

The Abraham Bellnapp's Will dated 6 Apr 1728 leaves a question in my mind. Was it Abraham Jr that died in 1728 who made the will, or did the son in the will die in 1728 and the father die in 1733. Who was Bennet Bellnapp? He is not mentioned in the Will.

It also looks like this family came from some place else, as no births, baptisms or marriages were found.

I'm sending you, on family group sheets, all the information I have on the direct line from Bennet Beltoft, back to Richard Beltoft and Christian. This included any information on their children. I know this is some different than H W B. record as we have learned that our direct line came thru a ~~Lawrence~~ Lawrence rather than the Henry. We have Henry's will & etc. but do not know where he belongs in the family. He must be related some how. This is about as correct as we have been able to find. Don't know if you have any thing different or more information. We want to print this part of our direct line in our next "BelnapCrier"

Haven't had time to check out you other questions. Will try to do so as fast as I can. Get too many interruptions in the little time I can spend on genealogy.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

*over*  
DELLA from GYB

Feb 19 1973

Your letter Feb 13 and the sheets for Sawbridgeworth family came yesterday. My thanks, of course.

The Bennet and Abraham at Waltham Abbey must be -- I think you'll agree -- the sons of Henry Belknap and Mary Pery, b 2 Feb 1674/5 and 24 January 1679/80.

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287  
288  
I'm a little puzzled by your comments about Henry Beltoft, in next to last main paragraph of your letter. In NEHG Register 1931, H W Belknap showed that he could not have been son of the first Richard Belknap nor father of the second Richard. Purpose of HWB's 1931 piece was to show that Richard's father was Laurance, not Henry as he had mistakenly said in 1914. . . You say you have this Henry's will (he died 1561). I'd like to see it, if possible.

As to Laurence: Original record of his name appears only on p 276 of the 1931 piece in the Register. There spelled, twice, "laurence" with a small "l" but that doesn't matter. I know of no instance in which his name was spelled with a "w" -- Lawrence.

I'm trying to muster enough brashness to write to you about your use of Belknap on the sheets -- "or Belknap" -- "alias Belknap." I fear you and I are far apart on this subject. But I can't help wishing you wouldn't publish the sheets as now worded, in the next Crier. There has been far too much widespread confusion in the past, over Beltoft and Belknap. In 1914 HWB made use of "alias Belknap" on names where it was not justified -- was reproved for this -- and dropped it in the 1931 article.

*Carroll*



DELLA from CYB

Jan 29 1973

Your letter, Jan 23. . . . I, too, "am always behind in letter writing." So, this time, I'm pushing everything else aside in order to deal with your letter and the batch of material from England. If I don't do it at once, I never will.

There's much for me to cover --many points -- so for your convenience I'll be covering them in separate memos, one for each main topic.

In this present note I'll tackle only general points that don't need extended treatment or documentary evidence.

(1) Money for this sort of copying. Glsd to provide it. Please just tell me when you can use it.

(2) You're right about my being familiar with much of the English stuff you sent. But you were right to send it, for there are some important things in it that are new to me. I hope you'll find some or at least a few bits of new information in the stuff I'll be sending to you as fast as I get it put together. . . . And I hope the many erratic variations in some of Mr Field's collections don't mislead you. Secondary sources such as local histories and pseudo genealogies compiled long years afterward are of course pretty unreliable -- with lots of mere hearsay in place of real evidence. Even the Dictionary of National Biography is full of errors resulting from undue reliance on secondary sources. . . . The confusion over Haman and his children is typical. I have never found any proof that he had a son named John, nor one named James. . . . And the naming of a "Radulphi Belknap" in one document, is surely nothing but a blunder resulting from confusing Haman and his brother-in-law Radulphus Boteler (Ralph Butler), Lord Suddeley.

Hamon

(3) I think I should warn you against accepting too readily what appears in the records of Visitations of Heralds -- established by Henry VIII to verify pedigrees of those who claimed the right to coats of arms -- attempting to trace back for many generations, often with nothing but hearsay and little or no real evidence. The records of Visitations are helpful in suggesting lines of research -- but often that's all they are good for. In the records Mr Field reported, you'll see plain examples of errors.

(4) New England research: I'm eager to see what Mr Parker has dug up -- in hope that it will contain answers to some of my unsolved puzzles. I should be able to understand his notes, for I've done a lot of work with New England Vital Records -- sometimes unhappily. Those dated before about 1750 are very unreliable, as they weren't always entered currently. Often, years would elapse until someone tried to bring the record up to date with aid of memory and gossip. . . . Even those that have been edited and reissued by NEHGS still contain provable errors. . . . Is it needless for me to warn you that the statement of a birth in those VR's does not necessarily mean it occurred in that town, unless the record definitely says so?

will

Thanks for address of Dr W Dean Belnap. Wish you give him mine, so he'll feel free to ask for anything I may have.

(5) Evans: Yes, I too sometimes find him right. That's what is damnable about him. If he were always wrong, I could ignore him. But because he is sometimes right I have wasted endless hours proving him wrong.

*Penroll*

Della from CYB

Jan 30 1973

Letter from A H Field to W D Belnap, 20 Oct 1971

Transcripts from documents in archives of Dean and Chapter of Rochester.

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*check my this note*  
In all the cited documents from 2 Dec 1365 to 28 June 1367, the wife of Robert is named as AMY. Documents later than that omit mention of any wife, although the most important one, the gift of land to the Prior of Rochester, 1 March 1375/6, concerns land to which the title had belonged to Robert & Amy.

I take this to mean that from 2 Dec 1365 (when he was probably about 30 years old) ~~from~~ to 28 June 1367 (last date on which Amy is named) Robert had a wife named Amy, who died before 9 Nov 1369.

All documents that I have seen, naming Robert's children, name Juliana Darset as their mother.

Indeed, this is the first time that I've encountered AMY.. . who can be assumed to have died childless?

*11* I am tempted to write about this Amy to Patrick Montague-Smith, editor of Debrett's, who has kindly helped me on some problems about Sir Robert's family. But before I trouble him again, I should ask you if you people have any further information about this AMY.

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*year ago*  
confirms a discrepancy  
This file ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in the Dictionary of National Biography (DNB) which bothered me when I first noted it. In the article on Robert de Bealknap, the DNB called him Sir Robert when he gave that property to the Rochester priory in 1375, whereas the same article ~~XXXXXX~~ said that "he was not knighted till 1385." In the file assembled by Mr Field, the designation "kt" appears for the first time on the feoffment dated 1 Mar 1375/6 and continues to appear in all but one of the subsequent documents -- the exception the king's license 1 Dec 1382.

*king*  
*11* This seems to indicate that the DNB should have given 1375 as the date when Robert was knighted. Do you people have anything further on this?

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Perhaps, at the risk of merely saying what you already know, I should make some other comments about that article in DNB, as it is attached to the same file from Mr Field.

(1) The first sentence says: he "was doubtless descended from the Belknap found in the Battle Abbey list of the nobles who followed the Conqueror into England."

This article in DNB obviously was written long ago, before modern scholarship exposed the falsity of the old myths about the Battle Abbey Roll. I believed it before I began digging into this subject. . . As late as 1911, an encyclopedia published in England said that the Battle Abbey Roll was a document signed by the nobles who fought at Hastings, after that battle; but the fact is that the abbey at Battle was not founded till many years after the battle of Hastings, and that the so-called Battle Abbey Roll was not an original document of 1066 but a mere compilation made in the 14th century (the century in which Sir Robert lived) from documents dating from the 12th century (i.e., 100 years after the battle of Hastings). Thus it has no standing as a reliable source.

Henry Wyckoff Belknap, who dug deeply into this subject in the 1920's, wrote



to one of his correspondents: "There are three known copies of this Roll. The name of a Belknap appears on one of them, not on the other two. I cannot say either that he existed or that he did not exist. But it has been well established that the monks at the abbey at Battle in the 14th and 15th ~~centuries~~ centuries would, for a fee, erase a name off that roll and insert another name at a time when everyone of prominence wanted to claim descent from a man who 'came over with the Conqueror.'"

To this I can add that the printed roll now at the entry to Battle Abbey (which I saw there) does not contain a Belknap; and that all recent books dealing with the question of "who came with the Conqueror" are also without a Belknap in their findings.

So I have abandoned my old-time notion that the first Belknap came with William the Conqueror and that therefore the name might be of Norman origin -- although I knew that only about a third of ~~William's~~ William's army at Hastings in 1066 was Norman, and the rest were French and Flemish, plus eager adventurers from all over western Europe, even as far as Sicily.

(2) The DNB, as of course you know, errs by implying that Sir Hamon was Robert's son -- a common error also appearing in some of the documents reported by Mr Field.

(Sir Edward was Robert's great great grandson; not great grandson.)

(3) The DNB article errs in saying that Robert's disastrous expedition into Essex in 1381 occurred "at the outbreak of the insurrection against the poll-tax, afterwards known as that of Walt Tyler." . . . It took place after Walt Tyler had been killed, and its aim was not to prevent or stop insurrection but to punish by death those who had participated in the rising. The Judge didn't have a force big enough to do the job; and when some of the ready-made jurors that he took with him had been killed he fell on his knees and saved his own life by vowing ~~never~~ never to make another such expedition. . . This was the first time he saved his life by yielding to force; the second time was in 1387, at Nottingham.

DELLA from CYB

Jan 30 1973

PEDIGREE of Hamon Belknap's descendants

Among the many varying pedigrees shown in old documents, this is the one that I believe to be the most trustworthy. It avoids the errors that are so obvious in many other versions.

Of course you may already have it.

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QUERY: Do you people have a copy of the ~~chart~~ chart published in QUEEN magazine in 1951, showing the descent of the present Queen and that of Shakespeare, from Sir Robert Belknap?

photo

I have a large ~~photo~~ of it and can have a copy made for you if you wish.



British Museum, Harl. MS. 6157, fol. 56.

Hamo de BELKNAPPE de Knell Thesauro Normania = Johanna  
soror Radulphi Dns. et baro. de SUDELEY .... et coheres  
Thomae BOTELLER miles Dns. et baro. de SUDELY.

(and had issue :-)

1....Willm. BELKNAP de Knell duxit Alicia STANDISH et  
obiit sine ple.

2....Henricus BELKNAP de Knell miles duxit Margareta  
KNOLLE de Sandford. (and had issue :-)

1....Edwardus BELKNAP de Knell miles obiit sine ple.  
ducta Alicia filia Johis. BROWNE de ( ? woviz)

2....Anna soror et heres Edw. nupta Robto. WOTTON,  
militi.

3....Maria nupta Gerardo DANET arg.

4....Alicia nupta Willm. SHELLEY.

5....Griseldis = m. Joh (Bryk) (CYB)  
et

6....Margareta

et

7....Bregitta

obuerunt sine ple.

8....Elizabetha soror et co-heres nupta Phillippe  
COOKE de Gladehall in Essex militi.

3....Elizabetha nupta Willo. Dno. de FERRARIJS de Chartley.

4....Phillippus BELKNAPP 3 filius duxit Elizab. filia

Ralph  
Boteler  
9/3

Johannis WOODHOUSE (and had issue :-)

1....Alicia hoeres nupta Henric.FINCHE arg. patri  
Willm.FINCHE de la Mote militis.

(The above is in tabular form but otherwise I have copied  
it exactly preserving the spelling. With it there is a  
tricking of the arms : as given on fol.75 of Bedes  
Armory.)



① Broth Smith - in the coroner (Bathassey  
Sir Robert Bilknappe in 1067 to Sir Robert, 1300  
John + Alice in Essex - moderate estate -  
(Ed III) - Sir Robert - younger son (acquired the estate  
on death of father + elder bro)  
made chief Justice of Common Pleas - 1347

Rich II - 1375  
sambles in the state 1377 - didn't want  
to get involved - + didn't until Aug 1387  
war between the Barons + the King  
arrested 3 Feb - 1388 taken to tower of  
London + stayed until 1389 -  
Mar 2 (1389?) trial at Westminster  
Robert banished to Ireland - 2 servants + allow-  
ance - of 40 lb a year from there estates -  
13 July (12 yr reign of Richard II)  
1st Drogheda -  
2nd Dublin  
after 9 yrs - was allowed to return  
to London + practiced Law - + granted  
several of his estates back by Richard II

Died - King Henry IV - 2nd yr -  
mrs Sibbilla - dau of John Dorset of Essex  
or - Juliana -

DELLA:

2/13/73

The revised sheets showing recent changes have arrived. I'm most grateful, for I'm sure that they will help me straighten out some old errors -- especially in records left by H W Belknap, who went wrong very often.

However, one of these revised sheets (#407, Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris) raises a question that I think I should ask:

When my records differ sharply from yours, do you want me to bother you about it?

In this case, five years of work have led to a result that is different from your #407 (and all other published records of that family) in a number of details.

HWB went sadly astray on that family -- and admitted this in writing in 1935 -- but did not attempt to change his record, as he had stopped work on Belknap genealogy in 1926. So I've had the long hard task of doing what he didn't do.

My outcome, I'm sure, is as correct as is now likely -- though some birthdates still have to be stated as "about."

Should I send it to you?

Dwight



THE LINCOLNSHIRE BELTOFTS

Letter by Albert H Field, 15 Jan 1971

Red Book of the Exchequer -- Vol 2 -- p 737 -- (Lists of knights)

Essex. Hertfordsira. Temp. Hen. III. (1216-72 CYB)  
Rogerus (et Henricus) de Beltoft, duas partes.

This is interesting, as the first reference to members of this family south of Lincolnshire, in my experience.

This knightly family appears once in Domesday Book, shortly after the Norman Conquest, listed as holding "one carucate" of land. Name given without the "de" -- as I remember it. In later records the "de" often appears, but not always. In Latin: "de Bello Tofto."

E C Bernau, HW Belknap's English record searcher, came to the conclusion that the last males of this family died before 1395 -- the year in which the last known female members of the family, Katherine de Beltoft wife of Robert de Sheffield, was party to a lawsuit in Lincolnshire. (See attached sheet "A")

The pedigree given in "A" can be extended a bit farther back by the record of a suit by Henry de Beltoft against Robert de Beltoft. (See attached sheet "B")

~~THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE ARCHIVES~~  
~~RECORDS OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE ARCHIVES~~

The Rogerus and Henricus found by Mr Field are of or about the same period as the Henry and Roger named on Sheet B -- and may well be the same men. If so, note that their lawsuit concerned land in Lincolnshire.

Bernau and HWB made many efforts to link the Sawbridgeworth Beltofts to the Lincolnshire family, but found no connection.

However, various books on heraldry credit the Lincolnshire family with having (at differing dates) at least two different coats of arms, and much more in one book. So perhaps Bernau didn't trace all branches of that family.

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AN UNIDENTIFIED BELTOFT

In 1917 Mr Bernau reported the existence of another Beltoft family that lived in the same period as the first known Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth:

Roger Beltoft (No "de". CYB) and Anne his wife. Residence Hallisworth. Wills at Ipswich, 1554-1538. His will in fol. 238; hers in fol. 222.

I do not find "Hallisworth" on my maps of England. But they show a "Halesworth" a bit north of Ipswich, in Suffolk. Would sound the same; might be the same. This Suffolk family was not more than 55 or 60 miles from Sawbridgeworth. Were they related? HWBelknap's files contained no further information.

A

De Banco Rolls - Hillary Term, 18 Ric. II. (1395),  
m. 198 verso.

Lincoln :

Robert DE SHEFFIELD and Katrine, his wife, sued William  
CASTELFORD and Margery, his wife, for land in Belton. *(See enclosure)*

The information given in the suit supplies the following pedigree :-

Thomas DE BELTOFT had two sons :-

1....Roger, who died s.p.

2....Peter, who was the father of :-

Thomas, who was the father of the three  
following :-

1....Robert, who died s.p.

2....Thomas, who died s.p.

3....Katrine, wife of Robert DE SHEFFIELD,  
plaintiffs in 1395.

Allowing 30 years per generation this pedigree covers  
the period 1275/1395.



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✓ Appointment of John DE OKETON to take the assise of  
novel disseisin arraigned by Henry son of Hugh DE  
BELTOFT against Roger son of Robert DE BELTOFT, &c.,  
touching a tenement in Beltoft and Belton, Lincolnshire.

(Patent Rolls, 1 Edward I., (1272/3), No. 3, m. 11).

Extracts from Bedes Armory, an invaluable manuscript collection in the possession of Edgar Francis Briggs, F.S.G. (1913), dating probably from the 18th century.

fol.84 - BELTOFT (quartered by SHEFFIELD of Butterwick)

Or a fret az a chief of the 2nd (Gage MS.). Cath. dau. and co-h. of Sir Robert BELTOFT md. Robert SHEFFIELD.

fol.165 - BELTOFT Arg a fret az on a chief of the 2nd 3 pheons or (MSS.Harl.5850 fol.48 Alph.of Arms).

fol.75 - BELKNAP of the Motte near Canterbury Kent (quartered by FINCHE of Eastwell) Az 3 eagles disp. in \ betw 2 cottises arg (Berry's Kent) Alice only dau. & h. of Philip BELKNAP of the Moat (uncle of Sir Edward BELKNAP) md.Hen.FINCH of Netherfield whose will was proved 1493 (Collins Peerage 1756).

fol.77 - BELKNAP (quartered by KIRKHOVEN thro' WOTTON) Az 3 eaglets disp in \ betw 2 bendlets arg (Guillim 1679) Anne dau and co-h. of Hen. BELKNAP md. Robert WOTTON of Bocton Malherbe Kent.

fol.82 - BELKNAP of the Moat near Canterbury Kent. Quart. 1. Az 3 eagles disp in \ or betw 2 bendlets arg for BELKNAP 2.Gul a fess checky arg & sab betw 6  $\dagger\dagger$  of the 2nd for BOTELER or BUTLER (co-h. md. BELKNAP) 3.Gul 2 bars erm for PANTULPH (h. md.BOTELER) 4. or 2 bends

ca.1395

date?



Della from CYB

Jan 26 1073

The BELLINAP family at Hackney , Middlesex.

Letter from A H Field, 24 June 1871 -- p 2 -- transcripts from St John parish register: Baptisms and marriages.

I enclose copies of notes in files of H W Belknap, giving somewhat fuller detail on this family.

I agree with him in thinking that the Daniel who founded this family was the one who was born in North Weald 30 June 1700, son of A Daniel Bellnap who married Ann Labanck in Northweald 8 Oct 1699.

But the link to the Netteswell family or a Sawbridgeworth family was not found by HWB.

memo from E.C. Herman to H.W. Belknap  
1930

Results of an exhaustive search of the parish-registers of  
North Weald, Essex :-

- 1624-5 ✓ Daniel ye sonne of Abraham and Marie BELTRAP bur.  
2 March. (Samuel)
- 1627-8 ✓ Immanuel ye sonne of Abraham and Marie BELTRAP  
bap. 16 March.
- 1629-30 ✓ Dorcas ye daughter of Abraham and Marie BELTRAP  
bapt. 7 Febru.
- 1633 ✓ Joseph ye sonne of Abraham and Marie BELTRAP bapt.  
12 May.
- 1635 ✓ John ye sonne of Abraham and Marie BELTRAP bap.  
10 May.

Our  
Anthon's  
children

In the above five entries the surname is written clearly  
"BELTRAP" in each instance.

- 1699 Octob: 8th. Daniel BELLNAP and Ann LABANCK were  
married.
- 1700 June 9. Daniel BELKNAP was buried in woollen as  
appeareth by Affidavit made June 14th.
- 1700 June 30. Daniel the son of Daniel BELENAP was  
baptized.

These last three entries obviously carry the BELLNAP family  
of St. John's Hackney back another generation. One generation  
more and we shall connect them with Sawbridgeworth.

Probably the  
one who  
married Elizabeth Bolton ?  
C.B.



No.

