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Copy to Della

VIRGINA TABER from CYB

27 April 1974

Much thanks for your letter April 23. I'd try to answer the many points it covers.

(1) Zebina's will -- have copied, very helpful, on children of Moses Jr. With its aid, plus other data in my files, I'll work up a revised sheet on those children and will send a copy to you. Z's will enclosed.

(2) Your query about a genealogist to trace family of Almira Jane Seeley (Seelye) -- in New Milford or Fairfield, Conn. I suggest you first write to:

Harriet S Bishop
Librarian, New Haven Colony Historical Society
114 Whitney Ave
New Haven, Conn. 06510

About a year ago, I found her most helpful on a problem I was tackling. Mention my name if you wish. To save time, I suggest the following procedure: (a) state your need fully, with names, places, dates; (b) enclose check for \$5 to cover initial search, (c) state how much more expense you authorize (the rate is \$5 an hour). This will avoid delay for sending you a form to fill out. . . Also, you may add a request for a name of a genealogist familiar with the areas you specify, if the Society cannot help you. . . I'm sure Mrs Bishop ~~will~~ give you better advice than I could. And she might have your information right in her files, as New Milford and Fairfield are close to New Haven.

(3) The data on Daniel David -- helpful. Thanks.

(4) QUERY: On ~~MMMM~~ Zebina -- do you know his occupation? Similarly, can you give ~~me~~ me occupations of others named on the fine batch of sheets for Walter Perrin Belknap's descendants? For present-day genealogy, this is essential, when available. So is place (or places) of residence.

(5) Harriet, dau of Walter P. I'll be looking forward to your solution of this problem.

(6) The tradition about Harriet Dustin and a Belknap girl being "captured" in 1679. New to me. If you have details, please tell me. . . the Belknap girl could only have been a daughter of Samuel -- either Mary, b 1656 and 23 in 1679, if still living and if she was not the Sarah who married Nathaniel Singleterry; or Patience, b 1673 and only 6 in 1679. . . There were Dustins (Duston) in that area. About 1775, I believe but cannot prove, a Duston at Salem NH, near Haverhill, married a granddaughter of Samuel. Haverhill was a frontier town in 1679. Trouble with ^{great} Indians lasted till into the early 1700's. So the tale is likely.

(7) The tradition about "coming over with the Conqueror." This is preserved in the article (written in the 19th century) in the British Dictionary of National Biography -- known as the "DNB" -- on Sir Robert Bealknap. Basis was belief in the Roll of Battle Abbey, which purported to name the knights who fought at Hastings in 1066. As late as 1911, this Roll was said to have been drafted right after the battle. 20th century research has proved that it was fabricated in the 14th century, from lists written in the 12th century -- and that there ~~three~~ ^{were three} known copies of it, with only one copy containing a Belknap -- and that in the 14th century (1301-1400), when the new-rich of that period were eager to claim Norman ancestry, the monks at Battle Abbey would, for a fee, erase a line on the roll and write in a new name -- and that

only a small handful of men named on the Roll have actually been proved to have been at Hastings --- and that no Balknap was among them, nor even in any of the more tolerant lists such as the one posted at the entrance to the Abbey nowadays (which I saw when I visited the place about 10 years ago). Conclusion: Sir Robert or maybe his son Sir Hamon, who was treasurer of Normandy under Henry V and brother-in-law of the Treasurer of England, probably inspired a forgery to get an unwarranted claim supported. So, another pleasing myth gone aglimmering.

(6) Your story about HWE investing \$30,000 in an enterprise in Billings. Nothing on it in his own notes on his career, nor in his correspondence that I've read. Tell me more. . . And let me shock you a bit. In the 1920's he occasionally undertook genealogical research for pay. You'd nver guess his fee. It was, believe it, only 25¢ an hour.. . So: tell me all. . . With date, please. He might have inherited that money from his mother. He certainly never earned it.

I hope I've answered all your questions. If not, say so.

Carroll

May 23 1971

Mr Wuel D Belnap
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(Copy to Della Belnap)

Dear Mr Belnap:

It was kind of you to send me the file of Xerox copies. I have delayed replying in hope of finding time to check them thoroughly against other records. But as it is apparent that I'm not going to have that much time available for a while, I'd better try to tell you what I have noted, thus far, in looking at these sheets. I'll try to be brief, without going into too much detail.

One fact lying behind what I'll be saying is that I have in my ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ possession all the many thousands of pages of Belknap genealogy left in typescript and manuscript by Henry Wyckoff Belknap of Salem, including his correspondence on this subject.

It is plain that the data in the sheets you sent to me are based on his early records, not ~~XX~~ later than the date you mention -- 1910. The notes that he had developed by that time -- what I often call "early Henry Wyckoff" -- contained a great many errors and incorrect attributions of parentage. As time passed, between then and 1926, he corrected many of these early errors, making so many revisions that eventually he rewrote all his notes from beginning to end -- leaving a pretty clear record of early mistakes and subsequent corrections.

However, he did not catch all of his errors. He was well aware of the fact that some identifications were still uncertain, when he ceased ~~XXXXXX~~ work on our family in 1926. So, in recent years, I have had the task of detecting mistakes that he did not correct -- some of them very sizable, involving the line of descent of scores of persons.

The sheets that you sent me contain both early errors that he later corrected and others that he left standing -- some of which I've been able to revise. Thus ~~XXXX~~ far, I have noted ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the following:

(A) Your #5 -- children of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. When he found fuller data on this family, Henry abandoned the possibility that ~~XXXX~~ Jesse was a son of Sammel and Mary. In the light of my own researches, I agree with that decision. However, I should add that I have not yet been able to verify the date given for this Jesse's birth or the place where it is sometimes said to have occurred.

(your #6)

(B) A number of the persons shown as ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ descendants of this Jesse, on your sheets, were actually descendants of my own great great grandfather Jonas Newton Belknap, the eldest son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. These include, as far as I've noted in my first examination of your sheets, the following: 116, 117, and 118 (which you have marked, correctly, "not in our line") and these later numbers -- 268 to 273, 373 to 382, 469 to 487, 490 and 491 -- and 126 "Elijah" (error for Elisha). I may have overlooked others.

(C) Your #107, Elan. The Elan who lived and died at Wapping, Conn., has been identified conclusively as a grandson of Samuel Belknap's brother Job, whose wife was Phoebe Newton, through their son Ebenezer. So his descendants 241 to 246, and ~~335~~ their children, cannot have been descended from Jesse #6.

Of course the person who probably is best qualified to verify the accuracy of the other entries in your sheets is Della -- who has, I think, a set of these sheets. So I'll send her a copy of this letter.

Again, my sincere thanks. I hope to find time, later on, to check these ~~XXXXXX~~ sheets carefully and thoroughly, unless Della tells me I don't need to.

Cordially,

Carroll Belknap:

Ogden, Utah
July 22, 1971

Dear Carroll;

I started a letter to answer some other questions & etc, but decided to get this material that was copied for you. The other letter will come later.

I'm enclosing the part of the book "Know thyself" that has to do with the Belknaps and not the information in the first part of book about her Mother's line. The part on the English ancestry you already have. The value of the book lies in her direct line that we don't have, at least I didn't have that much.

In comparing this book with our Belnap book it would start with
page 714 Abraham Belknap and Mary Stallion
page 608 Samuel Belknap and Sarah Jones
page 610 Abraham Belknap and Elizabeth Ayer
page 696 Jedediah Belknap and Deborah Street
page 706 Joseph Belknap and Olive Glazer
Joseph Belknap and Olive Glazer's daughter Betsy married James Noyes. Their dau.
Betsy Noyes married Mahum Belknap. (H's parents on page 707)
pages 706 & 707 I have enclosed a copy as we have added more to these sheets.
Then all the rest of the information in her book is new to me.

After some 30 yrs. of working on family history I have found it was to my advantage to make these family sheets out with any notes on the family. This I would do as soon as possible after obtaining the material. It sure has helped me to keep the families straight and to see the differences in names, dates and places. When I've found conflicting information I have recorded all of it. Then if I could not prove or disprove it, I just left it with notes to show the differences. There are some cases that will never be solved I'm sure. In some families the more information that was found the more confusing it became. Have found it hard at times to prove or to disprove some persons record. If this can't be done have quoted the sources and let it alone, lest I make a bigger mistake. In some cases we might have to wait until we are in heaven and can ask the people personally to quote the facts. Any way it is all very interesting. I might not be much help to you, but I'll keep trying.

Glad you finally received Franklin Belknap's record. I think you will find his record to be very interesting when you read it. Most of it is personal letters. Most of it does agree with Henry W. Belknap's record, when they have covered the same families. Where the records do not match then more research is needed. Who knows which one is correct.

Best of luck in your in the big job you are trying to do.

Sincerely,

Ogden, Utah
June 30, 1971

Dear Carroll;

Thanks for your letters and the information you have sent. I don't seem to get one thing finished before some thing else starts. Just received your last letter with the information on the parents of Mary Wood & etc. Will answer this letter.

I mailed you June 28, Monday, the Franklin Belknap's record that my father had. I was going to have a xerox copy made of my copy, but when I found my fathers copy I decided to mail it to you. My copy is typed better and have corrected some spelling. You can make the record out ok. This would also save you money to have it copied. I do not know if there was a cover to it. What is written on ~~right~~ left hand side of the pages means nothing. Some relative wrote that to match their copy. They wrote on every thing they touched. If this record of Franklins is of any value to you, you may keep it. The family of this Franklin Belknap is on page 267 in our book we loaned you. He was in Chicago, Ill. when my father met him and obtained this record. This record is a copy of his originals. I do not know where the original records went. Franklin Belknap never married. If any part of it you can't read, refer the page to me and I will check with the copy I have. In this way maybe I could help. I did not have time to check every page with my copy.

The family of Levi Belknap, Franklin's Father, the marriages of the father and the son Levi are mixed up. Haven't had time to check into it. I'm hoping the records I am to receive in July from our New Eng. research will clear some of these questions.

While at the Salt Lake Gen. Library two weeks ago I came across a book (Know thy Self" by Leora Belknap. She lived in Claremont, N.H. latter to a nursing school in Boston, where she is now I would not know. Glen Evans had this record. I see he has taken much information from this record, but failed to give the complete dates and names of towns, when he put it in his record. Leora Belknap gives both her mothers and fathers line of Genealogy. I had the Library copy only the Belknap line for me. Didn't try to have the pages with pictures copied as they would not take off very well. It cost me \$4.20 or 10¢ a page.

I'm adding the rest of the dates and etc to my family group sheets. If you like and if it would help I could make xerox copies for you. I could also make a copy of the book of Leora Belknaps or both. It would be 10¢ a page and postage. If I was able I would love to do these things for you without charge.

I'm also enclosing a page of some things on the Oregon Belknaps I also copied at the Library. Didn't get too much because the Library closed for the day. I don't get to Salt Lake Library as much as I would like.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

DELLA from CYB

July 14 1971

I'm most grateful for the copy of the records of Franklin Belknap. Though I've not yet tried to study them in detail, I've seen enough to assure me that they'll be useful in many ways.

Of course they contain, as I'm sure you know, some stuff that must be disregarded -- such as material copied from the early work of Lewis Felt (long since disproved, especially his invention of a non-existent Jeremy son of Abraham). And there will be problems in weighing some contradictory statements in his notes -- plus points on which the information he got is completely at variance with well-established facts.

But I shouldn't dwell on the errors in his grab bag of miscellaneous information from all sorts of sources.

I should be -- and am -- grateful for the new things in his pages and the way they suggest how to search for reliable confirmation.

Many thanks.

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Della Belnap from CYB

21 May 1974

In a memo 16 April I told you that I had a record of John Comerai's "somewhere."

Here's a copy of it. As you will see, it was in the sizable file of persons whom HWB did not identify.

His information came from a "compiled genealogy" of the Pickering family, which makes it far from authoritative, for all such genealogies are suspect. As the old saying goes, "The difference between two compiled genealogies is that one is worse than the other." In attempting to produce one, I humbly bear in mind that one of the requirements for becoming a Certified Genealogist is proof that the applicant does not use material from compiled genealogies.

The information HWB set down gave details for one child of a Sarah Belnap and John Comerai -- nothing more. About a year ago or perhaps two years, I found a record of the marriage in a list of marriages in the 2nd Baptist Church, Boston -- and I entered this information on HWB's sheet.

The dates -- 1810 for marriage, 1813 for birth of a son -- make it just barely possible that this Sarah was daughter of Jeremy. But, if so, she was 42 years old at marriage and 45 years old at birth of the son. Possible -- but unusual and unlikely.

Knowing Evans's habit of coupling names without proof, I see no reason for accepting his statement that Jeremy's Sarah married John Comerai. The parentage of this Sarah who did marry Comerai is still unknown, in my opinion.

All that is known about Jeremy's daughter Sarah is that she was unmarried at age 26, when Jeremy signed his will -- and that she was also an heir of her Aunt Abigail Belnap, whose will I do not have, so I don't know its date or how Sarah was named in it.

There is one other Sarah whom Evans might have chosen, perhaps more plausibly, for she was only 30 years old in 1810 -- but there's no proof on that one, either.

Chances are, I think, that Evans happened to read that same Pickering genealogy -- and let guesswork do the rest for him.

I don't think this was one of the many cases in which he deliberately distorted facts.

He does not show this marriage in any of his material that I have, so I don't know what source he named -- if any -- in the copy you have. If you can tell me what that source was, I'll track it down -- even though I know I may find, as in many other instances, that the source he names contains not one word supporting his statement.

Carol

S.6,

Pickering Gen.

Sarah Belknap & John Comerais

d.

b.

m. 23 Nov 1810

son of

of Boston,

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res.

m. Boston, and Baptist Church. NEWS Register CXXV, p. 22

Child: (COMERALS),

Marcus, m. 23 Apr. 1839, Mary Henfield Goodale
b. 10 May 1813, Bos. d. 6 Sep. 1847, New Orleans, La.

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Della from CYB

April 2 1974

I've gone over the sheets you sent with your letter of March 28 (which arrived yesterday) and am returning them with notations showing additional or differing data in HWB's records. I've not yet attempted to edit this portion of his work; so cannot insist that he is right on all points. But I'm sure you'll want to know what he recorded.

Where he had full dates, I've inserted them. In most instances his year dates were the same as yours. The differences in other details are:

-- SIMEON -- not "Semion". (I have lots of other descendants of Simeon, not yet organized in final form.)

-- Admiral Charles: Usually known as Commander or Commodore, as he did most of his genealogical correspondence before being made admiral. (This confused Evans, sometimes.

-- Marriages of the first Augustus (b 1815): HWB did not have the name of the first wife, whom you show as Hannah C. Holden. He did have the second wife, Clara Sanborn, married Aug 10 1867 and mother of Eugene C, born 25 Feb 1872, in England. Date of this second marriage raises doubt about your date (1878) for death of ~~XXXXXXX~~ Hannah.

-- Jessie (not Jesse) daughter of the second Augustus. You show husband as William Weiss. HWB shows him as John W Hutchinson. His information came from Jessie's brother Ralph Augustus. Possibly 2 marriages?

-- Wife of the Charles who was son of Admiral Charles. You show Helen Rockwood. HWB says Gladys Goodrich, with full date and details. His source not named.

-- Birthdate of Francis Wheelwright, son of Adm Charles. You show 1874 (from Evans?). HWB says 21 January 1873, one month before the marriage. Knowing the care he took on pre-marital births and pre-marital conception, I'm inclined to think that Evans got his date from someone who made the common effort to conceal pre-marital relations.

Numbers in parentheses, on your sheets, are HWB's file numbers -- not yet altered for my records.

The records left by Adm Charles are in NEHG Society library, 101 Newbury St, Boston. I inspected them and copied some portions. Was unable to get them lent to our local library or historical society. If you have better luck, through Salt Lake, please have copy made for me at my expense. . . They consist of (1) Ledger containing his findings on families he studied; (2) Ledger containing the original notes on which those findings were based, with sources shown in many instances; and (3) bundle of miscellaneous clippings, etc -- of little value, but worth more study than I gave to them.

For my files, I've made copies of your letter and the accompanying sheets -- to use when I find time to work on the conflicts in data. Unless you beat me to it.

Carroll

Ogden, Utah
Mar 28, 1974

Dear Carroll Belknap;

Hope you didn't think I had died. Some days I thought I would. Nov 4th last year had both feet operated on. Then had the flue all of Jan and Feb. Then Feb 25 my brother died. Then my cousin's wife the same week. 10 days later my cousin died. Now my widowed sister is in the hospital. Maybe things will clear up for a while.

Have started to double check records for Dr. W. Dean Belnap. It seems to be one constant change in information.

I'm enclosing ~~some~~ different information for page 226 in our record. It seems that Glen Evans has this family different. Wished he had recorded the complete dates in his record, besides just the year.

The information on Charles ~~E~~ Belknap line is as follows, according to Evans-

1. Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson
2. ~~Samuel~~ ^{Life} Belknap b. 1726 and Elizabeth Porter
- ^{p-207} 3. Moses ~~1st~~ b. 7 Sept 1754 and Sara Kibbe
^{24 January (or 24th)}
- ^{p-209} 4. Moses Belknap Jr. b. 1780 and Margaret (Peggy) Richardson
^{for 1781}
- ^{p-204} 5. Augustus Belknap b. 1815 and Hannah C. Holden (instead of Clara Sanborn)
6. Charles E. Belknap b. 1846

In letters to my father from Charles he signs them as Charles E. Belknap. The records show his name as Charles Belknap.

The information on page 226 is according to Franklin Belknap record of Chicago, Ill. Franklin Belknap rec. does contain many letters from Charles Belknap, but I have not located any letters on his own line.

^{Early} H.W. B. record drops this family line with ^{Life} Saml b. 1726 who married Elizabeth Porter. ^{HE went further, later}

My father had borrowed ~~Adm~~ Charles E. Belknap's records. Before he had time to have a copy typed off, Charles wanted the record back. Later Charles house was burned. They told my father the records burned also. I was surprised when Glen Evans quoted from those records.

Now the weather is better I hope to get to Salt Lake to do some checking. Do you have any idea what the name of the Genealogical Library would be in Boston. Glen Evans says that Charles Belknap rec. is in a Library there. If I could obtain the name of that Library, I would ask the Genealogical Society of Utah to borrow the record to obtain a copy. That is how we obtained the complete records of Glen Evans. He had them in the Lansing, Mich. Library. It seems the libraries borrow records where the individual can't. I can see where some individual might be responsible and the records could be lost.

I will try to answer your letters one at a time. Thanks for the time you take and the copies you send. Hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Della Belknap

(E) Charles B. R 6 Sept 1880

DELLA BELNAP from CYB

April 16 1974

In exhuming my photostat of Warren's 1859 piece on The Belknap Family, I ran across a neglected photostat of pages in WHO WAS WHO in years ending about 1960. Here's what it said about the Charles Belknap who was son of Adm Charles B and Pannie Wheelwright:

BELKNAP, CHARLES. Retired university vice chancellor. Born ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Oakland, Md, Sept 6 1880. Son of Charles and Fanny (Wheelwright) B. ... Grad. U S Naval Academy 1891. Married Helen M. Rockwood, Oct 5 1918. Commissioned ensign U S Navy 1903, resigned 1919 with rank of commodore. (Then entered business and eventually became president of Monsanto Chemical Co., to 1945. Then became vice chancellor of Washington Univ, St Louis.). . . Died Dec 29 1954.

This confirms Evans on marriage to Helen Rockwood.

What about HWB record of marriage to Gladys Goodrich, as reported to you April 27

Note dates given for marriage:

HWB: marriage to Gladys Goodrich, 25 Oct 1909. -- Charles then 29 years old.

WWW: marriage to Helen Rockwood, 5 Oct 1918 -- " " 38 " "

Looks like married twice. Detailed record on marriage in 1909, by HWB, must have come from Charles himself or from someone close to him. Most likely, I think, from Charles, with whom HWB had some correspondence that I read some years ago. At the time HWB got his information on Charles, Charles was a lieutenant in the Navy -- i. e., about 1914. Presumably still married to Gladys, as no mention of her death or divorce, up to that time.

Marriage to Helen Rockwood came about 4 years after HWB got his information.

Presumption: Gladys dead or divorced by then.

No mention of Gladys in piece in WWW -- which contained information given, of course, by Charles himself. Was he suppressing the fact of a first marriage? Looks that way. No proof. No indication of where to search for proof, as neither Charles nor HWB named any children. Might ask children of other children of the Admiral: Francis, or Robert -- if we know of them. Do you?

From my memory of character of this Charles, as shown in letters of his, I think him quite capable of this sort of suppression of facts. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Till further info comes along, I'll handle by showing that HWB records ~~the~~^a marriage in 1909 and Charles shows marriage in 1918.

In the 9 years between 1909 and 1918, he was in the Navy -- no indication, thus, of residence on shore at time when Gladys died or was divorced. So don't know where to search for record of death or divorce. I repeat "divorce" because suppression of marriage is fairly common after ~~REMARRIAGE~~ a remarriage.

DELLA BELNAP from CYB

16 April 1974

Your letter April 11 requires a lengthy and detailed answer. So I'm returning it with markings in red, to aid you in following my replies to the many points you raised. Also, I'm returning the sheet for Jeremy Belknap & Ruth Eliot, similarly marked (A, etc) in circled black numbers.

Before I plunge into details, forgive me for making a basic distinction. Like you, I'm constantly troubled by conflicts in secondary sources, such as second-hand compilations, local histories, and the like. In such cases, I cannot accept any such alleged source, for it is not evidence. The only acceptable evidence is original documentation. So I try to keep digging till I find such real evidence. By and large, the conflicts trace back -- usually -- to uncritical echoing of erroneous statements in things like the published history of the Newburgh families, the local histories of Framingham, and so on and on. Plus, alas, the blunders and frauds perpetrated by such unscrupulous charlatans as Evans (believe me, when I say "frauds" I can prove it).

The result of this insistence on valid evidence is that I do not pass anything along to you until I have what I believe to be original documentary confirmation. (I somehow doubt that Dr W Dean Belnap really understands the difficulty of this search for proven accuracy.)

