

JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

5 Feb 1976

I've been sadly remiss in writing to you in recent months. It takes a need of aid to make me write.

My need, now, is your opinion of a typed copy of what purports to be "The Forrest Belknap Bible."

I think I sent a copy of it to you in 1974 -- but can't find your reply in my files. So I'm enclosing my only copy. Please return it when you're through with it.

On this copy, the little red marks indicate points at which your version differs from this one. . . . The red underlinings indicate dates later than death of Feris.

My judgment is that the film from which this copy was typed showed not an original record but one written not earlier than 1910 -- hence not to be trusted. But I'd like your opinion.

If you want to see the film, you'll find it in the Mormon library in Los Angeles, I believe.

It seems likely that this alleged Bible is what you mentioned in a letter to Mrs Jane Belknap, Oct 2 1979:

"Regarding the Bible record of Feris & Sarah (Bateman) Belknap -- I would like to obtain a photocopy of the record. My Aunt, Grace Sherman, sent me a copy in her handwriting. Do you know who has the Bible now? It did belong to Rose (Belknap) Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, some years ago."

Like you, I'd like to see a photocopy instead of a typed transcript -- plus the printing date of the Bible.

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Incidentally, I've just received word of the recent death of Mrs. Jane, after a long illness in a nursing home. If you need it, the address for condolence is: Donald Belknap, 6916 No. Woodland, Gladstone, Mo. 64118, her son.

10-7-59

This was to  
Jane Belknap  
Des Moines  
Iowa

2015 Lvar Avenue ✓  
Hollywood 28, Calif.  
October 2, 1959

Dear Mrs. Belknap:

Thanks you for your kind reply  
to my letter of inquiry.

I am sorry you have had so  
much trouble, healthwise - I hope  
you are getting straightened about -  
that you will be feeling much  
better, soon.

Regarding the Bible record of Fous &  
Sarah (Batman) Belknap - I would  
like to obtain a photocopy of the  
record. My aunt, Grace Sherman  
sent me a copy, from the Bible,  
in her handwriting. Do you know  
who has the Bible, now? It did  
belong to Rose (Belknap) Johnson,  
of Columbus, Ohio, some years ago.

Fous Belknap was a son of John  
Jr. and Levina (Brook) Hinde Belknap.



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John's father, John, Sr. married Elizabeth  
— Brimfield, Mass. copy says "Ball".  
but I have a copy from the records,  
taken many years ago, which lists  
her as Hales, Halls, or Willis - record  
very dim. From my experience in  
searching these families I would  
say "Halls" is possibly the name.

Both John, Jr. and John, Sr. were  
in the Revolutionary War.

I believe that your Elisha might  
come from Joseph & Prudence (Morris)  
Belknap, of Woodstock, Conn. and  
Brimfield, Mass. They may have  
a closer relationship to Fozie (my  
2nd great-grandfather); than that,  
though.

I am not surprised you were  
unable to find the grave of your  
Elisha - it is, no doubt, long - since

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unmarked, however. I have a record of it, - its probable location. I have thought, often, what the buried collection of grave-markers might reveal if they could be located, and brought to light.

Fortunately, the "Old Northwest Genealogical Society" has the following record:

"On the old Carter farm, now Montgomery farm, St. Alban's Township, Licking County, Ohio, was a family burial ground. Most of the slabs were put in a pile and covered, but one still stands supported by broken fragments of others, merely to mark the spot:

Belknap - Elisha, d. Jan. 8, 1839,  
ae. 51 y. 11 m. 21 d."

I have wondered if Fozis Belknap's parents might have been buried there, too. Fozis lived in St. Alban's Township - He, and Sarah, are buried



in the old part of the cemetery at  
Alexandria, O. I have seen their  
graves.

Also buried in the same cemetery:  
are:

Elisha Belknap, d. April 3, 1875, ae.  
62 y. 5 m. 9 d.

Rolina, wife of Elisha, d. October 19, 1894,  
ae. 52 y. 6 m. 17 d.

Orin Belknap, d. Feb. 14, 1873, ae. ✓  
73 y. 8 m. 20 d.

— In Gaffield Church graveyard, Licking  
County, Ohio.

Ireland, dau. of Elisha & Lucy Belknap, ✓  
d. Oct. 31, 1834, ae. 21 y. 1 m. 16 d.

— Have you located any church records  
of the Gaffield church?

Do you know where Elisha was  
born?

Foris had a son Eli S., who was

in the Mexican War. He died, <sup>-3-</sup>un-  
married, and is buried on the  
Fors Belknap lot, at Alexandria.

Christopher & Maria Barbara (Keller)  
Shoemaker, pioneers in Licking Co. O.,  
were 2nd great-grandparents of mine.

Recently, I wrote the president of  
the Licking County Historical Society.

I have not had a reply, yet.

Tracing these two families was a  
difficult job. The tradition did  
not prove out, regarding them.

Please let me hear from you  
again.

Best wishes for better health.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman



John C. Moore Corporation, Rochester, N. Y. Binder and Rules in Patent 1906.



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Marietta, Ohio.

O.N. 396a.

Old N.W. Quarty. IV, p. 59,

~~For~~ Belknap & Sarah Bateman,

B. 12 Aug. 1783,

B. 10 Jun. 1793,

Johnstown (Middletown), O. ~~Cincinnati~~

D. Apl. 1875,

D. 23 Dec. 1912

M. 21 Feb. 1813,

dau. of ~~Wm~~ Bateman

Rachael Teall

b. ~~Marietta~~, O. Holland, Mass.

Alexandria, Licking Co., Ohio

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m. Washington, Co. O. - Licking Co., Ohio.

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B. 13 Jan. 1814, D. 7 Jun. 1842,  
505. \* William Bateman, b. Marietta, O.  
B. 1 Feb. 1819, D. 11 May 1903, Ashley, Delaware Co. O.  
506. \* Lucretia,  
B. 8 Feb. 1823, D. 1895,  
507. \* Sarah,  
B. 13 Apr. 1825, D. 26 Apr. 1901,  
508. \* John Wesley, b. near Upper Sandusky, O.  
B. 23 Oct. 1829, D. 28 Oct. 1908, Jersey, Licking Co. O.,  
509. Joseph D.,  
B. 26 Jun. 1832, D. 23 Jan. 1888,  
510. \* Anna D.,  
B. 4 Oct. 1835, D. 2 May 1910,  
511. \* Eli S., unmarried, served Civil war,  
B. 7 Sep. 1837, D. 6 Sep. 1891,  
512. D. young,  
513. D. young,  
514. D. young, order unknown,  
515. D. young,

Rewrite from  
Sherman's sheet

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Ch. Sherman for  
William R. 10 Dec 1815  
of 20 June 1818





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O.N. 634c.