Author. as last

John Bellnap & Mary Jamima

b. about 1781 b.

d. 13 Jul. 1837

d.

m.

ch. of

b. Hackney, 57th. yr. &

bp.

d. Hackney Grove

br.

res. Hackney Grove, prob. employed in H.M.'s Customs  
will dated 23 Jan. 1837, prob. P.C.C. 641 Norwich, 2 Sep. 1837  
The will of John Bellnap, of Hackney Grove, Mddx., dated 23rd. Jan.  
1837. All to my wife Jamima, including "any money which may be due  
me from His Majesty's Customs". Executors:-George Webb, gent., and  
Mr. Thomas Shore, bargemaster and coal-merchant, both of Homerton, in  
the parish of Hackney. Witnesses:-Charles Brignell, John Anningson  
and Ann Trendie. Proved 2nd. Sept. 1837 by the said executors.  
P.C.C., 641 Norwich.

No.

Author. a

Daniel Bellnap & Susannah Pike

bp. 7 Aug 1753

b.

d. 30 Mar. 1812

d. 12 Oct. 1828, 81st. yr.

m. 11

ch. of

b. Hackney

&

bp. 7 Aug. 1753,

d. Hackney

br.

res. Hackney, butcher, Homerton same par.

map. St. John's, Hackney

will dated 17 Apl. 1802, prob. P.C.C. 156 Oxford, 10 Apl. 1812

The will of Daniel Bellnap, butcher in the parish of St. John, Hackney, Mddx., dated 17th. April 1802. All to my wife Susannah. Witnesses:- William Wilson & John Harvey. On 10th. April 1812, adm. with the will annexed of Daniel Bellnap, late of Homerton in the parish of St. John, Hackney, was granted to his widow, no executor having been named in the above will. P.C., 156 Oxford.



Children:-

*John Bellnap & Mary*

Mary,

b. about 1777, d. 10 Dec. 1842, unmar. 66th. yr.  
of Paradise Row, Hackney, later of Dalton.  
Adm. gtd. Consist. Ct. London, 26 Dec. 1842. Personal estate sworn at under £5000.

\*John,

b. about  
b. about 1781, d. 13 Jul. 1837, 57th. yr.  
of Hackney Grove, prob. employed in H.M.'s Customs.  
will dated 23 Jan. 1837, prob. P.C.C. 641 Norwich, 2  
Sep. 1837.

Adm. of the goods etc. of Mary Bellnap, formerly of Paradise Row, Hackney, and late of Dalston, Mddx., spinster, was granted on 26th. Dec. 1842 to Mary Jemima Bellnap, spinster, lawful niece and only next of kin of the said deceased. Sworn at under £4000. Re-sworn 24th. Jan. 1843 at under £5000. Consistory Ct. of London, fol. 319.

*Daughter of John, above*

Child:

John Bellnap & Mary Jemima

Mary Jemima, bap.

b.

only next of kin to aunt Mary 1842.



No.

Author. as last

John Bellnap & Mary

b.

b. 1. 34

d. before 1814

d. 26 Mar. 1814, 68th. yr. a widow

m.

ch. of

b. Hackney

bp. 16 Apl. 1755

d.

br.

res.

bap. St. John's

No.

Author. St. John's, Hackney Re  
1650-1812

(1)  
Daniel Bellnap & Elizabeth Bolton

b.

b.

d. Mar. 1762

d. Sep. 1750, bur. 19 Sep. Hackney

m. 3 Oct. 1733

ch. of James Bolton, the elder of Hackney, shoe  
maker

b. 13 Oct. 1733

bp.

d.

br. 18 Mar. 1762

res. Hackney

will prob. 29 Apl. 1762, P.C.C., 142 St. Eloy, dated 13 Mar. 1762.  
butcher

(2)  
m. lic. 6 Oct. 1752, Ann Apsley, widow, St. Giles, Cripplegate  
Faculty Office.

d. after 1762

dau. of

&

Inscr. St. John's, "To the Memory of Mr. Daniel Bellnap of this  
parish, who died 30th. of March 1812, in the 58th. year  
of his age also of Mrs. Mary Bellnap, widow, died March  
26, 1814, in her 68th. year, also of Ann Bellnap, died  
Nov. 30, 1823, in her 79th. year, also of Mrs. Susannah  
Bellnap, widow of the above Daniel Bellnap, departed this  
life 12 Oct. 1828. in her 81st. year. also of Mr. John



Children:- (10)

Daniel Bolton & Eliz Bolton

Ann,	bap. 3 Oct. 1735, St. John's, b. d. bef. 1787
Susanna,	bap. 13 Oct. 1736, b. d. 1787
Ann,	bap. 14 Dec. 1737, St. John's b. d. Mar. 1738, bur. 26 Mar. Hackney
Daniel,	bap. 9 Jul. 1739, b. d. Sep. 1739, bur. 4 Sep. "
Margaret,	bap. 5 Mar. 1740/1, St. John's b. d.
Mary,	bap. 5 Mar. 1740/1, St. John's b. d.
*Sarah,	bap. 5 Apr. 1744, St. John's b. d. 10 Jun. 1791,
Ann,	bap. 7 Mar. 1745/6, St. John's b. d. 30 Nov. 1823,
Elizabeth,	bap. 19 Sep. 1750, St. John's b. d. Sep. 1750, bur. 28 Sep. Hackney
(II)	
*Daniel,	bap. 7 Aug. 1753, St. John's b. d. 30 Mar. 1812,
*John,	bap. 16 Apr. 1755, St. John's b. d.

Daniel Bellnap contd

b.

b.

d.

d.

m.

ch. of

b.

a

bp.

d.

br.

res.

Bellnap, departed this life 13 July 1837, in the (? 57th.) year of his age, also of Mary Bellnap, sister of the above John, departed this life 10 Dec. 1842, in the 66th. year of her age. The will of Daniel Bellnap, of the parish of St. John at Hackney, Mddx., butcher, dated 13th. March 1762. "Sick and weak of body". All to my wife Ann Bellnapp and she to be sole executrix. Signs his name "Bellnap" (which makes the third spelling of the name in the same document). Witnesses:-Henry Hawkins and Richard Dann. Proved 29th. April 1762 by Ann Bellnap, the said executrix. P.C.C. 142 St. Eloy. The will of Elizabeth West (widow of Prince West, late citizen and innholder of London) dated 1st. Nov. 1749, proved 13th. June 1750, leaves legacies of £30 each to Elizabeth Belnap and Susanna Bolton, two of the daughters of James Bolton, the elder, of Hackney, show-maker.



No.

Author. aslast

Sarah Bellman & John Ellis

bp. 5 Apr 1744

b.

d. 10 Jun. 1791

d.

m. 12 Dec. 1763,

ch. of

b. Hackney

&

bp. 5 Apr. 1744

d.

br.

res. Hackney, Primrose Street, school-mistress

mar. St. John's, Hackney

had issue

Obituary Notice, 10th. June 1791 - "At a free-school in Primrose street, Bishopsgate-street, after a painful illness, Mrs. Sarah Ellis, wife of Mr. John Ellis, in her 47th. year, having been married near 28 years. To her nearest relatives her natural cheerfulness(sic) and easy mind, her great fidelity and tender affection endeared her. She was an affectionate parent, and a discreet instructor to young and tender minds. Her conversation gave a sweetness to the pleasures of life. Strictly honest and sincere, she was courteous and civil to all, and took pleasure in serving every one to the best of her ability."  
(Gentleman's Magazine, 1791, p. 876.)



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Jan 23 1973

Dear Della:

The copies of the English reports arrived yesterday. I'm immensely grateful. As I dig deeper, I may be able to reciprocate by supplying copies of other records which may not be in the hands of your people. For the moment, I'm enclosing a copy of the deposition made by Abraham at Northweald on the chance that it may be useful, if you want to pass it along. I copied it from HW Belknap's files -- omitting all but the two pages on which Abraham's deposition appears.

In his 1931 piece in the REGISTER, HNB mentioned this deposition but did not reprint it. So perhaps you people don't yet have it.

There are a number of points on which I should comment, in this new material. I'll do it as soon as I can.

Meanwhile, I'm enclosing two copies of a memorandum dealing with one bit of information that is new to me -- one copy for you, and one for you to pass on if you wish to do so. I'll be most grateful for comments on it and additions to it.

Thankfully,

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5.

Willm. Westwood at the same tyme that he did drawe and write the will and surrender before spoken of and did then keepe a schole in the sd. Westwood's howse howbeit he saith that by his p'fession he was then a mynister of the Word of God and had licence to preache.

7. That touchinge the will under seale bearing date May 18. 1590 nowe shewed unto him at this the tyme of his exa'con he saith that it is a true coppie of the original will of the said Willm. Westwood soe made or written by him this depo't as aforesd. in his awnswere to the 2 and 3d. Inter. for he hath nowe very lately ex'ed this wth. the sd. originall will and he dothe verely beleve that the surrender nowe alsoe shewed unto him in parchant (= parchment) is a true coppie of the sd. surrender wch. he writt or drewe by the dyrection of the sd. Willm. Westwood and wch. he hath before spoken of in his sd. awnswer to the 2 and 3d. Interrrs. and this is all he saith to this Interr.

(signed) John Forde.

31<sup>o</sup> die Januarij 1626 A<sup>o</sup> Caroli R. Scdo. p. Bird.

ABRAHAM PELKNAPP of Northweald Bassett in the County of Essex yeoman of the age of 38 yeares or thereabouts sworne and examined etc. deposeth and saith,

Jan 30 1973

Letter from A H Field 24 June 1971 -- p. 1

Nich. Belknap: I have something on a Nicholas who seems to be the same man; but don't remember where it is filed. Will look for it, later.

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Indenture of James Belknap, Chelmsford, 4 Jan 1753.

KWANTZ, KURT; EDWARDS, JAMES

(Source not stated on page where this note appears)

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Samuel Belknap, of Highlaver and Harlow, Essex, 1707. Known only from will of Samuel Levin of Lee, Kent. (Enclosed)

Elizabeth ~~Belknap~~ wife of Thomas Horsnaile, -- as follows: "1743, Adm. of the goods., etc., of Elizabeth Horsnaile, otherwise Belnapp, late of Nazing, Essex, granted in the P.C.C. 5th May to Thomas Horsnaile, her husband."

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## Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In a letter written about 1925, H W Belknap said that he believed the name Belknap(however spelled) died out in England in early 19th century.





Abraham Belknap

Will of Abraham Belknap, (Bellnap), F.C.C. 189 Brook.

Dated 6th. April 1728.

In the name of God Amen.

Abraham Bellnap of Waltham Abbey, Co. Essex.

I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, trusting through the only merits of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ to be saved, & my body I recommend to the Earth therein to be decently buried as my Executrix shall think fit. To my Son Abraham Bellnap £200, to be paid him at age of 21. Residue to my wife Elizabeth, she to be executrix.

Mr. Th. Pickett, & my brother-in-law Thomas Lawrence to be Trustees for my Son.

Witnesses, Mark Noel

Thos. Allen

M. Cox

The mark of Abraham Bellnap

Codicil: In case my son should dye before he is 21, I bequeath to my cousins Ann Bellnap, James Bellnap, Abraham Bellnap, Lary Bellnap, & Elizabeth Bellnap £20 a peece.

Same date & witnesses.

Probate of Will & Codicil granted 11 May 1728 to Elizabeth Bellnap, the relict & solo executrix.

Samuel Belknap

b.

d.

m.

b.

d.

res.

*known only by Lewin's will, Cyd*

Will of Samuel Lewin, (177 Toley) of St. Mary Magdalen, Germany  
esq., 13 Feb. 1706, to be bur. in psh.ch. Leigh, property  
in various counties, some in possession of Samuel Belknap,  
in Highlove and Harlow, Co. Essex.

will pr. 22 Aug. 1707, recites an indenture of 36 Chas. II, 18  
 with Richard Mathews and Martha his wife, regarding land  
 called "Newtons and others, then in the possession of Samuel  
Belknap, in Highlove and Harlow, Essex, ect.



DELLA from CYB

Jan 29 1973

CORRECTION

A few days ago I sent you a memo about the Lincolnshire DE BELTOFTs.

Searching for other things, today, I ran across my original note on the entry in Domesday Book -- copied from HWB's files long ago. I hadn't looked at it in years, and my memory of it betrayed me.

As you will see on the enclosed copy, the entry did not refer to a family named Beltoft. It merely named a place where some sokemen and borders lived.

Presumably, the family that later took the name of that place (de Beltoft; "of Beltoft") did not exist at the time of Domesday Book, a few years after the Conquest. It does not -- also -- appear in any recognized list of those who "came with the Conqueror" in 1066, as far as I've found. It must have arisen and been knighted at some later time.

I also enclose a brief bit of partial pedigree for that family -- also found in HWB's papers.

The place named Beltoft does not appear in my present-day maps, but I think it was probably near Belton, about 10 or 15 miles east of Doncaster.

~~Domesday Book of Lincolnshire. Chapter LXIII, p. 294.~~  
~~Soke.~~

In Deltort (Deltot) there is one carucate of land rate-  
able to gelt: the land is one carucate. Four sokemen  
& sixteen borders have there three carucates and a  
wood containing pasturage in places four furlongs in  
length and four in breadth.



Henry Beltoft mar.

(Yorks.1518-29)

-----1

Elizabeth mar. Hugh Champion

Thomas Beltoft mar. Maude ----- she mar.(2).... Lounde

(Lincs.1504-15)

-----1-----  
Katherine mar. Wm. Aylond (Eland)

Elyn mar. George Broke

one of these had a dau. Elizabeth mar. Wm. Blyton

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#### THE NAMES OF OUR ENGLISH ANCESTORS

Before stating my views on the principles we should follow in naming our English ancestors, it may be well for me to summarize as best I can what reason there may be for thinking that I have any qualifications for expressing these opinions. In essence, what qualifies me is the simple fact that I am the only living person who has been in position to study in detail not only what Henry Wyckoff Belknap published in NEHG Register in 1914 and 1931 but also the original documents and correspondence on which his articles in the Register were based. The only other person who ever had access to this material, as far as I know, was G. Andrews Moriarty; and there were considerable portions of it which he obviously did not examine. (Through the courtesy of Essex Institute, I have copied all of it.)

A necessary beginning point, now, is the personal history of the genealogical work done by Henry Wyckoff Belknap, to whom all Belknaps must be forever indebted. He had no formal training as a genealogist, but made himself one by long years of trial and error. Before taking a minor position at Essex Institute in Salem, he had been a clerk in Tiffany's in New York and then a partner in a small firm of interior decorators. Eventually, he reluctantly accepted the position of Curator of Essex Institute, meanwhile having begun to work on Belknap genealogy and on the genealogy of some of his other lines of descent -- which led in time to occasional work as a genealogist for a retainer fee of 25¢ an hour.

In his early work, there were naturally many errors. As time passed, he kept correcting past mistakes and revising his records, till in the 1920's he completely rewrote all his records of Belknaps in America and destroyed the old ones. But by that time he had generously shared his records with anyone who sought information, with the result that much of his faulty early findings got into wide circulation and is still being quoted today.

In a way, his first publication of his findings on our English ancestry, in 1914, was an illustration of his relative inexperience at that point in his career. For instance, he used the term "alias" -- sometimes -- when it was not justified by the actual record: as when he named the father of Bennet Beltoft as "Richard Beltoft, alias Belknap" (Register, 1914, p. 103), a mistake for which he was reproved by professional genealogists, so that he carefully avoided it in his later article in the Register in 1931.

Unfortunately, many people have not noted his omission of that "alias" in 1931. (Partly, this has been because of widespread reliance on the reprint of his 1914 article in the Library of Congress. No similar reprint of the 1931 article was issued.) The result has been an oft-repeated use of "Richard Beltoft, alias Belknap" and even "Richard Belknap" in naming Bennet's father.

Another outcome of relative inexperience, in 1914, was lack of complete exactitude in quoting from correspondence. Two instances of this weakness have led to



much misinterpretation of the facts shown in what he published.

The first of these two instances is on the first page of his 1914 article (Register, 1914, p. 83), when he wrote: "Mr. Bernau began his search with the Lay Subsidy Rolls . . . and there discovered that the name of the Sawbridgeworth Branch of the Belknap family was sometimes Beltoft or Beltofte." (Underlining mine.)

The facts shown in the correspondence and documents from Bernau were quite different. He reported finding one record of a tax payment by Bennet Beltoft and one record of a tax payment by Daniel Bellnapp of Netteswell, whom he identified correctly as son of Bennet. That was all. There was no justification for the generalization ~~that~~ "sometimes." The truth was simply that one record was before Bennet's children dropped Beltoft and adopted Belknap, while the other record, years later, was after the change in name had occurred.

That word "sometimes", in what H. W. Belknap loosely wrote in 1914, has done great harm by leading many people to believe that the Sawbridgeworth family used the two names concurrently over a long period -- resulting in a frequent assumption that this presumed concurrent usage extended back through Bennet's ancestors all the way to the first known Richard Beltoft.

The foregoing comments do not imply that H. W. Belknap deliberately falsified a record. He was incapable of doing anything of that sort. He merely fell into the common beginner's error of writing not the exact facts but his interpretation of them -- without making it plain that what he said was an interpretation.

The same kind of inexact wording also occurred in a footnote that has misled many people. On page 84, 1914 Register, he wrote in a footnote: "Alternate surnames are said to have been somewhat uncommon in England, although much used in the Channel Islands." The underlining is mine, to draw attention to the difference from the wording of the original he was citing: a passage in a letter from Bernau, his English record agent. Bernau, expressing disagreement with H. W. Belknap on this point, had written:

"The use of two surnames is very rare in England, but common in the Channel Islands."

Again, it seems, he set down his own interpretation without checking the wording of his source.

This footnote, too, has caused confusion -- by fostering the notion that "alternate surnames" were used generally by the Sawbridgeworth family.

This misapprehension was <sup>also</sup> fostered in some of his letters to Belknap correspondents. In letters before 1920, such sentences as this appear: "They sometimes called themselves Belknap and sometimes Beltoft." From 1920 on, he stopped saying this.

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My reason for the foregoing introduction is that the present need, in anything we issue or publish, is to do what we can to end the long-standing misconception

about the use of the two surnames.

Of course anyone who studies the whole record carefully, as I have done over a period of some years, will almost certainly come to the conclusion that what happened when the change in name occurred was that an entire family group, under the influence of a vigorous religious revival, decided to resume the family name that it believed was its ~~name~~ <sup>true</sup> name.

The change was not gradual. It did not extend over a slow succession of years. It happened suddenly and dramatically -- the moment that Bennet died.

Up to that moment there had been, it seems to me, a conflict between two brothers: on the one hand, the gentle and loving and successful Josias, who on his deathbed forced Bennet to admit being a Belknap; on the other hand, the stubborn and unsuccessful Bennet, deeply in debt, clinging to the Beltoft name, admitting to Belknap only in order to obtain an inheritance that would help him meet his financial needs, then returning to Beltoft in signing his will, refusing till his death to use Belknap more than just that once.

But on his death, his wife and his children buried him as a Belknap -- and from that day forward not one of them ever again used Beltoft in any recorded way.

As I see it, the history of the Sawbridgeworth family divides into four distinct periods:

THE BELTOFT-ONLY PERIOD: Richard, Laurence, Richard -- all these, like John, are never anything but Beltoft, in the records. We have no right to call them anything but just plain Beltoft, no matter what we think.

THE TRANSITION PERIOD: Josias, baptized Beltoft but changing to Belknappe some sizable time before his death, else his will would have been meaningless to his legatees; and Bennet, who once and once only used Belknap when forced to do so. We can justifiably call him "Bennet Beltoft alias Belknap." But for Josias, it seems to me, the best wording is "Josias Belknap, (baptized Beltoft)", because he obviously used Belknap for an extended period, and was known as Belknap, not Beltoft.

THE GENERATION OF CHANGE: Bennet's children, all of whom changed to Belknap when Bennet died. For them, in my judgment, the best wording is "Belknap (baptized Beltoft)."

THE BELKNAP-ONLY PERIOD: All children and descendants of Bennet's children.

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If we do not make this sharp distinction, we lose the impact of what the change in name meant. It was, it seems to me, an emotional event of dramatic significance in the family at the time of Bennet's death.

When we blur the lines of the story, as H. W. Belknap did -- and lead people to think that the two names were used more or less interchangeably -- we sacrifice the heart of our story. . . and we encourage well-meaning people to invent the sort of imaginative nonsense about Beltoft-Belknap with which I've been bombarded ever since I began work on Belknap genealogy.