Now, the replies to your questions:

(A) JEREMY'S NAME. To call him "Jeremiah" merely makes him pretty hard for a layman to understand. Too bad, for he's the only Belknap who has been famous enough to appear in all American encyclopedias -- and always as Jeremy, never Jeremiah. The only name he ever used was Jeremy. For example, I have before me a copy of Vol. 1 of his American Biography -- and the title page reads "By Jeremy Belknap, D. D.," just as all the title pages of his many other books do. (The "D. D." is essential in naming him. In his time, Doctors of Divinity were very rare, for most pastors in New England churches were merely "raised up" from their congregations. Jeremy always added the D.D. to his name; and so did everyone else in his time.) . . . On June 25, 1798, five days after his death, the newspaper Columbian Centinel (thus spelled) published a "Sketch of the Life and Character of the late Reverend Doctor Belknap," beginning with the words: "JEREMY BELKNAP, D.D., pastor of the church in Federal-street. . ." . . . His will, a copy of which I'm enclosing, shows his signature as Jeremy. . . The many references to his books, in NEHG Register, always call him Jeremy. As far as I've ever found, the only time he was called "Jeremiah" in the Register was in 1859 W E Warren's piece "The Belknap Family," Vol 13, p 18 -- in Warren's listing of the children of Joseph Belknap and Sarah Byles. This piece by Warren was the first worthwhile bit of published Belknap genealogy and has often been copied slavishly. But it contains many errors and omissions -- for example, three blunders in the listing of the children of Jeremiah Belknap and Sarah Fosdick and their marriages, one of them the ludicrous statement that daughter "Hannah" married "Mary Rand" -- her name was Anna and she married John Norton; it was her brother Jeremiah who married Mary Rand. . . Warren had what we now term a "fixation" on the name Jeremiah, since he was trying to correct an earlier error on the parentage of the Jeremiah who married Sarah Fosdick. So maybe it was natural for him to ~~XXXXXX~~ "improve" a colloquial Jeremy to a formal Jeremiah (much like some of the "improvements" that Evans made in some of the documents he altered so sadly when he miscopied them). But we shouldn't follow Warren. . . Forgive all this detail, which is but a fraction of what I might say on this subject. I'm just trying to keep you from being laughed at by knowledgeable people if you publish a book calling the only famous Belknap "Jeremiah," when everyone knows he was Jeremy in all original documentation.

(B) SARAH'S MARRIAGE: You say Evans shows m John Comeraiis. I recall that this Comeraiis appears somewhere in my files, in material not yet indexed -- so I don't know where to look for it at this moment; but I'm sure it's not with this Sarah. I've not been able to find a record of this Sarah's marriage. So, for now, am inclined to accept HWB's record that she never married. For one thing, she was still Sarah Belknap (i.e., unmarried) on Nov 19 1794 when her father signed his will (copy enclosed). As she was ~~26~~ 26 years old, then, she was well past normal marrying age for girls in that period in Boston. (As to Evans, he habitually matched marriages to anyone who had the same name -- see "C", below.)

(C) RUTH PRESTON: The Joseph who married Ruth Preston was son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton -- brother of my gg grandfather Jonas. I've run into other cases in which Evans made simular mismatches, on sheer guesswork. ~~MY GUESSWORK~~ I can't surmise how he got Stafford, Conn., as birthplace of Jeremy's son Joseph. Certainly the Joseph who married Ruth Preston was not born there, nor anywhere else in Conn. See sheet for Samuel Belknap & Mary Newton, enclosed.

(D) MARY ELIZABETH HODGES. I can see how Evans might have been misled into thinking that she was a first wife of Jeremy's son John. When I was anotating that sheet for you, I momentarily misread a confusing portion of old notes by HWB and started to make the same mistake -- then blotted it out when I read farther and saw the truth. Oliver Prescott, father of the Mary Prescott whom John married, had three wives: (1) Mary Elizabeth Hodges, (2) Ann Whiting, mother of the Mary whom John married, and (3) Elizabeth O., his widow and executor of his will. John's only wife was Mary Prescott.

(E) CHARLES BELKNAP, admiral. I'm enclosing a separate note on his son Charles, to supplement material set to you before.

(F) "BELNAP": Yes, there were many cases of this spelling in early New England; but I have not seen any use of this spelling by members of the family itself, in those years. This spelling, like "Bellnap", was often used by others -- lawyers, clerks, etc. -- who were setting down what they heard. I have not yet found any omission of the "k" by anyone who wrote his name himself, before your ancestor Jesse -- and his name was spelled with a "k" when he married at Reading, a few miles from my home. Whether he himself ever omitted the "k" -- or whether this was begun by his children or grandchildren, I do not know. (Incidentally, the spelling "Belnap" on a document signed by mark is not evidence that the signer spelled his name that way -- it merely means that the lawyer or clerk did the spelling.) If you find any documentary instances differing from what I've found, please tell me about them.

Donell

Ogden, Utah
Apr 11, 1974

Dear Mr. Belknap;

Thanks for the comments on this enclosed sheet. Have another question. So I'm sending the sheet back instead of copying it over.

Its kinda hard to know for sure which is correct when there are many sources of information and each a little different. Mr. Parker who checked the Vital Records of the New England States for us, was to make notations if he found names and etc. different than we had them. He didn't change the name of Jeremiah. So I assumed he found it as Jeremiah.

In the material of H.W.B. that I have, the name is Jeremy.

In the "Belknap Family of Newburgh & Vicinity" printed Jan. 1889. They quote from "The Belknap Family. Jan 1859" by W. E. Warren. Page 66 "Jeremiah b. June 4, 1744 married Ruth Eliot. Page 70. Jeremy b. June 4, 1744 was learned Historian & etc. Franklin Belknap, Book A page 73- Its Rev Jeremy Belknap of Old So Church & etc.

In Glen Evans Record page 63. He shows that Sarah (the dau of Jeremy) b. 1768 to have married John Commerais. Joseph b. 1769 as married to Ruth Preston and died in Petersburg, Va. Also John b. 1776 as married to Mary Hodges. I have written this in green on the sheet to keep our notes straight.

As yet I have not found any of these marriages. I noticed your started to put Mary Hodges and then crossed it off. Do you have anything on these three marriages? I also noticed that G.E. had Joseph b. 1769 at Stafford, Conn. Which is incorrect. Do you think he has his Josephs mixed up.

The story that 3 brothers come to America, could easily be the 3 sons of Abraham Belknap and Mary Stallion. Abraham didn't live very long after he came here. People would remember his sons who had families ~~he~~ lived longer. Thus they attribute the story that 3 brothers came to America, which they did.

Thanks for the added information on Charles Belknap b. 25 Aug 1846.

Dr. W. Dean Belnap won't be in town until next week. Will see if he will go to the Salt Lake Library with me to see if they will obtain a copy of Charles Belknap's records. I think he has more influence than I have.

Had occasion to check the 1790 census of Conn, Mass, and N.H. was surprised how many there were that spelt the name Belnap. Only 1 Bealknap.

Thanks again for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Orville Belnap

will of Jeremy Belknap, D.D.

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Suffolk Probate Records, Docket 20890, book 96, leaf 335.
Will of Jeremy Belknap of Boston, minister of the Gospel. To my
dau. Sarah Belknap, 'my gould-sleeve buttons, which were my mother's,
whose name she bares,' also one hundred dollars to be paid to her
twelve months after my decease. To my dau. Elizabeth Belknap, 'the
gould ring which I wear,' also one hundred dollars to be paid to her
twelve months after my decease. To my son John Belknap, one hundred
dollars to be paid twelve months after he shall be twenty-one years.
To my son Andrew E. Belknap, one hundred dollars to be paid twelve
months after he shall be twenty-one years. To my wife Ruth Belknap
'Such part of my estate as she would have been entitled to by law,
if I had died intestate.' Also remainder of my estate for the pay^l
ment of my debts and legacies and for the maintenance of my child^{ren},
ren, who may be under age at my decease. After my decease, I give wha^t
may be left among my then surviving children in equal proportions, ^{as}
subject to the following exceptions, viz: Joseph Belknap, to set him
forward in his business, so when he shall have paid all he shall owe
me, by note or account including a note endorsed to Thomas Russell,
Esq., then after my wife's death he shall be entitled to an equal
portion with my other children. If my wife die and in case the cir^{cu}
cumstances should require administration with will annexed, then my
son John shall apply for administration, if of age. If not then the
Judge shall appoint some suitable person to serve until my said son

shall be able to receive it. Nov. 19, 1794.

Wit:-Josiah Waters

Mary Waters

J. Waters jr.

Jeremy Belknap.

Prob. July 10, 1798.



Rev. Jeremy Belknap. Engraved by Harris

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Christening date requested only in lieu of birth date not U.S.
 Church Banns.
 List other wives or husbands in order of marriage.
 List complete maiden name for all females.

Don't
 for
 Husband
 Birth
 Chr.
 Death
 Burial
 Father
 Married
 Other Wives
 of any

HUSBAND
 Jeremiah Belknap (Rev.)
 Birth 4 June 1744
 Chr.
 Death 20 June 1798
 Burial
 Father Joseph Belknap
 Married 5 June 1767
 Other Wives
 of any
 WIFE
 Ruth Eliot Elliot
 Birth 29 March 1741
 Chr.
 Death 28 Jan 1809 (ae 67)
 Burial
 Father Samuel Eliot of Boston, Mass.
 Other Wives
 of any

Place Boston, Suffolk, Mass.
 Place
 Place Boston
 Place
 Mother Sarah Byles
 Place Boston

Place Boston, Suffolk, Mass.
 Place
 Place Boston, Suffolk, Mass.
 Place
 Mother MARSHALL, Elizabeth

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
 H. Belknap's rec. A, p. 31, 745
 B, p. 54.
 H. W. Belknap's typed rec. p. 97
 N.E.H. G.R. Vol. 23, 27, 28, 30, 86-
 744- Newburgh -
 Family Representative

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

~~John C. Belknap~~
~~1000 ...~~

MARRIED
 First Husband or Wife
 Date of Marriage with Dates on Birth or Death Certificate
 Date to John C. Belknap
 Date to Ruth Preston
 Date to Unmarried, age 91
 Date to 23 June 1825
 Date to Mary Prescott
 Date to Boston, age 78
 Date to 25 Jan 1858

Sex M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN			TOWN	WHERE BORN	County	State or Country	DIED Day Mo Yr.	Date To	Date To
		Day	Mo	Yr.							
F	1 Sarah Belknap	10 April	1768		Dover			NH			
M	2 Joseph Belknap	2 Dec	1769		Dover			"	23 Aug	1800	
M	3 Samuel Belknap	31 Dec	1771		"			"	18 March	1789	ae. 17, 3 mo.
F	4 Elizabeth Belknap	3 Apr	1774		"			"	3 Aug	1865	Unmarried, age 91
M	5 John Belknap	30 Dec	1775		"			"	8 Feb	1856	23 June 1825
M	6 Andrew Eliot Belknap	6 June	1779		"			"	Boston, age 78	1858	Mary Prescott

Lived in Dover, N.H. 1766 to 1787.
 In 1787 became minister of Presbyterian Church in Boston - an overseer of Harvard College
 Right

(H. W. Belknap's record show children born in Dover, N.H. Belknap Family of Newburgh record shows children born in Dover, Mass. Believe it should be Dover, Mass.)

He was christened Jeremy - was always known as Jeremy - used that name as author of all his books - signed his will as Jeremy. Never on record as "Jeremiah" -

Jeremy
 * Jeremiah Belknap was a graduate of Harvard in 1762. He was ordained 18 Feb 1767, having been a member of the Boston, since 1764. He lived in Dover, N.H. where his house standing in 1854 is replaced by a school. He was of the 1st Parish in Dover and the 9th of the Church. He is well known through his historical and other writings in Suffolk Co. in 1796.

(HNB 129.4)

(47,15,5.1) 1/10 #2

SAMUEL BELKNAP
son of Samuel Belknap
& Mary Dickinson
b 13 June 1731, Enfield, Conn.
dpt 24 July 1731, Somers Church
b 18 June 1775, Cambridge, Mass.
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 dpt 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, 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

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP
25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn. 06878



Miss Della A Belnap
815 32nd St
Ogden
UTAH 84403

DELL

Jonas Newton Belknap
father
P. 411-103

GLADYS GRAY CLAUDIA MARSHALL CLINTON BELKNAP FROM CYB

May 13 1974

Subject: DIANTHA

(See my sheets for Jonas Newton Belknap)

I think that we may have found Diantha.
completely verified.

Facts thus far reported, but not yet

DIANTHA PHOEBE NEWTON: Born Oct 4 (or 6) 1813, "somewhere in New York State," died Sept 11 1900 (or Sept 13), in Plymouth County, Iowa; married Feb 13 1834, at an unknown place, Alba Jeffers, born April 30 1811, place not known, died Aug 28 1884 at Akron, Plymouth County, Iowa; had lived some years in Beloit, Wisc., where a son Benjamin Alba Jeffers was born. Death certificate for Diantha does not name her parents, as parentage on such certificates in Iowa was not required before July 1904.

As I think it likely that these statements will be fully verified, I'm passing them along to you without delay. One point, however, may be subject to doubt: the birth date shown for her is computed from her alleged age at death: "86 yrs, 11 mos, 7 days." If correct, this would make her aged 7 in 1820 -- not 9, as stated by Jonas in his pension application in 1820. I do not regard this as conclusive, for I have found many errors in such statements of age on gravestones and in vital records.

At the moment, I see no immediate way of discovering the parentage of this Diantha Phoebe (whose middle name, however, suggests descent from family of the Asa Newton who married Tamar Vinton, as "Phoebe" was a name used in that family). However, there is a hypothetical line of thought that might be worth examination.

Like this: In 1818, pension application in NY State, by Jonas, says nothing of a wife. In 1820, in Kentucky, he names Tamar. So, a guess compounded by a guess: (1) that the marriage to Tamar occurred in Kentucky, between dates of those two applications; (2) that Asa had died quite recently, in Kentucky; (3) that Asa and Tamar Newton had been among those who "traded" Ontario County land for some of Gideon Granger's land in Kentucky, about 1816 -- and might be found in a more complete list of such people than the one I passed along to Gladys some months ago. . . Perhaps some helpful information might be found in one of the deeds involved in this "trade".

On guess (2), above, I'm influenced by the record of other instances in which a widower Belknap married very soon the widow of one of his cousins. In my branch of the family it would have been almost normal for such a marriage to occur, shortly after the death of the man's cousin. Claudia will recall two such instances in Oregon. . . . And the point is that, if this Asa Newton was the one we think he must have been, he was the son of a brother of Jonas's mother Mary Newton -- i.e., Jonas's cousin, which would go a long way to explain why Jonas, at about 60, married Tamar. It was just a natural thing to do, especially if Tamar had a child who needed a father in the home. Such a marriage would occur, naturally, within a very short time after the death of Asa.

If I learn anything more, I'll keep you posted.

MEMO to Della Belnap and Virginia Taber

May 13 1974

I've just noted a typographical error in the memo to you, dated 22 April.

Last line of last main paragraph on p 2: "1421" should have been "1521" -- year of death in France of Sir Edward Belknap, one of Henry VII's generals and the last known male descendant of Sir Robert Bealknap. He died without heirs of his body, so that his three sisters became his heirs.

My alleged brain knew the right date, but my fingers blundered.

dyb

Della from CYB

5 June 1974

AMY, dau of Job Belknap Jr

I have made the following notation on my record:"

Possibly

~~XXXXXXXX~~ born in period 1791 to 1800. Census 1800 shows 1 female Under 10 in household of Job Belknap jun'r.

Full census record: Males, 2 10-16; 1 26-45. Females, 1 under 10; 1 26-45.

This check with known ages of two sons. Does not check with known age of wife Hannah Bartlett, who was 52 in 1800 -- but such minimizing of elderly women's ages is very common in census records.

Amy married Reuben Wood 17 Sept 1831 -- so was at least 31 then, possibly older, if she. This apparently late marriage may be explained by HWB's notation that Amy was a school teacher. So I don't think that the date of marriage necessarily conflicts with the entry I have made.

was under 10
in 1800.

I don't yet have 1810 Census record for that county in Conn. Must get it, to see if it casts any doubt on the notation I have made. Meanwhile, the notation is good enough to use -- as it merely says "Possibly."

This raises in my mind a question about the format you intend to follow in what you publish. I'm assuming it won't be mere forms, which don't provide for the many notes and "maybes" that are needed so often. Me, I wish those genealogical forms had never been invented -- for they lead too many people to be definite about things that are far from certain, and they don't demand statement of sources on individual details.

DELLA BELNAP from CYB 7 Oct 1974

I should hasten to tell you that a Belknap genealogy covering the early generations and some of the descendants of Jonas Newton Belknap (my g g grandfather) has recently been deposited in the LDS Genealogical Library, Salt Lake, by its author -- E. Clinton Belknap.

The pages on the early generations (Abraham to Jonas) cover ground that is already in your files. They are based partly on material that I supplied to Clinton as I did to you -- though, I'm sorry to say, ~~he~~ he fell into the easy trap of using some sadly erroneous stuff that he got from Glen Evans about 20 years ago.

As Clinton is a great grandson of Jonas's son Elijah, his primary aim was to bring down to date a record of Elijah's descendants. He worked on this side of the task for more than twenty years -- and did a fine job, as far as I can judge, for he didn't rely on hearsay but dug hard for verified records. So, when and if you ever want to add about 600 Belknaps to your files, you'll find them in this book -- A Belknap Genealogy by E Clinton Belknap.

Here's a rough outline of what's in this book (after the first five generations):

Jonas Newton Belknap -- 10 pp
Elijah Belknap -- 8 pp
Jonas Jr -- 1 p
Elisha -- 21 pp
Jesse -- 18 pp
Susannah -- 2 pp -- wrong, I now believe.
Esther -- 1 p
Orin -- 7 pp
Elijah's descendants -- 180 pp.

Some day, when I have time, I'll draft a set of notes on points where I differ with what Clinton has published -- mostly details of places and dates and other minor matters.

Meanwhile, this book of Clinton's is the first published Belknap genealogy -- and well worth reading.

Don M

DELLA from CYB 11 Dec 1974

Forgive the delay in saying Thank You for the copy of Evans 1950 compilation. I'm most grateful -- especially when I think of the fact that you were so busy with your own book.

Thus far, lack of time has kept me from doing much with this set of Evans material, which contains much that isn't in my other sets of his work. About all I've been able to do is to glance through it, shuddering at the entries that are obviously incorrect -- and hoping you haven't copied them -- and hoping that a check mark against a section merely means you've read it.

But I can't resist the temptation to mention one entry which is an outstanding illustration of his habit of making guesswork identifications -- Eli Belknap m Clarissa Lyman, on his p 60. This one -- including his list of places of residence -- is a honey. What he did was to combine three unrelated Elis merely because they were named Eli == and he was wrong about all three of them. All that's right is that there was an Eli who married Clarrisa and lived in Nassau and Stephen Town (not "Stephenstown"). Everything else in that passage is wrong. He didn't even have a right list of their children.

But enough of that. I should tell you that John LaPiana is trying to find out whether Evans had any evidence for his identification of Pilgrim's father -- or was just making another guess. I can hope that he'll find real evidence -- but I doubt he'll succeed.

My main concern, right now, is my troubled uncertainty about what to do about questionable things in some pages of Clinton's book -- obviously echoes of errors made by Evans and Mrs Jane. I reproach myself for not having given Clinton all the information he needed. In my concentration on my own work, I just sent him whatever he asked for -- without taking time to consider what his full needs were.

What is maybe my duty and my
I'm torn between fear of hurting Clinton by voicing disagreement with some of the things in his fine book -- indeed, I might even offend him by telling him of my differing views on details that have no bearing on his lineage or mine but might mislead people in other branches, such as descendants of some of Ebenezer's children.

But, knowing how readily people adopt whatever they find in print, I can't help thinking that perhaps I should draft a memo stating my points of difference and then send it to all libraries in which Clinton's book is deposited, in the hope that future searchers will read my memo as well as the book... In the back of my mind, always, is the harm done by Evans and by HWB's sharing of his faulty early notes.

Oh well, I shouldn't bother you with this sort of thing. But it helps to put it on paper.

Most gratefully,

Canal

Rec. June 13-1975

DELLA from CYB

14 May 1975

Subject: DORGAS PEET & DORGAS PHINNEY

Because you asked, I must tell you the results of recent work on this question. Here are my well-supported conclusions. Can take time to provide detailed evidence if you wish:

- Unquestionably, just one person, not two. Presumably widow Peet or widow Phinney. Evans certainly in error in saying Dorcas Peet was 2nd wife. Capt John had only one wife.
- No sure evidence on whether maiden name was Peet or Phinney. But what I have seems to favor Peet as maiden name. I see no ready way of pursuing that question farther. In my records, I'll show her as probably born Peet, widow Phinney.

DELLA from CYB 17 Feb 1975

NOT URGENT

A question for you when you have time:

-- What do you have (beyond the little in Evans) on John Belknap & Dorcas Phinney (and/or Dorcas Peet) and their descendants?

Nothing in the set of sheets you sent me years ago, But I seem to remember a query from you about Dorcas Peet. (Can't find that query in my files, today. Apparently misfiled.) So you may have something that I don't have.

As far as I know, the first and perhaps only naming of Dorcas Peet was in a DAR application in 1895 or 1896 -- in the years when the DAR accepted anything it received, without much evidence. I'm sending for a copy of that application.

I question Evans's statement that she was 2nd wife of that John. What I've assembled on his children shows plainly that the last-born children of whom I have a record were children of Dorcas Phinney.

This query is prompted by recent aid to a Belknap who was seeking to find proof that he ~~is~~ descended from John B and Dorcas Phinney. I found the proof.

Found this case leading me back into a problem I laid aside in 1971 -- the parentage of the Thomas Belknap who married Naomi Dare (ancestor of Mrs Hamric, etc.) At that time I had convinced myself that the father of this Thomas, (b about 1755, probably) could not possibly be the Thomas born 1729 as Evans said.

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Now, re-studying my fat file on that case in the light of new information about John Belknap & Dorcas Phinney, I believe that the West Va Thomas was most probably son of the John who was son of John B and Dorcas Phinney, b 25 January 1734. When and if I get enough support for this guess, I'll set down the case for you.

Meanwhile, let me warn you, as I should, though doubtless you know it already, that what appears on this subject in Evans's Appendix is a confused mass of misinformation and misinterpretation. Poor Evans. He didn't know, for instance, that the Thomas, son of Thomas and Naomi Dare and b abt 1795, was the same man as the Thomas said to have been born 1779 and that the legend that he lived 104 years was just a myth -- and Evans didn't know that "Emsey" Fisher was christened Melvina ("Emsey" was a nickname based on her initial M) -- and so on and on, including Evans's guess that the Thomas said to have been born 1779 was son of John 1734 (which was probably true of that Thomas's father, I believe.) . . . Am I confusing you by these comments? . . . Never mind. I'll clear it all up, some day.

Worthwhile, perhaps, to add that the difficulty in tracing children of John B and Dorcas Phinney seems to be the result of the fact this John went broke on continental money and his children and grandchildren scattered widely instead of remaining at or near Newburgh -- which perhaps explains why Rutenber's sometimes-inaccurate record, written a hundred years later, does not include John and Dorcas.

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DELLA BELNAP from CYB

17 Aug 1975

Although I don't know whether or not it will be of interest to you, I think I should tell you about one outcome of my continuing effort to expand my record of the family of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton, at Belchertown, Mass. I'll summarize conclusions briefly. Later, when I rewrite my notes on that family, I'll give fuller detail.

With the great help of a descendant of the Belchertown Kentfields, an answer to the old problem of Doelittle's #184 (Mary Belknap, widow Kentfield, joined church 1799, died 1781, aged 88) seems to have been found. This Mary, whose identity has puzzled Belknap genealogists for more than a century, was grandmother of the Rufus Kentfield who married, 25 Nov 1773, the Mary Belknap who was eldest daughter of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. She was obviously the daughter (probably illegitimate) of either the first Joseph Belknap (son of Abraham) or one of his sons, Thomas or John. I am not yet ready to express any opinion as to which of these three was most probably her father. In any case, the marriage of Rufus and Mary, in 1773, is apparently the earliest instance of intermarriage of the two main branches of the family: a great granddaughter of Samuel marrying a great grandson (or possibly great great grandson) of Joseph.