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Lovina Belknap & William Quesen,

(255, 118, 48, 151, 4, 1.)

B. 13 Jan. 1814, B.

D. 7 Jun. 1842, D.

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 B. 1 Feb. 1819, B. 4 Nov. 1825, Jonstown (? Johnstown)  
 D. 11 May 1903, D. 13 Sep. 1889, Ashley, Licking Co. O.  
 M. 17 Aug. 1848, dau. of O.  
 b. Marietta, O., &  
 d. Ashley, Delaware Co. O.  
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B. 21 Apl. 1848, D. 30 Mar. 1883, Ashley, O.,
- 907.2. \* David G., b. Galena, O.,  
B. 8 May 1849, D. 22 Apl. 1889,
- 907.3. Emma Amelia, b. Ashley, O.,  
B. 1 Mar. 1851, D. 19 Dec. 1857, Ashley, O.,
- 907.4. Oscar William, b. Ashley, O.,  
B. 7 Jun. 1853, D. 22 Nov. 1857, Ashley, O.,





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William O

Lucretia Belknap & John Queen,

(255,118,48,15,4,1,)

B. 8 Feb. 1823,

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D. 8 Nov 1895,

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Sarah Belknap &amp; Christopher Shoemaker, (255, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1,)

B. 13 Apl. 1825, B.

D. 26 Apl. 1901, D.

M. 7 Apl. 1844, son of of Columbus, O.

b.

d. Columbus, O.

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Children: (SHOEMAKER) 11 in all.

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John Wesley Belknap &amp; Delilah Wickiser, (255, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1.)

B. 23 Oct. 1829,

B. 28 Aug. 1834,

D. 28 Oct. 1908,

D. 6 Jul. 1904,

M. 19 Sep. 1852,

dau. of Philip Wickiser

b. near Upper Sandusky, O. &amp;

d. Jersey, Licking Co., O.

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res. Jersey,

a Farmer,

drafted in Civil war but being crippled sent a substitute.



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Children:

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908. \* Francis Edward,  
B. 19 Nov. 1853, D.
909. Mary Ida,  
B. 5 Mar. 1856, D.
910. \* William Philip,  
B. 13 Sep. 1860, D.
911. \* Rose,  
B. 28 Oct. 1865, D.
912. Emma May,  
B. 6 Apr. 1866, D.
913. \* Mattie Della,  
B. 26 Dec. 1867, D.
914. \* Henry Ford,  
B. 15 Aug. 1869, D.
915. \* Lewis Orval,  
B. 8 Feb. 1874, D.
916. Frederick Ellis, unmarried, res. Columbus, O.,  
B. 28 Aug. 1878, D.
917. \* John Albert,  
B. 7 Feb. 1881, D.
918. Minerva Anna,  
B. 24 Mar. 1887, D. young,



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19. Charley,  
B. 15 Aug. 1869, D. 23 Feb. 1892,  
20. Henderson,  
B. 17 Jun. 1872, D. young.

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Anna D. Belknap & Wells Wickiser, (255,118,48,15,4,1,)  
B. 4 Oct.1835, B.  
D. 2 May 1910; D.  
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res.Van Wert,O.  
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David G. Belknap & Minerva Atcheson,

(505, 255, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1, 6)

B. 3 May 1849,

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D. 22 Apr. 1889,

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M. 2 Sep. 1874,

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- 1294.1.\* Maude Hillen, b. Van Wert, O.,  
B. 14 Nov. 1875, D.
- 1294.2. Windsor Atcheson, b. Ada, O.,  
B. 21 Aug. 1877, D. 13 Oct. 1883,
- 1294.3.\* William David, b. Ada, O.,  
B. 22 Sep. 1879, D.
- 1294.4. Charles Rigby, b. Ada, O., unmarried,  
B. 23 Feb. 1882, D.
- 1294.5. Claude Ewing, b. Columbus, O.,  
B. 15 Feb. 1885, D.
- 1294.6. Sherman A., b. Columbus, O.,  
B. 5 Aug. 1887, D.

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found



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Francis Edward Belknap &amp; Amanda Noe,

(508, 255, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1, 6)

B. 19 Nov. 1853,

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M. 27 Jan. 1879,

dau. of Ephraim Noe

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res. Franklin Co. O.,

Fataskala, Licking Co. O., 1910,

a Farmer,

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1295. \* Delilah Orilla,  
B. 11 Feb. 1881, D.  
1296. Daisy Laura,  
B. 6 Oct. 1887, D.  
1297. Lee Wallace,  
B. 15 Jul. 1880, D.





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William Philip Belknap & Elsie May Myer, (508, 255, 118, 48, 15, 4, 1, 6, )

B. 13 Sep. 1860,

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M. 10 Feb. 1884,

dau. of Henry Jolly Myer.

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Catherine Peffers

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res. near New Albany, Franklin Co. O.

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Pataskala, Licking Co. O., 1910,

a Farmer,

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her sister Clara Louisa mar. Henry Ford (914),

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Children:

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1298. Ralph Dennison,  
B. 13 Dec. 1884, D.
1299. Grace Ethel,  
B. 9 Aug. 1886, D. 25 Nov. 1886,
1300. Everett Otto,  
B. 13 Oct. 1887, D.
1301. Lily Edith,  
B. 22 Sep. 1888, D.
1302. Florence Anna,  
B. 18 Dec. 1889, D.
1303. Forest Ellis,  
B. 14 Feb. 1897, D.
1304. Helen Frances,  
B. 9 Dec. 1908, D.





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Rose Belknap & Lee F. Johnston,

B. 28 Oct. 1865, B.

D.

D.

M. 3 Jun. 1896, son of

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res. Columbus, O.,

he an Attorney,

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.21- Children: (JOHNSTON)

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Lucile, B. 12 Aug. 1898, D. 6 Jul. 1905,

Kenneth Belknap, B. 21 Sep. 1901, D.

Rosalie, B. 5 Jun. 1900, D.