O.G.B.-



1 - Ebenezer B + Hannah Ayer

2 - Obadiah b. abt 1715 - m1 - Sarah Mitchell

Wm - m2 - Hannah - James

Sarah Haug -

b 1745

Hannah

Prescott

?

Obadiah + Locke

Seems to be surgy

q. c.

25-17 Wm - abt 1750 - Bro John.

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Obadiah b 1774 - m2 Abigail Locke

(2) Mr Smith -

**HUSBAND** HAMMON, Levi Byram (continued)

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** BELNAP, Martha Jane

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Hus  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was information obtained?

\*List complete maiden name for all females.



11th Child HAMMON, Betsy Robena  
 Birth 25 Mar 1889  
 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Married to GREENWELL, Lancelot  
 Married 14 Nov 1906  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

12th Child HAMMON, John Wallace  
 Birth 17 Sep 1892  
 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 19 Oct 1892

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_



13th Child HAMMON, Frank Leslie  
 Birth 21 Aug 1893  
 Place South Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Married to (1) JARDINE, Elizabeth  
 Married 14 Apr 1915  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 21 Feb 1968 (2) NEUNSWANDER, Lucy



Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_



14th Child HAMMON, Ethel  
 Birth 16 Mar 1896  
 Place Roy, Weber, Utah  
 Married to MCENTIRE, Horace A.  
 Married 19 Dec 1917  
 Place Salt Lake City, S-Lk, Utah



Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_



15th Child HAMMON, Daniel Glen  
 Birth 18 Nov 1898  
 Place Roy, Weber, Utah  
 Married to (1) SLATER, Virginia; (2) WHITTIER,  
 Married 23 Feb 1923 Bessie L.  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Died 27 Sep 1953

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_



CARROLL YORK BELKNAP 25 Club Road Riverside, Connecticut 06878

April 16 1970

Dear Della:

Forgive delay. We were in the Caribbean. So haven't yet answered your letter of Jan 25.

Much thanks for the data on wills. Bound to be helpful when I reach the point of checking and transcribing my notes on some 4000 names. Still, now, in process of accumulating information -- including some 500 descendants of my great-great grandfather, Jonas Newton B.

SOME POINTS IN YOUR LETTER:

(1) You mention "a birthdate of an Abraham Belknap in Epping 1635." Please give ~~XXXX~~ me all detail you can, on this. According to Banks' "Topographical Dictionary" our Abraham came from Epping -- which I take to mean that, probably, Epping ~~XXXXXX~~ was where he was recruited by the Massachusetts Bay Company, which was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ spending huge ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sums to collect people for its colony. But aside from the entry by Banks, I have found thus far nothing else that places him in Epping, a bit south of North Weald. What is the source of this new birthdate for possibly a child of Abraham and Mary? *Is parentage shown?*

(2) Merrick Belknap: You said you can't match what Merrick says with the records put together by HWB. . . I've thought, for years, that what you have of HWB's work must be what he had in 1918 and 1919 (which seem to be the time when he and your father were in contact). ~~XXXXXX~~ If so (as I tried to warn you back in 1967) be wary of errors. Between 1920 and 1927, HWB rewrote all his cards, incorporating new information and correcting old errors. His final cards, of which I have copies, seem to differ very often with the HWB records that you cite. ~~XXXX~~ From his final records, the line for Merrick Belknap is as follows:

-- Abraham and Mary  
-- Samuel and Sarah Jones  
# -- Ebenezer and Hannah Ayer  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
-- Obadiah and Sarah Mitchel  
-- William and -----  
-- John and Sarah Moody  
(from here on, as stated by Merrick)

Obadiah also married (2) Mary Dow, widow of Nathaniel Marble. She was, before that, widow of David Roberts. All O's children were by Sarah.

William was first child of Obadiah: born Plaistow, NH, 11 May 1743, baptized 1 July 1744. Died/1 9 April 1816. Was living in Bath in 1768, not yet married. Grantee in Bath, 1769. Maybe ~~XXXXXX~~ find record of marriage at Bath. *can* ~~WH~~

William's ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ military record was 1761 and 1762 (before marriage) and then 1776 to 1777, when probably resident Landaff NH.

I haven't yet tried to search for record of marriage.

Gratefully,

*Carroll*

DELLA 4/16/70

Re Merrick Belknap's material:

His p 2 -- children of James Belknap:

He names wife of James's son Moody  
as "Little May Lynda."

Should read:

Lettie May Lynde, daughter of William and  
Mary Lynde, of Lyman N H. Vermont  
V R says she was aged 21 at marriage,  
21 Oct 1891 -- so pr esumably born 1870.  
Marriage was at St Johnsbury, Vt.

CYB



H.W.B. - Rev P. 50 + 69

gen. Evans, #12  
7-5

P. #37 - Ebenezer + Hannah Ayer

555 - ↓

Obadiah and Sarah Mitchell  
children - born Haverhill Essex Mass -  
William

1. and Sarah Mitchell  
2. Mary Lou marble  
widow of Mark  
marble.

Peter b 1744  
Hannah d abt 1745

Nathaniel P. - 1744 - d. 20 Oct 1803 -

↓ m. Mary marble 17 Mar 1765

1. and Hannah  
2. Wm  
Hutchinson 1810

child

Obadiah b 1774 Lisbon N.H. d. 1834

m. Abigail Locke -

Merrick shows William Belknap  
to be the father of Obadiah -







HUSBAND Mitchell Belknap (remained in Stanstead, Quebec)

21 Jan 1800? 27 JAN. 1799

Place Stanstead,

Quebec. LISBON, NH

12 NOV. 1822

Place

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HUSBAND'S OTHER Obediah Belknap

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

ABIGAIL LOCKE

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIFE ARAMESSIA - DIED 1850 and then wife, SARAH, DIED JAN. 17. 1865

WIFE ELSEA C. MOSHER

7 MAY 1806

Place BARNSTON EAST

Place

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BELKNAP CEMETERY, BARNSTON EAST

WIFE RICHARD MOSHER

WIFE'S MOTHER

JANE CRAIG

CHILDREN <small>What day, month, year, whether living or dead; in Order of Birth</small>	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
		<small>SURNAME (BAPTIZED)</small>	<small>GIVEN NAMES</small>	<small>DAY</small>		<small>MONTH</small>	<small>YEAR</small>	<small>DAY</small>
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Elsie Belknap	17 Nov 1823	Stanstead		Que	SIMON CASS			
Eunice Belknap	10 Mar 1825	"		"	SAMUEL PLUMMER			
Mitchell Belknap	20 June 1826	"		"				
Lydia Belknap	12 Dec 1827	"		"	R. WILSON			
Amanda Belknap	23 Mar 1829	"		"		19 AUG. 1865		
William Belknap	21 Sept 1830	"		"				
Marg <sup>★</sup> Belknap	13 Mar 1832	"		"	O. S. DAVIS			
Hannah Belknap	17 Oct 1833	"		"	GEORGE SMITH			
Joshua Belknap	7 May 1835	"		"	DIED IN INFANCY			
Mary Belknap	✓ 22 Sept 1836	"		"				
Levi L. Belknap	13 July 1838	"		"	ABBEY PERKINS			

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Merrick Belknap record of Rock Island, Quebec

OTHER MARRIAGES

BAND Mitchel Belknap (Cont from # 1)

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Obadiah Belknap

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MOTHER

WIFE

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BANDS

WIFE'S  
MOTHER

CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
1. (If born alive) (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1		27 Nov 1839			Stanstead	STANS	Que		6 APRIL 1861		
2		27 Sept 1841			"		"				
3		3 Jan 1853			"		"				
4		28 Nov 1854			"		"				
5		19 Nov 1856			"		"				
6		12 Jan 1859			"		"		21 JAN. 1860		
7		3 Sept 1861			"		"		20 OCT. 1877		
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Merrick Belknap Record of Box 23, Rock Island, Quebec

OTHER MARRIAGES



WILLIAM BELKNAP  
20 SEPT. 1805 Place LISBON, N.H.

OBADIAH BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S MOTHER ABIGAIL LOCKE

ROXANA TAYLOR

WIFE'S MOTHER

### CHILDREN

### WHEN BORN

### WHERE BORN

### DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE

### WHEN DIED

(In Family Bible (including Birth or Death) in Order of Birth  
GIVEN NAME (CAPITALIZED)

DAY MONTH YEAR

TOWN

COUNTY

STATE OR COUNTRY

TO WHOM

DAY MONTH YEAR

1. GEORGE BELKNAP about 1847 DANVILLE QUE. JENNIE L. RANLETT  
(perhaps other children)

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JOHN BELKNAP

4 FEB. 1777

Place LISBON, N. H.

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SOUTH BARNSTON, P. Q.

HEATHTON, QUE.

WILLIAM BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S

MOTHER

came to Stanstead, P. Q. in  
 MARCH 1817 - RET. TO LISBON IN  
 FALL OF 1817 - BROUGHT FAMILY  
 TO DERBY, VT. in MARCH 1818  
~~REMOVED TO SOUTH BARNSTON~~ FINAL  
 SETTLEMENT AT SOUTH  
 BARNSTON, P. Q. IN 1823

SARAH MOODY

9 SEPT 1789

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EAST LANDAFF, N. H.

SOUTH BARNSTON, QUEBEC

HEATHTON, P. Q.

BENJAMIN

MOODY

WIFE'S

MOTHER

ABIGAIL GEORGE, EASTON, N. H.

## CHILDREN

## WHEN BORN

## WHERE BORN

## DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE

## WHEN DIED

CHILD'S NAME (CAPITALIZED)	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
EUGENIA BELKNAP	14	SEPT.	1807	LISBON		N. H.	SHERBURN D. LOCKE	20	JAN.	1866
GEORGE BELKNAP	24	FEB.	1809	"		"	DIED IN CHICAGO - BUR. ROCHESTER	4	APR.	1857
NATHANIEL BELKNAP	14	MAR.	1811	"		"		14	FEB.	1841
SALLY BELKNAP	7	JAN.	1813	"		"	1841 JOSIAH KEYSER	24	JAN.	1884
FLORA BELKNAP	1	MAR.	1815	"		"	JOHN STEARNS	11	AUG.	1890
ANDREW BELKNAP	6	APR.	1817	"		"	CYNTHIA CHAPMAN	3	MAY	1848
MARIA BELKNAP	7	JULY	1819	DERBY		VT.	AUSTIN SMITH			
ABIGAIL BELKNAP	12	NOV.	1821	STANSTEAD		QUE.	JED YOUNG			
JOHN BELKNAP	5	SEPT.	1823	"		"		18	JULY	1853
MOODY BELKNAP	14	AUG.	1825	BARNSTON		"	DIED IN PHILADELPHIA	28	OCT.	1871
HARRIET BELKNAP	24	MAY	1827	"		"	WALTER TAPLIN	11	JUNE	1881

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As copied from the family record in  
 the bible. Moody Belknap "carried  
 to Philadelphia - copied by Andrew Belknap

## OTHER MARRIAGES

from his account book which  
 he kept 1845-64  
 M. J. B.



Name JOHN BELKNAP (cont'd)  
 Date 4 FEB 1927 Place LISBON, N. H.

Born 4 FEB 1777 Place LISBON, N. H.  
 Chr. Place  
 MARR. Place  
 Died 18 AUG. 1843 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, QUE.  
 Bur. HEATHTON CEM. Place HEATHTON, "  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER  
 WILLIAM BELKNAP

SARAH MOODY  
 9 SEPT. 1789 Place EASTON, N. H. (FORMERLY EAST LANDAFF)  
 18 MAY 1868 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, QUEBEC  
 HEATHTON CEM Place HEATHTON  
 BENJAMIN MOODY WIFE'S MOTHER ABIGAIL GEORGE

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OTHER MARRIAGES



Surname **ANDERSON** Place **LISBON, N. H.**  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place **SOUTH BARNSTON, P. Q.**  
 Burial **HEATHTON CEMETERY** Place **HEATHTON**  
 Husband's Name **JOHN BELKNAP**

HUSBAND'S MOTHER **SARAH MOODY**

**CYNTHIA CHAPMAN**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S MOTHER

SEX	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
F	MARY MARIA BELKNAP	30	AUG	1841	SOUTH BARNSTON	STANS.	P. Q.	HENRY LOVESLEY				
F	ELIZABETH BELKNAP	4	AUG.	1843	"	"	"	SAM COFRAN				
F	JUDITH BELKNAP	24	MAY	1845	"	"	"	ORVIS ALDRICH				
M	GEORGE A. BELKNAP	27	MAY	1847	"	"	"	never married				
M	WILLIAM PYRE BELKNAP	4	DEC	1848	"	"	"	WILLETTA GORDON				
F	MARIEA FLORILLA	24	FEB	1851	"	"	"	GEORGE CLIFFORD				
F	SARAH JANE	1	AUG	1856	"	"	"	never married				
F	ADELAIDE VICTORIA	31	MAY	1863	"	"	"	FRANK GRAMER				

Notes of information

OTHER MARRIAGES

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WILLIAM PYRE BELKNAP

4 DEC. 1848 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, QUEBEC

1874/75 Place

ANDREW BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S MOTHER CYNTHIA CHAPMAN

NAME WILLIETTA GORDON  
 Born 1854 Place SUNCOCK, N. H.  
 Died 1938 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S MOTHER

[illegible]

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

### OTHER MARRIAGES



HUSBAND HARRY E. BELKNAP  
Born 1876 Place WHITEFIELD, N. H.  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. 1896 Place DERBY, VERMONT  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND'S FATHER WILLIAM PYRE BELKNAP HUSBAND'S MOTHER WILLIETTA GORDON  
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIFE \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE MARY E. PERKINS  
Born 1878 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place MANCHESTER, N. H.  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
WIFE'S FATHER HENRY M. PERKINS WIFE'S MOTHER PHILINDA GIBSON  
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES										
WILLETTA A. BELKNAP		1898			BALDWIN'S MILLS	STARS.	P. Q.	1918			WIGGINS
FLORENCE M. BELKNAP		1906			MANCHESTER		N. H.				

SOURCE OF INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER MARRIAGES \_\_\_\_\_







HUSBAND GEORGE PRUE

Born		Place
Chr.		Place
Marr.	19 JAN. 1883	Place
Died		Place
Bur.		Place
HUSBAND'S FATHER		Place
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES		

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER

WIFE ARVILLA MARY BELKNAP

Born 24 JAN. 1862 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, QUE.  
Chr.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died 19 AUG. 1943 Place \_\_\_\_\_

Place COVENTRY, VT.  
JAMES BELKNAP

WIFE'S MOTHER MARTHA SMITH

WIFE'S  
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HUSBANDS

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	M	2		JAMES TRUE											
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D. 1894 1894 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, QUE.

28 SEPT. 1906 Place SHERBROOKE, QUE.

7 SEPT. 1940 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, " "

LAKEVIEW CEM. Place " " "

JAMES BELKNAP HUSBAND'S MOTHER

1. SALOMA J. BACON

2. BERTHA E. ANNIS

29 OCT. 1890 Place JEFFERSON, N. H.

Place

Place

MYRON ANNIS WIFE'S MOTHER

DAVID RITCHIE

CHILDREN

IN Full Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth

SURNAME (CAPITALISED) GIVEN NAMES

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M. GEORGE W. BELKNAP 6 OCT. 1906 BALDWIN'S MILLS STANS. QUE. 21 AUG. 1929 30 MAR. 1944

M. RICHARD H. " 16 AUG. 1908 " " " " 24 MAY 1928 13 MAY 1950

M. HIRAM H. " 11 JUNE 1910 " " " " 36 MAR. 1936

F. GLADYS " 20 SEPT. 1913 " " " " 24 SEPT. 1940

F. DAISY " 16 MAY 1917 " " " " 16 MAY 1917

F. ELSIE " 12 MAY 1918 " " " " 24 DEC. 1942

F. JOSEPHINE " 19 JUNE 1919 " " " " 4 OCT. 1938

M. MERRICK J. " 1 OCT. 1922 " " " " 10 JULY 1943

F. JEANNETTE " 18 APR. 1925 " " " " 23 OCT. 1947

M. JAMES HOMER " 3 JUNE 1933 " " " " 16 JUNE 1962

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NAMES: WAYSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Vm

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SON 4-65 DBC  
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## HUSBAND

WALTER GEORGE BELKNAP 9  
Born 22 APR. 1864 Place SOUTH BARNSTON, P. QUE.  
Chr. Place  
Marr. 6 OCT. 1888 Place BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWPORT, VERMONT.  
Died 7 SEPT. 1940 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.  
Bur. LAKE VIEW CEM. Place " " "  
HUSBAND'S FATHER JAMES BELKNAP HUSBAND'S MOTHER MARTHA SMITH  
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES BERTHA ANNIS

## WIFE

SALOMA J. BACON  
Born 14 FEB. 1870 Place  
Chr. Place  
Died 14 OCT. 1904 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.  
Bur. LAKE VIEW CEM. Place " " "  
WIFE'S FATHER WIFE'S MOTHER

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HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
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1	CHARLES W. BELKNAP	3	JAN.	1898	BALDWIN'S MILLS	STARKS.	QUE.				
2	KATHLEEN BELKNAP	17	JUNE	1902	"	"	"	BORDON	SMITH		
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PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vrm

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(PRINTED IN USA)

**HUSBAND** GEORGE W. BELKNAP

Born 6 OCT. 1906 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. 21 OCT. 1929 Place WATERVILLE, QUE.

Died 30 MAR. 1949 Place AYER'S CLIFF, QUE.

Bur. PINE HILL CEMETERY Place MABOG, QUE.

HUSBAND'S FATHER WALTER G. BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S MOTHER BERTHA E. ANNIS

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES 2 ELEANOR DREW

**WIFE** CLARABELLE MARKWELL

Born 21 SEPT. 1907 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_

Died 26 APR. 1933 Place MABOG, QUE.

Bur. PINE HILL CEM. Place " "

WIFE'S FATHER ALFRED MARKWELL

WIFE'S MOTHER LENA DREW

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

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(PRINTED IN U.S.A.)

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PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vm  
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FAMILY  
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HUSBAND RICHARD H. BELKNAP

Born 16 AUG. 1908 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. 24 MAY 1928 Place STANSTEAD, QUE (ANGELICAN CHURCH)

Died 13 MAY 1950 Place SHERBROOKE HOSPITAL, SHERB. QUE.

Bur. LAKE VIEW CEM. Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.

HUSBAND'S FATHER WALTER G. BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S MOTHER BERTHA E. ANNIS

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE AUDREY GOYETTE

Born 29 SEPT. 1910 Place MAGOG, QUE.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER NAPOLEON GOYETTE

WIFE'S MOTHER EVA BUZZELL

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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1	<u>MARJORIE BELKNAP</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>BALDWIN'S MILLS</u>	<u>STANS.</u>	<u>QUE</u>	<u>CLARENCE LUSTY</u>				
2	<u>WALTER</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>12 OCT. 1957</u>				
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**HUSBAND** HIRAM HENRY BELKNAP 14  
 Born 11 JUNE 1910 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 29 MARCH 1936 Place DERBY, VERMONT  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER WALTER G. BELKNAP HUSBAND'S MOTHER BERTHA ANNIS  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** RHODA SHOMPANY (WHITE)  
 Born 20 FEB 1914 Place HOLLAND, VT.  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 10 SEPT. 1960 Place ROCK ISLAND, QUE  
 Bur. CRYSTAL LAKE CEM. Place STANSTEAD, QUE.  
 WIFE'S FATHER ALFRED SHOMPANY WIFE'S MOTHER FLORA TICE  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS SYLVESTER WHITE

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		M	CALVIN BELKNAP	29	NOV.	1938	SHERBROOKE	STANS.	QUE	25 JUNE 1960 LYSE COTE			
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**HUSBAND** *ELZEAR DION*

Born *20 SEPT 1910* Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. *24 Sept 1940* Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S  
FATHER  
HUSBAND'S  
OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER

**WIFE** *GLADYS BELKNAP*

Born *20 SEPT. 1913* Place *BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC*  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S  
FATHER *WALTER G. BELKNAP*  
WIFE'S  
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WIFE'S  
MOTHER *BERTHA ANNIS*

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth: SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
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<i>F</i>	<i>JEANNETTE "</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>14 OCT. 1967</i>				
<i>M</i>	<i>JULIEN "</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>JULY</i>	<i>1943</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>					
<i>M</i>	<i>JERRY "</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>MARCH</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26 SEPT. 1964</i>				
<i>F</i>	<i>JULIETTE "</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>JANET MARKWELL</i>				

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**HUSBAND** EDWARD FRASER

Born 15 MAY 1885 Place PLEASANT BAY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA.