Though additional supporting evidence may come to light later this year, I see no reason for doubting these conclusions. I wish I felt as certain about some of the other unproven matters in the record of this family, such as the identity of Pilgrim's father.
Belchertown

2 Jan 1976

DELLA from CYB

If anyone but you had wanted it, I'd have found some way of refusing to do it. But here's a batch of sheets listing errors that I have found in Clinton's book.

This is the first time I've really gone through the book in search of mistakes. Up to now, I've been merely noticing the points that happened to catch my attention. And of course I can't be sure I have caught every point that should be noted. If you find others, please let me know. Similarly, tell me if you differ with me on anything in those sheets.

I hope this listing of errors won't seem to obscure my admiration of Clinton's book. It's a fine book -- free from bias -- with no axe to grind -- and on the whole much more accurate than anything else that has been printed. For the most part, the errors that I've listed are minor details of no great significance. And some of them will be of no interest to you, as they won't affect your entries on your charts.

The one major error is on pages 139 and 140 -- the inclusion of a record for the Susannah Belknap who married David Chatfield. Originally, my comments on those two pages covered three or four sheets; but I finally boiled them down to a much shorter version, which you may find inadequate. I was reluctant to issue what I found I had to say about the puzzle of Clinton's antagonism to the evidence against identifying that Susannah as a daughter of Jonas Newton Belknap. If you want fuller proof, I'll send it to you. Even after thorough review of weeks of correspondence with Clinton on this subject, I still can't see any rational explanation of the mental attitude that led him to charge your sister Flora (or a Mrs Johnson) with having committed a forgery.

I suppose that maybe I should feel obligated to send a copy of those sheets to Clinton, but I don't want to bruise his sensitive skin -- and if he's not going to print a second edition ~~he~~ he won't have any need of them. I think I'll just defer this decision for a few weeks.

Quill

ERRATA IN A BELKNAP GENEALOGY -- for Della Belnap

Page
42

As the book contains no page for Jonas's son Samuel, it shows no source for Alethea's married name Roberts, which is correct. So I enclose a copy of the handwritten chart on Samuel, which I filled in for Clinton at his request. I don't know why he didn't use it.

42 9th line from bottom -- delete question mark on Chloe.

46 Belknap, Mary (Kentfield) -- delete questionmark.

47 Belknap, Susannah (Chatfield) -- delete this line. See note on page 139, below.

49 Delete all Chatfield names.

61 Child 5, Samuel -- "death 1676" should read "after 11 Nov 1701" as on p 69. Source of wrong date was Evans.

is in family 67 2nd child, Mary -- delete "married Nathaniel Singleterry." Evans error, without basis. For discussion, see page 70. See list of children on p. 68.

67 Samuel & Sarah Jones 4th child, Samuel -- delete "married Mary Pease." This was copied from Evans, who got it from first page of Cdr Charles Belknap's first notebook, which contained a number of blunders. Cdr Charles omitted this error on his final record of this Samuel, whose wife is not known.

68 4th line in list of children -- birthplace of Abraham, Framingham, not Farmingham.

72 Ebenezer -- ^{& Hannah Ayer} this chart seems to be an attempt to combine erroneous data from Evans with data from other sources. Rather than try to show all the errors and omissions, I enclose copy of my final sheet for Ebenezer.

74 First line, birthplace of Samuel, ^{& Mary Dickson} should be Haverhill, not Framingham. Error was copied from Evans. Samuel's parents never lived at Framingham. All their children were born at Haverhill, before ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ebenezer moved to Woburn for a year or so, after which he returned to Haverhill.

74 2nd line, place of marriage. Should read Rowley, not Mansfield. Entry of date of marriage in manuscript Mansfield VR appears immediately above entry of birth of first child, indicating that it was written at the time of that birth -- a common practice in early New England when children of newcomers were born.

74 8th child, David -- date of death was "1760, in hospital at Montreal, after capture of the city from the French."

74= 9th child, Ruth -- there was no such daughter of this Samuel. This old error was disproved years ago. The Ruth erroneously thought to be daughter of Samuel was his granddaughter. Evans, from whom this entry was copied, merely repeated the questioned entry set down by those who first doubted it.

DELLA from CYB

22 Jan 1976

Here are two more points on corrections for Clinton's book:

page 68: Restore question-mark on child Sarah, omitted in copying my manuscript.

page 77, child 8, ^{Samuel & Mary Newton} Jonathan -- delete date and place of death. ^{This came from NY} erroneous record by HWB. Johnathan lived in Oswego County, and probably died there, though I haven't yet found date of death. New Milford, in NE corner of Pa, was a virtually impossible place for him to go to in his old age, as you can see by looking at a map. Looks like one of HWB's blunders based on ignorance of geography -- finding a death of a Jonathan and jumping to conclusion as to which man of that name it was.

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Mother of Mary Newton -- should read "Mary Witt, possibly widow Gibbs." Children 1 and 2 -- delete questionmarks. Child 7 -- Stephen. "Mary" for name of wife was a guess by Evans, with no known substantiation, together with an unproved assumption that the Stephen in 1800 census Saratoga County NY was son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Newton. This problem, together with much fuller data on this family, will be covered in my next revision of my record of this family. Suggest you ignore this page 77, till you receive my revision.

78

Last sentence of third paragraph. Before Somers separated from Enfield, the church in the Somers district was the only church in Enfield and so children born anywhere in Enfield were baptized there. The statement that the parents had moved is incorrect.

78

Next to last paragraph -- ". . . filed for a bounty coat . . . on that date." Incorrect. The date for the bounty coat, in Mass S and S, is not the date of the application but the date when the order to issue the coat was approved. See next to last line in 2nd paragraph, page 79.

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1st paragraph: "Samuel received a land grant." Not true. In 1722 he bought his first land at Mansfield on a mortgage which he paid off two years later. This misstatement came from Evans, who repeatedly said that members of this branch of the family "kept moving in search of free land." Actually, they always bought land when they moved, until finally those who reached Oregon in 1847 and 1848 found free land to settle on.

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Third paragraph: "Samuel . . . a weaver." He had been a weaver in his youth at Haverhill, but became a farmer in Connecticut. Like his forefathers, he continued to call himself by his early trade long after he had ceased working at it. The pattern followed by the first Samuel and the next four or five generations of his descendants was to begin as skilled craftsmen and follow a trade till they had accumulated enough money to buy land and become farmers. They were proud of their trades and -- in land deeds and other documents -- continued to identify themselves as joiners, turners, weavers, etc., long after they had become farmers. So this Samuel's 1739 deed, in which he called himself a weaver, does not indicate that he was still working at this trade. He was then farming far too much land to have had time for doing anything else. The surmise that he was "raising sheep" is not supported by any known facts about the farming then done by settlers in that part of Connecticut.

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Jonas Newton Belknap
Mother of Esther Parker; Martha Styles, "Benton, Conn." I question the place, as there was never a town of this name in Conn.

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6th child, Susannah. The statement that she married David Chatfield is incorrect. The Susannah whose dates are shown on this chart was another Susannah, possibly daughter of Jonas's brother Seth. For fuller discussion, see comments on pages 139 and 140, below.

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8th child, Orin. ⁽¹⁾ *anna & rapier* Should show also his second wife, Naomi Carpenter (widow Lyman), ⁽²⁾ on page 142.

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5th paragraph, list of places: "Cobers Kiln" should be Cobleskill. N.Y., as noted in last paragraph on page 86, . . . "Taking of Burgoyne (Battle of Saratoga)" Delete Battle of Saratoga, inserted by Clinton. There was no battle of Saratoga. The battle that caused Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga was Bemis Heights, listed correctly by Jonas. . . "Battle of Newburgh" is error in copying. Jonas wrote "Newburn"; presumably a misspelling of New Berne. There was no battle at Newburgh.

*Jonas
Newton
Belknap*

record in third paragraph from bottom page 101.

- 101 Last paragraph -- second line -- delete "to have." This death was recorded, not merely "reported."
- 102 Eliza Carney, place of death -- should be "Lockport" not Lakeport. No such place as "Lakeport" in Niagara County.
- 103 First line, should show birthplace of Elisha Jr as Ontario County, NY.
- 104 First line, birthplace of Eli should be Niagara County, not Niagara City. No such place as Niagara City. (Error probably results from Mrs Jane Belknap's use of "Cty" as abbreviation of "County.")
- 106 Birthplace of Maria Belknap should read "Niagara County," not Ontario County. By 1820, her parents had moved to Niagara County.
- 124 Place of death of Hannah Belknap should read "Coulee City," not Coules.
- 126 First name of Keturah Penton's mother was Magdalena (last letter not clearly typed on this page).
- 128 Child 6, Adeline -- name of husband was Robert Kyle. (Mistyping "Tra Anderson" was my error in 1971, which I corrected in 1972 when I noticed that I had shown same man as husband of both twins. Apparently I failed to send my revision to Clinton.)
- 128 Child 9 -- Edward's place of death was Prineville, not "Prinerville."
- 134 Next to last line -- "Princeville" should be "Prineville."
- 139 + & 140 These two pages should not have been printed. The Susannah who married David Chatfield was not Jonas's daughter. She may possibly have been daughter of Jonas's brother Seth. . . . In 1973, I received a letter written by your sister Flora in 1949, in which she copied from a letter by a Mrs L.N. Johnson (apparently a descendant of Jonas N Belknap, but not yet identified) a manuscript written in 1895 or earlier by a grandchild of Jonas N Belknap. The authenticity and accuracy of that manuscript were fully self-evident. It showed a list of children for Jonas's daughter Susannah entirely different from the list of children of the Susannah who married David Chatfield. From the beginning, Clinton consistently refused to accept the authenticity of that manuscript. On page 140, he ended by writing an indefensible note which amounts to charging that Mrs Johnson or Flora committed a forgery -- giving as his reason (or pretext) the fact that the woman who had been said to have had the manuscript in 1942 said that she did not remember it in 1975. A weaker reason could not be invented. (Much fuller details on this matter can be provided, if you want them.)
- 141 1st child, Cynthia -- dates for birth and death. Probate Court, Licking County, Ohio, shows she died 15 April 1906, aged 86 years 12 days -- hence born 3 April 1820. Court's record shows born in Hart County, Kentucky. (There is good reason to believe that she was the author of the manuscript discussed above. She was sister of Mrs Hardenbrook's great grandmother.)
- 145 1st paragraph. Delete entire last sentence. It was written at a time when the Susannah who married David Chatfield was thought to be daughter of Jonas N Belknap.

P 80 Clinton's Bld

FAMILY GROUP No. 46 Husband's Full Name Samuel Belknap
This Information Obtained From _____

Birth 1784 2nd Nov Belchertown, Mass
Chr'd 1785
Mar. ca. 1806
Death 1810 Before 19 Apr, Hopewell, N.Y.
Burial _____

Places of Residence _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____
Occupation _____
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. _____
His Father James N. Belknap Mother's Maiden Name Esther Parker

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah Hunt
Wife's Date _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ City, Town or Place _____ County or Province, etc. _____ State or Country _____ Add. Info. on Wife _____
Birth 1783 (Computed from record of death)
Chr'd _____
Death 1878 "age 95"
Burial _____

Places of Residence Maryland (2) Antemas Lincoln (who became a wealthy landowner)
Occupation if other than Housewife _____
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. _____
Her Father Amos Hunt Mother's Maiden Name _____

Compiler _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Date _____

Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1 <u>Samantha</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth <u>1807</u> Mar. <u>Did not marry</u> Death <u>July 1879</u> " <u>aged 72</u> " - (<u>Shown as aged 40 in Census 1850</u>) Burial _____							
2 <u>Althea ("Alta")</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>George Roberts</u>	Birth <u>1809 or 1810</u> <u>Said to be "about 78" in 1880</u> Mar. <u>5 Jan 1825, in Hopewell, Ontario C.N.Y.</u> Death <u>Living in 1880, in Michigan</u> Burial _____							
3 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
4 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
5 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
6 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
7 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
8 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
9 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							
10 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth _____ Mar. _____ Death _____ Burial _____							

The two girls grew up in the home of their mother and her second husband - Antemas Lincoln of Jordan and Canandaigua.

Samantha was often called "Samantha Lincoln"

Corrects "Antemas"
not "H"

This sheet not in Clinton's book

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP
25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn. 06878

Miss Della A Belnap
815 E 32nd St
Ogden UTAH 84403



Handwritten initials or signature.

Dear Della:

4 Dec 1975

Your good letter of 1 Dec needs a prompt answer. So here goes.

(1) I'm surprised that Mrs Feay was able to buy a copy of Clinton's book. He printed only 40 or 50 copies, placed many in libraries, gave away some, and had few left for possible sale. I've been hoping he will print a second edition to meet the demand for copies. . . I'll deal, later in this memo, with the reason why that hope now seems sadly faint.

(2) I don't know anything about the "corrections by hand" that Mrs Feay says were made in the copy she got -- but I suspect that they were made by Clinton himself as result of my telling him about errors that I noted. They were mostly mere repetition of errors made by Evans, who did a job for Clinton many years ago. Example: Framingham instead of Haverhill, as place of death of Ebenezer.

(3) The errors I noted were almost wholly such minor matters as that one, in early generations before Jonas -- and a few in descendants of Jonas's son Elisha, as I've already told you. Nothing of vast importance.

(4) Tell Mrs Feay that the Parker genealogy -- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Parker in America -- published in 1910 in Buffalo -- is an unreliable hodge-podge of miscellaneous family traditions. The DAR refuses to accept applications based on it. But it does have a correct list of the children of Jonas and Esther Parker. Beyond that, it's highly suspect on our line.

(5) Clinton did a fine job on tracing descendants of Elijah Belknap and Catherine Garlinghouse. Years of travel and personal interviews, plus digging up documents, etc. I believe his work on this score can be accepted without question, for I know how he did it during the years we worked together.

(6) I'll welcome a copy of Mrs Feay's line, when you find time to send it to me. Beyond what's in Clinton's book, about descendants of Esther Belknap and Gamaliel Garlinghouse, my files contain some unorganized material which I'll be glad to put together for her if she wishes -- and if I have anything that she doesn't have.

Now a couple of other points that I should mention.

(7) The reason why Clinton says he won't print a second edition is, at heart, his anger over the way Dr Belnap used, without proper credit, the same material that Clinton received from me -- and which Clinton printed with full acknowledgement of the fact that it came from me. Clinton's anger seems to be directed at both Dr Belnap and me -- for printing and copyrighting material which Clinton had printed and issued about six months before Heritage with Honor was issued. Apparently he feels betrayed by me. And he says he fears a lawsuit if he now issues a second edition seemingly infringing the copyright on Heritage with Honor. It's no use my telling him that of course he'd win any such lawsuit, as he has full proof of prior use of what I wrote. Indeed, he'd be justified in bringing a countersuit against Dr Belnap, for damage done to Clinton by Dr Belnap's unauthorized appropriation of what I prepared. And of course, future readers of the two books, in such places as the Library of Congress, will doubtless conclude as Clinton does, that Dr Belnap engaged in flagrant piracy in using my work so as to make it seem to be his own. For myself, I have

Jan 25, 1976

Dear Carroll;

Was happy to receive your letters of Dec 4 and Jan 2. An answer is long over due. Have been so busy. Wished the days were longer and I had a maid and a secretary. When summer comes, could use a gardner. I would hate to admit I might be slowing down, instead of getting younger.

Have finished my mothers family record. It is not a large book as her family is not a large one. Also I just did the direct line only. A family of four came to U.S. in 1877. Those four families have all the information I could find. Had 42 pages with pictures on. The stories of my grandparents and my parents and there brother and sisters. Then all the genealogy down to Oct 1975. Was very pleased with the clearness of the pictures and the binding. Had 200 copies made. Have sold all but 30 books. It was a lot of work and does take a lot of time and double checking. So far have had reports of only 2 mistakes in dates. Hope this is it. Have been gathering most of the information and checking it out for 40 years. Hope it is some value to my family.

Now it is time to try and catch up with all the other unfinished jobs.

I'm enclosing Mrs. Feay's line as much as she has given to me. It seems she has just recently became interested in research. I think she would be interested in any thing that would help her. Seeing she has a book of Clinton Belknap's, have sent her a copy of the corrections you made. That was a lot of work for you and it was greatly appreciated.

There is a small branch Library in Ogden of the Salt Lake Gen. Lib. They have started to put their books on film, in Salt Lake. Then we can rent the film for 50¢ for two weeks. That isn't much, just pays for the mailing. I have sent for the film of Clinton Belknap Book. So I will be able to study it better, and faster.

Hope Clinton Belknap does publish his book again, as I would like a copy. Not sure if you mean Clinton was going to publish his book again or add another Vol.

I'm a little confused how Clinton got involved in any of this with Dr. Belnap. When we started this book we didn't even know about Clinton Belknap. In fact we didn't know what you were going to put in your record as you didn't say. Had I any idea this was the way you were writing your papers, I would have discouraged Dr. Belnap from using any of the material. I'm really sorry about the whole thing. Maybe I's partly at fault. I have made it a practice and have stressed to others; If they are going to quote other people "Quote them correctly so as not to make any mistakes or change the facts.

Clinton starts with Abraham Belknap and Mary Stallion. His approach is so different. Can't see where the offence is. If there is any it was not done intentional, nor would there be any trouble if any thing was quoted again, or the same. We want no trouble with any one in the family, nor would we cause any trouble. We are only interested in being friends with our family every where.

My only interest is to learn as much as possible about the family. As I think it is one of the special families in America. I do so much appreciate all the work and time you have spent for me. And to send me information. I only wished I could do more for you.

I did notice in his book the source of information on the Stallion line, should have been the parishes in Essex, England.

Hope you have read more than the front part of Dr. Belnap's book. Such as my grand father and my father. Have found that every Belknap has some interesting experiences and have contributed much to their community.

Have gone over the information on Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris. It has answered many questions I had on that line. and added much new information I did not have. I'm returning 2 sheets that I have question on. I think from my notes you will understand.

When it came to the Eli Belknap, I got lost. I can see I have copied what H W B had. If he made mistakes, than I have it wrong. When I got to Eli, who married Clarissa Lyman, and has a brother Asa, there must be something wrong with my record. In my record (the old one you have) on page 443 is a family group sheet of John Belknap and 2nd wife Ruth Farr. There is no Eli or Asa in this family. Is this whole family incorrect?

I have checked the marriage records for Southborough and Westborough, Mass. I found; John Belknap md. Ruth Farr 10 June 1736. Stephen Belknap md. Eunice Warren, 4 Mar 1780. Lucy Belknap md. Benjamin Ball, 22 May 1777. No parents were given in the marriage record.

In the Glen Evans rec. I have, page 12. This family has only 3 children. Now I question my family sheet on Eli and Clarissa Lyman or Cleracy. My sheet shows the parnts of Eli and John Belknap and Lovina, and 12 children. This is according to H W B.

I know you are busy and hate to ask you for more help. But it would take a lot of research for me to get this straightened out. If you have this straighten out, is there some way I could repay you for your help? At the moment don't know how far back I should start to see what is correct.

I'm also enclosing a sheet I picked up in Salt Lake Libr. on the Rinaldo Webber family who married Elizabeth Belknap. She is the dau. of William Belknap and Anna Burke. Don't know if you have it.

Sincerely,

DELLA from CYB

14 Feb 1796

REMAINING POINTS IN YOUR LETTER 25 Jan.

(1) Lucena -- thanks for catching the error my stupid fingers made. They sometimes pay no attention to what my alleged brain is saying. Am returning the sheet.

(2) Sheet showing Rinaldo Webber's parentage. Yes, I had this information. Am returning the sheet with some added data -- including one more child.

(3) Mrs Feay -- Considering the careful work shown on other sheets, I can't imagine how she got so mixed up on the top sheet showing her Belknap and Garlinghouse ancestry. If I weren't so busy, I'd write to her about it. But perhaps she has remedied the errors in this sheet already. Anyway, I hope it doesn't get into the records at Salt Lake -- for it certainly is confusing.

(4) Foris Belknap Bibles -- Since I wrote to you on this subject, saying that I didn't agree with the Bible record you sent to me a year ago, I ran across a mention of it in a letter John Sherman wrote back in 1959 -- so sent it to him, asking his opinion of its validity. In replying, John has sent me Xerox copies of all pages of the Bible that Foris gave to his daughter Sarah -- Bible printed 1837, given in 1840, with inscription by Foris and birthdates filled out. Later entries, marriages and deaths, unquestionably written at various times in differing hands -- not written all at one time in one handwriting. This Bible, unquestionably, passes all tests for authenticity. Can send you the copies of photos of its pages if you wish -- but maybe you'll take my word for the fact that this Bible (on which Sherman relied in his piece about Foris) is the one to trust, rather than the dubious one you saw. . . . Incidentally, Sherman explained how it happened that his Aunt Grace Sherman made that error on birthdate of Foris, writing 1782 instead of the 1788 shown in the Bible that Foris prepared. . . . In my judgment, the piece written by Sherman, about Foris, is absolutely correct -- except that I differ with him on his reluctance to abandon the family tradition that there was a brother named David -- for whom no trace has ever been found in Holland and Wales VR or anywhere else.

(5) Did I read the biographies in second half of Dr Belnap's book? Yes, many of them -- and thought them by far the best things in the book. Tipped my hat when I read yours.

You've been put to a lot of expense recently, on copies of stuff for me. Am enclosing a check for \$10, to cover it -- and other things I'm going to ask for in the next week or so, problems on which I need your help.

(C) 2011

steadfastly refused to draw that conclusion -- preferring to regard the matter as a naive blunder by a non-professional writer. I'm withdrawing from any participation in this angry controversy, for I want no part of it. But I think that you and Dr Belnap should know that the anger exists and that it has done harm to Clinton and to the people who would eagerly buy his book if he brought out a second edition. Perhaps you or Dr Belnap may feel it wise and kind to write to Clinton and try to mollify him -- though, to be sure, Dr Belnap hasn't even given me an adequate apology for the way he misused what I wrote. What I now regret most, however, is that Clinton's passionate anger has brought to an end a happy correspondence that lasted almost ten years. But this is only my personal unhappiness.

(8) Some years ago, I told you that your sheets on Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris and their descendants were seriously wrong and that I'd send you my versions when I got them in proper shape. John Sherman and I had spent five years digging up the documentary evidence on which a correct statement could be based. Recently I've finally been putting the results of our work into organized form. So I'll be sending you a batch of sheets covering Joseph and Prudence and several generations of their descendants, just as soon as a few more sheets have been typed. They'll contain, in most cases, detailed explanations of the old errors and the reasons for correcting them. The central error was the misidentification of a so-called "Lovina" as a second wife of Joseph's son John -- who never had a second wife. "Lovina" was Lavina Brock of Woodstock, wife of that John's son John Jr. All so-called authorities -- HWB, Lovering, etc. -- fell into the old "missing generation" trap and had no real record on John Jr., so that he was lost to sight until John Sherman found the proofs that were needed.