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Mattie Della Belknap & Willis T. Wagner, (508,255,118,48,15,4,1,)

B.26 Dec.1867,

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D. May 1906,

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res.Grogan,O.,

Post-mistress,

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Henry Ford Belknap & Clara Louisa Myer, (508,255,118,48,15,4,1,)  
B. 15 Aug. 1869, B.  
D. D.  
M. 1 Nov. 1899, dau. of Henry Jolly Myer  
b. &  
d. Catherine Peffers  
res. Franklin Co. O.  
Pataskala, Licking Co. O., 1910,  
a Farmer,  
her sister Elsie May mar. William Philip (Olo),

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1305. Sherman Jolly, D.  
       P. 2 Oct. 1900,
1306. John, D. 29 Feb. 1903,  
       P. 16 Feb. 1903,



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Lewis Orval Belknap & Minnie Lee Beem, (508, 255, 118, 46, 15, 4, 1, 6)  
B. 8 Feb. 1874, B.

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D. D.  
M. 9 Nov. 1898, dau. of Thomas Beem,

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| 1307. | Harold Beem,     |   |
|       | B. 11 May 1900,  | D. 24 Jun. 1907, drowned in Columbia River. |
| 1308. | Russell R.,      |   |
|       | B. 23 Sep. 1902, | D. . . . .                                  |
| 1309. | Carleton Floyd,  |   |
|       | B. 8 Apr. 1906,  | D. . . . .                                  |
| 1310. | Gerold Paul,     |   |
|       | B. 17 Jul. 1908, | D. . . . .                                  |





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John Albert Belknap & Ada Krumm,

(508,255,116,48,15,4,1,0)

B. 7 Feb. 1881,

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M. 2 Aug. 1902,

dau. of Philip Krumm

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Susanna

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res. Columbus, O., E. 5th Ave. & Logan St., 1910,

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BELKNAP FAMILY RECORD LICKING CO., OHIO

This and Parental Belknap, Ohio was owned for years by Mrs. Claud Wagner 1117 Cleveland Ave., Columbus Ohio. Owned now by Mrs Rosa Belknap Johnston, E 5th Ave, Columbus, Ohio.

Births

Paris Belknap - b. 12 Aug 1762 ~	John
Sarah Bateman - b. June 10, 1773	Sarah
Lucina - b. Jan 13, 1814	Lucina
John - b. 4 Dec 1815 - d. 8 Dec 1815	Infant
William - b. 10 Dec 1816	William
William Bateman b. 1 Feb 1819	William
David Bateman b. 5 Mar 1821	David
Lucina Devereaux - b. 6 Feb 1823	Lucina
William - b. 13 Apr 1825	Sarah
William - b. 26 July 1827	Sophia
William - b. 1 Oct 1829 (the last digit in date is smudged)	John Wilson
William Devereaux b. 26 June 1832	Joseph
William Devereaux b. 4 Oct 1835	Ann
William - b. 7 Sept 1837	Elis

Deaths

1. Paris Belknap & Sarah Bateman - Feb 21, 1813. Washington Co., Ohio	
2. Lucina Belknap & William Queen - 13 Jan 1833 Licking Co., Ohio	
3. William Bateman Belknap & Elizabeth Broomback - 14 Aug 1843	
4. Lucina Devereaux Belknap & John Queen - 15 Dec 1841	
5. Sarah Ann Belknap & Christopher Shoemaker - 7 Apr 1844	
6. John Wilson Belknap & William Wickizer - 19 Sept 1852 - Jersey Township, Licking Co., Ohio	Joseph
7. William Devereaux Belknap & Hannah Bonham - 4 Feb 1859	
8. William Devereaux Belknap & Wells Wickizer - 26 Aug 1855	

Marriages

1. Paris Belknap - 23 Dec 1874 - Alexander, Licking Co., Ohio
2. Sarah Belknap, wife of Paris, - 29 Apr 1872 - Alexandria, Licking, Ohio
3. Lucina Belknap, wife of William Queen, 7 June 1842 - Alexandria, Ohio
4. William Belknap - 30 June 1817
5. William Bateman Belknap - 11 May 1903
6. Sarah Bateman Belknap - 7 Oct 1826
7. Lucina Devereaux Bateman, wife of John Queen - 8 May 1895
8. Sarah Ann Bateman, wife of Christopher Shoemaker - 27 Apr 1901 - Columbus, Ohio
9. William A. Belknap - 5 Oct 1810 at Little Sandusky, Ohio
10. John Wilson Belknap - 28 Oct 1908 - Licking Co., Ohio
11. William Devereaux Belknap - 23 Jan 1888 - Licking Co., Ohio
12. William Devereaux Belknap, wife of Wells Wickizer - d. 2 June 1910 at Van Wert Co., Ohio
13. Eli W. Belknap - 6 Feb 1891 - unmarried,

received May 16, 1939



DELLA from CYB

2 Feb 1976

SUBJECT: FORIS BELKNAP

I owe you an abject ~~apology~~, for sending you the wrong sheet on Foris. In making up the set of sheets to send to you, I dipped into the wrong file for Foris -- picked out a tentative draft ~~that~~ was prepared for John Sherman's inspection, with questions on detail, forgot its nature, and failed to remember that there was a later file on Foris ~~containing~~ final material.

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What I should have sent to you was Sherman's 1973 piece on Foris, which he prepared for reading at a reunion of Foris's descendants in Columbus, Ohio -- T Thompsons and Wickisers. I'm enclosing a copy of it. . . Disregard underlines in it: they were only spots where John's geographic wording needed correction.

As you will see, Sherman's version does not always agree with the typed copy of a Bible, which you sent to me in 1974. I sent a copy of it to Sherman, asking for his comments. Can't find his reply in my files. But I can make a few comments on basis of records that I have.

First, Sherman's version is also based on a Bible -- one prepared by Foris and his wife and given to their daughter Sarah Ann when she married. My files now contain a photo copy of just one page of this Bible, showing birth dates for Foris, his wife Sarah Bateman, and their children, in what I assume is the handwriting of Sarah Bateman. The entries agree with dates as shown by Sherman.

Some specific points: from primary records in my files -p

12 Aug above

Date of Foris's birth: Shown as 1788 in Bible mentioned and in VR Holland Mass. . . . Census 1850, taken Aug 15, gives his age as 62. . . Census 1870, on 8 Aug, gives his age as 82.

His death: His gravestone reads "died April 29, 1875."

The two Queen marriages. Originally, I was confused by error in HWB record. Changed my tentative entries when I received reliable records:

Lovina -- gravestone: "Lovina Wife of John Queen, died June 7 1844."