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. 24 DEC. 1942 Place ROCK ISLAND, QUEBEC

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND'S FATHER PETER FRASER

HUSBAND'S MOTHER ELIZABETH BURTON

**WIFE** ELSIE BELKNAP

Born 12 MAY 1918 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
WIFE'S FATHER WALTER B. BELKNAP

WIFE'S MOTHER BERTHA ANNIS

WIFE'S  
OTHER  
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1	M DEAN FRASER	15	APR.	1945	ROCK ISLAND	STANS	QUE	26 JULY 1967				
2	F CHRISTINA "	6	JAN.	1947	"	"	"	"				
3	F DOREEN	2	MAY	1956	"	"	"	"				
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HUSBAND ALLAN F. HARRISON

Born

Place

Chr.

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4 OCT. 1938

Place

BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC

Died

Place

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Place

HUSBAND'S  
FATHERHUSBAND'S  
MOTHERHUSBAND'S  
OTHER WIVESWIFE JOSEPHINE BELKNAP

Born

19 JUNE 1919

Place

BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC

Chr.

Place

Died

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1 F	ALAYNE HARRISON	9	MAY	1943	SHERBROOKE	STANS.	QUE	14 OCT. 1961 FRANK WOODFORD			
2 M	HOMER "	10	"	1943	"	"	"	1 JUNE 1963 SANDRA WALLACE			
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**HUSBAND** MERRICK J. BELKNAP

Born 1 OCT. 1922 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. 10 JULY 1943 Place DERBY LINE, VERMONT

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER WALTER GEORGE BELKNAP

HUSBAND'S MOTHER BERTHA ANNIS

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** MARGARET WOODMAN

Born 2 MAY 1921 Place BEEBE, QUEBEC

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER HARRY WOODMAN

WIFE'S MOTHER MAUD SHARPE

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
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1 F	LYNN M. BELKNAP		30	MAR.	1945	SHERBROOKE	STANS.	QUE	30 NOV. 1968			
2 M	KEITH M	"	8	DEC.	1951	"	"	"	DAVID DREW			
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HUSBAND MERVYN DREW

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 23 OCT. 1947 Place ROCK ISLAND, QUEBEC

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER HARVEY DREWHUSBAND'S MOTHER AMELIA POPE

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE JEANNETTE BELKNAPBorn 18 APRIL 1925 Place BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER WALTER G. BELKNAPWIFE'S MOTHER BERTHA ANNIS

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

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1	M	MICHAEL DREW	13	NOV.	1952	HATLEY	STANS.	QUE				
2	F	MELANIE "	8	MAY	1957	"	"	"				
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**HUSBAND** JAMES H. BELKNAP 20  
**Born** 3 JUNE 1933 **Place** BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUEBEC  
**Chr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Marr.** 8 MAR. 1969 **Place** COLEBROOK, N. H.  
**Died** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_

**HUSBAND'S FATHER** WALTER G. BELKNAP **HUSBAND'S MOTHER** BERTHA ANNIS  
**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIFE** (1) BETTY SMITH, of RICHMOND, QUEBEC (DIVORCED)

**WIFE** <sup>No 2</sup> JENNIFER BROWN  
**Born** 29 APR. 1946 **Place** SHERBROOKE, QUE  
**Chr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Died** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WIFE'S FATHER** NORMAN BROWN **WIFE'S MOTHER** VERIAN MCCOY

SEX M F		CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES		WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR			WHERE BORN TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM		WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR		
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BAND LEVI LOCKE BELKNAP  
13 JULY 1838 Place BARNSTON EAST, QUEBEC

Place  
Place  
Place  
Place  
Place

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER

2. SARAH FLINN

① ABBIE PERKINS

Place  
Place  
Place  
Place

BALDWIN'S MILLS, QUE.

WIFE'S  
MOTHER

# CHILDREN

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F CHARLOTTE BELKNAP

1881

23 JUNE 196

M J. SHERRY

16 JULY 1883

22 JAN. 196

M LINDSEY E.

23 JAN. 1889

HATLEY

STANS. QUE

10 SEPT. 195

M CLAUDE

13 MAR. 1891

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Note: LINSEY E. BELKNAP (son of Levi  
(Linsey) died at the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
ALBANY, N.Y. 22 JAN. 1968

Box 23,  
Rock Island, Quebec,  
March 27, 1968.

Della A. Belnap,  
815 32nd St.,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Miss Belnap;

I was immensely pleased when I received your letter, for I am keenly interested in the ancestry of the Belnap (Belknap) family. After twenty years research, I'm sure you've collected much material.

Mrs. Rowntree answered my letter recently (her name was given to me by her nephew, William Belknap of Toronto) to whom I had written seeking information.

I have traced our branch of the family to OBADIAH BELKNAP, who was listed in the TOWN RATE of Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 10, 1741. He was in the Second Foot Company of Haverhill April 14, 1757 (History of Haverhill.) Married Sarah Mitchell Oct. 27, 1742 and perhaps married secondly widow Mary Marble, March 17, 1756 (Haverhill Vital Records.)

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The Following children were born there:

- 1. William born May 11, 1743
- 2. Peter born Sept. 27, 1744
- 3. Nathaniel born March 31, 1746
- 4. Hannah born Aug. 3, 1747
5. Obadiah born Sept. 2, 1749
6. James born July 12, 1751

Lisbon Historical Society

William Belknap (1) was among the first settlers of Lisbon, N. H. It is said the <sup>first</sup> "male white child" born in Lisbon was his son Obadiah.

Children:

IN S

Obadiah born 1774

John born Sept 4, 1777 (my great grandfather)

Polly born....., never married, was called a witch

Phebe born....., m. Joseph Lynde



Obadiah Belknap came to Stanstead, Que. in 1806

Children:

Mitchell born Jan. 21, 1800  
 Sally born Dec. 21, 1801  
 Thomas born Aug. 10, 1803  
 William born Sept. 20, 1805  
 Martha born in April 1806  
 Hannah born in 1810

Mitchell Belknap (remained in Stanstead) and had the following  
 18 children:

Elsie born Nov. 17, 1823  
 Eunice born March 10, 1825  
 Mitchell born June 20, 1826  
 Lydia born Dec. 12, 1827  
 Amanda born March 23, 1829  
 William born Sept. 21, 1830  
 Marg. born March 13, 1832  
 Hannah born Oct. 17, 1833  
 Joshua born May 7, 1835  
 Mary born Sept. 22, 1836  
 Levi L. born July 13, 1838  
 Laban born Nov. 27, 1839  
 Lewis R. born Sept. 27, 1841  
 Wright born Jan. 3, 1853  
 Curtis born Nov. 28, 1854  
 Austin born Nov. 19, 1856  
 Nelson born Jan. 12, 1859  
 Potter born Sept. 3, 1861

John Belknap (my great grandfather) married Sarah Moody of East  
 Landaff, N.H. came from Lisbon, N.H. to Stanstead, Que. in 1816.

Children:

Evgenia born Sept. 14, 1807  
 Geo. born Feb 24, 1809; Died in Chicago, April 4, 1857  
 Nathaniel born March 14, 1811  
 Sally born Jan. 7, 1813  
 Flora born March 1st, 1815  
 Andrew born April 6, 1817  
 Maria born July 7, 1819  
 Abigail born Nov. 12, 1821  
 John born Sept. 5, 1823  
 Moody born Aug. 14, 1825; Died in Philadelphia Oct. 28, 1872  
 Harriet born May 24, 1827  
 Arvilla born Nov. 5, 1829; Died in San Josia, Cal. Oct. 8, 1871  
 James born Feb. 19, 1832; Died Aug. 16, 1916.

James Belknap (my great grandfather) remained in Stanstead. Some of his children moved to the U.S. If you desire information concerning his children will oblige.

As mentioned previously, I have traced our branch of the family to OBADIAH BELKNAP Haverhill, Mass. in 1741. There the search ended, for I have been unable to find record of his birth. A genealogist in Concord, N.H. who did some work in this told me if this could be found it is possible he could be connected to the Belknaps who lived in Boston, Mass. in the mid 1650's.

Some old family records I have refer to Obadiah Belknap as the son of EBENEZER, who came to America with the Pilgrims sometime between 1620-1630 with his brothers Andrew and Mitchell.

I would be most grateful for any information you can give me.

Sincerely,



Merrick Belknap



Miss. Belknap,

This Obadiah Belknap was son of William Belknap of Lisbon, N. H. and brother of John Belknap, my great grandfather. The only descendant of this branch of the family that I've been able to locate is Walter Belknap, of North Stratford, N.H. 03590. He is the son of J. Sherry Belknap.

This family (Obadiah Belknap's) lived for more than one hundred years in the Barnston, Quebec, area, and he, incidentally, was the first male white child born in Lisbon, N. H. and is buried in the old Belknap cemetery on land he settled in 1807.

If, in any of your research you should locate descendants of any of this family, please advise me.

Merrick Belknap

the family.

Do you have anything in your files concerning John Bellnaps' children? I would like to know if Moody BELKNAP born Aug. 14, 1825 at Barnston, Quee. (an inventor) but died in Philadelphia in 1872 had any family etc? And George Bellnaps born 24 Feb. 1809 but died in Chicago in 1841 - a brother of above mentioned Moody, ????

When one gets interested in family genealogy there seems to be always something just out of reach.

Would like to know more about the material you have compiled - would I be able to obtain copies of this



and at what cost — I'm keenly  
interested in any Belnap or  
Belknap.

Would like to hear from  
you.

Sincerely,  
Merrick Belknap

April 29, 1969.  
Rock Island,  
Quebec.

Dear Miss Belnap,

I'm truly sorry  
for being so slow in sending  
the material you requested, but  
have been trying to get additional  
information on some relatives  
with very little success. However,  
I hope you find this of some  
help. Unfortunately, the skets  
wouldn't go in my portable  
Smith-Corona, so I did my  
best to make all entries legible,  
which is sometimes quite  
difficult with pen.

I would be most  
grateful for any information  
you have on our branch of



815-32nd St  
Ogden, Utah  
Jan 21, 1969

Dear Mr. Belknap;

It has been some time since I have written to you. There's so much to do and not enough time to do it.

As a family of Belknap or Belnaps we have tried to compile all Belknaps and their descendents. We are interested in getting this information into the Genealogical Library at Salt Lake City, Utah. Here it will be preserved for any one interested in information on this family. This library is becoming one of the largest collections in the world. They have also built huge vaults in a granite mountain out of Salt Lake City. All records are filmed so a duplicate record is kept in the vaults. They have already collected records of many countries outside of United States.

We are trying to get information as correct as possible and also have the relationship of all families. I have typed the information you sent me in your letter on the sheets we submit to the Library. I have written in any information I had. Would you fill in the rest of the information on the sheets. In detail as much as you have.

We are paying a researcher to go through all records where added information is needed. What information you don't have, he may be able to find. He has now covered the New England States. This has been very expensive so any information you could furnish would help a great deal. Also what information you don't have on your direct line, we will send to you.

In your letter you refer to John Belknap born 4 Sept 1777 as "My great grand father". Also a James Belknap "my great grand father". Which is a little confusing to me. We would like your line to include you and your family. Also any information you may have on other Belknaps. Some future Belknaps will be glad to have this information without all this work and expense.

Will enclose some extra sheets for your use. Or if you wish to write out the information we will put it on family group sheets for the Library.

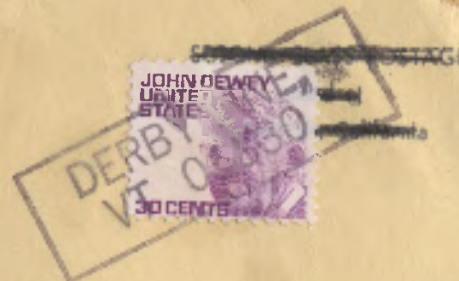
Some times it is not possible to obtain a birth date and a christening date. But either one will help to tell us about when the person was born or where they were born. It is also important to tell us if the person is male or female. When we get a name like "Lucky" it is hard to know to look for information on a male line or other line.

This is a lot to ask of you, but would appreciate it very much. Will help you all we can in return.

Sincerely,

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ LONG  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
MERRICK BELKNAP,  
Box 261  
DERBY LINE, VT. 05830

*Send direct fund  
free.*



MISS DELLA BELNAP,  
815 - 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET,  
OGDEN, UTAH.

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Ogden, Utah  
May 17, 1971

Dear Carroll;

I hardly know where to start. It would be easier to talk to you than try to write and be understood.

I have a clipping from an old newspaper the "Ogden Standard" published in Ogden. Don't know what year, could be in the 1940's. I know I have had it a long time. **OLDEST OF KIND**

"Massachusetts Historical Society  
founded in August, 1790, by  
Jeremy Belknap, and which held  
its first meeting in Boston in  
January, 1791, is the oldest  
historical organization in the  
United States."

Thought this was interesting to know.

Have you heard from Mrs. Mansfield's niece or have obtained any more information on the W. Va. Belknaps?

The only new information I have received from Hallie Belknap Weese's family is on Thomas Belknap b. 1779-d. 1883 who m'd 1st Mary Friend and 2nd Emsey Fisher. They said this Thomas Belknap was born in Little Britian, N. Y. Lived in Hampshire Co, Randolph Co. (no state is mentioned) then to Braxton Co. W.Va.

His wife Mary Friend was born in Elk River. No state is given. I do not find Elk River in N.Y. or the Virginias, but it could be a very small place that is not listed.

By his 2nd wife Emsey Fisher he had a daughter Eliza Belknap who married Simon T. Albert. They gave us the wrong birth date the first time. The correct birth date is 4 Jan 1851 and not 1849. They also sent the names of this Eliza's three daughter-in-laws but no names for the sons. I'm trying to locate these sons. They may be able to give more information on the material she had.

I believe Glen Evans received most of his information on these families from Hallie Belknap Weese and she obtain much of it from the 1850 census.

I have a letter from Mrs Shara Belknap Curry of So. Charleston, W.Va. She is a daughter of Farrell C. Belknap and Elda Blake. They come from Cassaway, W.Va. There evidently are other Belknap in that town yet, but cant get them to answer any letters. Mrs. Curry is a young woman going to college in So. Charleston.

The information sent to you on the Corwins you don't have to return.

I noticed on the pedigree chart made by Richard B. Taylor of Las Vegas, Nev. There is a ~~Ex. Mitter~~ a David S. Belknap-- 98 Rivergate Dr. --Wilton, Conn. Do you know him, if so does he have any Belknap records.

Some time ago you asked "what is the attitude of L. D. S. on illegitimate descent." I'm not sure what you want to know. If it is on genealogy that you want the information, The genealogy is kept like any one elses. All facts are recorded that are known. The child may not know who the parents are and may have trouble tracing their parents. But the child would know who his descendence are and records his or her family like any one else. If you are asking from a religious stand point, the church does <sup>not</sup> approve of the actions of the parents. The children ~~are~~ are not held responsible for the parents actions. The children or their descendence, if they are good people, are treated like any other good child. There is such a thing as true repentance by their parents and forgiveness by God is possible. If the repentant parents sin no more we should forgive them the same as God. Hope that answers your question. If not you had better explain just what you mean.

Now some questions on your direct line. On page 411 in our record of Samuel Belknap & Mary Newton (I know this family in our book is not complete) Glen Evans shows Mary Newton's mother to be Mary Wett or Witt or Gills. What is the correct Name?

On Jonas Newton Belknap's family sheet child #8 is Crin m'd 1st Anna Draper and 2nd Naomi Carpenter. Do you mean that Carpenter is her maiden name and that she is the widow of Mr. Lyman?

On Jesse Belknap & Jane Garlinghouse family sheet, child #6. Is the name Car or Corrington. In Franklin Belknap's record it is spelt Carrington. Do you have a copy of Franklin Belknap's Record? Without looking it up, Franklin is a cousin to Henry Wyckoff Belknap. He lived in Chicago, Ill. The record contains his letters to relatives & their answers. It is 158 typed pages. I do not know where the original is or another copy. My father had the original from Franklin some years ago and returned it to him. Franklin is dead now and I do not know much about his family. Don't think there is more genealogy in the record than what is in our record. However there are stories and personal information. I think my nephew could have it xeroxed at the place where he worked of 5¢ a sheet. It would cost me 10¢ a sheet. Either way it would be a good copy. Thought I would let you know there was a Franklin Belknap record.

Do you have a copy of the direct line of Atty. Nuel D. Belnap of Chicago, Ill/? He is about 80 yrs old. He has been working up to this last year. Now his health is not too good. If you don't I could help you with that line.

Hope you are well and that you are progressing with your record.

Sincerely,



Ogden, Utah  
Jan 28, 1971

Dear Carol;

Its about time I answered your letters. Will try to get this finished today. I have been trying to get some information on the W. Va. Belknaps from the people of that branch who live out this way. As yet I have not received answers from some of my letters. Will send what I have.

First, I'm sorry they have your name spelt incorrectly on the last mailing list. It is spelt correctly in our card file. So have called attention to the person who makes out our mailing lists.

Since the I B M machines came into existence all the employees were listed by their initials. As a result I get most of my mail as Mr. D. A. Belnap. The first time I took my pay check to the bank they told me I also had to sign my husbands pay check. So I know how it goes. Hope we don't make the same mistake again.

I do not know if you have heard from Mrs. Velma H. Mansfield. I'm enclosing the Pedigree Chart she gave me. Also the material she placed with the Utah Gen. Soc. that I could find.

Also the family sheet of Mrs. Hallie May Belnap Weese. Her son, Aaron, furnished the details that Glen Evans didn't. There are still some dates I hope to obtain on that family from the other children of Hallie May. Her son M. Harry Weese in Kennewick, Wash. has his mothers records. As yet he has not answered my letter. Don't know if this information will help or make for more questions.

I'm still waiting for are H.S. Researcher to send in his information. He asked for 2 months to have it typed up. I hope that will be soon. He has many families from the New England States. I'm sure he could help clear up some question, If I could get him to send it in. The last meeting we had with him was Nov 30. He was told to do this.

If you had worked out the line of Clarence E. Belnap of Ohio, do you have the complete family of Joseph Belnap b. 1792 in Vt. and Abigail House. That is our connecting link. We found in the census there were 12 children. We have information on only 7 of them. He didn't seem to have very much on that family nor do I.

I keep getting letters from a Mr. Corwin of New Orleans. There family have married into the Belnap family twice. The Saxoney Belnap I and trace but the Olive Belnap they can't give any more information on her. I don't seem to find an Olive that would fit there line.

I now have a request from Shara Belnap Curry of Charleston, W.Va. I hope she might have some information. Maybe you already know her.

I have read the compilation of the Media Research Bureau on the Belnap Family. Also found some thing that were not quite correct. Most of your comments are the same as mine, however some I may question. I have learned not to be too emphatic on some points as I find out later I could be wrong. If I understand correctly you have based you opinion on Henry W. Belnap and Bernau, which are very good, but not all inclusive. I believe the research done for my father is worth some thing also. He found many of the same information that H. W. B. found. This helped to verify his research. Then he also found some things H. W. B. didn't. Thought I had sent you copies of the differences. I have read the statement that Sir Edward Belnap died without issue. I also have proof he had a daughter. Knowing the conditions that some time exist in all countries, it would not surprise me that there were other children they did not admit having. It is more likely that a child or children had their name changed to Beltoft to cover up their past history of a nobility family.