Drnell

April 28, 1976

Dear Carroll:

I was in hopes of getting some answers on the Thomas Belknap question. The Thomas Belknap of West Va. I have gone through every thing I have received from Mrs. Mansfield of Sacramento, Cal. and Mrs. Hattie Belknap Weese and Glen Evans record. I did not find anything new or any added leads.

I didn't write to Mrs. Mansfield. She didn't answer the last time and besides i'm not sure she is living. I wrote to Hattie B. Weese's son in Moses Lake, Wash. He has Hattie's records. He hasn't done any more work on the records, and could not tell me where his mother obtained the information. Only that she wrote to a lot of other people besides, Glen Evans. A lot of the relatives in W. Va. would not answer her letters. Mrs. Weese did not document her papers.

I also wrote to a family in W. Va. who wanted material from me, some time ago. They did seem interested in trying to find out where they fit into the family. They didn't answer. Some people want information but do not want to do any research them selves.

There is a conflict in Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Weese direct line. They both claim the same line. As I went over the papers they seemed to be too many Thomas Belknaps. They confused their line with some cousins. Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Weese are descendents of Thomas Belknap and Polly Friend. While Mrs. Elizabeth Belknap Alberts of Tremonton, Utah, is a descendent of Thomas Belknap and (2) Emsey Fisher. She has been dead a long time. I never learned who her children were. Would take a bit to try to locate them now.

The only thing now would be to go to Salt Lake City and see if they have a copy of "D A R Leneage book" or do more research in W. Va. and try to go backwards on their line. Mrs. Hattie B. Weese does make a note "there were too many Thomas Belknaps. They were cousins and people tried to put them in the same family.

As I have outlined the material I have, would be as follows; Not saying it is correct.

b. 1698- Thomas Belknap and Sarah Wright

b. 1729- Thomas Belknap & ?

1734- John Belknap & D. Peet

b. 1755- Thomas Belknap & Naomi Dare

1799- Thomas Belknap & Polly Friend
& Emsey Fisher

b. 1815 ~~65~~ Thomas Belknap * Melvina
1818

1830- Thomas Belknap & Mariah Youngg

Hope you can understand what I am trying to say. There should be a law against naming too many by the same name. Ha! Ha! It would be easier for me.

This is not much help. Thanks for your letters. You are the one who gives me the help. I'm most grateful.

DELLA from CYB

16 Feb 1976

I warned you that as soon as I got through answering your letter 25 Jan I would start bothering you with things on which I need your help. Here's the first one.

In Feb 75 you sent me a batch of sheets about the West Va Belknaps, including the two sheets that I'm enclosing.

SHEET A: The Thomas who m Naomi Dare. . . Can you think of any way to get actual evidence on the points that I have ringed in red? As far as I have been able to find out, the only source of the statement that he was born 1755, son of the Thomas who was son of Thomas and Sarah Wriggt, is an unsupported identification by Evans. . . All evidence I have found indicates that the Thomas b 1729 never married, so that any son would be a bastard, hence extremely difficult to find in any record now available. The sources cited by Evans as shown at the bottom of the sheet, contain nothing supporting this identification. . . . All that is of record on his origin is that he enlisted at Kingston, not far from Newburgh. I know of nothing to connect him with New Windsor -- and my files on him and his reputed descendants run to nearly 500 pages of inquiry and reply. . . . Note 2, at the bottom of the sheet, is new to me; and is not even remotely supported by anything in my files. . . . The only thing that makes Evans's identification seem plausible is that I've found, recently, the record of a court case based on the fact that in 1784 this Thomas b 1729 admitted paternity of a bastard son by a woman whose initials were recorded as E H, nothing more. Maybe he had a habit of siring bastards. . . I've told you, I think, that his will named no children; he left everything to his brothers and sisters.

SHEET B: The Thomas who m Emsey Fisher. . . His descendants who say he was son of Thomas and Naomi Dare give his birth date as 1795, but with no supporting evidence. I'd like to believe that Sheet B is correct in saying he was son of Capt John and Dorcas Peet -- and that therefore I can disregard the military record showing he was born in Virginia. But I need proof. On this Sheet B, one source cited is "DAR lineage book" -- which would mean his ancestry had been traced to either Capt John or to the Thomas who m Naomi Dare. Which was it? Can you get in touch with the person who prepared this sheet, and find out what is actually said in that lineage book? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I thought I have copies of all DAR applications by descendants of Capt John -- but maybe there's one that they haven't sent to me. . . . On the other hand, I'm convinced that neither I nor anyone else has, yet, a complete list of Capt John's children, so it's easy for me to think that this Thomas who m Emsey Fisher might be a son of the Captain. I hope it can be proved; that would make my job a lot easier.

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
 NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Yrm
 DATES: 14 Apr 1794
 To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

HUSBAND

Thomas Belknap

(note)

Born 1729 Place Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
 Chr. Place
 Marr. Place
 Died Place New York

Bur. Place
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Thomas Belknap "The Elder"

HUSBAND'S MOTHER Sarah Wright

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

Husband

Thomas Belknap

Wife

Ward 1.
 Examiners: 2.
 Stake or
 Mission

WIFE

Mrs. Belknap

Born Place
 Chr. Place
 Died Place
 Bur. Place

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER 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	WHEN DIED			WIFE
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	
1	Thomas Belknap	(Note 2)			1755	New Windsor		N.Y.	17 Oct 1791 Naomi Dare		18 Dec 1835		
2													
3													
4													
5													
6	Note 1. Thomas's brother Samuel (who md Lydia Stearns) bought land in 1749. t miles S. W. of Newburgh, N. Y. Called "Belknap Ridge." He sold his Woburn holdings and moved to Newburg, N.Y. "here he was the 1st New England settler.												
7	In 1704 Samuel sold 13 lots to Thomas Belknap of this land. Thomas moved to this land soon after he bought it.												
8	Note 2. Thomas had 3 sisters and mother come to Hampshire & Braxton Counties, W. Va. His father Thomas was living alone in New Windsor, N.Y. in 1790. (This may be the reason Thomas b. 1729 doesn't show a family in his will)												
9	Thomas Belknap was a member of a Company of Exements composed of men 16 and 55 years of age. Organized New Windsor, June 11, 1778 with him were his brothers Joseph and John. He is spoken of as "The Elder", and his son as Thomas Jr. two Bullocks to the U.S. Q. M. Dept and in 1790 he was living alone at New Windsor.												
10													
11													

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Glen Evans Rec. page 32 (U.S. Census 1790 N.Y.- Gov. Geo. Clinton papers of N.Y.)

OTHER MARRIAGES

NEC

USDA 8-45 DEC
PRINTED IN USA

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Wndr, Yrm
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "x" behind the number pertaining to that child.

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

HUSBAND Thomas Belknap
Born 1779 Place New Windsor, Ulster, New York (Frederick Co., W. Va.)
Chr. _____ Place _____
Marr. abt 1820 Place _____
Died 30 Nov 1883 age 104 Place Cedar Creek, Otter Dist, Braxton, W. Va. (Trace Run, W. Va.)
Bur. _____ Place _____
HUSBAND'S FATHER Capt. John Belknap HUSBAND'S MOTHER (2) Dorcas Peet
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (2) Emsey Fisher md 26 July 1850 (Melvina Emsey Fisher by Mrs Velma Mansfield)

Husband Thomas Belknap (1779)
Wife Mary (Polly) Friend
Ward 1.
Examiners: 2. B
Stake or Mission _____
NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD _____

WIFE Mary Friend (nick name Polly) One record said she had 10 Children
Born _____ Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died 4 Mar 1850 Place Braxton Co., W. Va.
Bur. _____ Place _____
WIFE'S FATHER Andrew P. Friend Sr. WIFE'S MOTHER _____
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE _____
RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND _____ RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE _____
TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA
BAPTIZED (DATE) _____ ENDOWED (DATE) _____ SCALED (Date & Temple) _____
HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____
SEALING (Date & Temple) _____
CHILDREN TO PARENTS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth	Order of Birth	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES													
1	William Belknap	1	16	Sept	1821	Chaple	Braxton	W.Va.	Margaret Moyers (res. Chapel, W.Va.)		2 May 1904 (1905)		
2	Naomi Belknap				1823			"	Jacob or Phil. Hosey (res. Cutlipsv		1910		
3	Norman Belknap				1827			"	Parthena (Partheora)				
4	age 23 in 1850 Census				(1828)			"	Eliz Boone (res. Trace Run, W.Va)		1870 (Mar 1905)		
	Israel Belknap		7	Apr	1839	Sutton		"			17 Sept 1917-Chape		
5	James Belknap				1834	Chaple		"	Jane Frame(d. 1897)				
6	age 15 1850 Census				(1835)			"	Mariah Young				
	Thomas Belknap				1830	Trace Run		"					
7	age 13 1850 Census							"	Luca		1912		
	Henry Belknap				1833			"			res. Hillside, Col		
8	Annie Belknap (?)				1840			"	died young				
9	age 10 1850 Census				(1840)			"	Jenkie Dobbins (res. Trace Run)		1917		
	Andrew Belnap				1847			"					
10	age 16 1850 Census				(1844)			"	Shed Ferrine		1890		
	Katherine Belknap		3	June	1845	Sutton		"					
11	Clark Belknap				1847			"	died Young				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
1850 Census --
Veterans Administration. D.A.R. lineage Book.
U.S. Pension Service
Eliza Belknap Alberts record of Garland, Utah
Melvina B. Mansfield

OTHER MARRIAGES
#3 md (1) ----- Haymond

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS
Note- 17 Children grew up of Thomas Belknap Sr. "Old House" of his father Capt John Belknap, still standing in Ulster Co., N.Y.

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. ~~Moriarty~~ ^{Andrews} Moriarty on those pages is the source of the ~~correct~~ list of children.
- (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 ~~5x~~ 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 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "(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.

Clinton Belknap sent me copies of correspondence with your brother in Iowa.

I hope you'll be able to get for me that record on Falls and Smith vs Belknap, August 1806 -- as mentioned in your page 3, especially if the Belknap was John. Anything on a John Belknap in NY in that year is of great interest to me.

SARA WRIGHT -- I have done no research on her, as the record put together by H W Belknap about 1914 and by Commander Charles Belknap in the 1890's is sufficient for my needs -- and may be enough for yours. Here are the known facts, from original records:

Mass.
Daughter of Joseph Wright of Woburn and one of his earlier wives, Elizabeth Bateman. (He had "several wives" according to record of intestate settlement of his estate). Born 7 May 1696, Woburn. Married (1) presumably at Woburn, Dr Isaac Hill, who was born 1684 and died 9 Jan 1723 at 39 at Pomfret, Conn. Married (2) Thomas Belknap, 14 Dec 1727, at Woburn. Date of death not known. All of her children by Thomas Belknap were born at Woburn, (before Thomas moved to Newburgh NY in 1754.

One erratic compiler, Glenn Evans, says Thomas moved from Woburn to Pomfret, Conn., in 1739. This is an error, based on misinterpretation of the fact that Thomas was appointed administrator of Dr Hill's intestate estate in that year, in Windham Co. Conn. The record of the settlement identifies him as "Thomas Belknap of Woburn." In that settlement, 16 years after the death of Dr Hill, 1/3 of the estate -- total value £53-2-6 -- went to Sarah, the widow. The other 2/3 went to Isaac Hill, son of Dr Hill. The abstract of the record does not indicate whether this son was Sarah's son or the son of an earlier wife of the doctor.

Presumably, Sarah's story goes something like this. In or about 1720, when 24 years old or thereabouts, she married Dr Hill who was 12 years older, and moved to Pomfret with him. When he died in 1723, she returned to her family home in Woburn and married Thomas Belknap in 1727, when both she and Thomas were 31 years old. . . From the fact that the only known mention of the son Isaac Hill was in the settlement in 1739, it seems likely that he was issue of an earlier marriage by the doctor.

? Probable reason for delay till 1739: waiting for son Isaac to come of age.

If he became 21 in 1738 or 1739, he was born 1717 or 1718 -- i.e., ~~before~~ Before Sarah m. Dr. Hill, unless she m. him in 1716 or 1717 when 20 or 21 yrs old. -- Still no proof on son's mother.

Aug 2 1969

Dear Della:

Thanks for your fine letter of 7/28. It's very helpful. I hope you kept a carbon copy of it, for I'm going to try to answer some questions you ~~XXXXX~~ raised.

(1) GLEN EVANS -- Yes, I know he added a Roger to list of Abraham's children. His work was very sloppy, sometimes almost fraudulent. I have learned to trust nothing he wrote, till I have found real proof elsewhere.

(2) The SARAH who married Nathaniel Singleterry. ~~XXXXX~~ Though formal proof is lacking, she was unquestionably a daughter of Abraham's son Samuel. I have date of her marriage and names of the Singleterry children, if you want ~~XXXXX~~ them.

(3) Birthdate of HANNAH, daughter of Abraham. I'd distrust the information sent to you by Mrs. Daly. Even if date of birth appears in Vital Records of Lynn, it would be of questionable accuracy. For a long time, the so-called Vital Records in Massachusetts were not entered annually, but were written up at intervals of some years, on basis of memory and hearsay-- so are not trusted by experts in New England genealogy-- with possible exception of those edited and published by N E Genealogical Historical Society.. . Best confirmation of probable date of Hannah's birth is that in 1671 she and her husband signed a deposition which gave her age as "about 30" and his age as "about 27." He is known to have been born 6 Dec 1643, which agrees well with "about 27" in deposition. For Hannah, "about 30" in 1671 would place her birth as about 1641 -- of possibly 1640. So reasonably in accord with Moriarty's "about 1639/40."

by Somerset House staff

(4) The entry "Belknap otherwise Beltoft" on Bennet's All was made about 1913, on initiative of Charles Bernau, HWB's record agent in England -- as explained in HWB's ~~xxxxxx~~ piece in the 1914 REGISTER.

One reason why the information you sent about Abraham's marriage is so welcome is that I'm in process of trying to write an analysis and interpretation of the evidence bearing on when and how and why the Beltofts of Sawbridgeworth changed their family name to Belknap. The when and how are matters of record -- but the more important question, I think is the "why." One point to be dealt with is the probable date at which Abraham made this change. So I needed to know whether I was right in believing that he married as Beltoft -- which your record shows plainly (mention of him as Beltoft in will of his wife's father). When I get this thing written, I'll submit a draft of it to some experts, for their comments on the validity of my interpretation of the evidence.

(5) ADDRESSES. I'm grateful for addresses of W Dean Belknap and Frank Smith. Will surely have occasion to write to them.

(6) JIMMIE PARKER -- Hope he contacts me when he comes this way. I'm sure he could help me; perhaps I can help him. . . One thing I hope he digs up is further evidence of the parentage of your ancestor Jesse (the one who dropped the "k"). I've not been successful on this point.

(7) MERRICK BELKNAP -- I had some correspondence with him a year ago. Sent him my record of his line of descent from Abraham. Do you want a copy of that record?

VIRGINIA TABER from CYB

(Copy to Della Belnap)

22 April 1974

When I wrote to you a day or so ago, I was so intent on what I was saying about the reasons for not misusing the name Belknap for the early Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth that I omitted other points I had meant to cover.

-- Reimbursement for your postage expense. I always insist on this, else I'd not feel free to make outrageous requests for bulky material. So, check enclosed. Please don't refuse to accept it.

-- Zebina Belknap's will. Yes, please send me a copy if you can. Documentary material is precious. The will may solve some debatable points.

-- Bissell Belknap. Yes, you did send me a sheet for him, in March.

My main reason for this present note, however, is that when a genealogist is lucky enough to encounter a careful and competent fellow worker who supplies real help, he naturally asks brashly for still more help.

So I'm enclosing two files that I hope you'll examine -- and improve.

File #1: H W Belknap's sheets, written about 1914, for Moses Belknap Jr and his children (his #603 and 1008 series, excluding 1006.7, Walter Perrin Belknap, whom you have already dealt with, thank you). Thus far, I have done little or no editing of these sheets. They can obviously stand some emendation.

File #2: Copies of sheets recently received from Della Belnap, secretary of the Belnap Family Organization in Utah, with my memos to her about them -- concerning differences in HWB's records. . . Here, too, you may be able to provide solutions.

I hope this material will be of interest to you. I'm also hoping that you can help make it more nearly correct.

Carroll

PS: It occurs to me that this might be a good time to try to answer a question that some people have asked: "If I don't call the early Beltofts Belknaps, how do I make the line of descent understandable to people who don't know the story?"

For someone like me, who is trying to combine genealogy and personal histories, there's no problem, for the change in surname is an essential part of the record. But for anyone who is concentrating wholly on genealogy -- as on record forms -- it seems to me that the problem can and should be handled by inserting an explanation on or accompanying the sheet for Abraham's father Bennet, covering such points as these:

- All of Bennet's known ancestors at Sawbridgeworth used only the surname Beltoft.
- Bennet himself was baptized Beltoft, married as Beltoft, and signed his will as Beltoft.
- But once, in 1599/1600, 24 years before his death, he swore on oath in court that he was Benedict Belknappe, in order to inherit the property willed to him by his prosperous brother Josias, who called himself Josias Belknappe. This is why he is now ~~named~~ "Bennet Beltoft alias Belknap."

called

make record on this sheet

- Benet and his family continued to use the Beltoft surname until his death.
in 1624,
- But when he died, his wife and children buried him as ~~Bennet~~ Belknap -- and adopted the surname Belknap. None of them, and none of their descendants, ever used the name Beltoft again, after that burial.
- No proven explanation for this sudden and dramatic change has yet been found.
- Consequently, no proof has^{yet} been found for any connection with the Belknap family founded in the 14th century by Sir Robert Belknap (Bealknap), Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the reigns of Edward III and Richard II. The proven male line in that family died out in 1421.

PS #2: I think I may have future occasions to use that summary; so I'll retain the original of this memo and send you a machine copy of it.

March 20 1973

DELLA: from CYB

YOUR 267 & 268

In a letter June 30 1971, you said something I should have answered then, but it escaped me till today.

"The family of Levi Belknap, Franklin's father, the marriages of the father and son Levi are mixed up. . . I'm hoping . . . our New England research will clear some of these questions."

For possible aid, I'm enclosing copies of HWB's final version of his record on these Levis. Same as yours, except for being a little more detailed and for giving family name of second Levi's first wife as Lamson, not Samson.

As I compared them with yours, I underlined in red the differences I noted.

On the first Levi, you'll notice that HWB found two names for mother of Charlotte Boyden, and indicated no opinion on them.

On sheet for second Levi, he found VR not agreeing with information obtained before he consulted the VR -- notably a child Frank with same birthdate as that for child Ray. As he has detailed continuation for Ray, I think he felt the VR had the name wrong. In his records, when he shows a VR date beside a date obtained from other sources instead of crossing out the other date, he seems to have meant he didn't believe the VR. I've had the same problem.

Do you now have any changes I ought to make on these records?

Donnell

Sub. # 267-268

613.

C.N. 373.

Levi Belknap & Laura Hewitt, (289, 129.2, 52, 15, 4, 1,)
 B. 8 Apl. 1798, B. 11 Apl. 1811, Pomfret, Vt.,
 D. 25 Jun. 1880, D. 31 Mar. 1871, Barnard, Vt. sec. 50:5:20, Vt.
 M. 8 May 1833, dau. of Henry Hewitt of Barnard, Vt.
 1. Randolph, Vt. &
 d. East Barnard, Vt. Hannah Bugbee
 res. East Barnard,
 (owned real estate in Barnard 1833, or earlier,
 a School Supt. 1828-32
 (Grand Juror, 1833,
 Just. of Peace,
 1830-32,
 M. 1 Jul. 1873, Charlotte Boyden,
 B. 12 Jul. 1808,
 D. 5 Mar. 1881, 6 Mar. VR
 dau. of Jacob Boyden of East Barnard,
 &
 Chloe Turner
 Hannah Carroll (Boyden Gen.)

Children:

1018. Franklin, b. E. Barnard, Vt., res. Chicago, Ill., unmarried,
 B. 15 Mar. 1834, D. 23 Sep. 1906, Pittsburg, Kan. bur. E. Bar
 1019. * Mary Jane, b. East Barnard,
 B. 11 Apl. 1838, D.
 1020. * Henry Hewitt,
 B. 29 May 1840, D. 30 Jul. 1870, Salem, Ill.,
 1021. * Levi,
 B. 15 Oct. 1842, D. 1vg. Pittsburg, Kan. 1910,
 1022. * James Monroe, b. East Barnard, Vt.,
 B. 17 Jun. 1851, D.

Copy for Della

October 29, 1971

Mr Richard S. Cheney
3316 Edison Ave.
Wesleyville, Pa. 16520

Dear Mr Cheney:

It was most kind of you to send me the material accompanying your letter of the 18th. I'm very grateful.

The only statement I have found, on the parentage of Jesse Belnap of North East, came to me from Miss Della A. Belnap, secretary of the Belnap Family Organisation, in Utah, which has many of his descendants in its membership. I enclose a copy of the sheet she sent to me. Perhaps you will wish to write to her, as she can give you the evidence behind this attribution of parentage. Her address is:

815 Thirty Second St., Ogden, Utah 84403

I am passing your letter and attached sheets along to her, after making a copy for my files.

As you and she will note, there are many differences in the two records; so I'll be much interested in the outcome of the comparison. For what it may be worth, I think it likely that each record has points at which it is better than the other one.

One problem on this Jesse Belnap is that of tracing his movement through New York State. I have sure locations at only three places: (1) Ganohaharie in Montgomery Co. in 1790 Census; (2) Rome in Oneida Co. in 1800 Census; (3) Locke in southern Cayuga Co. after 1800 or a bit later. So I question some of the birthplaces shown in Della's sheet, which makes him do some backtracking that seems unlikely.

As to residence at Locke, in Cayuga Co., I enclose a record of land transactions that I received a short time ago. Item X is this Jesse. Item XI is doubtless his son David. (The Jesse Belknap shown in Item XIII is another man, in a different branch of the family). The dates shown are the dates of recording, not the dates of the transactions -- which can be obtained only by examining the deeds.

Again, my thanks.

Cordially,

C. Y. Belknap:

HUSBAND ³¹ Jesse Belnap

(Left K out of Name)

Birth **21 Aug 1760**
Chr.
Death **14 Oct 1854**
Burial
Father **Jesse Belnap**
Married **28 Apr 1779**
Other Wives
(if any)

Place **Hebron, Tolland Co. Conn.**
Place
Place **North East, Erie, Pa.**
Place **Philips Cemetry**
Mother **Eunice**
Place **Redding, Conn.**

WIFE Eunice Hall

Birth **25 May 1762**
Chr.
Death **12 Mar 1849**
Burial
Father
Other Husb
(if any)

Place **Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn.**
Place
Place **North East, Erie, Pa.**
Place **Philips ~~Cemetry~~ Cemetry**
Mother

Where was information obtained?
family record obtained?
Gilbert Belnap Rec.
Hyrum Belnap Rec.
O. H. Clark Of Wankato, Min.
(His rec. has more children
Dates from Philips Cemetry,
East, Pa.