Lucretia -- copy of wedding certificate -- from Ohio Marriage Records --  
"I certify that on this 14th of December 1841 W. Queen and Lucretia Belknap were legally joined in marriage by me. D.S. Cress"

Wherever I have original data in my files, they agree with Sherman's version, not with the typed transcript of a Bible that you sent to me. So I am forced to question the accuracy of the copyist who set down that record. Too bad you don't have a photocopy of the original. . . . I could give more detail if you want it; but maybe the points covered above are enough. AND I can ask again for Sherman's comments on your Bible, if you want me to do this. . . . Meanwhile, you can see why I distrust it.

Foris

JOHN SHERMAN from CYB 24 Feb 1975

Here's a Bible Record sent to me by a correspondent in Utah -- who copied it from a film in Salt Lake library. Maybe it's old stuff to you.

I'm not taking time to check it against your records but am keeping a copy of it.

Let me know if you disagree with it.

DELLA from CYN

4 Feb 1976

PS to my memo of 2 Feb -- on that questionable Bible.

Last night I fell to thinking about what Gilbert Deane's fine handbook on genealogy said about how to detect lack of authenticity in a ~~in-a~~ Bible record ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that should not be accepted.

And suddenly I saw how blind I had been,

What I hadn't done was to look carefully at the heading? "The old Forrest Belknap Bible, etc." Why, of course it couldn't be any such thing, for it contained the date of the death of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Feris, which he could not have entered. Obviously the record had been written by someone else, at some later date, on basis of memory and other records -- just what Doane warned against.

How much later? . . . The entries for death give us a clue. 7 of the death dates are later than 1875, the year of Feris's death:

1888 1891 1895 1901 1903 1908 1910

Plainly, the thing was written not earlier than 1910.

If the film you copied shows these dates when the Bible was printed--as it should, as part of evidence of authenticity or lack of authenticity -- I'll bet that date was long after 1875. ~~But that doesn't matter greatly~~ The dates are enough to say that the entries can't be trusted, even if I didn't have original documentary evidence verifying other dates.

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Incidentally, his name. Often shows as Forrest in things written by some descendants. But he himself wrote it "Feris" on documents bearing his own signature, in my files. Another reason for knowing this wasn't what it claimed to be.

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I have some sheets on some of his children and grandchildren, but don't trust them, for they were prepared by HWB and contain some visible ~~errors~~. In 1973, I sent them to John Sherman -- but he hasn't yet been able to get valid records good enough to use in correcting and completing them. . . According to HWB, the two women named at the top of the sheet you sent me were daughters of John Wilson Belknap. His sheets do not name his sources.



DELLA from CYB

4 Feb 1976

I'll answer other questions in your nice letter just as soon as I can.

Meanwhile, this plea:

Don't ever hesitate to ask for any help I may be able to give. I'm always glad to try to aid anyone who asks for help -- most of all, you.

And I'm equally willing to ask for help -- especially when it may keep me from making a mistake.

Right now, I've a problem to throw at you -- just in case your records have something on it. I'll send it along in a day or so -- as soon as I find time to write it. (One element in it is an Evans entry on his record of your Jesse; if he's right, then everything else on that Jesse is wrong, which I don't believe.)

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CLINTON & GLADYS from CYB

April 27 1973

Because you, like me, are interested in more than mere legends, a small footnote to my memo about those Oneida County deeds may be worth sending to you.

You may have wondered why there was no mention of any record from the other end of the story -- that of young Foris out in Ohio. To tell you why, I must tell you the story of the white feather.

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Soon after Foris came back to Oneida County to sell that land at Lee, he and his young wife Sarah Bateman moved to Morgan County in Ohio -- where Foris gained a reputation as a skillful hunter, in what was really still Indian Country.

One day, while he was off hunting, a party of Indians came to their cabin in the woods. Sarah, who had taught school before her marriage, promptly fed them a dinner of her own cooking. In gratitude, the leader of the party drew out a white feather from his whatever-it-was-that-he-wore, and gave it to Sarah -- telling her that no Indians to whom she showed it would ever harm her or her family.

One day not long afterward, the cabin caught fire and burned down. Thus vanished the white feather -- and along with it any letters and records that Foris might have had.



Jonis

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood California 90028  
September 4, 1974

Dear Carroll:

Your exceedingly interesting format on Stephen Belhuaps, of Galway, was received. I am impressed with the thoroughness of your investigation; and realize how difficult it is to find a resolution.

Since the bus strike here, which is in its fourth week, I have been virtually stranded. I hope it will be over before long.

Professor Roy V. Sherman of Palo Alto, California, published his "The New England Shermans", and in it is a quickly assembled format of our Sherman family, descended from Amos Sherman who served in War of 1812 from Washington County, Penna., and died shortly afterward.

Some members of our family have worked for years, attempting to find his parentage, as yet, no success.

A few days ago, I received a reply to a letter I addressed to Mr. A. Queen, at Columbus, Ohio, last March, asking if he was descended from the Queen family of Licking County, Ohio.

Mr. Queen said he descends from William A. Queen, and wife, nee Lucetta D. Belhuaps. He will be in Los Angeles in mid-September, so



I shall look forward to seeing him.

I am about certain, that the Denver Colorado Queens descend from John Queen (J<sup>m</sup> Q's brother) and his wife, nee Larina Belknap, (sister of Lucinda).

James Garner does not respond to letters I have written him, so I shall have to go to other sources for information.

One of Foui Belknap's sons was Eli S. Belknap. I feel certain his middle initial stands for Sherman. Eli Sherman was a brother of Anna (Sherman) Devereaux; and I believe he was a preacher in Licking County.

I have been working on my Mother's family, the Hances of Belmont County, Ohio, and Calvert County, Maryland. The records in that County were destroyed by fire in 1882, so genealogical research there, is a tough undertaking.

John Hance, the immigrant ancestor, came to Calvert County, Maryland, in 1659.

I want to again, add my appreciation and thanks, to others, for the wonderful help you have given us.