*he didn't  
know this*

It is queer to me the Belknap line seems to end with Sir Edward Belknap/Ad and Beltoft starts with Richard. They are both in the same period of time. Too many questions, for example. Why did Bennet prove his name was Belknap to obtain his share of the estate, and etc.

To bad there is a postal strike in England. Just before the strike Dr. W. Dean Belnap of London sent me a letter dated Jan 18, 1971. He has had his own genealogist in England double checking parish Reg. and the Civic Archives in Essex and Hartfordshire. He says what we have found so far on our Belknap and various spellings, to be correct. To quote him; "Also I have determined the origin of the Belknap name and the family baronages and estates in Orpington, Kent. This is within a 20 mile radius of the whereabouts of our ancestors between the 15th and 17th century. So undoubtedly they are of a relationship. I will submit these to the family organization when all of that work is completed in the next few weeks."

Will contact Dr. Belnap as soon as the strike is over. Hope is is not long as it also effects the work that Frank Smith is doing for us in England. When such information is received you will get a copy.

The English Gen. say there are other various spellings of our name than the ones most commonly used, such as; Beltrapp, Beltropt, Beldam, Belcham, and Burnapp. This Genealogy seems to be a never ending game.

I know when the "K" was taken out of Belknap. It was taken out by my 3 g grant father Jesse. He took it out to distinguish him from his half brother. Most of his descendents have left the name as he did, althou some who live in the east have put the "K" back in the name as not to be different. It matters not to me, it's still the same family. However I'm glad that most of the relatives in U.S. and Canada use just the two spellings of the name. Then it is not too hard to find them. My fathers cousin John Thomas Belnap just dropped the Belnap and goes by Thomas. Haven't had time to check to see what has happened to that family.

We would like to add your line to our files. You seem to have collected quite a lot. We would pay for a copy of your family record. Some times it is easier to do it as you find it and not wait until you think it might be finished. I don't think we will ever finish the record. But must get on file what we have found so it will not be lost.

Wishing you the best luck in your very difficult task.

Sincerely,



Ogden, Utah  
Mar 24, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap

Thanks for all the material you have sent. Haven't gone through it all nor all of the other material sent in. But I'm still working on it.

Have been waiting to obtain more information on the W. Va. Belknap families. The two Weese brothers have sent copies of letters and notes, some from Glen Evans. They are very dim and will not copy off. Have gone through them and have come up with the right answer, I hope, on the Thomas Belknap question. There is quite a lot of material to be put into families. As I go thru these notes will copy more information for you.

You may have heard from Mrs. Velma Mansfield's niece by now, if so you may have the Thomas Belknap's straighten out. If not I'm enclosing the pedigree as it appears in the material from Harry Weese. He received this from his mother Hallie May Belknap Weese. This looks more logical to me. It shows that Capt John Belknap b. 1734 and Thomas Belknap b. 1729 to be brothers. Then Thomas Belknap b. 1755 and Thomas Belknap b. 1779 were cousins. Both of them being in Virginia could have caused this confusion.

These families are not complete, but I hope this is a correct start. Let me know if you find this to be correct or find more information. Also sending a corrected sheet on Mrs. Hallie May (Belknap) Weese's family.

Harry M. Weese said, they use to have the picture of Thomas Belknap in his officers uniform. That's the Thomas who md Mary Polly Friend and Emsey Fisher. The picture was sent to John Belknap of Cantor or Akron, Ohio. He thought his son C. Oscar Belknap was still living at Chapel, W. Va.

You mention the spelling of Dickinson being spelt wrong in our record. This was corrected after you borrowed our copy. We have had no chance to change the copy you have. We have fixed our original record.

This Keturah Belknap who went to Ore. Information from her journal is in the Salt Lake City Gen. Library. I read it many years ago. It didn't help then because she called people by their 1st name and didn't give any relationship. She was more interested in writing about the visiting ministers.

Have received a request from a Mrs. Edwin Starr Belknap of Milwaukee, Ore. Don't think she belongs to the Ore. branch of the family. She married Edwin Starr Belknap b. 1895 in Newburgh, N.Y. He was the son of a Edwin Starr Belknap. That's all she has on the Belknaps. On page 948a there is an Edwin Starr Belknap b. 1859 in S. F. but was back in Newburgh, N.Y. in 1889. I almost believe this could be the father of Edwin Starr Belknap b. 1895. All Mrs. Belknap can tell is that Edwin Starr is a family name. She has a picture of his mother and sister, but no names.

If you have done any work in N.Y. Have you come across this family on page 948a? I have written and asked her to write for his birth certificate and war record to see if his parents names would be on those records. If she will do this we could then add some to that family line. She obtained some information from a Burton H. Belknap, Clipp Rd., Voorheesville, Delmar, N.Y. about 1964. He also sent some information on your Jonas and Esther Parker line. He may be living. He is in Glen Evans Record page 222. They still haven't found the copy of Glen Evan's rec. I gave to the family. I use mine all the time, so do not want to sent it. I'm hoping the other copy will turn up one of these days.

Also enclosing a copy of a pedigree of Mr. Corwin of New Orleans. I could find the Edmund Sanxay Belknap on page 833 in our record. Did not find the Olive Belknap b. Oct 1797. If you should have the Olive Belknap's family would like a copy. Also could send the information on to Mr. Corwin.

Hope I have been of some help. Thanks again for all you have sent.

Sincerely,

DELLA from CYB

March 31 1971

Your fine letter March 24. Thanks. Many subjects. Hope I can cover them before I submerge myself in income tax work.

THOMAS, said to be born 1755 at New Windsor NY. I fear he's still a big question. All I've got, so far, is claims without supporting evidence. No proof from vital records obtainable, as town clerk says no records that early. All I can say with assurance is that the Thomas who served as a private in Rev War and married Naomi Dare was certainly father of the Thomas born maybe 1779 who served as a private in War of 1812 (for just a few days) and married Mary Friend and Emesey Fisher -- but that 1779 is more likely about 1791 or 1795, I think. No proven connection between the Rev War Thomas and any member of the Newburgh and New Windsor families -- nothing but the fact that he enlisted at Kingston NY, not far away -- which proves nothing. My repeated requests for evidence have brought no reply from Mrs Mansfield's niece.

I have a photo of the War of 1812 Thomas in his private's uniform. If Harry Weese wants it, I'll see if I can get permission to give it to him.

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OLIVE BELKNAP who married Mathew Howell Corwin -- said to be born Oct 1797, died 11 Oct 1839, Goshen N Y. Looks like a member of the Newburgh tribe-- but I can find no trace of her in my files -- not even a hint as to who she might possibly be. Olive a frequent name in that tribe -- but not with those dates. . . . Could she have been a widow Belknap, maiden name not known? Maybe; but I can't find a possible Belknap husband for her. . . . Close relationships of Corwins and Belknaps around Newburgh are known (example: Edmund Sanxay Belknap marrying a Corwin whose mother was a Belknap, so his wife was his cousin, though not first cousin). But I can't solve this Olive with anything I've got. Sorry. Do you want these Corwin sheets returned?

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EDWIN STARR BELKNAP -- Here I can help you, I think. You are right in believing this one to be of the Newburgh family. The Edwin Starr B born 2 March 1895 was son of Edwin Starr B (born 18 Aug 1863, Newburgh NY; lived Tarrytown & Bridgeport Conn and Albany NY ) and Julia Wright. . . who, in turn was son of Moses Cook Belknap and his second wife Marietta McCamy. You have this Moses Cook B in your records. If you need any further information from me, just ask for it. If you get any information from this Mrs Belknap, please send me a copy -- for I have nothing on her husband but the date of his birth.

*P. 938 - Do you any thing more on the children of this family.*  
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I do hope that duplicate set of Glen Evans turns up. It might help give clues on some of my many unsolved problems. I'd need it just one day -- to make copies and put it back in the mail.

Gratefully

*Carroll*



DELLA

2/6/71

THE WEST VIRGINIA BELKNAP FAMILY

I'm most grateful for all the material you sent on this family -- sheets for Velma Mansfield and Eliza Belknap Albert -- and especially the copy of letter from Veterans Administration, 1933.

This letter may provide a clue to the problem that thus far has evaded me: the parentage of the Thomas who served in the Revolutionary war and married Naomi Dare.

Both Mrs Mansfield and some other descendants say that this Thomas was son of Thomas born Woburn Mass 1729 -- and give birth date as 1755, New Windsor, N Y.

All other records that I have seen say that Thomas 1729 never married, and lived alone at New Windsor. His will (I have copy) bequeaths all property to his brothers and sisters -- and mentions no children.

The letter from Vet Admin says the Thomas who served in Rev War enlisted at Kingston -- which is not far from Newburgh and New Windsor. But this is, so far, the only reason I have found for thinking him to come from the Newburgh Family, to which Thomas 1729 belonged. (I haven't found any Belknaps living at Kingston. Have you?)

Mrs Mansfield and others give no evidence supporting the parentage they show -- nor any evidence for date and place of birth they show -- and they do not give name of a wife of Thomas 1729. So their claim looks suspicious, on the face of it.

Was this attribution of parentage just one of the many erratic guesses that Evans made? The records put together by Mrs Mansfield and Hallie Belknap Weese seem to have been based in part on work by Evans -- which of course makes them questionable.

So I have to keep searching. Next step, when I can find time, is to locate a Newburgh Belknap who has records of that family -- beyond what has been published in the past. Meanwhile, I'll keep asking Mrs Mansfield, etc., for the missing evidence; but I doubt this will do much good. So far, they just don't answer this question of mine. If I ever get this one questionable point settled, we'll have scores of names to add to our records. For the present, I cannot accept the ~~XXXX~~ parentage ~~XXXX~~ shown by Mrs Mansfield, etc.

QUERY: What ~~XX~~ is the attitude of LDS on illegitimate descent?

DELLA

2/5/71

Your letter Jan 28 makes me feel very humble. When I think of the many demands on your time, I just don't see how you could ~~XXXXXX~~ do so much to help me. You're a very wonderful person.

To aid you in filing, I'm trying to send you separate memos on subjects you mentioned. Sent one yesterday. And am enclosing another. Will send you a third one, on my own line of descent from Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, just as soon as I can put it together -- which requires inserting question marks and notes on points not yet verified as fully as they ought to be.

Meanwhile, my comments on other points in your letter:

CORWIN, New Orleans. There's nothing on Corwins in my organized files, but I have a faint memory of seeing the name somewhere, so it may be in the huge unorganized mass of data of "unidentified" people. But maybe I'm just remembering the Corwins in the set of sheets you sent me.

SAXONEY BELKNAP -- Who he? Why don't you send me a copy of what you have on him (and Corwin) and let me dig for what I may have? Glad to help, if I can.

SHARA BELKNAP CURRY, Charleston W Va. I have nothing. If you can give me names of any of her ancestors, such as grandfather, I may be able to help you.

SIR EDMARD BELKNAP -- I have quite a lot on him, including information furnished by pastor of church in a ~~Warwickshire~~ town that Sir E once owned. Without taking time to look it up, I think I recall that he had a daughter, as you say -- but she died before he did, and all his property went to his sisters, Anne, Margaret, etc.

QUESTION

QUESTION ABOUT BENNET, at top of p 2 of your letter. Probable reason why Bennet hastened to probate Josias' will 2 days after Josias died, and swore on oath that he was Benedict Belknappe, is indicated in the will of Josias -- which shows Bennet far in arrears on rent payments for land rented from Josias. So Bennet was probably in poor shape financially, and needed to inherit. (If you think this comment implies that Bennet is not one of my favorite people, you're right.)

Presently, I'll be sending you a fully verified revision of your sheet #489 -- John Belknap and Elizabeth -----. Your sheet shows children of two generations: those of that John and some of the children of his son John born 1748. Work on this revision is almost complete -- pending agreement on probable date of death of the son John, whom we have traced into Oneida County NY in first 1800's. John Sherman and I have been working on this matter for a long time.

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You must have been put to expense on making copies for me. So I enclose a small check. Please never hesitate to tell me about expenses I should repay.

RECOMMENDATION: Get the Belnap Family Organization to buy you a copying machine. Once you have one, you'll wonder how you ever lived without it. Good used machines can be bought for as little as \$200 -- sometimes even less.



Della:

Sorry to hear of the illness of your sister. Glad that she is better, now.

Thanks for the clipping about Hallie Weese. I had her marriage -- but not the names of her children. So it will add to the record of that Virginia family -- which I'll send to you when (and if) I determine the parentage of the ~~THOMAS~~ Thomas who married Naomi Dare.

From Nat Archives, I have received proof of his service in Rev War, ~~XXXX~~ and copies of papers which indicate that he must have been the father of the Thomas (in Virginia) who served in War of 1812.

But I have not yet found any proof of the following points in Mrs Mansfield's lineage sheets:

- That the Thomas who served in War of 1812 was born 1795 and was son of Naomi Dare. (Other descendants say he was born 1779, ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ ten years before Naomi's marriage,) in which case Naomi presumably was his father's second wife.)
- That the Rev War Thomas was born 1755 (which would make him 34 at marriage to Naomi in 1789, so an earlier marriage might be likely).
- That this Rev War Thomas was son of the Thomas born 1729, son of Thomas Belknap and Sarah Wright. (I have the will of this New Windsor Thomas. It names only his brothers and their children, and his sister Sarah -- no wife or children of his own are mentioned. So maybe he never married, which is the old tradition.)

So you see I have problems, before I can send you the record of the family from which Hallie Weese and Velma Mansfield come. Lots of names in it, for the second Thomas had 22 children by his two wives.

Had a nice letter from Mrs Mansfield, giving me the name and address of a niece who, she says, has all her records. I've written to the niece. No reply yet.

You mention a son of Mrs Weese who is not listed in the obituary: "the oldest one, who was killed in an auto accident." Can you give me his name?

P.S. Address of Mrs Mansfield's niece, in case you want it:

Mrs Wayne Hamric  
7071 Flintwood Way  
Sacramento, Calif. 95831

*confirmed*

*Only 16 children*

*Penell 11/21/70*

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP      25 Club Road      Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Nov 20 1970

Dear Della:

Here's a check I meant to send long ago, to cover your expense in getting copies made for me. I hope it's adequate. If not, please say so.

Forgive the delay. I've been swamped with work, hurrying to try to get information from people before it's too late -- and always thinking of the number of my most helpful correspondents who have died since I got started ~~on~~ this job of compiling a Belknap genealogy.

My gratitude for your aid is endless.

And now I have another suggestion to make. I hope you'll agree.

It concerns the records assembled by Glenn Evans. I have several sets of them, including a copy I made of the set he deposited in the Grand Rapids Library which lent it to me for copying. No two of the various sets and individual sheets accumulated from various sources seem to agree with each other. Some of them contradict each other.

Of course he was credulous and inaccurate. Most of the time <sup>that</sup> I devote to trying to verify something on which he differs with other searchers usually proves only that he was dead wrong -- as in his giving our original Abraham a son named Roger, on the basis of something written by a nice lady in Illinois years ago. But once in a while I find that he is right; so I have to keep following his lead no matter how much I distrust him.

What is most obvious to me, and has been for some time, is that you must have a more complete and much later version of his records than I have. So I need to see that version -- rather, I need a copy of it, for present and future use.

I can't ask you to make a copy for me. But, as you know, I have complete copying equipment here in my study. So . . . would you be willing to lend me your set of Evans records for the day or so that it would take me to run off a copy of them? Would you be willing to ship them to me by first class mail, registered for protection, and let me copy them and ship them right back to you? I'll pay all expense, of course.

This is a lot to ask. But other people and some institutions have done it. So maybe you will.

Carroll

No final findings, yet, on that Thomas Belknap puzzle. Still working on it.



Richard Belknap — md — Elizabeth(?)  
d-1599 England d-1589(?) England

Samuel Joseph John

Benedict (Bennet) Belknap (Beltoft) — md — Grace Adam — Benedict was Warden of Great St. Mary's Church in Sawbridgeworth, England

Abraham Belknap — md — Mary  
b-1589/Eng. d-Sept. 1643

Samuel Belknap — md — Sarah Jones (J) ?  
b-1627/8-Eng. b-Hingham, Mass. d-18 Apr. - 1689-Haverhill, Mass.

(2) { Abraham & Mary came from Sawbridgeworth, Co. Herts, Eng. in 1635 had several children

{ Sarah's parents = Robert Jones & Elizabeth

Ebenezer Belknap — md — Hannah Ayer  
b-1667-Salem, Mass. d-19-Dec.-1672/2  
d-1762-Haverhill, Mass. d-1779/80

(E) { Hannah was 106 yrs. 11 mos. at death. They had 12 children all lived to be nearly (or over) 100 yrs. Hannah's parents = Nathaniel Ayer & Tamsin Taylor

Samuel Belknap — md — Mary Dickenson (B) or 1703?  
b-Haverhill, Mass. d-1757 b-29 Nov.-1704-Rowley, Mass.

{ Mary's father = James Dickenson This Samuel of Massfield, Enfield & Windsor, Conn.

Samuel Belknap — md — Mary Newton  
b-12-June-1731-Enfield, Conn. d-8-Nov.-1737-E. Windsor, Conn.  
d-18-June-1775-Cambridge, Mass.

(F) { Mary's parents = Stephen Newton & Mary (Wells) Ellis. This Samuel was supposed to have fallen at Bunker Hill. No record.

Jonas Newton Belknap — md — Esther Parker (Lined In ?)  
b-1758/60 - Windsor, Conn. d-1817/8

(G) { According to Henry Belknap of Salem, Mass., Jonas and Esther Lined In were parents of Jesse & Orin. I had Esther Parker. (2)

Jesse Belknap — md — Jane Garlinghouse  
b-26-Jan.-1792-Cherry Valley, N.Y. d-1792-Penn.  
d-19-Nov.-1881-Monroe, Oreg. d-10-Dec.-1876

(H) { Jane's parents = Elijah Garlinghouse & Eleanor Hunt. Clyde Starr says Jane was Dutch.

Hannah Belknap — md — Lorenzo Dow Gilbert  
b-21-Dec.-1814-Ontario Co., N.Y. b-1-July-1812-Ontario Co., N.Y.  
d-10-May-1911-Coeur d'Alene, Wash. d-24-Mar.-1882-Lane Co., Oreg.

{ Lorenzo's parents = Phineas Gilbert & Elizabeth Prosser. Plaines in 1847 with Belknaps & Watts.

Jesse Belknap Gilbert — md — Irena Diantha Watts  
b-1-May-1852-Lane Co., Oreg. b-29-June-1851-Lane Co., Oreg.  
d-21-Nov.-1948-Walla Walla, Wash. d-8-May-1916-Spokane, Wash.

{ Irena's parents = Russell Underwood Watts & Diantha Holmes

Claude Dow Gilbert — md — Pearl Myrtle Jones  
b-8-Jan.-1880-Pearia, Oreg. b-23-Sept.-1885-Sibley, Iowa  
d-7-May-1965-Portland, Oreg.

{ Pearl's parents = Richard Jones & Henrietta Shipley from Virginia Tenn. These records hard to get.

Claudia Irena Gilbert — md — Joseph Alva Marshall

Sorry this is in pencil but when I make a mistake I can erase, and I'm too lazy to copy more.

(This is my direct lineage.)

(I) Did you discover Richard's wife's last name? Or Abraham's? Did you trace ADAM-JONES-AYER-DICKENSON etc.?

I can trace the GILBERT line to 1565 the WATTS to 1700



# PEDIGREE CHART

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*Annotations and Revisions  
By Cannon York Belnap  
1/6/68*

**1 Hyrum Belnap**

BORN **24 Mar 1858**  
WHERE **Ogden, Utah**  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED **18 Sept 1938**  
WHERE **Ogden, Utah**

**1st Christiana Rasmussen**

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

**2nd Anna C. Bluth**

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR  
BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION  
WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES  
BY NUMBER.