Family Representative

Name and address of person submitting this sheet

JOHN NEGRO
15 22 919
JOHN A BELNAP

CHILDREN		WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN		DATE	
(List with child's name, complete date, married or single, sex, etc.)		(Date, Year, etc.)		(County, State, etc.)		(Date, Year, etc.)	
M	¹ David Belnap	24 Mar	1780	Redding Fairfield	Conn.	6 May	1858
M	² Jesse Belnap	19 Jul	1781	Schoharie	N. Y.	1 Jul	1849
F	³ Eunice Belnap	28 Aug	1784	Schoharie	N.Y.	Aug 1849	
M	⁴ Ira Belnap	3 Apr	1785	Montgomery	N.Y.	24 Aug	1848
M	⁵ Ansel Belnap	24 Mar	1787	Cayuga	N.Y.	20 Jun	1841
M	⁶ Rosel Belnap	4 Jan	1789	Cayuga	N.Y.	29 Nov	1878
M	⁷ Elen Belnap	14 Jan	1791	Schoharie	N.Y.	25 Mar	1870
F	⁸ Anna Belnap	18 Aug	1792	A Schoharie	N.Y.	2 Dec	1832
M	⁹ Gilbert Belnap	27 Mar	1794	Schoharie	N.Y.	18 Sep	1813
F	¹⁰ Sally Belnap	8 Aug	1795	Schoharie	N.Y.	3 Sep	1810
F	¹¹ Polly Belnap	9 Jul	1797	Rome Oneida	N.Y.	25 Oct	1851
F	¹² Laura Belnap	3 Apr	1799	Rome Oneida	N.Y.	12 Jan	1879
F	¹³ Betsy Belnap	11 Jan	1800	Rome Oneida	N.Y.	9 Sep	1894
M	¹⁴ Hiram Belnap	30 Jul	1802	Cayuga	N.Y.	6 Mar	1875
F	¹⁵ Isabel Belnap	28 Jun	1804	Cayuga	N.Y.	Oct or Jun	1801

Betsy Gurney
2. Sally Long
Date
To **Sally Camp**
Date
To **Buel Phillips**
Date **14 Oct 1814**
To **Mary Decker**
Date **McNagle**
To **Jane**
Date
To **Jane Richmond**
Date
To **James Allen**
Date
To **Polly A Baley**
Date **22 Aug 1811**
To **William H. Campbell**
Date
To **Ira Avery**
Date **12 June 1815**
To **Jacob Alexander**
Date
To **Harriet Randall**

* Chronology date is recorded only in lieu of birth date and U.S. Church Blessing. List other wives or husbands in order of marriage. List complete marriage date for all females.

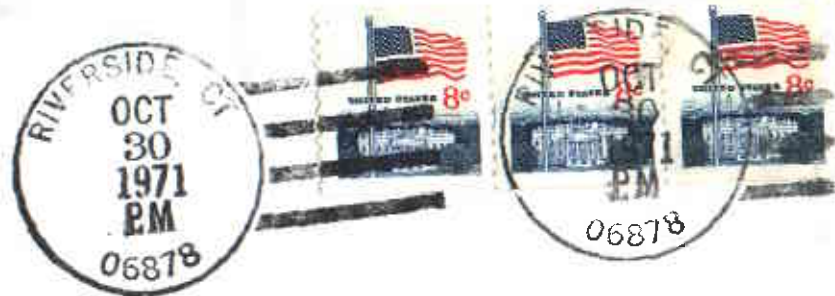
SOME FINDINGS IN RECORDS OF CAYUGA COUNTY
 Auburn, New York - 9/20/71

- I. 11 Sept. 1786 - John Clark, Soldier in the N. Y. Regiment,
 700 pounds commanded by Col. Lamb -
 (FA-269) any interest held in bounty - to
 Isaac Belknap, Newburg, Ulster Co., boatman.
- 4 pounds - Isaac Belknap, Jr., given power
 of attorney, for acquiring the 900 acres of
 land involved: 500 from New York State, 100
 from Congress.
- II - 5 Mar. 1789 John Robertson, Jr. - Connecticut -
 40 pounds lawful heir to estate of John Roberts - to
 (FB-211) Ebenezer Belknap, New Haven - all interest
 in estate for his services during the war.
- III. 16 Oct. 1789 Isaac Belknap, Jr., Newburgh - transferred
 8 lbs. interest in 600 acres to Wm. J. Vredenburg.
 (FB-340)
- IV. 16 Apr. 1790 William Belknap, Newburgh - to Cornelius Roosa
 30 lbs. equal one-half part of all lots in County
 (FC-128) of Montgomery as laid out for the linemen
 of Army of the U. S., to which William Belknap
 is entitled as a lieutenant.
- V. 19 June, 1790 William Belknap to Peter Curtinuis, N. Y. C.
 15 lbs. one-half equal part in 200 acres due William
 (FC-129) from Congress, and 1000 acres from New York
 donation to every lieutenant.
- VI. 4 Oct. 1795 John E. Fox, Onondaga County, to Ebenezer
 \$500 Belknap of New Haven - property in
 (J-425) Romulus County, Onondaga County -
 Lot #91, being original bounty right of John
 Cosgrove.
- VII. 4 Feb. 1807 Ebenezer Belknap of Durham, Conn., to
 \$1,100 Thomas Robinson, Robert Brown, Jonathan Fry
 (I-425) Lot #30 - Cato - being the original right of
 Christopher Schultz.
- VIII. 9 Sept. 1803 Ebenezer Belknap, of Durham, to
 700 pounds Stephen Butler, of Onondaga County
 (G-278) Lot #38 - Town of Cato, being part of grant of
 600 acres to Schultz.
- IX. 11 July 1806 William Belknap to William D. Williams, of Clinton,
 \$500 Dutchess County - land granted to William Belknap
 (G-411) in Military Tract, Cayuga County
- X. 21 June 1814 Jessie Belnap, of Lock and Eunice, his wife to
 \$650 George W. Allen, Genoa - part of lot #52, Lock
 (R-418)

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- XI. 14 Feb. 1816 David Belknap, Genoa, Cayuga Co., and Betsey, his wife
\$800 to David Beardelee
(S-529) Part of Lot #57, Genoa
- XII. 8 Oct. 1829 Samuel Maine and wife to Jonathan Belknap, of
\$540 town of Constantia, Oswego, Co.
(NN-147) Part of Lot #84 - beginning at the nw corner of Lot #4
in subdivision of said lot #84, thence
south - 6 chains, 14 links
north 86° east - 8 chains
north 11° east - 5 chains, 66 links
west - 9 chains, 4 links to place of beginning
being 4 3/4 acres and 31 rods.
- (signed in presence Also part of lot #3, bounded on the north by land
of Joseph Belknap) conveyed by party of first part to Maine, extending
south as to include in the form of a parallelogram
the south half of the north moiety of lot #3
being 25 acres,
- (NN-148) Jonathan Belknap and Sabra, his wife to
John W. Beach
a raceway or canal of sufficient dimensions in which
to conduct the waters of said Owasco Creek from
Charles & Amos Park's dam upon said creek to or near
the Erie Canal.
- XIII. 8 Nov. 1830 Jonathan Belknap, of Mentz, Cayuga Co., and Sabra
\$100 his wife, to Jessie Belknap
(NN-147) Property as lies east and south of Fly Brook which
had been conveyed by Samuel Maine and Hannah, his
wife, to Jonathan 8 Oct. 1829 - 8 acres of lot #84
in old township of Brutus, now Mentz, excepting land
heretofore conveyed to Beach for canal.
- XIV. 8 Nov. 1834 Jonathan Belknap, of Mentz, and Sabra, his wife
\$300 to Charles Belknap
(VV-12) as in XII above, excepting all land as in XIII

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP
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Riverside, Conn. 06878



Miss Della A. Belnap
815 32nd St.
Ogden
UTAH 84403

✓ Della Belnap E Clinton Belknap R B Taylor (Copy to Velma Belknap)
FROM CYB 11/15/71

Here's a listing of Belknap deaths in California, in recent years. Thus far, I've been able to identify only a few of these people. I'll be grateful for any help you can give.

My identifications:

p. 1 -- Arthur C. Looks like being one of my tribe -- Arthur Chester B. ^{son of} Philip McWilliams Belknap, but date of birth does not ~~agree~~ agree with date given by Philip. ^{presumed} (Age 77 might be an error in the record?)

p. 2 -- Perley S. -- I should be able to find him in my files, when I have time to search; but am not certain.

Ruel Kendall -- correctly identified by Velma as descendant of the ^{Stephen} ~~XXXX~~ who was brother of the Pilgrim whose parentage still remains unknown.

Harry C -- the mother's name Gilson makes me think I can find him in one of the Vermont families in my correspondence files. (Also is spelled Jillson)

p. 3 -- Minnette -- I'm sure she's somewhere in my files of correspondence not yet entered in final records. Haven't time to search for her right now.

p. 4 -- Christopher -- He is #27 on RBT chart. Dates may be helpful to RBT. Too bad only initials of wife are available.

-- Robert Brown -- On RBT chart, near bottom of ~~XXXX~~ Column 114. Dates helpful.

-- Donald L -- Might be son of a Vermont family for which I have only one child, a daughter -- but I have no indication that they moved to Nebraska. doesn't give

It's sad that the California record gives only ~~XXXX~~ initials of spouses and ~~XXXX~~ the name of the father. But being a native-born Californian (though a refugee) I think myself free to say that California is peculiar. ~~XXXX~~

from V. Belknap
 (all info given in state)
 (index except possibly Social Security #)
 Spouse - Initials of spouse
 Mother - Mother's maiden name

State of Calif - Death Index

1958

Arthur C. Belknap
 d. 10-28-58 San Francisco County
 77 years, male (b-ca 1881)
 VB.

Birdie A. Belknap Spouse - A. C.
 d. 7-13-58 Tulare, Tulare County
 77 years, female (b-ca 1881)
 VA.

Clara S. Belknap
 d. 12-9-58 Los Angeles County
 72 years, female (b-ca 1886)
 VB.

Helen A. Belknap
 d. 7-16-58 San Bernardino Co.
 73 years, female (b-ca 1885)
 VB.

1959

Emma Belknap
 d. 7-14-59 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
 96 years, female (b-ca 1863)
 VB.

1960

Gary D. Belknap Spouse - H.
 d. 10-12-60 Chico, Butte County
 b. 9-6-1930 in Oklahoma
 (mother not given)

Marion R. Belknap
 d. 11-14-60 San Francisco Co.
 b. 7-23-1886 in Calif., male
 mother - Gray

VELMA BELKNAP
 8444 SAN GABRIEL AVE
 SOUTH GATE, CALIF. 90280
 PH. 567-5756

1960 Myrtle Belknap —
 b. d. 4-18-60 Sacramento, Sacramento Co.
 b. 12-24-1885 - Missouri ; female
 mother - Boshannon

Nina B. Belknap —
 d. 2-18-60 Santa Clara Co.
 b. 1-21-1864 Michigan ; female
 (mother - not given)

Perley S. Belknap —
 d. 10-22-60 Tekama Co.
 b. 4-23-1870 Vermont ; male
 Mother - Black

1961

Charles H. Belknap Spouse - D. E.
 d. 4-28-61 Santa Cruz Co.
 b. 2-17-1876 Penn. ; male
 Mother - Anderson

2 articles
 R. H. Belknap
 Jette Co., Iowa
 her - Edward Eastman
 her - Betsey L.
 and father -
 Liram
 at grandfather -
Stephen

^{end all}
 Ruel K. Belknap Spouse - J.
 d. 3-1-61 Los Angeles County
 b. 6-23-1889 Iowa ; ~~female~~ male
 mother - Clark

962 Elmer Belknap Spouse - F. M.
 d. 3-4-62 Riverside, Riverside Co.
 b. 9-14-1902 New York ; male
 Mother - Horton

Harry C. Belknap —
 d. 9-3-62 Monrovia, Los Angeles Co.
 b. 10-1-1881 Vermont ; male
 Mother - Gibson

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1962

Liscoe E. Belknap Spouse H. M.
 d - 9-11-62 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
 b - 1-30-1901 North Dakota ; male
 Mother - Edwards

Virginia Belknap

d - 8-1-62 Napa County
 b - 3-12-1875 California ; female
 Mother - Bradley

1963

Helen S. Belknap

d - 11-15-1963 Norwalk, Los Angeles Co.
 b - 11-9-1880 Iowa ; female

Minnette Belknap

d - 8-3-63 Oceanside, San Diego Co.
 b - 9-19-1885 Iowa - female
 Mother - Hird

Niles Belknap

d - 6-29-63 Sacramento Co.
 b - 11-3-1870 Ohio ; male
 Mother - Hoopenga

1964

Anna L. Belknap Spouse F.

d - 10-26-64 San Jose, Santa Clara Co.
 b - 1-8-1890 Calif - female
 Mother - Kennedy

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1964 ^{Ren} Christopher J. Belknap Spouse - H. E.
d - 1-11-64 Claremont, Los Angeles Co.
b - 11-20-1869 New York; male
Mother - Frazee

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Donald L. Belknap Spouse - H.
d - 8-31-64 San Pablo, Contra Costa Co.
b - 8-18-1906 Nebraska; male
Mother - Langmuir

Jennie Belknap
d - 4-9-1964 Los Angeles Co.
b - 1-15-1873 New York - female

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^{Ren} Robert B. ^{Kenny} Belknap Jr. Spouse - R.
d - 11-18-64 San Mateo Co.
b - 12-31-1889 Michigan; male
Mother - Brown

1965 Anna C. Belknap Spouse - L. W.
d - 1-11-65 Los Angeles Co.
b - 4-4-1881 Iowa - female
Mother - Benson

Nell E. Belknap Spouse - R. R.
d - 3-9-65 Oakland, Alameda Co.
b - 7-18-1878 Kansas - female
Mother - Hermer

Robert N. Belknap
d - 12-14-65 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
b - 8-20-1906 North Dakota - male
Mother - Nelson

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP
25 Club Road
Riverside, Conn. 06878

Miss Della A Belnap
815 32nd St
Ogden
UTAH 84403



DELLA from Carroll Belknap

Dec 7 1971

If you can find time to do me a favor, I'll be grateful.

A year or so ago, in '69 I think, you told me that a record had been found by field workers in England, of a tax payment by the Richard Belteft who was father of Bennet and Josias. I must have misfiled that note of yours, for I can't find it. Can you tell me about it again?

QUESTIONS:--What sort of tax? On property? Or ship money? Or what?
--What year?

Have just run of a copy of my brief paragraph in Who's Who (before I retired) in response to a request by a cousin. It reminded me that I should have sent one to you -- and don't believe I did. So here's one for you.

Carroll

BELKNAP, Carroll York, born 17, Porterville, Cal., Sept. 20, 1892; s. Charles Carroll and Henrietta (Greenfield) B.; Ph.D., U. Cal., 1920, M.A., 1921; m. Margaret George, June 16, 1924; children--John Henry, Anne York. Vice pres., exec. v.p., Trade-Ways, Inc., 1925-40; sales comm. Carroll Belknap & Assoc., 1940--1 mem. exec. comm. Connell Enterprises, Inc., Newark, N.Y. Comm. U.S. War Dept., 1941-42. Served as capt. inf. U.S. Army, 1917-18. Mem. A.A.A.S., Am. Acad. Social and Polit. Sci., Council U. Lab. Ornithology, Am. Marketing Soc., Chi. Pol. Club; Riverside Yacht, Newark Country, Nat. Republican. Writer marketing studies for leading bus. firms and trade unions. Home: 25 Cliff Rd., Riverside. Office: 1 East Putnam Av., Greenwich, Conn.

Copy sent to Velma
Belknap
PATERNAL ANCESTRY

Julia Ann (Aug. 6, 1918, Chicago, Ill.)

Belknap
 Robert Brown II (Feb. 17, 1926, Connersville, Ind.)

BELKNAP

Abraham Belknap - Emigrated from England and settled at Lynn, Mass., in the year 1637. Died at Salem, Mass., in 1643.

Married - Mary (surname unknown)

Son - Samuel (birth date unknown)

(Omitted generation)
Belknap

Samuel Belknap

Married Mary Dickinson

Son - Simeon - Born June 7, 1726

Simeon Belknap - June 7, 1726 - Dec. 3, 1804

Married Elizabeth Porter

Son - Simeon - Born Apr. 6, 1758, at Ellington, Conn.

Simeon Belknap - Apr. 6, 1758 - Died Jan. 11 1841 - Randolph, Vt.

Married Mary Gibbs, Daughter of Giles Gibbs (dates unknown) and Rachel (surname unknown). Born July 13, 1762, at E. Windsor, Conn., died Mar. 8, 1803, at Randolph, Vt.

Son - Seymour - Born Apr. 6, 1806, at Randolph, Vt.

Seymour Belknap - Apr. 6, 1806 - Died June 8, 1872, Barnard, Vt.

Married Lydia Campbell - Born Apr. 6, 1811, Royalton, Vt., Died Apr. 25, 1884, Royalton, Vt. Daughter of Sylvanus Campbell.

Son - Simeon, born Oct. 16, 1837, at Barnard, Vt.

Belknap
 Barbara (Nov. 8, 1920, Connersville, Ind.)

WALKER

Widow Walker - Emigrated from England and settled in Rehobeth, Mass., (now Sekonk) with her son Philip Walker (birth date unknown),

Philip Walker - Died 1679

Married - (name not known)

Son - Samuel - Born Feb. 1655

Samuel Walker - Feb. 1655 - Aug. 18, 1718

Married - (name not known)

Son - Peter - Born Sept. 18, 1689

Peter Walker - Sept. 18, 1689 - Died Mar. 24, 1760

Married - (name not known)

Son - Moses - Born Oct. 3, 1726

Moses Walker (Lieutenant) - Born Oct. 3, 1726 - Died 1806.

Married Deliverance Reed, born Feb. 17, 1737, died May 20, 1789.

Son - Benjamin - Born Oct. 19, 1770, Sekonk, Mass.

Benjamin Walker - Born Oct. 19, 1770 - died Sept. 10, 1847.

Married - Susanna Bullock, born May 9, 1769, died May 14, 1838.

Daughter - Nancy, born March 29, 1807, at Lyndon, Vt.

MATERNAL ANCESTRY

Julia Ann, Barbara and Robert II, Balknap

HOWE

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

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

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

Thomas Howe - Born July 14, 1834

**Married - Ann Haial - Born June 4,
1832, died 1916.**

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

**Charles Edward Howe - Born Nov. 24, 1862,
died June 16, 1908, at Chicago, Ill.**

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

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

WILLEY

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

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

Son - Alfred - Born 1770

Alfred Willey - Born 1770 - Died 1830

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

Son - Sylvanus - Born 1799

Sylvanus Willey - Born 1799 - Died 1876

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

Son - Ogden - Born 1832

Ogden S. Willey - Born 1832 - Died 1904

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

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

**Clara Marandis Willey - Jan. 20, 1866,
Died April 21, 1932, at LaGrange, Ill.**

Howe

BELKNAP

Simoon Belknap - October 16, 1837 -
died July 14, 1908, at Niles, Mich.

Married Addie Rice - Born Dec. 18,
1840, at Granville, Ohio, died June
22, 1899, at Niles, Michigan.

Daughter of Uriah Rice, born April
13, 1808, Granville, Ohio, died 1878,
Cleveland, Ohio; and Mary G. Huntington,
born June 16, 1817, at Rochester, Vt.

Son - Fred Rice - Born Nov. 27,
1862, at
Rochester,
Vermont

Fred Rice Belknap - Nov. 27, 1862 - Died
Mar. 3, 1932, at Denton Harbor, Mich.

BROWN

Nancy Bullock Walker - Mar. 29, 1807 -
died Aug. 1, 1884, at Burke, Vt.

Married Abel Brown - Born Mar. 1,
1804, at Lyndon, Vt., died Nov. 1,
1896, at Burke, Vt.

Son - Halsey Riley, born Feb. 25,
1834, at Burke, Vt.

Halsey Riley Brown - Feb. 25, 1834 -
died Aug. 13, 1914, at Northfield, Vt.

Married - Elipha Sabring Smith, born
May 1, 1835, at Burke, Vt., died May 5,
1896, at Northfield, Vt.

Daughter - Mabel - Born Sept. 4, 1867,
Burke, Vt.

Mabel Anna Brown - Sept. 4, 1867 -
Burke, Vt.

Belknap

Son - Robert Brown - Born Dec. 31, 1849,
at Niles, Mich.

Married Rosalind Clara Howe
Nov. 30, 1916 at Chicago, Ill.

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Belknap Springs, Lane Co., R. S. Belknap located these Springs in Nov 1869 and conceived a plan for developing them. They now bear his name. Salt Springs Post Office was established Oct 26, 1874 with Belknap postmaster. The name of the Office was changed to Belknap Springs 15 June 1875. About 1891 the name was changed to Belknap Springs.

BELKNAP CATER- Deschutes and Linn Co. Elevation 6877 ft. named after J. H. Belknap an early resident along the McKensie River and a son of R. S. who developed Belknap Springs. J. H. Belknap interested in the toll road that was built over McKensie Pass in the early 70's.

*Belknap River
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R.S. is Rollin S. Belknap the son of Simeon Belknap and Sophia Pierce. He married 4 Oct 1844 in Boston, Mass. a Mary Ann Smith. She was b. 8 Jan 1822. R.S. Belknap was born 30 Nov 1823. He went to Oregon in 1846, or 1847.

*B. Rec
P. 254, 259-*

J. H. Belknap is James Henry Belknap the son of Rollin S. Belknap. James Henry Belknap was b. 25 Mar 1848. and 1 Oct 1873 Ella J. Finn. She was b. 31 Aug 1855

Ref: Early Settlers of Rowley, Mass. by Blodgett and Jewett, 1933
 Also: Vital Records of Rowley, Mass. Thomas Wood of Rowley, from
 "Boston Transcript" April 3, 1928

1. THOMAS WOOD, SR., The first of the line, was born in England and called himself "20 years old" in 1675. (Essex Court Files 23:27-9). It is probable he was much older than this. He was bur. Sep 12, 1687 and in his will he was listed "es of Rowley, (Mass.)" (Suffolk Probate 10:168). He was a brother of Obadiah Wood of Ipswich, Mass., Josiah Wood of Charlestown, Mass.; Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Phipps; and Ruth, wife of Phineas Upham of Malden, Mass. Their parents may have been Edward and Ruth Wood of Charlestown, Mass. (Mousall) He married ANN HUNT. She died Dec 29, 1714. (She was either Ann Hunt or Ann Todd. She had sisters, Mary Grant and Susan Todd.)

By Deed, he was conveyed four acres of land lying between the street (later Main St.) and Humphrey Bradstreet's Farm. (This is in great detail in original "Essex Deeds, 2 Ipswich 134, 135, 66). He exchanged this land with John Pickard, Guardian of Nehemiah Jewett, for the former Jewett Mansion.

Wood was accused before the Rowley Church, Aug 28, 1667 of having the deed of his land so made as to include about 60 rods of Meadow belonging to Rev. Samuel Phillips, minister of Rowley, and of pulling down the fence, thereby wronging Mr. Phillips. The matter was settled by Mr. Phillips having his meadow restored and Bro. Wood confirming his sin. (Church Rec.)