As soon as possible, I shall try to find the information you requested.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,  
John



from J. H. Sherman

**HUSBAND** *Foris Belknap*

**HUSBAND:**

Born *12 August 1788* Place *Holland, Mass.*

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

Marr. *21 February 1813* Place *Marietta, Ohio*

Died *29 April 1875* Place *Columbus, Ohio*

Place *Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio*

HUSBAND'S FATHER *John Belknap, Jr.*

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

*Lenna (Brock) Hinds*

**WIFE** *Sarah Bateman*

Born *10 June 1793* Place *Chemung County, New York*

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

Died *23 December 1872* Place *Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio*

Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER *William Bateman, 1st Lieut. Rev. War*

WIFE'S MOTHER

*Rachael Teall*

HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED		
	SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	<i>Lavinia Belknap</i>		13	Jan.	1814				7	June	1842
2	<i>Infant</i>		4	Dec.	1815				8	Dec.	1815
3	<i>William Belknap</i>		10	Dec.	1816				20	June	1818
4	<i>William Bateman Belknap</i>		2	Feb.	1819				11	May	1903
5	<i>David B. Belknap</i>		5	March	1821				7	Oct.	1826
6	<i>Lucy D. Belknap</i>		8	Feb.	1823				8	Nov.	1845
7	<i>Sarah Ann Belknap</i>		13	April	1825	<i>Marietta</i>	<i>Wash.</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	27	April	1901
8	<i>Sophia Belknap</i>		28	July	1827				5	Oct.	1830
9	<i>John Wilson Belknap</i>		23	Oct.	1829				28	Oct.	1908
10	<i>Joseph Erasmus Belknap</i>		26	June	1832				23	January	1888

To Whom Married	Date	Place
<i>Lucy</i>	<i>13 Jan. 1833</i>	<i>Licking County, Ohio (a brother of 126.2mm)</i>
<i>Elizabeth Brumbach</i>	<i>17 Aug. 1843</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>William A. Ziegen</i>	<i>14 Dec. 1841</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>Christopher Eliason Schenker</i>	<i>7 Apr. 1844</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>Delilah H. Schenker</i>	<i>19 Sept. 1852</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>Delilah H. Schenker</i>	<i>19 Sept. 1852</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>Hannah Bonham</i>	<i>4 Feb. 1869</i>	<i>" " "</i>

**SOURCE Information & Explanations**

*Foris Belknap's Family Bible Record  
Holland, Mass., Vital Records  
Cemetery inscriptions from Cemetery at  
Alexandria, Ohio  
Vital Records - Woodstock, Connecticut  
Cemetery inscriptions, Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus,  
Ohio*

**RELATIONSHIP INFORMATION**

The above Husband is a 2nd-Great-grandfather of *John A. Sherman*

**COMPILER OF THIS RECORD**

Name: *John A. Sherman*  
Address: *6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood, California 90028*  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* *Note: The above Bible was one given to Sarah Ann Belknap, by her father, Foris Belknap*

Additional Marriages on reverse side Continue on

Children of Foss and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap, continued.

11. Anna Devens Belknap, b. 4 Oct. 1835; d. 2 May 1910, Van Wert, O.
12. Eli Belknap, b. 7 Sept. 1837; d. 6 Sept. 1891, unmarried

TO WHOM MARRIED	DATE
11. Stella Hickner	26 Aug. 1855



DELLA from CYB 24 Feb 1975

Who but you would peek out a letter to me with one hand!

I was luckier than you a couple of years ago. I only broke a bone in my foot -- which gave me a good excuse for sitting working at the typewriter.

Thanks for material enclosed with your letter.

-- Admiral Belknap: one of our four. This one was a friend of my wife's godfather and guardian.

-- Foris Belknap Bible. Am forwarding to Hohn Sherman, descendant of Foris, with whom I worked for years on straightening out the record of Foris's parentage -- quite different from that shown by Evans, who just repeated all the old errors. Someday, when I can find time, I'll put the results of our work in organized shape.

-- Sheets on the West Va family. My note on this subject passed yours in the mail. I hope that someday I'll be able to include these people in my book -- as if and when the father of the Thomas who enlisted at Kingston in 1776 is known. . . He certainly wasn't the one that Evans ~~guessed~~ <sup>guessed</sup>. May have been the Capt John whom I'm guessing. Couldn't, I think, have been ~~themselves~~ any other Belknap at Newburgh . . . Difference between Evans and me: Evans makes a guess and states it as a fact; I make a guess and say "maybe" until I can show adequate confirmation.

Don't try to answer my notes till your hand is well.

Am looking foward to seeing your book.



~~Foris~~

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Hollywood California 90028  
July 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Please excuse this letter in long-hand, as my typewriter is at a friend's house for safe-keeping, as I want to make a short trip to San Diego, and did not want to leave it in my unattended apartment, while away.

I was glad to have a letter from you, after so long a time. I am glad too to know of your interest in Foris' family background.

In a biography of Christopher Shoenaber, who married Sarah Ann Belknap, a daughter of Foris and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap, was the information (misinformation) that her grandfather Belknap was David - that he served in the Rev. War, under John Paul Jones, etc. This, of course, I have disproved.

My grandfather Sherman had written, in a note about family, that "Foris had brothers, David, Eli, and Timothy" No source was given for this.

According to my Father's oldest sister, Rose (Sherman) Humphrey, Foris came to Washington



County, Ohio, with his "guardians", Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux. We know that Fois was in Waterford Twp. Washington Co. Ohio, in 1811; but how much earlier, I do not know. Morris B. Belknap was also at Marietta, in early 1800's.

Fois Belknap named two children for the Devereauxs; and I am sure that his daughter Lorna was named for his mother, Lorna (Brook) Huda Belknap.

I am anxious to get the will of Lorna's father, David Brook of Woodstock. I wrote to Putnam for it but received no response. I shall write the Connecticut State Library, to see if they can tell me where to write for it.

In referring to my Belknap records, I find that in a letter written by William B. Belknap, of Goshen, Ky, in 1948, he states: "My Great Grandfather moved out to Ohio also, somewhere around 1810. His name was Morris Belknap."

I see, also, where Gen. Joseph Buell, and his brother Timothy, went to Marietta, in May, 1789. Sarah Bateman, came with him on horseback, from



New York, about 1810. He was her mother's first cousin. He died in 1812, at Marietta, Ohio. Fous and Sarah Bateman were married, at Marietta, February 21, 1813.

Recently, I have run the Morgan Co. Ohio Tax lists, commencing in 1820. I find both Joseph Devreux, and Jared Andrews (Sarah's guardian), as land owners and taxpayers in Bristol Twp.

Fous Belknap appears, first, in 1826: "Township of Centre - Belknap, Forest - Range 10; Township 6; Section 32; fraction middle 20 acres including houses; value 22. State tax, 4 cents, 4 mills; County tax, 19 cents, 8 mills; Road tax, 7 cents, 1 mill; School tax, 1 cent, 1 mill. Total tax, 22 cents." And, Joseph Devreux is taxed on fraction west end, 20 acres of the same location. In 1827, Forest was taxed on same 20 acres. In 1828, Forrest Belknap had six cattle, and was taxed. Again, Forrest Belknap was taxed in 1829, for same 20 acres. In 1830, Forrest Belknap was taxed for same 20 acres - Joseph Devreux, adjomed. 1831, Forrest Belknap taxed on same 20 acres; and in 1832, 1833, and in 1834.