**2 Gilbert Belnap**

BORN **22 Dec 1821**  
WHERE **Port Hope, Ont. Canada**  
WHEN MARRIED **21 Dec 1845**  
DIED **26 Feb 1899**  
WHERE **Hooper, Utah**

**1st Adaline Knight**

BORN **4 May 1831**  
WHERE **Perrysburg, N.Y.**  
DIED **10 Jun 1919**  
WHERE **Salt Lake City, Utah**  
**2nd - Henrietta McBride**  
**B-1 Sep 1821 - Wark, N.Y.**  
**Md. 26 Jan 1852**  
**Died 5 Sep 1899**  
Where- **Ogden, Utah**

**4 Rosal Belnap**

BORN **4 Jan 1789**  
WHERE **Cayuga, N.Y.**  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED **2 Dec 1832**  
WHERE **Whitby, Ontario**

**5 Jane Richmond**

BORN **1790**  
WHERE **Vermont**  
DIED **3 Mar 1833**  
WHERE **Whitby Ontario**

**6 Vinson Knight**

BORN **14 Mar 1804**  
WHERE **Norwich, Mass**  
WHEN MARRIED **6 July 1826**  
DIED **30 July 1842**  
WHERE **Norwich, Hancock, Me.**

**7 Martha McBride**

BORN **17 Mar 1805**  
WHERE **Chester, N.Y.**  
DIED **20 Nov 1901**  
WHERE **Hooper, Utah**

**Jesse Belnap**

BORN **31 Aug 1760**  
WHERE **Hebron, Conn**  
WHEN MARRIED **28 Apr 1779**  
DIED **14 Oct 1854**  
WHERE **North East, Erie, Pa.**  
**Eunice Hall**  
BORN **25 May 1762**  
WHERE **Reading, Conn**  
DIED **12 Mar 1849**  
WHERE **North East, Erie, Pa.**

BORN **4 June 1737**  
WHERE **Stonington, Conn**  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED **June 1801-4**  
WHERE **Jane Bradman**  
BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

BORN **4 Dec 1768**  
WHERE **Norwich, Hampshire town**  
WHEN MARRIED **6 Dec 1800**  
DIED **20 Mar 1809**  
WHERE **Risak Lee**  
BORN **11 Oct 1774**  
WHERE **Conway, Me.**  
DIED **Feb 1851**  
WHERE

BORN **13 Sept 1766**  
WHERE **Stillwater, N.Y.**  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED **1 Sept 1823**  
WHERE **St. Roy, Quebec, N.Y.**  
BORN **29 Jan 1770**  
WHERE **St. Roy, Quebec, N.Y.**  
DIED **12 Mar 1854**  
WHERE **St. Roy, Quebec, N.Y.**

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## PEDIGREE CHART

Probably Before 1697

Ebenezer Belnap

BORN abt 1677 Salem

WHERE Haverhill, Mass

WHEN MARRIED 25 Feb 1690-1

DIED Nov-1762

WHERE Haverhill, Mass

Hannah Ayer

BORN 19 Dec 1672

WHERE Haverhill, Mass

DIED Nov 1779

WHERE Haverhill or Plaistow, Mass

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16 Samuel Belnap

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17 Sarah Jones

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18 Nathaniel Ayer

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2 Jesse Belnap

BORN 9 Apr 1739

WHERE Somers, Conn.

WHEN MARRIED

DIED After 1818

WHERE

1 Jesse Belnap

BORN 31 Aug 1760

WHERE Hebron, Conn.

WHEN MARRIED 28 Apr 1779

DIED 14 Oct 1854

WHERE

Eunice Hall

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

3 1st Eunice

BORN about 1740

WHERE Redding, Conn.

DIED 25 July 1774

WHERE Castleton, Vt.

2nd Deborah Hathway

B- 1740

Where- Bennington, Vt.

Died- 26 Jan 1827

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BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION  
WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES  
BY NUMBER.



# PEDIGREE CHART

Richard Belknap CHART NO 3

Baptized 10 March 1789/90

Abraham Belknap or Beltoft

BORN abt 1590  
WHERE England  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED Sept 1643  
WHERE Lynn or Salem, Mass

Mary

BORN abt 1593  
WHERE England  
DIED  
WHERE Mass

Bennet Belknap or Beltoft

BORN  
WHERE England  
WHEN MARRIED 25 May 1586  
DIED 21 May 1624  
WHERE

Grace Adams

BORN  
WHERE England  
DIED Bur- 29 Oct 1630  
WHERE

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WHEN MARRIED  
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Elizabeth (?)

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Samuel Belknap

Baptized 16 March 1627/8  
WHERE England  
WHEN MARRIED abt 1652 (Source?)  
DIED  
WHERE Mass

Sanbridgeworth  
B. Harts.

North Weald,  
Co. Essex,

1 Ebenezer Belknap

BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED  
WHERE  
Hannah Ayer  
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Sarah Jones

BORN  
WHERE  
DIED 18 Apr 1689  
WHERE Haverhill, Mass.

BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

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## PEDIGREE CHART

Richard

CHART NO. 4

~~Belknap or Beltoft~~BORN ~~abt. 1500~~WHERE ~~England~~

WHEN MARRIED

DIED ~~1501-1510~~WHERE ~~(or earlier)~~

Christian

BORN

WHERE

DIED

WHERE

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WHEN MARRIED

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BORN

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WHEN MARRIED

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BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

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15

BORN

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DIED

WHERE

~~Henry Belknap or Beltoft~~

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED ~~Bur. 5 July 1561~~

WHERE

BORN

WHERE

DIED

WHERE

BORN

WHERE

DIED ~~Bur. 14 Jan 1560-2~~

WHERE

6

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

WHERE

7

BORN

WHERE

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WHERE

2 ~~Richard Belknap or Beltoft~~BORN ~~About 1520~~WHERE ~~England~~

WHEN MARRIED

DIED ~~Bur. 2 Dec 1599~~WHERE ~~Saundersworth~~3 ~~Elizabeth~~ wife unknown

BORN

WHERE

DIED

WHERE

3 ~~Elizabeth (?)~~

BORN

WHERE

DIED ~~Bur. 17 Jan 1588-9 (?)~~

WHERE

1 ~~Bennet Belknap or Beltoft~~

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

WHERE

Grace Adams

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR  
BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION  
WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES  
BY NUMBER.

Ogden, Utah  
Nov 16, 1970

Dear Carroll;

After many interruptions I'll get to your letter tonight. Your letter came the same day we found my sister, Jewel, very ill and unable to talk. Rushed her to the hospital and have spent most of the time there. Now she is home and is recovering slowly. Don't have to be with her so much. Now to get caught up on letters.

Thanks for calling my attention to page 774 to the mis copy of the death date of Thomas Belknap b. 1698. The record of H W B that I have says the first three children were of Newburgh, N. Y. I see Glen Evan Rec. said the children were born in Worburn. Page 806a Sarah Belknap does marry Isaac Belknap, only there is no marriage date given. Are you making these corrections or making notes of additional information on our record. It would help us if this was done in pencil, if this is not too much to ask. As I'm sending you all that I can find. Although it may not be too much.

Now to your letter to Mrs. Mansfield. I hope she has answered you. I have found that she is still living and was here last month. I was surprised that Mrs Hallie Belknap Weese was alive until Oct 14, 1970. She is a relative of Mrs. Velma Mansfield. I have talked to Mrs Weese's son Carl who lives in Ogden. He said her mother had many records and papers. He didn't know much about them but his brother Harry was the one that was interested in genealogy ~~and~~ and understood it. So he had his mother's records. I have written to him to see if he will help us or have it copied for us.

I didn't get to her services to meet her children or Mrs. Mansfield as I was at the hospital with my sister and didn't get to read the papers. I felt sorry that I didn't see the paper sooner. Could have done something about it. I did know who Mrs. Weese was. She had been to see my father many times. I knew the oldest son, better. He was killed in an auto accident. Then I haven't kept in touch with them since.

Will let you know what I learn from this source.

Sincerely,



CARROLL YORK BELKNAP      25 Club Road      Riverside, Connecticut 06878

June 12, 1969

Dear Della:

Your new sheet on Abraham is certainly the best statement yet issued.

However, I think I owe it to you to tell you how my own <sup>records</sup> ~~notes~~ differ with your sheet. So I'm attaching a copy of the notes I have made. And probably I also owe it to myself to do this, for you may be able to tell me where and why some of my notes are wrong. Anyway, you have been so generous with help that I must try to match your kindness.

As you'll see, <sup>most</sup> ~~most~~ of the points in my notes are very minor ones. But I find the professionals insisting on just this sort of precision.

Forgive the last note. I've been disappointed so often by claims about Abraham's marriage that I must make sure this time, before I write the book that I hope to complete within a year or so.

Yours,

Carroll

Ogden, Utah  
Jan 22, 1969

Dear Mr. Belknap;

Received your letter of Dec. 31. Have had the flu and have been off work for five weeks. I haven't gotten the letters out like I should.

This English researcher is slow and they don't send me all the material until it is finished and they can write there conclusions of the material found. When I get something definite, will forward it to you. I have just sent Mr. Frank Smith our English research some more money and a copy of your last letter. He hasn't had time to answer it as yet. I did suggest to him that he would be in a better position to write what was found in his research in England than any one else. It all takes time and he does this work for us out side of his regular work.

To answer an earlier question. Not sure if Grace Adams, is Adams, Adam or Adame. Mr. Smith is finding it spelt more than one way. He is still doing research in "Wills" on this line and on the "Stallion" line. Mr. Smith won't make a conclusion until they have tried to find all that can be found.

I'm enclosing the material that Mr. Smith sent in a while back. Some of the information we had and some we didn't. This is a copy so you can keep it.

I have also sent to James Parker, our research in U.S. and Canada, the information on the Mary Wood and Mary Dickinson. It looks more reasonable the way you have it. But would like to be able to prove it, as it is our direct line. Thanks for your help on this.

Mr. Parker informs me he has covered the New England States and has picked up new information on families we have and some 160 families we do not have. That it would be July before he would send in his findings of that part of the country. I was going to his place to check this over, but won't be able to until I feel better.

Will let you know when I hear anything more. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,



Ogden, Utah  
Sept. 25, 1968

Dear Mr. Belknap;

It has been some time since I have heard from you. I hope all is well with you. I thought you might have gone to England and that my last letter came after you had left. If you have been to England, I hope you had a good trip.

I have had another report on the work done in England by our researcher. They have been at the British Museum and the Public record office in London. They have also been through Subsidy Rolls (taxes) of 1345 to 1547. They also checked for the Adams family besides the Belknap of Beltoft. I mentioned before we have found Grace Adams father, Jerome Adams. He is mentioned in the Subsidy Roll of 1562/3 but nothing more. They also went through many wills of Adams, but nothing more was found at this time.

The Poll tax of Sawbridgworth collected in 1377 does not mention Belknap or Beltoft. It suggests that the Belknaps came from some place before that time.

If you went to England. Were you able to obtain any more information.

A detailed report of the English work is being sent to me, but have not received it yet.

A Mr. James Parker of the Genealogical Society of Utah is making a trip to the New England States/ for that Society. While there he is also going to try to check more on this Samuel Belknap and Mary Wood and her husbands. He has a copy of the information on the Dickensons you sent. There are too many questions and we are not sure of the answers. We may or may not be able to answer our questions, but we will try.

I forgot to ask Mr. Parker if he was going to Conn. Also how long he would be there. If he was going any place near Greenwich, I would ask if he could call on you. Maybe I could find out from his wife. I tried to call her. There telephone did not answer.

You may have heard from a Mrs. Belknap of Des Moines, Ia. She wrote me to find more information on Jonas Newton Belknap and Esther Parker. I couldn't help her and asked her to write to you.

My family keep asking what relation you are to us. I tell them you are a cousin but unable to tell which one, 3rd, 4th and etc. Will you fill out the enclosed pedigree chart, which wouldn't take much time, so this will give us an idea of the relationship.

We had a very nice family reunion. 280 people attended. In the morning we had a work shop. We had charts and pictures showing where research work had and is being done. Any one could take time to copy what they wanted. Also had some interesting articles on display of the older members of the family that had passed on. At noon we had lunch and birthday cakes. As it was 100 years since our grandparents went to the little town of Hooper, Utah to homestead. Hooper is 10 miles south west of Ogden. In the afternoon we had a program. I saw more 1st cousins than I have seen for some time. Most of them are older than I am and don't get around to much. I know my 2nd cousins better. I did enjoy it. It was a lot of work. I had my turn at being responsible for the reunion now next time it will be some one else. However I am still in charge of the research work being done here for our branch of the family. It is interesting work, but it is work. We are trying to keep our branch of the family up to date so the next generation will not have such a hard time.

Wishing you success in your work. Have been grateful all you have done.

Sincerely,

DELLA:

1/30/68

Here are copies of some papers which you may wish to give to Mr. Frank Smith at the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake.

They are facsimiles of MSS sent to H W Belknap about 50 years ago by Charles Bernau, the English record agent who dug up the Sawbridgeworth record. By the time HWB received them, he had lost interest in the old family of Sir Robert Bealknap — so, as far as I can judge, nothing further was done with these papers.

The "I" in the notes on some of the papers is Mr. Bernau.

The <sup>value</sup> ~~value~~ of these papers to Mr. Smith is something I can't judge. But here they are.

(A) The inclusion of Henry Finch at the end of this item dates the original as possibly circa 1500. His will was probated in 1493.

(B) This one, also not earlier than about 1500, seems muddled but may be useful on names of children.

(C) Chiefly of interest, maybe, because of the hint in Mr. Bernau's suggestion that there might be more that is worth copying. (This has the look of an extract from a Visitation of Heralds, which would date it as not earlier than the reign of Henry VIII.)

(D) (NOTE: In all of the foregoing documents, the Sir Edward is the "Sir Edmund" named in the letter I received from the editor of Debrett's Peerage.)

(1504-1515)

(D) I am interested in this one because it is the only old document (in my files) that associates a Belknap of that time ~~(1504-1515)~~ with ~~Essex~~ county Essex, and I strongly suspect that the Sawbridgeworth family had an Essex origin. It certainly had continuous and close contacts in nearby Essex, across the River Stort. I do not know who this Edward Belknappe was; but it seems possible that he was not the Sir Edward who was the great-great-grandson of Sir Robert, and ended his career as custodian of Warwick Castle, according to one historian. So he interests me.



DELLA and DICK

1/24/68

From Carroll Belknap

I think I should send you a copy of a letter from England, just received -- though it may be old stuff to both of you.

I was led to write to Debrett's because I had two unsolved puzzles:

- An apparent "missing generation" in the published record of Sir Robert Bealknap's descendants.
- My inability to find the John and Joan who were the link between the present Quson and Shakespeare.

Being unable to solve either of these puzzles from the records available to me, I was at a dead end until it dawned on me, one day, that these two puzzles might be one and the same.

And so it proved.

The next obvious step is to see if Sir Robert, or John, or Hamon had any brothers. None are shown in any of the British Museum documents of which I have copies. But those documents were written at least 100 years after the death of Sir Robert, and can't be trusted on anything but the years between 1400 or 1450 and 1500.

And I find it difficult to believe that in three successive generations there was only one son.

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I'm writing to the magazine in London.



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Ogden, Utah  
Jan 27, 1968

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I have started this letter several times. I need a secretary to keep up this writing of letters. Thanks for sending the material. I was very happy to learn about it. You should have received your material and some other sheets I sent to you by now.

If you will read my last letter you will see that the record I sent is a copy. The original is on better paper and has a nice cover. Also we don't loan the original. Any one can see it or copy from it. We had this extra copy made to work from so as to keep the original in good shape. There is no need to copy any of it for us. You can copy any of it for your self if you want to. The index you can keep. We have more of them. The record you can keep as long as necessary.

The record is not complete. We have more families that have been added. I couldn't tell you just what families they are. I do know we have added atty. Muel Belknap's line. He is in Chicago. But his line is after the Jesses. So if you have a question on a family, give the name number and we can easily tell you if we have more information.

I know you have picked on a big job. I have been at it in my spare time for years. A great deal of the record is my fathers research. He spent hundreds of dollars and lots of time personally traveling to all the town and court houses and even to England. A lot of the material he found was the same as W. W. R. He also paid researchers in England and in New England. He could find more on the Belknap's before 1500 because of their royal line. I also think W. W. R. did have this too. If not I have some material on that line. Just received your letter this afternoon from Mr. Smith in England. I was going to tell you about him. We had not written to him and I was thrilled to think you had and that he did answer you.

Too bad my father isn't here. He could tell you more than I can. We did visit London and visited the Somerset House. I understood from what he found, and W. W. R. also found that Bennet Belknap's will was listed under the name of Bennet Beltoft. His will, proved 15 June 1624 by his widow, Grace Adam, and his son, Josias, in the commissary court of London for Essex and Berks was entered in the Probate Act Book for 1623-1626 under the name of Belknapp, while in the calendar of wills, under the name Beltoft, which is the form used in the will. So some one has added to the name Belknap "otherwise Beltoft" or vice-versa. So it is hard to know just when the name was used as Beltoft. Now ever there are other various spellings of the name. Any way before 1500 it seems to be Belknap.

I was very much interested in the material you sent that was printed later by W. W. R. I don't know why he didn't mention it to my father. Any way I went to Salt Lake City to the Genealogical Library there and obtained a copy of the entire article. I have given it to our English researcher Frank Smith. Frank Smith is from England. He is over the English Genealogy in the Salt Lake Gen. Library. Ordinarily he doesn't do work for individual families, but he is a good friend of the family. So he is directing our work. A. M. Colliard was doing the foot work in England, but he died last year.

The same day I recieved your letter I received a letter from Mr. Smith stating that they had found this same court cases in England. We had changed the line to read just a little differently than you, but had not given it as definite. I mailed him a copy of the court cases and gave him your conclusions. Mr. Smith is well qualified. If he comes up with something more of different I'll send you a copy.

Mr. Frank Smith did find who wrote the Queens History and I was going to tell you. but you all ready know about it. Mr. Smith goes to England nearly every year. If you do not get what you want from Montague Smith maybe our Mr. Smith could call on him. Would be funny if they were related.

I didn't have too much time at the Library in Salt Lake City. Holding down a job and keeping a house takes too much time. Any way I did check to see if any one else was doing research on the Dickinson and Wood lines. I did find the sheets I sent to you on the Wood and Dickinson lines. On those sheets is the name and address of the person doing the work and in the upper right hand corner the source of their research.



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The work was done by different people, but they seem to come up with the same record. The sheet you sent on the sale of property and etc on James Dickinson, brings a question which James Dickinson if the sheets got from the library are right. It could be the son of Mary Wood and James Dickinson, thus the father would be James Dickinson.

Also H. W. P. shows Samuel, who married Mary Dickinson, to be the son of Abraham and Mary Belknap of Salem, Mass. Dr. Bernard Belknap of Wyoming, W.V. sent his record to my father, we puts this Samuel in another family. We felt we needed to do more research on this Samuel also. There are so many by the same name they get them mixed up.

I don't know if the book I have of H.W.P. was ever published. It is a type written record. H. W. P. and my father was going to publish a book once but it never was done.

I guess I didn't explain our record clear enough to you. Each one has a different method. I finally think the one we have now is about the best. The tabs in the record I sent, correspond with the pedigree chart. If you turn to the page of Abraham and Mary Belknap for example, you will find in the upper right hand corner the source of the material researched. When it gives Pyrum or H. Belknap record it means he obtained it personally. Some times it was from court records and some times from the people them selves. Also obtained information from cemeteries and Wash D. C. ✓

Mr. Frank Smith had found the will of Elizabeth Adham widow, was proved from Sawbridge-worth 18 June 1606. She mentions Grace wife of Benet Baltot- Jerome Adam.

John Perry- Thomas Adam  
Anyes wife of Thomas Adam  
Deaf Perry- Tabatha Bur  
John Adam  
Thomas Perry

Won't get all of his reports until the research is finished. But this sounds like our Adam line.