In the Diary of Hon. Samuel Sewall (Vol 1, pg 10) is the following:
 "1675 July 31, at midnight, Thomas Wood, Carpenter, of Rowley, had his house and goods burnt, and Voe Malum, a daughter about 10 years of age who directed her brother so that he got out, was herself consumed to ashes."

The children of Thomas Wood Sr. and Ann Hunt were born in Rowley, Mass.
 a. Mary Wood, b. Mar 15, 1655 and m. James Chute, son of Lionel and Rose Chute of Ipswich.

b. John Wood b. Nov 2, 1656 and m. Isabel Hazen.

c. THOMAS WOOD Jr. Aug 10, 1658 and m. MARY HUNT (record cont.) (2)

d. Ann Wood, b. Aug 8, 1660 and m. Benj. Plummer, son of Joseph of Newbury, Mass.

e. Ruth Wood, b. Jul 21, 1662 and m. Capt. Joseph Jewett Jr. son of Joseph.

f. Josiah Wood (twin) b. Sep 5, 1664 and m. Sarah Elithorpe, dau. of Nathaniel.

g. Elizabeth (twin) b. Sep 5, 1664 and consumed by fire July 31, 1675 in Rowley.

h. Samuel Wood, b. Dec 26, 1666 and m. Margaret Elithorpe dau of Nath.

i. Solomon Wood, b. May 17, 1669 and m. Mary Haseltine, dau of David.

j. Ebenezer Wood, b. Dec 29, 1671 and m. Rachel Nichols.

k. James Wood, June 22, 1674 and d. Oct 18, 1694.

Wood cont.

2. THOMAS WOOD JR. son of above was born Rowley, Mass. August 10, 1658 and died in Nov. 1702. (He was buried Dec 1, 1702). He married Mary Hunt. His estate was settled May 25, 1713 and all of his children except Nehemiah, were still living (Mass. Co. Probate files 31318). On the Rowley Church records is the following entry: "Mary Davis--formerly relict of Thomas Wood dismissed to go to Manchester."

The children of Thomas Wood Jr. and Mary Hunt were all born in Rowley, Mass.

a. Mary Wood, b. Aug 29, 1684 and m. James Dickinson, son of James and Rebecca.

b. Thomas Wood, b. Sep 28, 1686 and m. 1711 Abigail Hartshorn and 2nd Margaret Chaplin.

c. Nehemiah Wood, b. July 14, 1688 and d. Aug 4, 1688.

d. Ephraim Wood, b. Oct 13, 1689 moved to Concord, Mass.

e. Samuel Wood, b. May 31, 1692.

f. Elizabeth Wood b. Apr. 8, 1694.

g. Nehitable Wood b. Dec. 18, 1695.

h. Ann Wood b. Apr. 11, 1700.

i. Hannah Wood b. May 21, 1703 (dau of Thomas and Mary "Widow")

Nehitable Wood d. Oct 27, 1758 m. Lt. James Hall Oct 15, 1716 Mansfield
Their ten children:

a. Mary m. James Flint

b. James

c. Nehitable

d. Elizabeth

e. Jane

f. William

g. Thomas

h. Ephraim

i. Gershom

j. Josiah

RALPH MOUSALL

came in Winthrop's Fleet 1630
born ca. 1605 England
carpenter; resided at Charlestown, Mass.
died April 30, 1657, Charlestown, Mass.
m. Alice

born ca 1605
died 1667 Charlestown, Mass.

Their children:

1. Elizabeth Mousall b. ca 1627 of Charlestown, Mass.
- *2. Ruth Mousall b. ca 1629. d. 29 Aug 1642 m. Edward Wood
3. John Mousall b. 1631 of Charlestown, Mass. d. 16 Aug 1695
m. 1659 Elizabeth Richardson
4. Thomas Mousall b. 25 May or Mar. 1632/33 of Charlestown, Mass
d. 16 Apr 1713 m. Mary Richardson
5. Mary Mousall b. ca 1635 of Charlestown, Mass d. ca 1657

Ann Hunt wife of Thomas Wood Sr. b. 1637 m. 1654 d. 1714 dau of
William Hunt and Elizabeth Best

Hunt line:

cf-1 William Hunt of Halifax, Yorkshire

2. Robert Hunt b. 12 Mar 1591-2 Halifax, Yorkshire, Eng. will
dated Oct 2, 1640, Salisbury, Eng.

3-3. William Hunt b. 1605, Salisbury, Eng. m. ca. 1630 Elizabeth Best
d. 1667 Marlboro, Mass.

* This is supposed to be our line but the dates certainly are not
correct. More research must be done here.

Check original source material -

ARCHIVE RECORD

Date For Wife

band

HUSBAND

WOOD, Edward

(baker)

Born

abt 1598

Place

of Norwich, Nrflk, Engl

Chr.

Place

Marr.

Place

died

1642

Place

Charlestown, Mddlsx, Mssc

Bur.

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

WIFE

WOOD, Mrs. Ruth

Ruth Mansall

Born

abt 1602

Place

of Norwich, Nrflk, Engl

Chr.

Place

Died

29 Aug 1642

Place

Charlestown, Mddlsx, Mssc

Bur.

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER

Ralph Mansall

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING R.

John D. Chapman

884 W. 1340 No.

Provo, Utah 84601

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

CHAPMAN, John D.

RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND

6 *son*

RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE

6 *son*

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED WIFE
1 2 AUG 1968	2 9 AUG. 1968	2 1 APR)
1 2 AUG 1968	2 7 AUG 1968	SCALED 1044 CHILDREN TO 1
1 2 AUG 1968	2 7 AUG 1968	2 1 APR '63
1 2 AUG 1968	2 9 AUG 1968	2 1 APR '69 S
1 2 AUG 1968	2 9 AUG 1968	2 1 APR '69 SL
31 Jan 1951	7 Nov 1951	2 1 APR '69 SL
26 June 1888	21 Sep 1888	2 1 APR '69 SL

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 DAY MONTH YEAR	CHILDREN TO 1
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY			
1										
F	WOOD, Elizabeth	abt	1623		of Norwich	Nrflk	Engl	PIPPS, Solomon		
2										
M	WOOD, Obadiah	abt	1625		of "	"	"			
3										
M	WOOD, Josiah		1629		of "	"	"			
4 X								7 Apr 1654	bur 12 Sep 1687	
M	WOOD, Thomas *		1634		of "	"	"	HUNT, Ann		
5								14 Feb 1658	18 Jan 1696/7	
F	WOOD, Ruth *	July	1636		of "	"	"	UPHAM, Phineas		
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										
11										

SOURCES OF INFORMATION Bstn Trns (9570) 3 Jan 1935, Wood-Hunt, also Bstn Trns 12 Dec 1921, B.Y.U. Library Scrap Book #2 p 91 and Book #8 p 48 of 18 May 1937; Hrt Tms (A 3281-5) 1 Jan 1944, L.P.S.T. clipping in B.Y.U. Library Scrap Book #25 - p, 199 also Book #22, p 233; "Early Settlers of Rowley, Mssc" by Blodgett & Jewett p 411, 412.

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For Husband

For Wife

ANNUAL RECORD

HUSBAND RALPH MOUSALL
Birth abt. 1605 Place England
*Chr. _____ Place _____
Death 30 Apr. 1656-7 Place Charlestown, Middlesex, Mass.
Burial _____ Place _____
Mother _____
Married _____ Place _____
(Other Wives (if any) _____)

WIFE MRS. ALICE MOUSALL
Birth abt. 1605 Place _____
*Chr. _____ Place _____
Death 1667/1677 Place Charlestown, Middlesex, Mass.
Burial _____ Place _____
Father _____ Mother _____
(Other Husb. (if any) _____)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Founding of New England
Flaff Am61 p. 303

Family Representative:
Simeon McIntire

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Lynn R. Burton
144 Williams Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Ralph Mousall 1605
Wife Alice

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 19 Nov. 1929
Endowed 6 Jan. 1933
5 E.E. son
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 19 Nov. 1929
Endowed 16 May 1930
Sealed to Husband 13 June 1935
5 E.E. son
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

Sex M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.				
F	1	Elizabeth Mousall			abt. 1627	Middlesex of Charlestown, /		Mass.				Date To	12 DEC 1955	29 APR 1957	2 MAY 1958 SL
F	2	X Ruth Mousall			abt. 1629	"	"	"	29 Aug.	1642		Date To Edward Wood	9 July 1935	10 July 1935	22 Jan. 1937
M	3	John Mousall			1631	"	"	"	16 Aug.	1695		Date To (1) Elizabeth Richardson	19 Nov. 1929	1 July 1932	22 Jan. 1937
M	4	Thomas Mousall *	Chr.	25	May	1632	"	"	16 Apr.	1713		Date To (1) Mary Richardson *	28 Oct. 1933	14 Dec. 1933	22 Jan. 1937
F	5	Mary Mousall			abt. 1635	"	"	"		abt. 1657		Date To	15 June 1935	10 July 1935	22 Jan. 1937
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	13											Date To			
	14											Date To			
	15											Date To			

*X in column indicates which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name.

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

HUSBAND WILLIAM HUNT *

Birth..... Place.....
 Chr..... 27 Jan. 1604-5 Place Halifax, Yorks., Eng.
 Death..... Oct. 1667 Place Marlborough, Eng.
 Burial..... Place.....
 Father..... Robert Hunt * Mother (Maiden Name) Jane Fisher
 Mar..... Place.....
 Other Wives (if any) (2) Mercy C. Hurd - 1664 c/-

WIFE (1) ELIZABETH BEST

Birth..... abt. 1607 Place of Concord, Middlesex, Mass.
 Chr..... Place.....
 Death..... 27 Feb. 1661 Place.....
 Burial..... Place.....
 Father..... Mother (Maiden Name).....
 Other Wives (if any).....

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Mass. 7, Vol. 1, p. 211
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Mass. 3, 7, Vol. 1, p. 211.

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.

Golda Rideout Soffe
Box 67, RD #1
Sandy, Utah
 Stake..... East Jordan
 Ward..... East Midvale

HUSBAND'S -
 Name (In Full) William Hunt
Elizabeth Best
 TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA
 HUSBAND:
 Baptized..... 18 Nov. 1923
 Endowed..... 4 Apr. 1924
 Heir..... David Oliver Rideout, Jr.
 Relationship of Heir..... 6 gr. son
 WIFE:
 Baptized..... 4 Apr. 1916
 Endowed..... 10 Jan. 1917
 Sealed-to Husband..... 5 May 1917
 Heir..... David Oliver Rideout, Jr.
 Relationship of Heir..... 6 gr. son

Male or Female		CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED	BAPTIZED	ENDOWED	SEALED TO PARENTS
			Day	Mo.	Yr	Town	County		Day	Mo	Yr				
M	1	Nehemiah Hunt			1631	Concord, Middlesex,		Mass.	6 Apr.	1717		Date <u>2 June, 1663</u> To <u>Mary Toll</u>	<u>4 April 1916</u>	<u>7 May, 1918</u>	<u>5 MAY 1920</u>
M	2	Samuel Hunt *	abt.		1633	"	"	"		1742		Date..... To <u>Elizabeth Pedding</u>	<u>15 July 1944</u>	<u>24 Nov. 1944</u>	<u>5 MAY 1946</u>
M	3	William Hunt	abt.		1635	"	"	"				Date..... To	<u>4 June 1929</u>	<u>21 Aug. 1929</u>	
F	4	Elizabeth Hunt *			1637	"	"	"	<u>18 Aug.</u>	<u>1704</u>		Date <u>1 Apr. 1664</u> To <u>John Barrows</u>	<u>26 May, 1928</u>	<u>30 May 1928</u>	<u>5 MAY 1950</u>
F	5	Hannah Hunt *	<u>12 Feb.</u>	<u>1640</u>		"	"	"				Date..... To <u>John Brundage</u>	<u>4 Apr. 1916</u>	<u>11 Jan. 1917</u>	<u>5 MAY 1950</u>
M	6	Isaac Hunt	abt.		1647	"	"	"	<u>12 Dec.</u>	<u>1680</u>		Date <u>14 May, 1667</u> To <u>Mary Stone</u>	<u>4 Apr. 1916</u>	<u>15 May 1918</u>	<u>5 MAY 1950</u>
	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			

HUSBAND ROBERT HUNT
Birth.....abt. 1565.....Place of Halifax, Yorks, England.
Chr.....Place.....
Death.....Place.....
Burial.....Place.....
Father.....Mother (Maiden Name).....
Mar.....16 Feb. 1589/90.....Place Halifax, Yorks, England.
Other Wives (if any).....

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Yorks H. 2 c. Vol. 1 p. 336,
352, Genealogy of Hunt Family
T. B. Wyman Authorized by W. I.
G. Hunt #3 Par. Reg.s of
Halifax, York, Eng. Vol. 2 p.1
1574 - 1608 p.7,42,82,89.

HUSBAND'S
Name (In Full) Robert Hunt
Jane Fisher (Fysher)
TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

WIFE JANE FISHER (FYSHER)
Birth.....abt. 1569.....Place of Halifax, Yorks, England.
Chr.....Place.....
Death.....Place.....
Burial.....Place.....
Father.....Mother (Maiden Name).....
Other Hus. (if any).....

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Gen. Sec. - ARS
Arnes R. Slade
58 W. N. Temple, #2, S.L.C, Utah
Stake Salt Lake
Ward Seventeenth

HUSBAND:
Baptized.....8 Feb. 1916
Endowed.....14 Feb. 1917
Heir.....Joseph Smith the Prophet
Relationship of Heir.....6 g.f.son.
WIFE:
Baptized.....29 May 1917
Endowed.....21 May 1920
Sealed to Husband.....1 M.B. son
Heir.....Joseph Smith the Prophet
Relationship of Heir.....6 g.f.son.

ARCHIVE RECORD

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED	BAPTIZED	ENDOWED	SEALED TO PARENTS
			Day	Mo.	Yr	Town	County		Day	Mo	Yr				
M	1	William Hunt	chr.	21	Mar. 1591/2	Halifax, Yorks,		Eng.				Date..... To.....	21 FEB 1929	22 OCT 194	
M	2	John Hunt	chr.	17	July 1593	"	"	"				Date..... To.....	Child	Child.	1 APR 1949 S.
M	3	John Hunt	chr.	20	Mar. 1596/7	"	"	"				Date.....1631 To Jane Helliwell	21 FEB 192	15 OCT 194	
F	4	Susan Hunt	chr.	13	Jan. 1599/1600	"	"	"				Date..... To.....	18 Nov. 1933	28 Nov. 1933	1 APR 1949 S.
M	5	Robert Hunt *	chr.	26	Feb. 1603/4	"	"	"				Date.....1626 To Martha Craison	18 Nov. 1933	15 May 1934	
M	6 X	William Hunt *	chr.	27	Jan. 1604/5	"	"	"	Oct. 1667			Date..... To Elizabeth Best *	18 Nov. 1933	4 Apr. 1934	
F	7	Prudence Hunt	chr.	30	Oct. 1608	"	"	"				Date..... To.....	1 Feb. 1916	29 Mar. 1916	
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August 24, 1965

Mrs. Eva G. Card
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Urbana, Illinois

Howard A. Guernsey
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Card and Mr. Guernsey:

Some time ago, Mr. Guernsey loaned me his copy of "The Garnsey-Guernsey Genealogy" by reason of the fact that on page 362, it records that Elizabeth Garnsey, 1785-1843, daughter of Philo, married a David Belknap, no other date being given for him.

I happen to have some information about David and Elizabeth from two different sources which might be of interest to you. One source is some research with respect to Jesse Belknap, 1760-1854 (the father of David), which was compiled by Henry Wyckoff Belknap, a professional genealogical researcher, with the Ethnica Institute at Salem, Massachusetts. After my father's death, we found a copy of a manuscript he had prepared in my father's papers, which identifies David's wife as Betsey, with the same dates of birth and death as in your genealogy and which gives December 3, 1800, which was when Betsey was 15-1/2 years old, as the date of marriage. That manuscript also shows that between 1802 and 1832, Betsey became the mother of 14 children, the dates of birth and death being given for a great many of them.

My other source is research conducted by Rush Maxwell Blodget, 1881-1913, of Los Angeles, California, who was a great-grandson of Philo Gurnsey Belnap, 1805-1842, Philo being the third child and first son of David and Betsey. Philo was a river rafter, and one of Rush Maxwell Blodget's sons gave me, so that I might give it in turn to Nuel, III, now ten years old, a history of the United States printed in 1828 on the fly-leaf of which Philo Gurnsey had written his name; in addition, he gave me the original of a letter written by Philo back to his wife, Elizabeth (Mead) Belnap, just a few months before Philo died from illness contracted while running a raft of lumber down the Ohio. Inasmuch as Mr. Gurnsey lives next door to the Gohdy's and Joan (Gohdy) Belnap is the mother of Nuel, III, I think I am entitled to

Mrs. Eva G. Card
Mr. Howard A. Guernsey
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say that this is a small world. I should say to Mr. Guernsey that I am really still doing some reading in the Garnsey-Guernsey genealogy, particularly with reference to those included therein who lived in the 1600's and 1700's. It is a tremendous work, and you both are to be highly complimented. I shall see to it that Mr. Guernsey's copy is returned to him this Fall.

I would like to inquire the source from which you obtained the name of David Belknap as the husband of Elizabeth Garnsey and whether that source showed any further information about David.

I'd also like to inquire as to whether your work has been purchased and is now in the genealogical collection of any library, other than the Library of Congress.

Very truly yours,

NDB/jc

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DELLA BELNAP

April 2 1972

From Carroll Belknap

I have a small problem to which you may know the answer.

Who was Symon Belknap of Knole in Kent, apparently living about 1550 or possibly a bit later? Parentage? Children?

In trying to find the answer, I can think of no likely source of information except Salt Lake Genealogical Society -- and I don't know how to ask them for this sort of help.

On the enclosed sheet I've copied all that I know about him: two mentions in record of visitations of heralds.

I'll be grateful for any help you can give me.

Carroll

VISITATIONS OF ESSEX -- Harleian Society, 1878

Visitation of 1612 -- p. 254

Henry Mordantt = Susan daughter to Symond Bellnape of Knowle in Kente, esq.

Visitation of 1634 -- p. 457

Henry Mordaunt = Susan daughter of Symon Belknap of Knole in Kent.

DELLA from CYB

3/11/72

Attached sheet, which you sent recently: (1) Search of early Feet of Fine~~s~~ should look for Beltoft, not Belknap. Object is to determine when the first Beltoft appeared at Sawbridgeworth. If the Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth were descendants (probably illegitimate) of the Judge, they would appear at Sawbridgeworth sometime in first half of 15th Century (1400-1450), I think. If they appeared much before then, any relationship to the Judge would be very doubtful. . . Third paragraph your memo Feb 21 indicates no Beltoft there in 1377, when the Judge was only about 30 to 35 yrs old. ~~121~~///

(2) Can you give me the parentage of Thomas? Not named in any documents in my files.

(3) Which Joan is meant? The daughter of the Judge -- or the granddaughter who was lady in waiting to Katherine, wife of Henry V (and ~~XXX~~ parentage is unknown, as far as I have yet found)?
whose

Ogden, Utah
Apr 12, 1972

Dear Carroll;

Will try to give a quick answer to your letter of Apr 2 and part of letter mar. 11, 1972.

There are many spellings of the Belknap name. When I speak of Belknaps I don't have time to write all the spellings checked. Our researcher searches under all the spellings. If he sends us any information the names are spelt just as they are found. He is now going through the "Feet of Fines" to 1460. The object always has been to try and determine where the Belknap's went and if they when to Sawbridgeworth, Herts, Eng.

If we can't not connect our line to the Sir Robert Bealknap or Belknap, they should do more reseach to try and find where we came from. It's difficult to do research in England if you are connected with the "royalty". So we are limited there if we cannot prove we are related. If we could check into that family more I think we could find our family line.

Those in charge of the research here believe it is better to trace the family line back. Some times when that can't be done it is better to get the earliest name and work down the line.

I will write Frank Smith of the Salt Lake Gen. Soc. and see if he has done or could get some one at that Library to check the Early English records. I do know there is very little information on Herts. Some districts will let the Genealogical copy more than others. The Library use to have public researchers. Now they say they need them for the Library. However there are private researchers but do not know them by name. Think I could find out.

Dr. W. Dean Belnap will be home from London about July. He said he has gathered much information on the Belknaps, didn't have time to do much with it now as his job takes too much of his time. He will go over it when he gets home. Do hope he has found more than we have.

On Symon Belknap will copy the little I have. It's from H.W.B. I'm sure.
The Geneologist, Vol. 19, N.S., page 14
Symon Belknap --- his daughter
Susan Belknap md Henry Mordaunt of Thunderley, Co., Essex
his daughter

Dorothy (widow of Humphrey Phipps of London, Merchant, who was buried at St. Swithin's, London, 18 Jan 1620/1) 9 May 1623 at St Saviour's, Southwark,
Richard Maunsell of the Inner Temple, Bapt. 7 Feb 1579/80.

The last sentence of the above doesn't seem to fit, but thats the way it was written.

I also learned that Sir Robert Bealknap or Belknap had an older brother. But no name is mentioned. So there may be other Belknaps that didn't make it into High Society. Ha! ha! That must be why we can't find us.

Do you have the book or have read the book "History of the County of Orange - with a History of the TOWN AND CITY OF NEWBURGH" by E. M. Ruttenber printed 1875. There are 6 pages on the Belknaps. Most of it you may have but will send it, I mean the copy of those pages. It may have some history you don't have. The verse or so on the early Belknaps you probably dont agree with. Don't know who wrote about the Belknaps.

Sincerely,

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

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July 3 1971

Mr Nuel D Belnap Jr
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Dear Nuel:

My great thanks for the Sawbridgeworth history, which arrived most unexpectedly yesterday. I've been digging into it with high interest. Perhaps you'll be interested in some hasty comments based on my long immersion in the published records of our Sawbridgeworth ancestors.

The booklet contains names long familiar to me -- families connected in one way or another with the prolonged lawsuits by which the chief Beltoft properties passed out of the family, in the middle 1500's. To speak of them, I should urge you to read H W Belknap's long report in NEHG Register, ~~1917~~, just as carefully as you seem to have read his 1914 piece. 1931

When the first Richard Beltoft died (1501 to 1510) he left to his son John Beltoft a property called Nidelles (Nydelliys) containing 30 acres. The size of this property was most unusual for a mere farmer at that time -- so large that it could hardly have been acquired in one generation unless "outside money" had been provided by someone who financed a purchase from a lord of a manor -- most likely a Leventhorpe or a Chauncy. So it has interested me to find the locations of the Chauncy's and Leventhorpe's -- at Mathams and Shingle Hall for the Chauncy's -- at Pishiobury for the Leventhorpe's. In the long records of the lawsuit over Nidelles, these names appear: Robert Chauncy, Henry Chauncy, Thomas Leventhorpe (Lentroope), and Edward Leventhorpe. What the records of the lawsuit indicate plainly is that John Beltoft was on good personal terms with both the Chauncy's and the Leventhorpe's of his day (circa 1540). And I think it's a good guess that Nidelles may have been located somewhere near both Shingle Hall and Pishiobury -- maybe midway between those two manors.