According to N. P. Census, 1820, Morgan County, Ohio, Pg. 89 - Centre Township: Fous Belknap - males: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45. Females: 1 over 45. Females: 1 under 10; 1, 26-45; 1 over 45. 2 in agriculture.



U. S. Census, 1830 - Marion County, Ohio

Pg. 140 - Salt Rock Township.

Forest Belknap - males: 1 under 5; 1, 10-15; 1, 40-50. Females: 2 under 5; 1, 5-10; 1, 15-20; 1, 30-40. Total 8.

U. S. Census, 1840 - Licking County, Ohio

Pg. 351 - Jersey Township

Foris Belknap - males: 1 under 5; 1, 5-10; 1, 10-15; 1, 20-30; 1, 50-60. Females: 1, 5-10; 2, 15-20; 1, 40-50.

U. S. Census - 1850 - Licking County, Ohio

Pg. 221 - Jersey Township

744-749 - Foris Belknap 62 M \$1000.00

Sarah " 55 F

John " 20 M

Joseph D. " 17 M

Amy " 14 F

Eli F. " 12 M

Mass.

N. Y.

O.

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U. S. Census - 1860 - Licking County, Ohio

Pg. 360 - Jersey Township - P. O. Jersey

981-923 Foris Belknap 74 M Farmer \$3500 - \$675. (Black)

Sarah " 68 F

Joseph " 28 M

Eli " 24 M ~~\$750~~ \$500

982-924 John Belknap 30 M Farmer \$750-500

Wetila " 26 F

Frank " 7 M

Mary " 4 F



I haven't the 1870 Census at hand, however shall send it later. Fois "died April 29, 1875, aged 88 y. 8 m. 14 d." (tombstone in graveyard at Alexandria Ohio). Sarah, his wife, "died December 23, 1872, aged 79 y. 6 m. 13 d." (tombstone from same cemetery as above).

Licking County, Ohio, lost most of its records when the courthouse burned. I have sent for the Deed Index, though.

Back to Morgan County, Ohio. Forest Belhnape participated in the first election in Centre Township July 24, 1819. That township was organized, July 6, 1819.

One thing baffles me about those Oneida Co. N. Y. Belhnapes - they appear in land transactions, but not in Census reports. Where did they live?

Lucretia Belhnape, a daughter of Fois, was named, no doubt, for Fois' half-sister, Lucretia Hinde.

There was a "hard tradition, in our family, that Fois' mother was a German - but this has been disproved. I wonder if Lucretia Hinde married a German?

Some of the Columbus, Ohio Belhnapes, descended from Fois, have extended their records to the present generation. I shall try to reestablish



correspondence with Forest, or Sherman J. Belknap, to see if they might be obtained.

I have been so occupied with collecting information about my Mother's Nance family of Calvert County, Maryland, that I have not had an opportunity to gather my Belknap notes.

I am sure that I sent you the reference to John Belknap of Brookfield, New Braintree, and Oakhurst, Mass. He married Sarah Walker, Feb. 15, 1769. There were seven in his family, among whom, Aisa, who m. Abia Devaul of Stephentown, N. Y., at Oakhurst in 1795; and Eli

I have no idea who the parents of that John were.

I have often wondered what became of Foris' father. In looking over the 1820 Census, Morgan Co., Ohio, I wonder if the male, and the female over 45 years of age, were Foris' father and a second wife?

He would have been at that time, 72 years of age. Checking with the Bible record, the female under 10, was Lavina. the male under 10, William Bateman Belknap. Of course Foris, and Sarah Belknap, would fall in the 26-45 group.

All good wishes.

Sincerely  
John A. Sherman



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JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

March 7 1973

The time has come when I must ask for a lot of help from you.

Now that the main puzzles in the branches deriving from Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris have been solved (to my satisfaction, that is), I must enter in systematic form the changes and additions in my basic files.

In the case of Foris and his descendants, I find that the records put together by HWBelknap are fragmentary and very incomplete.

So I am sending to you -- separately -- everything that I have on them, in the hope that you'll do what you can to correct and extend them.

- My draft of a sheet for Foris, in which I've combined what you have provided and what HWB had -- thus raising questions that you may be able to answer (such as which daughter married which Queen).
- Copies of HWB's pages for children of Foris, the 8th generation. Being copies of copies, they are dim and dirty, but can be read. Sheets with HWB numbers 504 through 510.
- Similar poor-looking copies of HWB sheets for Foris's grandchildren, 9th gen., his numbers 907.2 through 914.

Of course I'd like to bring the record down to the present day -- the 12th and 13th generations -- as I've been able to do on some other branches of Joseph and Prudence's descendants. But I'll be glad to get whatever you can supply -- or obtain from other present-day descendants of Foris whose names and addresses you know.

In some instances, in the 9th generation, I have been unable to find in HWB's records the continuations he indicated by asterisks.

His notes do not state the source of his information. Doesn't look like it was you. His entries must have been made about 1910 -- long before you started writing to him.

Hopefully,

PS: A problem on Timothy is delaying my completion of the sheets for his generation -- name of his wife (or wives?), hence parentage of his children. Only solution yet apparent is for me to assume that HWB entered as 1799 a birthdate which actually was 1789. Before making this arbitrary alteration, I'm trying to get other information that may help. Will keep you posted.



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Dear Carroll: April 30, 1975

Yesterday, while at the L. D. S. Genealogical Library, I ran Morgan County, Ohio Appearance Dockets, 1819-1837. Foris Belknap, and Joseph Verecamps figured in several actions.

February Term, 1826, Foris Belknap sued Jesse Scott for trespass. It was marked "Satisfied - in Shffs. hands".

Among witnesses, were: Eli Cogswell (who married Foris's Sarah (Bateman) Belknap in 1813; Maria Sherman; Herman Sherman; and Josiah Sherman.

These Shermans were related to Anna (Sherman) Verecamps.

According to my Aunt Rose, the Verecamps were Foris Belknap's "guardians". Foris referred to Anna Verecamps as "Aunt."

I wish I knew of the circumstances surrounding his relationship with the Verecamps - how Foris came into

their lives.

I plan to visit the L. W. S. Library again tomorrow, and shall have a look at Clinton Belknap's genealogy.

I have not been able to get a response from young James Gardner. He has all of Sherman J. Belknap's records.