Now the material on the Jesses is quite a bit. This work was done by my father. We obtained the material from court houses, Wash D.C. and the Phillips cemetery in Erie, Pa. I will copy a bit from my father's Journal. In 1908 I visited Hebron, Conn. looking up records and found that the court house had burned down 50 years before. Then I went to Washington D. C. in order to find Great-grand father Jesse Belknap's parents names from his enlistment papers in the Revolutionary Army in 1777. They too advised me that the capitol was burned in 1812 by the enemy and they could do nothing for me. I returned to Hartford, Conn. and found in the will of one Samuel Belknap who married Mary (Wood) Dickson, July 9, 1723, the following children's names;

Mary Belknap, born March 3, 1724  
Simeon Belknap, born June 2, 1726  
Job Belknap, born Oct 29, 1728  
Ebenezer Belknap, born June 13, 1731  
Samuel Belknap, born May 15, 1734  
Abel Belknap, born Sept 15, 1726

Jesse Belknap, born April 9, 1739 at Somers, Conn. The records show that this Jesse only received some personal property, as his share of the estate.

"I traced this Jesse into Castleton, Vt. where he was chosen town clerk, whose duty it was to record all births, deaths and marriages. Here I found his own records in the hands of Judge Clark. Jesse Belknap records that he came there from Connecticut in 1771. In his own handwriting he records the following: my wife Eunice, died July 25, 1774 my eldest daughter Pette by my wife Eunice, died July 25, Sept 17, 1777. my third daughter Olive by my wife Eunice died Sept 25, 1777. Judge Clark said, "where must have been some contagious disease here taking so many away at the same time." Jesse Belknap then married one Deborah Hathway, and he records: Ruth from my wife Deborah was born Nov. 21, 1732. My second son, Jesse was born May 21, 1734. My third son Augustus, was born June 29, 1737, etc. I employed a historian in Hartford, Conn. and he later informed me that Somers and Hebron are a few miles apart, and from the research that he made, that Jesse Belknap born in Somers in 1739 was the father of Jesse Belknap born Aug. 1740



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Aug 31, 1760. That the son of Jesse Belknap from the second wife Deborah Hathway, born in 1784 and the son from the first wife, Eunice, born in Hebron, Conn. Aug 31, 1760 are the two brothers that made a distinction in their names by the Hebron Jesse, leaving the K from the spelling of Belknap name."

Hope this helps a little. Will ~~also~~ so you can get a reply before you write again. Wish again the thank you for the material you sent. By comparing note we may get to the bottom of this yet.

Sincerely,



*Sella*

Mr. Patrick W. Montague-Smith  
DEBRET  
Neville House  
Eden Street  
Kingston Upon Thames  
Surrey, ENGLAND

25 Club Road  
Riverside  
Connecticut 06878  
U. S. A.  
January 31, 1968

Dear Mr. Montague-Smith:

I thank you most deeply for your great courtesy and kindness in answering so fully my query about John Belknap and his sister Joan. I am writing to The Queen Magazine, as you suggested.

Perhaps I should explain the reason for my interest. In the course of trying to prepare a record of the Belknap name in England and America, I had come to believe that the sketch of the life of Sir Robert Bealknap in the Dictionary of National Biography must be wrong in saying that Sir Edward ("Sir Edmund" in your letter) was the great-grandson of Sir Robert. I felt sure there was a missing generation -- most likely between Sir Robert and Sir Hamon. But I could find no support for my belief, in copies of old documents in the British Museum; and so I had come to a dead end until I surmised that the John and Joan mentioned in your 1952 edition might represent that missing generation.

I should add that there is no known connection between the American and Canadian Belknaps and the family of the Judge.

have  
Till I ~~had~~ studied the article in the magazine, I shall not trouble you with questions that it may answer.

There is, however, one question that you may be able to answer easily, from your memory of your research. Was this Joan Belknap, daughter of Sir Robert, the "Johane Bealknap" listed as maid of honor to Katherine, wife of Henry V, in 1422? (The reference in my files is Rymer's Foedera, vol. x, p. 204, "Demoiselles de nostre Treschere Compaigne".) This Johane (Joan, Joanna) is said to have ~~been~~ been Sir Robert's daughter, but the date and the word "Demoiselles" have made me think it more likely that she was a grand-daughter -- if the Dictionary of National Biography is correct in saying that Sir Robert returned from exile in 1397 and if I am right in believing that he was about 60 years of age at that time (on the basis of the statement that he was a page at Court along with Chaucer, in Fuller's Worthies of England).

Gratefully,

Carroll Y. Belknap:

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~~CONNECTICUT~~

25 Club Road  
Riverside  
Connecticut 06878  
Jan. 31, 1968

COUSIN DELLA:

What you have told me about Mr. Frank Smith, at the Salt Lake Genealogical Society, heartens me greatly. I have been hesitating to write my full interpretation of the evidence on the change of family name from Beltoft to Belknap in 1630, for I have not known where to turn for a competent professional evaluation of my conclusions. Perhaps, some day, Mr. Smith might be so kind as to examine what I ~~WIKELY~~ write on that subject.

There is, however, one bit of evidence that I still lack -- the exact date of the first imposition of "lay subsidies" in England. I haven't been able to find it in any books accessible to me, thus far. Perhaps Mr. Smith knows this date.

And here are a couple of other questions that you might wish to pass along to him. I have not yet tried to find the answers.

- (1) Who -- and when -- was the John Belknap said to have been mentioned in a description of an inscription on a window in the church in Marsham, Norfolk? (In Blomefield's Norfolk county history) Norfolk is far afield from the homes of any other Belknaps I have found. The wording of the inscription: "Pray for the soul of John Belknap, Gen."
- (2) Who -- and when -- was the Symon Belknap who is said to have been mentioned in a Visitation of Essex (which presumably would not be earlier than the reign of Henry VIII)? I have not yet found any other trace of him.

*Carol*



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Elizabeth Belknap & ----- Pattason,  
B. 1 Jul. 1665,  
D.  
M.  
bp. 1st. Ch. 11 Dec. 1665,

(5,1,)

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Franklin Belknap notes.

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John Belknap & Ruth Fair,  
B. 1 Jun. 1672, B.  
D.  
M. 1736, dau. of  
b. &  
d.  
res.  
(authority for this not given)

(5,1,)

32.

History of Framingham.

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Mary Belknap & Benjamin Nurse,  
B. 21 Oct. 1691, B. 20 Jan. 1694, Haverhill, Mass.,  
D.  
M. Jun. 1737, son of Benjamin Nurse of Framingham, Mass.,  
b. Haverhill, &  
Thamazin  
M. 16 Feb. 1713, Elizabeth Sawtell, wid. Joseph Morse,

(13,4,1,)

(or Nurse)

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Thankful Belknap & William Rogers,  
B. 15 Aug. 1714,  
D.  
M.  
not ment. in  
fathers will.

(13,4,1,)

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O.N. 55,

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Hannah Belknap & Thomas Flagg,  
B. 11 Aug. 1693,  
D. 1787,?  
M. 11 Jun. 1713,  
b. Haverhill,  
de  
res. Boston,  
m. Boston by Rev. Cotton Mather,

(15,4,1,)

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O.N. 104.

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Mitty Belknap &amp; John Hooley,

(39, 13, 4, 1,)

B. 16 Jun. 1757, B.

D. D.

M. 27 Jul. 1788, son of

b. &amp;

d.

res.

he of Sterling, Mass.

558.

O.N. 656d.

Sarah Belknap &amp; Josiah Kezar,

(274, 125, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

B. 7 Jan. 1813, B.

D. D. about 1910,

M. 1841, son of Josiah Kezar

b. Lisbon, N.H. &amp;

d.

res. Cassville, Can. 1910,

a Mechanic &amp; Builder,

561.

O.N. 656g.

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Mary Belknap &amp; Sherburn Locke,

(274, 125, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

B. 7 Jul. 1819, D.

D. D.

M. son of

b. Derby, Vt., &amp;

d.

res.

562.

O.N. 656h.

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Abigail Belknap &amp;

Patterson, (274, 125, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

B. 12 Nov. 1821, B.

D. D.

M. son of

b. Stanstead, P.Q., &amp;

d.

res.

(2) M.

Jeremiah Young,

B.

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son of

&amp;

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O.N. 656k.  
Vt. Vital Rec.

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Harriet Belknap & Walter Taplin,  
B. 24 May 1827, B. 1831,  
D. D.

(274, 125, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

M. 25 Aug. 1850, son of Augustus Taplin of Stanstead Co. P.C.

b. Barnston, P.C., & Mary Drew  
d.

res.  
mar. Brownington, L.C.

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O.N. 656l.  
Vt. Vital Rec.

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Arvill Belknap & John M. Bacon,  
B. 5 Nov. 1829, B. 1831,  
D. D.

(274, 125, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

M. 27 Oct. 1852, son of of East Holley,  
b. Barnston, Que., & Matley, C.E. (VR)

d.  
res.  
mar. Brownington, L.C.

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O.N. 687.

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Ursula Belknap & William Wight,  
B. 12 Sep. 1819, B. 1824,  
D. D.  
M. 2 Jun. 1862, son of Festus Wight  
b. Sturbridge, Mass., & Lydia  
d.  
res.

(284, 126, 50, 15, 4, 1,)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Belknap &amp; Cunningham,

(15,4,1,)

B.

B.

D.

D.

M.

son of

b. Haverhill, Mass., &amp;

d. ae. over 100,

res.

61.

O.N. 71.

Boston V.S.

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Mary Belknap &amp; John Homer,

B. 15 Oct. 1694, B. 8 Aug. 1694,

D.

D.

M. 26 Jan. 1726, son of Michael Homer

b. Boston, &amp; Margery Stevens

? adm. granted 19 Dec. 1738,

m. 1st. Ch. Boston,

66.

O.N. 76.

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Abraham Belknap &amp; Magdalen Feurt,

(18,5,1,)

B. 2 May 1705,

D. Jan. 1772,

M. 21 Oct. 1734,

b. Boston,

Stiles says b. 1711,

73.

O.N. 83,

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Hannah Belknap &amp; Daniel Payne,

(23,5,1,)

B. 18 May 1704, B. 1695,?

D. 23 Feb. 1766, D. 1 Jan. 1777,

M. about 1730, son of Daniel Payne

b. &amp;

d. Cambridge,

res. Cambridge, Mass.

96.

O.N. 103.

Lancaster V.S.

Chelmsford V.S.

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Hannah Belknap &amp; David Chambers,

(39,13,4,1,)

B. 17 Dec. 1750, B.

D. 1 Dec. 1827, D. 10 Dec. 1824,

M. 1781, son of

b. &amp;

d. Lancaster, Mass. at poorhouse, ae. 76,

res. Bolton, Mass.



CARROLL YORK BELKNAP 25 Club Road Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Sept 14 1970

Dear Della:

What a fine friend you are. I'm most grateful for all the time and effort you put into helping trace the possible parentage of the ~~THOMAS BELKNAP~~ Thomas Belknap who was born in Frederick Co, Va. in 1779. . . As you noted, the material ~~sent~~ you sent me is full of problems and contradictions; but I think it may lead to a solution. Here's a brief summary of my present thinking about it.

(1) Evans' confusion about John and Thomas as father of John Thomas can be dismissed as just one of his many blunders. The record of John b. 1734 is known and well substantiated. He could not have been the father of a John Thomas born 1755. ~~XX~~ If any of the Newburgh-Kingston Belknaps was this father, it would have to be Thomas b. 1729, who did have a son named Thomas, born 1755.

(2) It is true that a Thomas Belknap married Naomi ~~XXXX~~ Dare in Philadelphia, Pa., but the date was Oct 17 1789 -- not 1791. There is, as yet, no proof of his parentage. No evidence on this, in material you found.

(Hampshire Co and Braxton Co, Va)

(3) Places of residence named by Evans, for Naomi and her husband, make it seem probable that her husband ~~xx~~ was the "John Thomas" we are looking for. But Naomi could not have been mother of the Thomas born 1779. Might have been stepmother (2nd wife of the Thomas whom she married in 1789).

(4) The key question seems to be: Did the ~~XXX~~ Thomas (John Thomas?) who married Naomi Dare come originally from the Newburgh-New Windsor-Kingston area? If he did, then he would just about have to be the Thomas born 1755, son of Thomas born 1729.

It may be that the military and pension records in Nat. Archives will supply the answer. So I'm sending for them.

I'll keep you informed. May be able to give you a lot of new names in several generations, to add to your records -- if Nat Archives supply the missing link..

Gratefully,

*Carroll York*

ANSWERS to questions in your letter Sept 9:

- Yes, your records are immensely helpful to me.
- Yes, I'd like a copy of that map of Sawbridgeworth (pronounced Sapsearth, as no doubt you know).
- Yes, I'd like copies of those wills, including Henry's.

Please let me repay expense of making copies.

*Ans*

Sept 9, 1970  
Ogden, Utah

Dear Carroll;

Sorry to take so long to answer your letter. It seems like there is always a problem in every line you check. There is one in this line and I thought maybe I could get some correct information before I answered. I'll send what I have and maybe you can find more information on this line.

I'm enclosing a pedigree chart. Most of which was given me by Mrs. Velma H. Mansfield of Sacramento, Calif. And a little information I had. We thought it was fairly correct. After reading Glen Adams' record it's the same line only there seem to be a mix up in two Thomas'.

Mrs. Alberts of Tremonton, Utah use to come visit with my father. They tried to connect her family to our line, but they didn't find the connecting link. She was a relative of Mrs Hallie Belnap Weese of Ogden. A Mr Bailey Belknap of Virginia lived near me. He was from Virginia and was a cousin of Mrs Mansfield. He was not interested in family history and would give us nothing. He died just a few months ago. Mrs. Hallie Belknap Weese is also dead. She has children here some where, but have been out of contact with them. I have written many times to Mrs. Mansfield for more information on her family. She never did answer. She was very friendly while here and glad to obtain the information I had. Her letters are never returned, so I do think she is still alive.

Do you have a copy of Glen Evans record of Landsing, Mich. If so you will find that he agrees with this pedigree until we reach Thomas Belknap who married Mary Friend. He has 2 different Thomas that marry Mary or Mary Polly Friend and E. Fisher. One of the Thomas's father is Thomas and the other Thomas's father is John. Both Thomas and John are the sons of Thomas Belknap B. 1698 and Sarah Wright. She was the widow of Isaac Hill. You will find what I have on this line in the books of Family Group Sheets I loaned you. I have marked in red the pages on the pedigree chart.

The connecting link according to Mrs. Mansfield was John Thomas Belnap and Naomi Dare. I have not done any research on this branch line as yet. I was in hopes our U. S. researcher would help us out. He has been so busy with his job and traveling that he hasn't done much.

Also enclosing what has been filed at the Salt Lake Gen. Library since 1941. If filed before that date it was an individual cards and not as a family. I spent yesterday at the Salt Lake Library. Didn't have time to do more than check the family sheets. To check by the individual name. A card has to be made for each name and it is mailed to you later. This take a lot of time. Also I didn't have time to check out records on Virginia. One day does not give time to do much when there is so much material to go thru.

Hope this helps some or at least it will give you an idea as to where this line fits in. I sincerely hope our books have helped you some.

Have received from Atty Nuel Belnap of Chicago, Ill. a map of the town of Sawbridgeworth, Herts, Eng. His son had some made for him while he was in England. I haven't had time to study it thoroughly. If you would like one I think I could get one sent to you. He said he had some extra ones. I have also received copies of the original Wills of 3 Belnaps from Dr. W. Dean Belnap of London. A short version of these wills are in the New Eng Hist & Gen Reg. But I see in Henry Belnap's will in the New Eng. Reg. left out one child. I also was interested that the original Will of Henry, the name is spelt BEINAP. I'll send you a copy of these also if you would like to have them.

Sincerely,



CARROLL YORK BELKNAP      25 Club Road      Riverside, Connecticut 06878

July 17 1970

Dear Della:

Can I induce you to help link up a Belknap family that has not previously been known? It's worth doing, for it's the only Belknap family ever located in West Virginia, as far as I know.

The problem is to determine the immediate ancestry of Thomas Belknap, born 1778 (or 1789) in Frederick County, Virginia -- died 30 Nov 1883, Braxton County, West Virginia. (He may have been the son of another Thomas, born circa 1750, perhaps, but this is uncertain.) No known link to other Belknaps.

The only hope I can see, toward solving the puzzle, is that one of his daughters -- Eliza Ann, who married Simon T ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Albert -- became a Mormon and lived and died in Garland, Utah. The grave of her husband, bearing his name and hers, was reported examined at Garland Cemetery in 1967. (He died 1932.)

I have what is obviously a set of fragmentary notes based on her Church genealogical records. These notes do not indicate whether or not she submitted any record farther back than her father. I'm hoping that she did. Can you find out for me?

This ~~XXXX~~ Thomas (1778) seems to have been quite a character. Had 12 children by his first wife, Mary Friend. When she died in 1850, he promptly married again: Emsey Fisher, aged 26 -- he was then 71. Had 8 more children by his second wife. Died at age 104.

The Alberts, at Garland, seem to have had at least three sons -- names not known to me.

Aside from the somewhat garbled data sent in by a descendant of Thomas (police chief in a small town in Pennsylvania), I have no other record of this West Va family.

I'll be grateful for your help -- I hope.

Carroll

# CARROLL BELKNAP & ASSOCIATES

*Sales Research*

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GREENWICH  
CONNECTICUT

HOME ADDRESS  
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Riverside, Conn. 06878  
October 29, 1967

Miss Della Belnap  
815 32nd St.  
Ogde, Utah 84403

Dear Miss Belnap (or should I say "Cousin Della?):

As I believe Dick Taylor has told you, I'm now immersed in the preliminary editing of the many thousands of pages of family records left by Henry Wyckoff Belknap, one-time curator of Essex Institute. My eventual aim is to expand the records beyond the tenth generation, which was as far as he got. This means that I must shamelessly ask for aid, wherever I think I may be able to get it. So I have two questions that I hope you can and will take the trouble to answer.

(1) I'm assuming that the Mormon Church genealogical records must contain much more Belnap-Belknap data than Dick Taylor's chart shows. Can you tell me anything about this -- or about the records on file at the Salt Lake Genealogical Society -- and what I might possibly do to get access to them, or copies of them -- and whom to write to? . . . What I must ~~do~~ do is to try to assemble all known collections of such records and correlate and combine them, for Henry Wyckoff Belknap left many questions unanswered -- which was why he never published the book he intended to write.

(2) One of these unanswered questions, I hope, you can answer easily from your own records -- the evidence of the parentage of Jesse Belknap, number 36 on Dick's chart. As Jesse Belknap (Dick's No. 35) was an uncle of my great-great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap, I've assumed that Jesse No. 36 was a first cousin of Jonas. But I have no proof of this. All that I actually know about Jesse No. 36 is that he married Eunice Hall on 28 April 1779 at Redding Church in Connecticut -- a 30 minute drive from my home -- and that a Michigan Belnap, some years ago, supplied a list of this Jesse's children with dates of birth. . . I enclose copies of Henry Wyckoff Belknap's record of Jesse Belknap No. 35, showing that he failed to establish the linkage to Jesse No. 36, though the letters he wrote show that he tried hard to do this.. (I should add that the Michigan list of children shows Elam, born 1791, instead of Clem as shown on Dick's chart.) . . . Can you help me on this point? /e

Hopefully yours,

*Carroll*

Carroll York Belknap:

\* With the "K" in his name ~



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O.H.53.

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Jesse Belknap & Eunice

(52, 15, 4, 1,)

B. 9 Apl. 1739, B.

D. after 1818, D. . of 1774,

M. dau. of

b. Enfield, Ct. &

bp. 15 Apl. 1739,

Somers Ch.

(2) M. 1778, Deborah Hathaway,

Willington, Ct, B. 1740,

(Windsor) & D. 26 Jan. 1827, ae. 87, (gr. st.)

Castleton, Vt. dau. of Simeon Hathaway of Bennington, Vt.  
in 1771.

Justice of Peace,

Member of Convention to adopt Constitution for Castleton,

\* Ensign, 4th Co. 1st Reg. Ct. 1762, 1st Lt. Green Mtn. Boys 16 Jul.

1776, at Bennington, Capt. Samuel Robinson's Co. 16 Aug. 1777,

Enlisted 6 Aug. 1777 Capt. Hortal's Co. 3 yrs., Capt. Ephraim

Buell's Co. Col. Warriner's Reg. 10 May-8 Dec. 1779.