Now comes the entirely hypothetical "if." If there is any blood relationship between these Beltofts and the old Belknap family founded by Sir Robert de Bealknap, it is likely that the first man known as a Beltoft (an easy alias for Belknap) appeared in Sawbridgeworth not later than 1425 and possibly a year or so before 1400 -- in which case the John Leventhorpe whose brass decorates the front cover of the booklet was the person from whom Nidelles or the beginning of Nidelles was purchased. perhaps

I have thought for a long time that the feet of fines, around 1400 to 1425, should be searched in hope of finding a record indicating when Richard Beltoft's forebear using that name arrived in Sawbridgeworth.

At any rate, I've thought it worth while to tell you why I find the booklet fascinating.

Cordially,

Carroll

(Copy to Della)

Copy for Dr. H. E.

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

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June 28 1971

Mr Nuel D Belnap Jr
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Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213

Dear Mr Belnap:

It was kind of you to send me the map of Sawbridgeworth and your memo and the note from Della. I'm deeply grateful, as I hope you knew I'd be.

I can't let you send this to me at your own expense. Please tell me the cost of the map so that I can reimburse you. There's a good reason for this stipulation. Among the scores and scores of Belknaps who are helping me in my work, there are at least several who would eagerly ask for one, if you'll give me permission to tell them about it. But of course I couldn't do it unless they paid the cost.

In reading Della's memo, I see she has a lot that's wrong about me. I suppose I'd better try to straighten it out for your information. First of all, though I can readily omit the k in Belknap, I'm a bit pedantic about the fact that there are two ll's in Carroll, lest I be called Miss Belknap as I am much too often. And, for the record, I'm a great great grandson of Jonas Newton Belknap, whose uncle Jesse -- Della says -- was the father of your ancestor Jesse. . . I don't live near Hartford, but in one of the separately-named sections of Greenwich, 25 miles from New York, where I had my office for many years. . . But Della, bless her, is right about the fact I hope to put it all into a book, a genealogy of something like 4500 Belknaps and Belnaps.

She's also right about the English line of descent of Abraham. I think you must have drawn your information from what Henry Wyckoff Belknap published in the New England Historic Genealogical Register in 1914. In 1931 he published a long piece in the Register, based on newly obtained information -- revising the line of descent; supplying the given name (Richard) of the first Beltoft, and the name of his wife (Christian -----); showing that the next in line was Laurence, not Henry (who was probably a brother of the first Richard); deleting the erroneous "alias Belknap" for the second Richard; but failing to delete, as he should have, the name "Elizabeth" as the supposed wife of this second Richard.

~~those words have~~
In stressing that deletion of "alias Belknap" because ~~it has~~ misled many people. The facts of record are that none of the earlier Beltofts at Sawbridgeworth ever was "also known" as Belknap -- not the first Richard, or the Henry, or that Richard's brother John; nor Laurence, nor the second Richard. In all the known records, including the voluminous court proceedings in a number of suits, they were always called Beltoft. The first to call himself "Belknappe" was Josias, who forced his brother to say -- once -- that his name was "Belknappe." After Bennet's death, all Bennet's children chaged to Belknap and never again used Beltoft.

So, for Bennet's children, including our Abraham, I think that the wording "alias Beltoft" is inaccurate and misleading, for they weren't known by both names, once the change of name had been made. I'm using the term "ex-Beltoft" instead -- following the practice used when a ship's name is changed and its old name becomes merely a matter of past history. To my mind, this is much more accurate. And

Copy for 2111

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP 25 Club Road Riverside, Connecticut 06878

June 5 1971

Sylvia Richardson
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Dear Sylvia:

Your letter June 1 raises a number of questions that I should try to answer. I'll try to be mercifully brief.

(1) Marriage of Elisabeth Belknap and William Ferrers (not "Ferreis"). Yes, this Elisabeth was daughter of Sir Hamon Belknap and did marry Lord Ferrers -- the 5th Lord Ferrers of Chartley, not the 6th, according to the present editor of Debrett's Peerage, with whom I've had some correspondence. I don't know what is meant by "ca 1400" in the passage you copied. Sir Hamon was born 1390 and died 1429. Presumably this Elisabeth was born about 1410 to 1415; but I have no dates for her. She and this Lord Ferrers were ancestors of Robert Devereaux, Earl of Essex -- favorite of Queen Elizabeth.

(2) Your comment about "Beltoft" deserves an answer, for there has been much confusion on this point by people who have seen only part of the record -- and some of this confusion has led to fantastic ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ inventions which almost amount to forgery. So here goes:

(A) In the Middle Ages, beginning immediately after the Norman Conquest, there was a Beltoft or de Beltoft family in Lincolnshire. The last males of this name died in the middle of the 14th century. No connection linking this family to the Belknap name or to the re-emergence of the Beltoft ~~name~~ in the 16th century has been found.

(B) The first known Belknap family appeared in the 14th century. Robert Bealknap or de Bealknap (as the name was then spelled -- and probably was pronounced something like "Bayl - ka - nopp" or "Bayl-ka-noppeh" as there was sometimes a final "e") was probably born about 1335, as he was a page at court along with Chaucer. His father is assumed to have been a lawyer of that name, who was practicing in London in 1345. Robert became a judge, then Chief Justice of the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Court of Common Pleas -- was knighted in 1385 ~~after the date correctly~~ -- was unjustly condemned to death by Parliament and banished to Ireland when the Queen (Good Queen Anne) and the bishops interceded on his behalf. When Henry IV usurped the crown, Robert was recalled from banishment and his vast landed properties (some 15 or 16 manors) were restored to him -- but later were reconfiscated and were not finally restored till 1425, when title was given to his grandson Hamon. By that time, the family of the Judge was back in favor under Henry V. Hamon was knighted and made Treasurer of Normandy and married a sister of Ralph Boteler, Lord Suddley, Treasurer of England -- and a Joan de Bealknap, possibly his sister, was lady in waiting to Queen Katherine. The family remained in favor through the reign of Henry VIII -- when the last male in it died in 1521. The girls of this family, immensely rich, married well. Among their descendants were not only the Earl of Essex but also Lady Jane Grey, and Elizabeth's great prime minister the Earl of Salisbury, and Sir Francis Bacon -- and the executors of the will of Henry VIII. And the present Queen and her mother and her children.

But ~~the~~ point to bear in mind that the last male of the Judge's family died in 1521.

✓ DELIA BELKNAP

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FRANCES MILNE

from CYB

June 30 1971

Some time ago I sent you a sheet on Lorenzo Dew Gilbert and Hannah Belknap and their children. I warned that I might later tell you to revise the birthplaces shown for the children.

Here's status to date:

-- All dates shown are from family Bible and from gravestones. OK.

-- Birthplaces of first five children (Philander through Phineas) must be checked further to determine which of them were born in Licking County, O. There is reason to believe that v. Phineas was born in Van Buren Co., Iowa. Will send you accurate information on these five when I get it.

-- Corrington (vi) -- probably also born in Van Buren Co, Iowa. Birthplace shown as "Saunders Co, Nebraska," is impossible -- and came from an unverified sheet from the Salt Lake Archives.

-- Birthplace of the last three children was not Lane Co., but Belknap Settlement (Alpine) in Benton Co., Oregon. This is certain.

Will write again when I have fuller data on birthplaces of the first six children.

DELLA from CYB

5/24/71

As I find time, I'll continue typing sheets of my Oregon tribe and send them on to you. Many more to draft.

Meanwhile, here's one just received from another great grandchild of Jesse and Jane, on Hannah Belknap and Lorenzo Dew Gilbert -- who were born on neighboring farms in Ontario Co NY, lived near each other as children in Kentucky, married in Licking County ~~OHIO~~ Ohio at the time when all but one of the children of Jonas Newton Belknap were in that county.

This sheet is, I'm sure, completely ~~EXACT~~ accurate on names and dates, though a few such details are left incomplete. I may be able to supply them later on; and will tell you, if I find them. . . . I am not entirely sure the sheet is correct on all the birthplaces. Have asked for proof on some of them. Will tell you if I find corrections to be made.
of the children.

For your information, I should tell you about a book that you may encounter: author is Edna A Mintenye: They Laughed, Too; published by The Naylor Company, San Antonio, Texas. It is mainly the story of the founding and history of Belknap Settlement in Oregon, by Jesse and Jane and their children in 1847 and 1848. A good book in its

capture of the flavor of the people and their times. But I should warn you that it's a perfect example of the unreliability of local histories, on genealogy. It's full of alleged genealogical data, gathered by hearsay, and almost all of it incorrect. One of my heavy tasks, in recent weeks, has been to try to straighten out a lot of people who have relied on it for genealogy. . . . Me, I learned long ago to regard with acute distrust any genealogical data said to come from a local history -- only very rarely does it turn out to be correct.

Wish so much of my time didn't have to be devoted to tracing and correcting errors. I've got ~~AX~~ to where I trust nothing till I have seen valid evidence supporting it. So I sometimes -- alas -- irritate people like Dick Tayler by refusing to send them information until I have good reason to believe it's substantially correct.

In connection with the sheet enclosed, I should mention that Lorenzo ^{Dew} Gilbert was known as Lorenzo in NY but generally as Dew in Oregon. Much of what has been put on paper about my people in early days in Oregon has been a bit confusing to those who don't know the full names and nicknames. Example: a gal ~~was~~ christened "Elizabeth Ann" will appear in some records as Elizabeth, in others as Ann -- and Lewis Franklin Belknap shows up variously, as "Lewis" or "Franklin" or "Frank," depending on who is writing about him. Lots of cases like this, in my tribe.

DELLA:

3/11/72

Thanks for letter Feb 21 and enclosures. In this present mailing, I'm enclosing separate menus for various unrelated subjects, for your convenience.

HUNT genealogy -- Will pass the sheets along to the person who needs them.

ROBERT JONES -- sheets most welcome, as they enable me to correct an error on death of mother of Sarah. Date commonly given (25 Sept 1712) appears to be date for second wife. QUERY: Are you sure of spelling of last name of first wife -- "Soane"? I haven't encountered that name anywhere, before now. Could it have been "Sloane"? *Ans*

My two big problems on Samuel son of Abraham:

- (1) Place of birth of his first children, before he moved to Salem? Where did he live immediately after marriage? At Easthampton, Long Island, NY?
- (2) Identity of the daughter Sarah who married Nathaniel Singleterry (Haverhill VR)? Unquestionably Samuel's daughter -- but have found no record of her birth. Was she the daughter commonly shown as Mary (second daughter of that name) for whom I find no record of marriage or death?

Can you help on these questions?

Aside from these problems on that Samuel, I now have the early generations in my line (and yours) in reasonably good shape -- good enough to publish. Presently I'll start writing an account of my branch of the family, for my children and grandchildren.

Dono!!

DELLA from CYB

5/23/71

It's always good to hear from you. And there's much to answer in your letter May 17. So here goes.

JEREMY -- the Rev Jeremy Belknap, D.D. (always with the "DD" to distinguish him from most other ministers, who were just "raised up" by their congregations) was a fascinating character -- and a fine historian, whose books are still worth reading -- and the only American Belknap to be famous enough to be in all the encyclopedias.

MRS MANSFIELD -- I heard from her and from her niece Mrs Hamric, but neither of them has answered my later letters asking for evidence of birth and parentage of the Thomas Belknap who fought in Rev War. My next step, when I find time, will be to try to find a living member of the Newburgh family of Belknap's who can help with the problem of who was the father of that Thomas? -- and was he a legitimate son, or illegitimate? All I know, thus far, is that the father they name was never married. And I can't find any other Newburgh Belknap who could have been his father.Meanwhile, thanks for sending me additional information on this W Va family. I have a full file on it. When and if I get the central puzzle solved, I'll put the whole record together and send a copy to you. . . . The Shara Belknap Curry you mention sounds like a member of that tribe; but I don't recognize the names of her parents. Will look for them and write you if I find them.

ILLEGITIMACY -- My poorly worded query about this question was prompted by the Thomas puzzle (above). I was wondering ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ what is proper practice on the handling of illegitimacy in a published genealogy.

DAVID S BELKNAP -- listed on Taylor's chart. I wrote to him a month or so ago, asking if he is the David who wrote a grumpy letter to Charlene a year or so ago, about the fact that his ancestors weren't on the chart. I had traced the ancestry of that David and wanted to get him to help bring the record up to date. I asked Dick for the address and all he could give me was the address of the David S in Wilton, not sure it was the right David. . . No answer, yet. A young man -- perhaps in Vietnam now? Still don't know whether or not he's the David I want to find.

MOTHER OF MARY NEWTON -- I say her name was Gibbs, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ but I include "Witt" with a question mark because one reliable correspondent has it that way (not Evans but someone trustworthy). Haven't really tried to track this down -- but it looks like one of those instances in which one record shows a widow by her ~~XXXX~~ maiden name and another record shows her by the first husband's name. If so, was she widow of a Gibbs or a Witt? I don't yet know.

WIFE OF ORIN Belknap, son of Jonas Newton Belknap -- sorry my wording isn't clear. She was widow of a Lyman; maiden name Carpenter.

JESSE & JANE, Child 6 -- my grandfather, Corrington Gavett Belknap. Both of his given names have often been misspelled. Corrington -- with an O -- was name also given to some children of his aunts and uncles. I've found other similar errors in work by Franklin Belknap, as copied by others. . . Do I understand you to say that you have a set of his 158 page record and can ~~me~~ have a Xerox copy made for me? If so, I'll be delighted to pay the cost -- or perhaps it would be easier for you just to lend it to me for the one day needed for making a copy here in my study.

NUEL BELKNAP -- Copy of most recent letter to him is enclosed.

CyB

DELLA from CYB

2/2/71

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BELKNAP & ABIGAIL HOUSE

help

You say you need ~~MM~~ on this. So do I. The task of reconciling conflicting data is one of the many that I've postponed for lack of time. (This family not in set of your records, here.)

I enclose: (1) Sheet received from Clarence E Belknap
(2) Copies of HWB notes
(3) Copy of pages from a local history, sent by C E B

HWB NOTES seem best place for me to start. . . Names of children he shows born at Williamstown seem to come from that town's VR, and are probably OK, I think -- and so are dates, including ones shown only as year-date. But note he shows two sets of dates for John Q A -- the ones on same line as "Williamstown" being inserted later, with ~~??~~. Upper date for birth, 31 Oct 35, almost agrees with date shown by 1835, C E Belknap sheet, 31 Oct 1836, but differs 5 yrs from date shown in the local history, 31 Oct 1831. CEB is only source I have for date of birth of ~~XXXX~~ George Washington.

Third page of HWB notes suggests three other ~~XXX~~ children from gravestones (probably at Williamstown?). As local history says Joseph and Abigail had 14 children, it is likely that HWB's suggestion is correct. Working out their birth years from ages at death, I get:

** He married Eunice Joseph's sister*
P. Mary -- b 1816 -- looks OK, 1 yr after marriage, 2 yrs before Joseph b 1818.
Lucy -- before 25 Nov, ~~1825~~ as in 12th year at death. Conflicts with ~~1825~~ 1825 for Zelah (should be spelled Zela, as abbreviation for Barzela, christened name of Abigail's brother for whom this child was named). This conflict may mean 1825 is wrong guess for Zelah, derived from age 41 shown on death -- unless Zelah born in early January 1825, but could be shown as aged 41 if born in late 1824, which is more likely.

Nancy -- b 1827 -- Looks OK, 2 years before date shown for birth of Ora N, 10 June 1826. But I think HWB computed Ora's birth date from age at death, and made an ~~XXXXX~~ error in subtraction; Ora should be ~~1826XXXXXX~~ 1827 instead of 1826.

Oliver -- I have nothing beyond what HWB shows, "living in Providence 1841 to ~~1866~~ 1866." The "1841" implies born not later than 1820 or a year or so earlier, which places him between ~~XXXXXX~~ (a) P. Mary and Joseph, or (b) Joseph and Zelah. Good guess is: "ca. 1820."

Hubbard -- I have no information.

29 Nov 1848.

Clarissa -- HWB shows married, ~~XXXXXX~~ If born 1834, as he guessed, would be 22 at marriage. Looks OK. But not if HWB's lower date for birth of John ~~XXXXXX~~ is right -- 15 Oct 1834. OK if ~~XXXXXX~~ born in 1835 or 1836.

John

HWB left continuations for names with * -- but I haven't yet checked any of them against other sources.

SUGGESTION: Check Barre VR for dates on P. Mary, Oliver, Zela(h), Joseph.
Check Berlin VR for dates on George, Hubbard, Clarissa. (I doubt CEB birthplace for George -- Williamstown)
(Can you do this? Or should I try to get the books from NEHGS?)

Have fun. Tell me what you think is right.

Della

8-17-68

HUSBAND BELKNAP, JOSEPHBirth CA 1792Mar 12 FEB 1815Death 25 JUL 1840 (Age 48)

Burial

Father BELKNAP, JOSEPH

Other wives

Place VERMONTPlace BERLIN, WASHINGTON, VT.

Place

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Mother (Md. Nm.)

Where information was obtained

C. BELKNAP PERSONAL RECORDS, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1876
CONSUL OF BERLIN, VT.
VITAL RECORDS AT STATE HOUSE, MONTPELIER, VT., 4

WIFE HOUSE, ABIGAILBirth 23 Nov. 1794 (C.N.R.)

Mar

Death 5 MAR. 1860 (Age 65)

Burial

Father HOUSE, ISAAC

Other Husbands

Place GLASTONBURY, HARTFORD, CONN.

Place

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Place BERLIN, WASHINGTON, VT. - EAST ROAD CORN.Mother (Md. Nm.) HUBBARD, ABIGAIL

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

CLARENCE E. BELKNAP230 FRANKLIN AVE.CUMMINGTON FALLS, OHIO 44221

M or F	CHILDREN names in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		STATE	DIED			MARRIED
		Day	mo.	yr.	Town	County		day	mo	yr	
M	1. <u>BELKNAP, JOSEPH</u>			<u>CA 1817</u>							Date _____ To _____
M	2. <u>BELKNAP, _____</u>			<u>CA 1817</u>							Date _____ To _____
M	3. <u>BELKNAP, _____</u>			<u>CA 1821</u>							Date _____ To _____
F	4. <u>BELKNAP, _____</u>			<u>CA 1823</u>							Date _____ To _____
M	5. <u>BELKNAP, ZELA</u>			<u>CA 1823</u>							Date _____ To <u>BRETT, ELIZABETH W.</u>
M	6. <u>BELKNAP, ORIN N.</u>			<u>CA 1827</u>							Date _____ To <u>_____, VIANA</u>
F	7. <u>BELKNAP, _____</u>			<u>CA 1829</u>							Date _____ To _____
F	8. <u>BELKNAP, _____</u>			<u>CA 1830</u>							Date _____ To _____
M	9. <u>BELKNAP, SCOTT</u>			<u>CA 1832</u>							Date _____ To <u>_____, ALMIRA</u>
M	10. <u>BELKNAP, JOHN QUINCY BOWEN</u>	<u>31 OCT</u>	<u>1836</u>		<u>WILLIAMSTOWN, DORSET</u>	<u>VT.</u>		<u>15 SEPT</u>	<u>1897</u>		Date <u>17 JUN 1865</u> To <u>RICHARDSON, SUSAN A.</u>
M	11. <u>BELKNAP, GEORGE WASHINGTON</u>	<u>20 JAN</u>	<u>1840</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>25 JUL</u>	<u>1903</u>		Date <u>CA 1867</u> To <u>* JI CORRY, LAVINIA P.</u>
	12.										Date _____ To _____

* 21 CAMPBELL, ALICE ANN.

From C E Belknap

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O.N. 256a.

Putnam's Quarty. v. 12, p. 225.

Vt. Vital Rec.

(106, 40, 13, 4, 1,)

Joseph Belknap & Abigail House,

B. 1792, B.

D. 25 Jul. 1840, D. Jan. 1860, age 60-

M. 12 Feb. 1815, dau. of (Col) Israel House of Berlin, Vt.

b. Wethersfield, Vt. & 7 *His son Israel bore that title*d. Williamstown, Vt. & 4 *Abigail Hubbard,*

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he of Barre, Vt. she of Williamstown, mar. rec.

House family from Glastonbury, Ct.



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Children: Order uncertain,

446. * Zelah, b. Barre, Vt.

B. 1825, D. 12 Sep. 1866, ae. 41, Duxbury, Mass.

447. * Ora Newton, b. Williamstown, Vt.

B. 10 Jun. 1828, D. 7 Dec. 1896, ae. 68.5.27,

448. * Belinda, b. Williamstown,

B. 1831; D.

449. * Scott B., b. Williamstown,

B. 1832, D. 31 Aug. 1902, ae. 70.2.16, Duxbury,

450. * Olive M., b. Williamstown,

B. 1834 ?; D. 1897.

451. * John Quincy Adams, b. Williamstown, ?b. 31 Oct. '35, ?d. 15 Oct. '98,

?b. 15 Oct. 1834, D. 15 Sep. 1897,

452. * Joseph Sullivan, bur. Berlin, Vt. some at 14 months. Rev. 28 -

1.10 Oct. 1838, D. 16 Oct. 1893 or '98, Williamstown,

453. Oliver, lvd. Providence, R.I. 1894 - 56

B. D.

454. * George Washington,

B. D. about 1900, Nevada, Mo.

455. Hubbard, wife of Wm. Hubbard, b. Williamstown, Vt.

B. D.

456. * Clarissa,

F. D.

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among the same gravestone recs. are these, probably chn. of Joseph,
P. Mary Belknap wife of Andrew Wilson, d. 17 Nov. 1853, ae. 36,
Nancy P. Belknap, d. 18 Aug. 1841, ae. 14,
Lucy Belknap, d. 26 Nov. 1837, 12th. yr.

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Sent to me by @E Belknap
@B

Willis Clayton Belknap, the enterprising and successful editor of the Bellows Falls Times, was born in the town of Berlin, Vermont, April 7, 1866.

Joseph Belknap, grandfather of Willis C. Belknap, was a prominent resident of Berlin, Vermont, where for a number of years he was engaged in the occupation of farming. He married Miss Abigail House, niece of Captain Israel House, one of the wealthy land owners of the town of Berlin and who erected the first brick residence there, which structure is still standing (1903). Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Belknap became the parents of 14 children. Mr. Belknap died July 25, 1840, his wife, March 5, 1860. Their remains are interred in the old East Street burying grounds.

John Quincy Adams Belknap, father of Willis C. Belknap was born in Williamstown, Orange County, Vermont, Oct. 31, 1831. He acquired his education in the village school and subsequently was engaged in cultivation of the soil. He was one of the representative men of the town and took an active part in all matters that pertained to its welfare and advancement. He was a faithful and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin. He married Miss Susan A Richardson, daughter of Lysander Richardson, and two sons and three daughters were born to them: Willis Clayton Belknap; Della May, wife of F. H. Nichols, a prosperous farmer of Barre, Vermont; Ida N., wife of Jason E. Martin, a successful farmer of Williamstown, Vt. and they have two children, Gladys and Marian; Charles B. Belknap a farmer of Berlin, Vt. and Bessie M., wife of Dean K. Little, a stone-cutter of Montpelier, Vt.