The copy of the Fols Belknap Bible record, which you sent, has some mistakes in it, which I shall point out to you, soon.

My cousin, Mary Sherman Willett, sent me a photo of Lorina (Belknap's) Queen's tombstone, which is in the Cemetery, at Alexandria, Ohio. As well as I am able to read it:

Lorina

Wife of  
John Queen

Died  
June 7, 1842

Aged

28 Yr 4 Mo

24 ds



I hope that all goes well with you.

I am still gathering items relating to Charles Wakefield Cadman, who was a family friend, and one of this country's well-known composers. Due to past efforts, there is now a formidable collection of Cadman memorabilia at Penn State University. Best wishes, as always.

Sincerely,  
John

Marriages

Volume I., page 505

287 William O. Queen  
Sworn

to

Lucretia Belknap

BELKNAP

Licking Co., Ohio

The State of Ohio, Licking County ss

I certify that on the 14th of  
December 1841 W. Queen and Lu-  
cretia Belknap were legally  
joined in Marriage by me

B. S. Cross



*Copy from Bible*

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**FORIS BELKNAP**

Son of John Belknap Jr  
and Lavina Brock

b 12 Aug 1788, Holland, Mass. *1788*  
d 29 April 1875, Columbus, Ohio  
m 21 Feb 1813 *23 Dec 1874*

**& SARAH BATEMAN**

Daughter of William Bateman & Rachel Teall  
b 10 June 1793, Chenango Co. NY  
d 23 Dec 1872, Alexandria, Ohio *29 Apr*

Foris separated from his family while young, probably not long after the death of his mother in or about 1795. A young couple who had married in Lanesborough, Mass., Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux, took him to Washington County, Ohio. In 1911, his brother John deeded to him the farm land that their father had bought at Lee, Oneida Co., NY, in 1803. In 1916, Foris went to Oneida County to sell that property. His brothers Eli, Timothy and John settled in NY. Foris lived in Washington County and then in Licking County, Ohio.

**CHILDREN:**

- i \*Lavina b 13 January 1814 d 7 June 1842 m ~~William~~ Queen *John 7 why changed to John?*
- ii ~~William~~ b 1 Feb 1819
- iii Infant b 4 Dec 1815 d 8 Dec 1815
- iv William ~~XXXXXXXX~~ b 10 Dec 1816 d 20 June 1818 *11 May 1903*
- v \*William Bateman I (25) Feb 1819 d 11 June 1903 m Elizabeth Brumback *why changed*
- vi David B. b 5 March 1821 d 7 Oct 1826 *1830 William O*
- vii \*Lucretia D. b 8 Sept 1823 d 8 Nov 1895 m John Queen, *4 Dec 1844*
- viii \*Sarah Ann b 13 April 1825 d 26 (27) April 1901 m Christopher Shoemaker
- ix Sophia b 28 July 1827 d 5 Oct, Little Sandusky, Ohio
- x \*John Wells (Wilson) b 23 Oct 1829 d 28 Oct 1908 m Delilah Wickiser
- xi \*Joseph Devereaux b 26 June 1832 d 28 Oct 1908 m Hannah Bonham
- xii \*Anna Devereaux b 4 Oct 1835 d 2 May 1910 m Wells Wickiser (Wickizer)
- xiii Eli b 7 Sept 1837 d 6 Sept 1891 unmarried *22 Jan 1888*
- Feb June*

*obtained my information of this family, from  
an old family Bible - which is usually  
accepted - Thought I had sent you a copy  
from the Bible - Do you know if H. W. B.  
obtained his information from Vital Stat P.*

Howe  
MR. JOHN A. SHERMAN  
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May 8, 1971

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your last, interesting letter. You have asked me many questions, that I have no answers for. I am sorry.

My friend, Mrs. Maybell Cadman Cascino (sister of the well-known American composer Charles Wakefield Cadman), died at Ventura, recently; and it fell upon me to arrange the memorial service for her, held in the Little Church of the Flowers, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Glendale, on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last year, I instituted an effort to make a collection of Cadman memorabilia for Penn State University - it succeeded very well; and now there is a permanent memorial to Mr. Cadman, housed in the Department of Music, there. Recently, I was sent a membership card for the Century Club, at Penn State, in recognition of my efforts.

Professor Bailey, Head of the Department of Music, at that university, attended a musical event, held here, last February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1970. Much of that program, I was responsible for getting together.

Now, as to the date of Foss Belknap's birth, I shall give you my sources for it, following:



1. Bible record (see enclosed copy). Obviously, someone miscalculated over 1868, and made the last 8, a 7.
2. When I visited Columbus, Ohio, my native city, in 1932, on my way to the British Isles, I had a pleasant meeting with my paternal grandmother's older brother, Elias Fassett Shoemaker, (a son of Christopher and Sarah Ann (Belknap) Shoemaker. Uncle Elias had a family chart, in his possession, which I copied. There is a difference in Foris' date of death from that on his grave marker, at Alexandria, Licking Co, Ohio, as you will see. Uncle Elias' record:

"Forace Belknap born August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1787, died April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1875."

3. I copied the following from Foris' gravestone:

Foris Belknap  
died April 29, 1875  
aged 88 y. 8 m. 14 d.

"I suffer on my fourscore years  
"Till my Deliverer comes  
"And wipes away his servant's tears  
"And takes his exile home."

4. The U.S. Census, 1870 - Licking Co, Ohio, was taken (for Foris' enumeration) August 8, 1870 - his age, 82 years. Now, did he decide he was so close to his birthday on August 12<sup>th</sup> that he gave himself the benefit of the four days differential, or did he give his true age. (What is your guess?)

5. Now, in the S. Census, 1850, taken August 15<sup>th</sup>, Fois was 62 years of age. This was past his birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. R 1788

6. Records of Holland, state he was born (or was it baptized?) in 1788. 1788

7. My inclination is to believe he was born August 12, 1787. 1787

I shall try to get an obit for Fois, at a later time. Perhaps that will tell. I am sure he died at the home of my Great-grandfather Shoemaker, at Columbus, Ohio.

I imagine my surprise, in looking over the Gardner History of Natick, Mass., to see two letters, I had written some years ago, included. I was then seeking information about Fois.

What really puzzles me, is the lack of knowledge about Fois, before his removal to Ohio. If we could just pin them down to some location outside Woodstock, Conn. and Holland, Mass.

I still believe that Fois' grandmother was a Wallis - not a Ball. I have worked on the Balls, and nothing really fits.