\* enl. 1st Reg. 1st Co., Col. Phineas Lyman, 1 Apl.-6 Nov. 1758,

Corp. 8th Co. Capt. Barnard, 14 Apl.-2 Sep. 1759,

Sergt. Maj. 15th Mar.-14 Sep. 1762,



Jesse Belknap contd.

Vol. 18, p. 24, Jesse Belknap ae. 19, son of Samuel of Windsor deceased chose Abel of South Windsor as Guardian, 1758.

We the subscribers, inhabitants of that district of land commonly called and known by the name of New Hampshire Grants do voluntarily and solemnly engage under all ties held sacred amongst mankind at the risk of our lives and fortunes to defend by arms the United States against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies until the present unhappy controversy between the two countries shall be settled.

Jesse Belknap.

Governor & Council, Vol. 1., Vermont.  
Arlington, (Vt.) Aug. 22, 1779.

Sir:- Please to Pay Jesse Belknap forty Dollars for Riding Express from fort Ranger Warren to this Place.

Thomas Chittenden

To Ira Allen Treasurer

date above Rec'd the Contents of the above order  
Due me Jesse Belknap.

Children: I. *Eunice*

307. Bettie,

B.

D. 19 Sep. 1777,

308. ? dau.

B.

309. Olive,

B. 21 May 1777,

D. 25 Sep. 1777,

*II. Deborah*

310. Ruth,

B. 21 Nov. 1783,

311. \* Jesse, b. Castleton, Vt.

B. 21 May 1784,

D. 23 Feb. 1859,

312. \* Augustin,

B. 29 Jun. 1787,

D. 4 Oct. 1832,

313. \* Olive,

B. 1789,

D. 1 Nov. 1864, ae. 75,



815-32nd St.  
Ogden, Utah  
Nov. 12, 1967

Dear Mr. Belknap;

It has been very interesting to correspond all these years with other relatives. The bad part of it is that some are so far away I have only a writing acquaintance with them. Also I'm not too good in explaining in writing. But I will try. It was very nice of you to write.

Have enjoyed Dick and Charlene Taylors letters very much. I have talked to Dick by telephone and discussed which way would be best for us to help all those who are interested in Belknap or Belnap research.

You have taken on a big job. I've spent some 20 years putting my fathers research in order. Of course could do it only in my spare time. Working and keeping a house takes a lot of ones time. Since my fathers death I have added to the record. Yet there is still many unfinished families and lots of questions.

My father was Hyrum Belnap. He and Henry Wyckoff Belknap knew each other and had planned to print what they could find. My father made trips to Conn. N.H., Mass. Canada, England and etc. Visited with every relative he could find. He did pick up a lot of first hand information. He checked Court houses, Wash. D.C., and army records and etc. Also paid reseachers in New England States and in England. I believe he and Henry W. Belknap both covered much of the same territory.

On most of the information they both came up with the same answers with the exception of our line, that is when it came to the Jesse Belknap and Jesse Belnap. My father also met and obtained the record compiled by a Franklin Belknap of Chicago. He was a cousin of Henry W. Belknap, but I could not find his family. My father would have known. Its too bad we wait so long to get interested. Could have had lots of first hand information. He also had Admiral Charles Belknap Record. He didn't get it copied before Charles wanted it back. Charles's house burned later and we understood his records were lost. A Few years ago I came in contact with Glen Evan whoes G. Mother was a Belknap. He worked at the Lansing State Library in Lansing, Mich. He has compiled quite a lot of material and put it into a book form. After he died I obtained a copy of his work through the Salt Lake Genealogical Society. Glen Evan said he found Admiral Charles Belknap record. I furnished him with the records I had from Franklin Belknap, Henry W. Belknap and my direct line. There is a lot of new material in this record which I haven't had time to check out. They are mostly in Mich. and Virginia.

This last year I have added Atty. Nuel D. Belnap's record. He lives in Chicago. He (New this Glen Evans. Nuel D. Belnap is a descendant of Jesse and Eunice (Hall) Belnap.

When I was young a Leverett Belknap from Hartford, Conn. came and stayed with us. He sent his family line after he went home. I have his letters. He would be dead now I'm sure. But he did have two sons living at that time in Hartford. They could still be there. If you should find him or know of him I would like to know when he died.

The Genealogical Library at Salt Lake is a very large library. I'm sure it contains much more data then we have. But one would have to dig it out. There are not many printer books on the Belknaps. There is Henry Wyckoff Belknap and several small books of three or four families or a paper sent in on one family. The record we had made up to 1956 has been put on a film and is now there for public use.

There are hundreds of books and films of Vital records from most every state. and foreign countries. We have debated as a family organization to hire a genealogist to do research. I have a lot of Belknap families I don't know where they belong. As the information comes in, sometimes I can fit these families in the right place. It would be wonderful to have a more complete record printed of the Belknap and Belnaps. There quite a family.

There was a book "The Belknap Family of Newburgh, N.Y." printed. my father had one Thats the only book of its kind I know of, not unless the State Library at Albany, N.Y. has one. Albany, N.Y. has a large Gen. Library there. I have a nephew who lives about twenty miles from there. I was back there in 1962. It has a lot of information but had time to spend only one day there. Our family Organization printed a small



Redding, Conn. to find who Eunice Hall's parents were. Glen Evans of Lansing, Mich. gave us the parents names. They are not correct. We have traced that Hall line and it is the wrong one. I can find the record of Eunice Hall and Jesse in the Congregational church, marriage date and the pastor who married them, but no birth date for Eunice. I was going to write to the county seat of Fairfield County, Conn. Do you know what town that would be?

We do not have much on a Jonas W. Belknap. We do show there is a Jonas Belknap as a nephew to Jesse Belknap who married Eunice and Deborah. We do not have any more information on him or his family. But I do believe we are 4th or 5th cousins. I have a nephew Bruce E. Belnap who works for G.E. in Schenectady, N.Y. I was back there. It's getting late. I see I'm starting to repeat myself. Hope this letter will make sense to you. Let me know what you think we should do.

Sincerely,



book about 200 pages containing the Journal Gilbert Belnap, stories of his 15 children. Also what my father found on the name of Belknap and who took the "K" out. Some information on the Jesse Belknap line. This book is out of print but we have put it in some of the Gen. Libraries.

I know H.W.B. and my father didn't agree on the Jesse line. In H. W. B. record the differences start with Samuel Belknap b. about 1707 who married Elizabeth Jones. Then he says this same Samuel married 2nd Mary Wood, wife of James Dickson or Dickenson, also the wife of Daniel Pearson. Believe these families were mixed up. That they were two Samuels. At least the information my father found seemed to be more logical.

Samuel Belnap who married Mary Wood, ~~Rixx~~ - had a child Jesse born 1739 who married Eunice, no last name given. Then he married 2nd Deborah Hathway. As far as we can find this Jesse had two sons names Jesse. One son by Eunice and the 2nd son by Deborah. The son Jesse b. 31 Aug 1760 by his wife Eunice. The 2nd son Jesse b. 21 May 1782 by his wife Deborah. Now Jesse born in 1760 married Eunice Hall. We can find both of these Jesse's war records. There are no parents names on the war or pension records. This would have given the proof that was needed. Father trace the Jesse b. 1739 to Castleton, Vt. where he was town clerk. He saw in Jesse's own hand writing in the town records of his childrens and wives deaths in 1777. Also the birth of his children by Deborah Hathway. He wrote the birth of my 2nd son Jesse 21 May 1784. The record shows all of his children as girls before this date. So there must have been a son Jesse by his wife Eunice.

I have the record sent in by Dr. Barnard Belknap of Wyoming, N.Y. he was a descendant of Augustus or Augustine Belknap, the next child Jesse and Deborah had. He also could not give any more information.

Have the war records from Wash. D.C. obtained by my father and Dr Barnard Belknap. can send you a copy if you wish them. They found the the court house in some of towns had burned and the records with them. So they couldn't definitely prove or disprove what seem to be right.

My record shows the child you question to be Elem b. 1791 /not Clem. This I'm sure is correct. We have more than one person sending in his record and ItsElem or Elam on one record. I could go on writing more but this is enough for now. Hope is makes since to you.

I can see some real value coming out of the work you are trying to do. If you have more information than has been compiled, or H.W.B. could give us more sources in U.S.S. or England that we might search to obtain more information.

We have a Family organization here who is trying to get all information we can to put in our files and to put in the Genealogical Library. So we or any one else may use it. Checking Dick Taylors pedigree chart we have the bulk of that material already. However on some lines he has two more generations down. We agree on all branches of the family except one. We hadn't planned on printing this large of a record. Would help any one who wanted to do so.

We have had a researcher in England for the last four years trying to find more information and to carry on where my father and H.W. B. left off. we have not found any thing back further than 1500. There is 6 generation of Belknaps back of that date but we are unable as yet to find where we fit into that line. We are sure we came from that line some place. At present our Gen. is reading the old Manor Court Rolls, It is slow work, its written in old Latin. So if you could come up with any place in England to look we could have our research do it. Then furnish you with a copy. It would not make since for us both to pay for research in the same field.

To put a record together is a lot of work. We are most willing to help you and to trade what we have for what help you can give us. I had suggested to Dick Taylor, that we had a work copy of our record all set up in families about 1000 families. We could send you this copy. This copy might help you, in as much as the families are put together. In going through H.W. B. record or papers you could double check for corrections or more information. Any thing else we find we would be glad to send.

Do you know when H. W. B. died? He was alive in 1930. My father died in 1938, age 80. So he was not active in writing much then. I didn't know if H.W.B. was alive. He never answered the death notice I sent.

You are close to all those towns and probably could go to the towns to get added information. This last month have been going through what records they have here of

cc: Della Belnap

Schwabacher & Co.  
MEMORANDUM

TO

Correll Belnap

DATE

12 Oct 67

FROM

Dick Taylor

SUBJECT

TERRIFIC! Absolutely terrific! Your project  
can be the most important event of the family history.

You have my complete support. I only wish  
we were neighbors so I could lend a daily hand.

I have an embarrassing amount of gathered but un-recorded  
material. I'll ship it to you when you are ready.  
If only I had the time and finances to be there with  
you but I'm taken up with the rush of earning money for

ORAL messages waste your time and the time of the other person; they often cause  
annoying interruptions and are apt to be misunderstood or forgotten. Put it in writing.

Little hungry kids (Bless them!)

Dick



READ THIS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. IT DOESN'T NEED AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER.

MEMO TO: Dick Taylor  
FROM: Carroll Belknap

25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn. 06878  
Sept. 28, 1967

I owe it to you to tell you where my work now stands and what I plan to be doing in the coming months, for there'll be a question about the possible extent of your participation.

Last night I returned from Salem with some 75 pounds of the Belknap family papers left by Henry Wyckoff Belknap — how many thousands of pages and sheets and documents and clippings I cannot even guess. ~~Through~~ Through the great courtesy of Essex Institute, the owner, these papers have been lent to the Greenwich Historical Society so that I may have access to ~~them~~ them. (Once the Institute people decided that I was fit to be trusted, the rest of the negotiation was ~~not~~ relatively easy.) I feel that you should know ~~the~~ the present location of this great body of material.

The papers divide into three main classifications:

1. Five binders of Data Sheets, one or two (sometimes more) for each individual person. The American binders begin with Abraham, numbered ~~1st~~, and end with #1713 for Priscilla Alden Belknap, Henry Wyckoff's niece who was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden. They contain, also, hundreds of names to which he did not assign a number though I think he should have done so. These Data Sheets show dates of birth, marriage and death — name and parentage of ~~wife~~ spouse, — names and dates of children — residence addresses — and what is known about the person's career. (Not all sheets, of course, contain complete entries.)
2. \$2 or more manila folders containing the source material on which the Data Sheets are based.
3. A number of folders ~~containing~~ containing copies of some thirty years of correspondence. Many hundreds ~~xxx~~ thousands of sheets. Totally unorganized, yet. number

There is reason to think that I'll have to go back to Salem some time later, to spend days searching the files of his work on other families, to see what Belknap data they may contain — for he worked simultaneously on a number of families, some of which he sometimes thought were variants of Belknap. But this will come later.

Meanwhile, as I now see it, my work will go through such phases as the following:

PHASE 1: Making electrostatic copies of HWB's Data Sheets, for my own use, so that I can correct his errors (when possible) without defacing his records. Also, making facsimile copies of letters, clippings, etc., where I find this to be necessary.

PHASE 2: On my facsimile copies <sup>of his Data Sheets,</sup> making corrections of known errors — by comparison with my records and yours, and by detecting his mere clerical errors (as when he listed me as the son of my grandfather, although he knew better). I have much that he did not have.

PHASE 3: Adding Data Sheets for persons not included in his material — mostly members of generations later than the 10th Generation in America, for he died in 1946.

PHASE 4: (Or maybe before Phase 3) Making an alphabetical index of all names in Data Sheets, in order to find and trace omissions that need to be remedied. ~~Now~~



prepared an index of this kind, but it was destroyed in what is locally called "The Great Salem Fire," before his death.

PHASE 5: Putting together a ~~complete~~ chronological catalog, properly indexed, of all known Belknap past and present -- as far as I then know about them -- with the records of their lives where anything is known.

How far I go beyond that, I cannot say at present -- except that of course I'll write a narrative summary centering mainly on my own branch of the family, for the information of my children and grandchildren.

What I've called "a chronological catalog" will not be <sup>complete</sup> ~~complete~~ -- nor can I dare hope that it will be entirely accurate. But I can hope that it will show clearly what is reliably known to date -- and what is doubtful or subject to question and in need of further study -- thus leaving for you and others in future days ~~some assurance~~ of a clear trail, ~~freedom~~ free from at least some of the many errors that have crept into print in the past three centuries. <sup>Although</sup> Having the same opinion that I do, about the probable accuracy and completeness of this ~~forthrightly~~ catalog, the people at Essex Institute (one of the two or three chief centers of genealogical research in this country) have suggested that the Institute may wish to consider publishing it -- but this is merely a possibility, for future thought.

Along with the work I have <sup>outlined</sup> ~~outlined~~ so optimistically, above, I'll have a lot of other things to do -- correspondence with other members of the family who can provide additional data, correspondence with sources in England about matters that Henry Wockoff Belknap did not investigate, study of the microfilms of the early U S Census ~~up~~ up to 1840 (thus far I have studied only the first one, for 1790) -- and so on and on.

So, as you can see, I have sentenced myself to hard labor for many months to come. Fortunately, I have both the interest and the time. So wish me luck. And don't expect much from me while I'm still ~~immersed~~ immersed in detail.

Now, my question about the degree and extent of your possible participation in what I plan to do. But let me say, swiftly, that I'm not thinking of asking you to devote any time to the job. What I'm thinking about is something very different. -- I owe to you the stimulus that has led me this far and I owe it to you to offer you the opportunity to aid -- if a surmise of mine is even ~~partially~~ correct.

My surmise is that you probably have, in your files, a lot of notes and names of Belknaps that you have not yet found occasion to insert in your charts -- just as HWB's records contain hundreds and hundreds of names that do not yet appear in your charts -- and so do mine.

So, when I arrive at what I've termed my "PHASE 3" -- adding more Data Sheets -- you may possibly decide to do what I'd do if I were you. That is, ship to me at my expense everything that you have in your files but have not yet entered in your charts -- so that I can make electrostatic copies of all of it and then ship your material back to you, promptly. From my copies of your material, I could then determine what I do not yet have from HWB's records, my records, and your charts -- and add Data Sheets for such persons to the set of sheets that I'll be building up.



That last paragraph, now that I re-read it, seems rather clumsily worded. But maybe it's semi-intelligible.

If you decide to do what I've suggested, the material would have to be properly protected in transit. It would have to be shipped as First Class Mail, Registered. This would be a bit expensive, perhaps, but I'll gladly assume the cost — both ways.

This isn't something that has to be decided at once. I wouldn't be able to touch your thus-far-unused material till at least a month or so from now. If the idea appeals to you, I can tell you when I'm ready — guaranteeing to ship your material back to you within a week after it reaches me, for it won't take me long to run off facsimile copies of it here in my study.

So please think about my suggestion, at your leisure, and let me know what you think of it, when you get around to it.

To me, it seems only common sense to try to combine all three sets of data — Henry Wyckeff's, mine, and yours (beyond what you have thus far entered in your charts). I hope you'll feel the same way about it.

EB

# CARROLL BELKNAP & ASSOCIATES

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25 Club Road  
Riverside, Conn. 06878  
Nov. 16, 1967

Miss Della M. Belnap  
815 32nd St.  
Ogden, Utah 84403

Dear Miss Belnap:

I'm most grateful for your kind reply to my query.

Especially I thank you for your offer to lend me some of the family records that you have. You say: "I had suggested to Dick Taylor that we had a work copy of our record all set up in families, about 1000 families. We could send you this copy."

It will be most welcome. And I'll promise to return it to you after making copies of it, if you wish it returned.

As I've told you, I'm trying to assemble, here, all known collections of Belnap-Belnap genealogy for correlation with the thousands of pages of data left by Henry Wyckoff Wyckoff Belnap after his death in 1946. It seems probable that the files he put together are the most nearly complete ones in existence -- up to and including the 10th generation in America -- but there is much that should be added, and there are many doubtful points to be studied.

So I'll be extremely glad to receive a copy of the material that you mentioned. Of course I'll reimburse any expense involved in sending it.

Dick Taylor has promised to send me his collection of material not yet included in his charts. And the material that was published by Glen Evans is being sent to me from Michigan. Meanwhile, I'm trying to track down some other similar collections and get hold of them.

I'll write to you later, about some of the many interesting points in your good letter.

Sincerely,

*Carroll*

Carroll York Belnap:



815-32nd St  
Ogden, Utah  
Dec. 27, 1967

Dear Cousin Carroll;

I was going to answer your letter before. But its such a busy season. At work it's been hectic. Then I would get the flue and be off work two weeks. During this ~~time~~ we had some real bad storms, not are usual weather. Then it was so close to Xmas with such a heavy load of mail. So I waited until after the rush.

On my way to work I'm mailing the record I spoke to you about. As I said, its a it is a work record. If we do research work its added to this record and later typed and recorded in the record we keep for our Family files. This record covers the period of 1550 years A.D. down to my grant father Gilbert Belnap. It is filed according to our direct line. I have mailed a pedigree chart and a Index to this record. Also there are dividers in the record according to our pedigree line. Between the dividers is all the information on the descendants of that family. The exception is Gilbert Belnap. We have this much on Gilbert Belnap descendants alone. Gilbert Belnap record is more complete, however we do not have a work copy of it.

I thought this record might help as it is already on family sheets. I can and should have sent you extra work sheets.

We are interested in obtaining corrected information or more information. You can use this record the best way it may be of help to you. You can write differences of dates or more information on the sheets. Then when you return our record, we can bring our records up to date. Or we can wait until your record is completed and we can obtain it. Which ever way you think is best. We are hunting for new information. Sometimes we have traded for it or have paid a reasonable price to obtain a copy of it. We will leave that up to you. But if there is new material we would like to obtain it. Also when you are through with our work copy, we would like it returned. We will help you in any way we can.

We have a Researcher in England. We are trying to connect the 6 Generations of Belknaps before 1500. Up to now we have not been able to connect our line with those before 1500. H. W. Belknap has material on these families, but he does not connect them to our line.

We havea researched in Salt Lake City who is trying to help us with questions on families we can't seem to straighten out.

I also have some family sheets that I can't know where they belong. Also we keep getting individuals who send in their sheets to see if we can tell them how they belong. These sheets I didn't have time to copy. Some I don't believe would be in H. W. B. record as they are to late or after the date of his work.

I have gone throught Glen Evans record, infact I copied if from a film to put into book form to be easied to use. I'm very sorry he didn't understand compiling a record better. He has done such a great amount of work. He has made it confusing to a person not knowing the families, to read. For example; a man marries more than once. He puts the wives to gether then all the children together. In many instances you can't tell which child belongs to which wife. Then he seemed only interested in recording the year a person was born or died. He didn't record the day or the month or the place. He did this even with the records I loaned him. These I know which is correct, but it leaves much research to do over in some of the families, to obtain the complete dates and places and etc.

Hope this will be of some help. Let me know if you receive our record.

Sincerely,