Mr. John Q. A. Belknap died Oct. 5, 1897 at the age of 63 and his wife passed away July 17, 1883 at the age of 48 years.

Mr. Belknap is one of the board of directors of the Bellows Falls Trust Co.

On April 6, 1898, Mr. Belknap was united in marriage to Miss Lottie May Carpenter, Daughter of Ward B. Carpenter, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. Two children have been born to them: Paul Carpenter Belknap, born Feb. 8, 1899, and Caroline May Belknap born April 7, 1902.

DELLA:

Bless you for being such a wonderful person. Your letter 1/28 is full of things I must write to y/ou about. I'm beginning by tackling the hardest one ~~XIII~~ first.

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Received 1-25-71

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

25 Club Road

Riverside, Connecticut 06878

The compilation by Media Research Bureau has been so widely followed by those who have seen it that I have felt it well to prepare this annotated copy of it, indicating its more important errors.

Though I did this for other people,
I think I should send you a copy.
CyB

Comments on
"THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BELKNAP OR BELNAP"
Compiled by Media Research Bureau

Like all other commercial attempts at pseudo-genealogy, this widely circulated compilation is based on uncritical acceptance of whatever its author happened to find in print. So it is a mixture of truth, error, and fantasy -- with both major and minor inaccuracies, most of which are dealt with in the following comments. The numbering of the comments corresponds to numbers in the margins of the attached copy of the compilation.

Philology

(1) This attempt to explain the "meaning" of the family name is a characteristic example of the guesswork ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ prevalent in America from Noah Webster on through the rest of the 19th century. Its source was a piece by Codman in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1895 -- about the last time that the Register published this sort of nonsense, about derivation of surnames.

(2) This second sample of imaginative derivation is still more ridiculous, but unfortunately is often repeated by those who accept such guesswork unsupported by evidence. The many other guesses are equally without authority.

(3) Sir Robert Belknap (see #4, below) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ had 15 or 16 manors in various parts of England, but none of this old Belknap family lived in Hertford County. . . It is correct to call them "landed gentry" but ~~not~~ not "nobility." None of them had more than mere knighthood.

(4) The line founded by Sir Robert Belknap was the earliest known line of this name -- not "one of the earliest." There were no others. . . ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Although some of his lands were in Kent, it is misleading to speak of him as "of County Kent" merely because much of what is known about him was printed in Hasted's Kent, 1778.

(5) The accepted spelling of name of Juliana's father is Darset. "Dorset" was an early error.

(6) Hamon was Robert's grandson, not his son. This has been a common error, till corrected by the present editor of Debrett's in 1952. The known children of Sir Robert were John, father of Sir Hamon, and Joan -- widow of Sir Ralph Stonor and then wife of Edmund Hampden, by whom she was ancestress of William Shakespeare (through the Arden connection in Warwickshire).

(7) Sir Edward, brother of Anne, Elizabeth, Margaret, and other sisters, died without heirs, leaving no "son Edward who resided in Warwickshire." He was the last surviving male of the family founded by Sir Robert. With his death in 1521 the name Belknap vanished from England until it was revived in 1599/1600 by the Josias Beltoft who changed his name to Belknap.

(8) The "Robertus or Robert Bealknap of 1369" was precisely -- not "probably" -- the Sir Robert named above. On this point, the compiler was merely careless or inexcusably ignorant. . . The Joan Bealknap who was maid of honor to the Queen of Henry V was plainly of the same generation as Sir Hamon, but it is not known that she was his sister; might have been daughter of an unknown brother of Sir Hamon. . . Philip Belknap, mayor of Canterbury, was an uncle of ~~XXX~~ Sir Edward (#7, above). . . Symon Belknap is known from old records but his parentage has not been found.

(9) "According to historians" is pure fiction. The only source for the facts about the English ancestors of the American Belknaps was Henry Wyckoff Belknap.

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THE NAME AND FAMILY

OF

BELKNAP OR BELNAP

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Washington, D.C.

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BELKNAP OR BELNAP

① The name of BELKNAP or BELNAP is believed to have been derived from the residence of its first bearers at a place of that name in England and to have been taken from the words
② beal, meaning "a passage between hills", and knep, meaning "a low hill or knoll". It is also possible that the first part of the name was derived from the French belle, meaning "beautiful", but the former theory is the more probable. The name is found in ancient English and early American records in the variant spellings of Bealknap, Bealeknappe, Bealenap, Bealnappe, Belknappe, Beliknappe, Beliknap, Bellnap, Belnap, Belknap, and others, of which the form last mentioned is that most generally in use in America today, although the form immediately preceding it also is still occasionally to be found.

③ Families of this name were resident at early dates in the English Counties of Kent, Warwick, Hartford, Sussex, and London, and were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and nobility of Great Britain.

④ One of the earliest known lines of the family in England was that of Sir Robert Belknap of County Kent, before the year 1377, who was attainted about eleven years later and banished to Ireland, By his wife, Juliana, daughter of John Dorset or Dareset,
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6 he had at least one son, named Hamon Belknap, to whom the lands in England were restored. This last mentioned Sir Hamon Belknap was the father by his wife, Joan, daughter of Thomas Boteler, of three sons, John, William, and Henry, each of whom inherited in turn the lands in County Kent, but the first two died without issue. Henry Belknap, the youngest of the three brothers, made his home in County Sussex and was the father there by his wife, Margaret, daughter of Richard Knowls or Knolles, of five daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Griselda, and Alice, and of one son, Sir Edward, who was the father by his wife, Alice (surname unknown) of at least one son, also named Edward, who resided in Warwickshire.

8 Other early records of the family in England mention Robertus or Robert Bealknap of 1369, who was possibly the same as the above-mentioned Sir Robert Belknap; Johane or Joan Bealknap, who was maid of honor to the Queen in 1422; Philip Belknap, Mayor of Canterbury, who died in 1457; and Symon Belknap of Kent and Essex Counties about the same time.

9 According to historians, the American Belknap or Belnap family traces its descent from one Baltoft, alias Belknap (Christian name unknown), who was the father, in Hertfordshire in the latter fifteenth or early sixteenth century, of three sons, John, Edmond, and Henry. Of these, Henry had issue by his wife, Elizabeth, of Richard and Alice, of whom the first had issue by his wife, Elizabeth, of Bennet or Bennett, Alice, and Josias. Of these, Bennet or Bennett was married

11 in 1586 to Grace Adam or Adams and had issue by her of Abraham, Frances, John, Daniel and Josias, of whom the first emigrated to America probably about 1635 (or certainly before 1637) and became the ancestor of most, and probably all, of the families of the name in America.

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15 The immigrant Abraham Belknap or Belpap settled first at Lynn, Mass., and removed soon afterward to Salem, in the same colony. By his wife, Mary, whom he married in England about 1620, he left at least five children, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, John or Jeremy, and Hannah. No record of the descendants of Jeremy has been found.

16 Abraham, probably the eldest son of the immigrant Abraham, came with his parents to America. It has been related that he took the oath of allegiance at Haverhill in 1677, but very little else is known of him although he may have been the ancestor of one
17 Abraham Belknap who died at Johnston, R.I., in 1820 at the age of ninety-two years.

18 Samuel, son of the immigrant Abraham, came over with his parents and was married before 1653 to Sarah, daughter of Robert Jones of Hingham, Mass. He made his home first at Salem and later at Haverhill and may also have owned land at Easthampton, L.I. The children of Samuel by his wife, Sarah, were Mary (died in infancy), another Mary, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, Patience, and probably Ebenezer.

Abraham, eldest son of Samuel, of Salem and Haverhill, was married in 1691 to Elizabeth Ayer, by whom he had issue of Mary, Hannah, Samuel (died young), Abraham, another Samuel, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Nathaniel, Jedidiah, Thankful, and Experience, all but the first three of whom were born at Framingham, Mass., where this branch of the family settled and flourished.

Joseph, son of the immigrant Abraham, made his home at Boston, Mass., and was first married there about 1657 to Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel Williams. By this first marriage he left issue of Joseph, Mary, Nathaniel, and Elizabeth. Before 1668 he married, as his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Francis Ingalls, by whom he had only one child, a daughter who died young; and sometime before 1670 he took a third wife, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Maskins, and had further issue by her of Thomas, John, Hannah, Ruth, Abigail, and Abraham.

Joseph, eldest son of the first Joseph of Boston, was the father by his first wife, Deborah, daughter of Jeremiah Fitch, whom he married before 1684, of Mary (died young), Joseph, and Jeremy or Jeremiah. In 1690, he married again. His second wife was Abigail, daughter of Thomas Buttolph, by whom he had issue of Thomas, Abigail, Mary, Nicholas, Buttolph, Nathaniel, Ruth, Elizabeth, Lydia, and Abraham.

Thomas, son of the first Joseph of Boston, was married about 1694 to Jane, (who was probably a daughter of Thomas Cheney of Roxbury and Cambridge, Mass.,) and, at Woburn, Mass., became the father of Thomas, Jane, Benjamin, Hannah, Samuel, Joseph, and at

least one other daughter who died young. Of these, the sons Thomas, Benjamin, Samuel, and Joseph settled at Newburgh, N.Y., in the first half of the eighteenth century and founded the New York line of the family.

The descendants of these and other branches of the family in America have removed to practically every part of the Union and have aided as much in the advancement of the nation as their ancestors did in its founding. On the whole, the record of the Balknaps and Belnaps in the United States is that of a courageous, strong-willed, pious, patriotic, and resourceful race. Representatives of the family have won distinction in the service of their country.

Among those of the name who fought in the War of the Revolution were Sergeant Joseph, of Massachusetts; Ensign William, of New York; Lieutenant William, of New York; Lieutenant Ezekiel, of New Hampshire; Lieutenant Jacob, of Rhode Island; Captain John, of New York; Captain Ebenezer, of Massachusetts; Captain Samuel, of Massachusetts; and numerous others from the various New England States.

Robert, Thomas, John, Henry, Edward, Josias, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Ebenezer and William are some of the Christian names favored by the family for its male progeny.

A few of the members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America at various times are:

Jeremy Balknap (1744-1798), of Massachusetts, Congregational clergyman.

William Worth Balknap (1829-1890), of New York and Washington, D.C., military officer and son of General W. G. Balknap.

George Eugene Belknap (1832-1903) of New Hampshire, naval officer.

Reginald Rowan Belknap (b. 1871), of Massachusetts, naval officer.

William Burke Belknap (b. 1885), of Kentucky, member of the Kentucky House of Representatives and educator.

The coat of arms of the English family of Belknappe or Belknap is described in heraldic terms as follows (Burke, General Armory, 1884):

Arms. - "Azure, three eagles in bend between two cottises argent."

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DELLA DICK CLINTON

1/1/71

For your info., without taking time to look up the way you now have it, a note on date of death of Abraham's son John, who was ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ baptized North Weald, Essex, 10 May 1635.

Only record of him in America is deposition he signed 27 March 1655. So he was alive then..... His name does not appear on deed signed by Samuel, Joseph and Hannah, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 14 April 1671, when Samuel and Joseph sold "theire thirds" of the house and lot formerly owned by their father Abraham at Lynn. It would have been "fourths" if John were then alive.

So his death can be dated thus: "After 27 March 1655, before 14 April 1671."

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J. Y. B.
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December 31, 1970

Mr. Gilbert H. Doane
Editor, New England Historical and Genealogical Register
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Dear Sir:

A small discovery made while working on the preparation of a Belknap genealogy prompts me to hope that you might consider publishing in the Register a brief note along such lines as these:

*Josias
son of Richard
Bro of Bernau*

In the Register, 1914, pp. 193-4, H. W. Belknap gave the death of Josias Belknap of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., as occurring "betw. 28 Jan. 1599/1600 and 6 Feb. following" -- these being the date of his will and the date of probate. A note in Mr. Belknap's handwriting, in his papers, shows that in 1930 he received from his English record searcher, C. A. Bernau, a transcript of the record of the burial of Josias: "Register of St. Saviour's, Southwark. 4th February 1599/00 Josias Belknap, a man being a stranger and no parishioner."

I enclose a facsimile of the page on which he made this pencilled entry. Although the writing is not reproduced clearly, it is readily intelligible to anyone familiar with his handwriting, as I am.

Through the courtesy of Essex Institute I have been privileged to make copies of many hundreds of pages of notes and correspondence left by Mr. Belknap, one-time curator of the Institute. Although I have not found the letter from Bernau, containing this bit of information, I believe it proper to accept the authenticity of the pencilled entry. Both Bernau and H. W. Belknap were scrupulous technicians of complete integrity.

A small point, as I said. But this Josias is of great interest to everyone who is interested in Belknap genealogy. Till now, all that has been known about him is the record of his baptism as a Beltoft and his will signed as a Belknap (Belknappe). As he was the key figure in the family's change of surname, every scrap of information about him is interesting -- for the several mysteries in his will have yet to be solved. In this case, the fact that he apparently died in Southwark will probably prove to be significant, for this has not been known as the explanation of his bequest of 20 shillings "to the Poore where I shalbe buried." (Register, 1914, p. 92) containing

As was his custom after he had ceased typing up his notes (from 1926 on) Mr. Belknap entered his pencilled note on a sheet ~~MARKING~~ earlier information from the same source. The "do" (ditto) refers to the name C. A. Bernau in the upper right hand corner of the sheet -- which was where he always indicated sources.

Very truly yours,

C. Y. Belknap:

C. Y. Belknap

CARROLL YORK BELKNAP

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December 9, 1970

SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BELKNAP GENEALOGY

On this sheet, I'm about to do something without first asking permission. I hope none of those whom I name will object; perhaps may approve, and find it helpful in their own pursuit of information. But I should admit that my motives are selfish. I hope that those who receive this list will send me the names and addresses of others whom I've not yet met, for -- as you'll probably observe -- my list is overweighted by descendants of Abraham's older son Samuel, with too few descendants of the younger son Joseph. . . . Meanwhile, the list may help some of you get in touch with each other, beyond your present contacts. My own experience has been that priceless aid often comes from people who have run across data on other people's ancestors, in addition to their own.

Mrs Fern D Martin, 21-108 Gavilan Road, Perris, California 92370
Clarence E Belknap, 230 Franklin Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221
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Mrs Robert L Dickerson, Box 6, Interlaken, N. Y. 14847
George S May, P.O Box 2, Fair Oaks, California 95628
Mrs Richard B Taylor, 1812 Ortiz Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Miss Della A Belnap (no k), 815 32nd St, Ogden Utah 84403
Mrs Ethyle M Thomas 2545 Terwilliger, Portland, Oregon 97201
Edwin C Belknap, 833 West Foothill Road, Monrovia, California 91816
Mrs James Belknap, 8444 San Gabriel Ave., South Gate, California 90280
Mrs J A Marshall, Route 2, Box 305, Portland, Oregon 97231
Mrs G M Belknap, Route 1, Box 157, Jefferson, Oregon 97532
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
John Sherman, 6740 1/2 Franklin Place, Hollywood, California 90028

I could make this list longer, but that's enough for the moment, for it illustrates one major weakness in my work -- my lack of enough good contact with eastern members of the family.

me

I hope you'll help by sending more names of people to whom I should write.

Carroll

Della Belnap from CYB

Feb 29 1972

In pursuing the record of my gg father Jesse Belknap in War of 1812, I have come across evidence that may lead you to make some changes in your records for the Jesse Jr who was son of Jesse and Eunice Hall. I'm enclosing the papers on this subject and will comment on them. But first let me summarize the genealogical facts that they disclose. (Compare with your ## 58 and 99.)

- The maiden name of the wife of Jesse Jr was not Sarah Camp but Sarah De Camp.
- On 20 July 53 she gave her age as 64. So born presumably in 1789.
But 27 May 1851 she gave her age as 66; which would make her born 1785.
- In 1851 she said she married Jesse Jr in Dec 1802.
But in 1853 she said the marriage was 1^{Dec} ~~XXXXX~~ 1806, at Genoa, NY (near Locke)
- In 1851 she said Jesse Jr died 1 July 1849, at North East Pa. And a J. L. De Camp, probably her brother, gave that same date. In 1853, she and others gave this date again.
- There is nothing in the papers to help us choose between the varying figures for her age (and birth) -- and the varying dates for her marriage.-- as both sets of figures show her as marrying at age 17. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The apparent confirmation by two persons in 1853 can't be taken too literally, as they obviously just signed an affidavit prepared by some one else.
(But see last ~~part~~ on page 2)

Before discussing the papers, maybe I should warn you not to take too seriously the fact that Jesse Jr was a deserter. The record of N Y militia in 1812 was a sad one, with men much dissatisfied with their officers. Many hundreds of men, like Jesse Jr, just got fed up and went home -- so many that no effort to punish them was ever made.

Now, the papers. They divide into three groups.

MILITARY RECORD

Red A and B -- copies from payroll, obtained from NY State offices, Albany -- showing Jesse Jr paid to Nov 28 1812 but having deserted before next pay day.

Red C from National Archives, card copied from muster roll -- showing him present on Dec 20. Red D, same source, copied from payroll Dec 20 showing him paid to Nov 28 (as in Red B).

SARAH'S 1851 APPLICATION for Bounty Land under act of Sept 28, 1850. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

1-a : Application in long hand, prepared by Justice of the Peace, M. Norton,
& b : signed by mark by Sarah. Shows maiden name as De Camp. Sarah then living in Harmony, Chatauqua Co., NY

2-a & b: Affidavit signed by J. L. De Camp (note large C in signature) and accompanying certification of Norton's office -- signed by a clerk named Green, but in Norton's handwriting in body of certification.

3-a & b: Affidavit by David Belnap (brother of Jesse Jr) -- in Norton's handwriting -- and certification of the signature of the JP.
(Note: This signature by David is the only instance of spelling without k, in all these documents.)

4: Note dated March 4 1852, saying the name of Jesse Belknap "does not appear on the rolls of Captain Daughterty" -- indicating Sarah's ~~Marx~~ application rejected. (Note by CYB: This probably means that the examining person, ~~examining~~ the rolls must have looked at later ones, after Jesse had been dropped from the company's roll.) Notation shows that Norton, at Harmony, was notified accordingly.

So Sarah's claim was denied in 1852. But next year, 1853, a new application was prepared by ~~person named Aaron Murphey~~ back in Cayuga County -- using the forms printed for that purpose. Sarah was now living in Tompkins County, south of Locke. SARAH'S APPLICATION in 1853:

5-a and b: Application signed by Sarah by mark -- and affidavit signed (by marks) by Susannah Ross and Juliana Carter, of Groton (near Locke). Both documents witnessed by ~~Murphey~~ a notary public, Wethy, who filled in the forms, and by a Aaron Murphey who was named as her "agent."

6-a and b: Note by auditor (same man who couldn't find Jesse Jr on rolls he had examined in 1851), saying Jesse Jr on rolls to Dec 31st 1812 and "rep Deserted". (Rep: abbreviation for "reported" CYB) . . . Notation on back (6-b) shows that a notification of rejection was sent on March 6 1854.

Wethy.

In these later documents, written by ~~Murphey~~ Sarah's maiden name is spelled Decamp. This spelling should be disregarded, as the controlling spelling is that in the signatures of J. L. De Camp, in 1851 (1-b and 2-a).

I think you should have these documents. So here they are.

Looking back, now, at the whole record, I find myself disagreeing with something I said earlier. I now think I see a sound reason for accepting the age (hence birthdate) and date of marriage as shown in the 1851 papers: "aged 66" in 1851, hence born 1785 -- and married 1 Dec 1802. My reason is the affidavit by David Belnap (3-a), in which he said that "in the month of Dec 1802 he was present at her wedding" and also gave 1802, twice, as the year in which he began knowing Sarah.

So, in my records, I'm going to accept the age and date shown in the 1851 papers -- unless you disagree. Is this OK with you?

Carroll

Ogden, Utah
Feb 21, 1972

Dear Carroll;

Thanks for your latest letter and for all the letters you have sent. I'll try to write a little of a line to try and catch up. By this time you probably found all the things you wrote about.

I'm enclosing a report received from England this Jan. Its brief, but a report of the search made of the "Feet of Fines" between 1400 to 1425. It does not give any thing new on the Belknaps. Have written to see if there could be a search made between 1425 to 1500.

It seems you asked about a tax record on Richard Beltoft. I can not find any tax record about him. The earliest on the tax record of Sawbridgeworth is a "Poll tax 1377- 2 Richard II as follows; Sawbridgeworth-- No Belknap or Beltoft is to be found in this return which may suggest that the family had not reached Sawbridgeworth at this date."

I think I sent you a copy of the original Wills of

Josias Belknap	29 Mar 1674
Daniel Belknap	23 Aug 1680
Henry Belnap	10 Apr 1686

We might never learn in our time when the name Belknap and its various spellings were used by all the people we believe to be in our direct line. We know the name has been around a long time. I have not read there was forged entries in the "Battle of Abbey Roll. I have checked back on this in the Library in Salt Lake as I have been checking in the English records on the Richmond family. There is much information on that family. Jane Richmond married Rosel Belnap. She would be my great ~~great~~ grand mother. I am surprised how that family parallels the Belknap story. They fortunately can trace their line, from father to son, back to Roaldus Musard De Richmond who accompanied Wm the Conquer to England. It may not mean anything, but it intrigues me to learn that this family also became Nobles, Knight & etc. The record does mention the property they held, such as the Manor of Croft.

During the civil wars one John Richmond killed his brother Henry by mistake. One brother was in the Kings army and the other brother in the opposing army. Their father, Wm De Richmond, sold his manors and property to save John's life. ✓ This was during the 1600's. about 1635 John Richmond came to America. As far as I know the Richmond and Belknap families never met until the time of Rosel Belnap and Jane Richmond. Then I do not know if that was in New York or Canada. As both families were in the same place in New York and Canada. But the property of Croft in both families. I wondered if it could be the same property. We might find our family faster by tracing the ownership of the properties they held.

It isn't reasonable to me that a name, such as Belknap, could exist for years then become extinct and then start up again. Because we haven't found the name doesn't always mean that the name is not there. It's most likely we don't know where to find it. Records could be lost, or they no longer were land holders. If they didn't own property in that day, no record was kept of them. We have been lucky that most of the early Belknaps were land owners.

I checked in the Salt Lake Gen. Library on the information you sent on the "Wood" and "Hunt" lines. I need to go back and check out the original source records. The sheet sent in by others agree with the Wood line, but not the Hunt line. They could have made the mistake or we may have. Your letter shows Ann Hunt, the wife of Thomas Wood Sr. to be the dau. of Wm Hunt and Elizabeth Best. The Salt Lake record does not show any Ann Hunt B. 1637 in this family. I'm enclosing the sheets I found and hope to get back to Salt Lake to check further.

I haven't gone through all the material Mr. Parker sent when he quit his job in the New Eng. States. Most of it is references and notes on many. Not too sure I can understand it all. It looks like one big headache. We found the parents and family of Sarah Jones, wife of Samuel Belknap. We from Eng. We asked our researcher to see if he could find any

find any thing farther back on that line. Don't know if I sent you this family
Any way I'll send it now.

Will write more later. At least this is a start to answer all your letters.

Hope all is well with you and that you have made good progress in your work.
Thanks again.

Sincerely,