Here is a note I made from Ohio Tax Lists - 1806

Jefferson County

Belknap, David - 320 acres - R4; Tp. 9; Sec. 2 - Tax \$2.05. I believe he was the David from Ellington, Conn.? *who he?*

I'm looking through the Vitals of Wales - Vol. 2; I wonder if N.E.H.G. has Volume 1? Volume 2, of course is too late for the information we want.

I don't know if I sent you a copy of the enclosed Belknap data before. Of course, if the name was Beltoft - not Belknap, this would be of little use.

You mentioned a Lincolnshire family of Beltoft. Does our Abraham descend from it?

I am sending to General Services Administration for information about the denied pension request of the heir of a John Belknap. It might be one of my John's?

Again, thank you for your great help, and interest in my Belknap branch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely  
John A. Sherman



# FAMILY RECORD.

Horis Belknap born  
Sarah Bateman born

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1712  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1730

Merina Belknap born  
August born

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1719

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1719

William Belknap born

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1719

William B Belknap born

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1719

James B Belknap born

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1721

Abner B Belknap born

February 8<sup>th</sup> 1723

Sarah A Belknap born

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1723

Abner Belknap born

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1727

James W Belknap born

October 20<sup>th</sup> 1729

Joseph B Belknap born

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1732

Amiah B Belknap born

October 9<sup>th</sup> 1735

Edw. W Belknap born

September 7<sup>th</sup> 1737



File  
FORIS

6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
Hollywood California 90028  
August 31, 1973

Dear Carroll:

Your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> does pose a problem for you. I hardly know what I might do to help.

Since acquiring my 15-year-old Pekingese dog, I have not been going to the L.I.S. Library. However, before long, I shall try to get there. The problem is, where to look for the information you wish. I shall keep it in mind.

Last month, the Belknap-Meyer and Vickiser reunion was held in the park at Alexandria, Ohio. Mrs. Prentiss (Belknap) Thompson (a descendant of Foris through her son, John Wilson Belknap), asked me to write a letter to be read there. Rather, I put together a sketch of Foris & Sarah (Bateman) Belknap, which I sent to Mrs. Thompson.



I suggested she read it, and, also submit it to the editor of the local paper, to see if he would care to print it.

Evidently, Mrs. Thompson did neither, but sent it to a Mr. Garner, at Columbus, who is writing a history of the Belknaps, etc. He intended copying my article, and sending it back to Mrs. Thompson. So, my good intention misfired.

[I have asked for Mr. Garner's address, and shall try to put you in touch with him.

Enclosed is a copy of my sketch of Fois Belknaps. It might give you a few more bits of information.

As you will note, Lucretia Hinde was born about seven months after her parents marriage. As yet no specific date of her marriage to John, Jr.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John



## FORIS BELKNAP, OHIO PIONEER

By John A. Sherman

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Foris Belknap was a son of John, Jr., and Levina (Brock) Hinds Belknap. His mother was a daughter of David, and Marcy (Southwick) Brock, of Woodstock, Connecticut. She had married, first, at Woodstock, March 22, 1770, John Hinds; and they had a daughter, Lucretia Hinds, born there, September 28, 1770.<sup>1</sup> The date, and place of John Belknap, Jr.'s marriage to Levina (Brock) Hinds, has not been learned.

Foris Belknap, according to notes of Dr. Sylvester M. Sherman, of Columbus, Ohio, had brothers, David, Eli, and Timothy. Nothing further is known about David, but Eli was born at Wales, Massachusetts, September 16, 1780, and Timothy was born at the same place, July 29, 1783.<sup>2</sup>

The births of Foris, and his twin sister, and of John, and Levina Belknap, another brother, and a sister, were recorded at Holland, Massachusetts: John, born April 12, 1784; Levina, born April 5, 1786; and Foris, and Caphire, born August 12, 1788.<sup>3</sup>

On November 25, 1795, Foris Belknap's maternal grandfather, David Brock, made his will.<sup>4</sup> He died, at Woodstock, Connecticut, May 16, 1811, aged 86 years.<sup>5</sup> This will was probated May 18, 1811,<sup>6</sup> and among its items, was the following: "Item - I give and bequeath unto the Heirs of my Daughter Levina Belknap, Deceast the Sum of Forty Shillings Lawful money to Be paid by my Executor in one year after my Decese Which Sum to Be Equally Divided among sd Heirs." Unfortunately, no record of the distribution of the above-mentioned bequest has been found.

John Belknap, Jr., Foris' father, moved to the town of Western, Oneida County, New York, where, on August 8, 1803, he purchased part of Lot #32, comprising thirty acres of land in the town of Western.<sup>7</sup> This same property was deeded, on August 27, 1811, by John Belknap, to Foris Belknap "of the town of Waterford, county of Washington and State of

Ohio."<sup>8</sup> Both of these deeds were recorded on August 30, 1811.

Also, among Oneida County, New York deeds, were transactions by John, Eli, and Timothy Belknap, (Foris' brothers), which would suggest that some of his children accompanied their father, when he made the move to New York State.

Foris Belknap held his thirty-acre grant until July 11, 1816, on which date he sold it to Silas Pratt, of Lee, (formerly Western), Oneida County. At that time, Foris was still "of Waterford in the County of Washington State of Ohio," but made an attest, in person, on the date of sale. This deed was recorded on May 2, 1834.<sup>9</sup> *in Oneida Co.,*

A couple, who were to have a great influence upon Foris' life, and for whom he named two of his children, were Joseph, and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux. They were married at Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on November 30, 1788.<sup>10</sup> She was a daughter of Abel, and Lucy (Foote) Sherman, and was born May 10, 1769.

About the year 1789, the Sherman family moved from Connecticut, to Short Creek, Virginia; and about 1793, located in Fort Frye, at Waterford, Washington County, Ohio, until the following spring, when the Olive Green colony was organized, and Sherman station established.<sup>11</sup>

The murder of Abel Sherman, on August 14, 1794, by the Indian, "Silverheels," is detailed in the "History of Washington County, Ohio," by H.Z. Williams & Brother, 1881.

The Devereauxs, probably, moved to Ohio at a slightly later date than the Shermans, where they also settled at Waterford.

According to family tradition, Joseph, and Anna Devereaux were the "guardians" of Foris Belknap,<sup>12</sup> and might well have taken him into their care, not long after his birth, and after his mother's death, prior to 1795.

The early tax lists of Washington County, and Morgan County, Ohio,



show that both Foris Belknap, and Joseph Devereaux owned real, and personal property, there. Foris Belknap's name appears on the list of the voters at the first election held in Centre Township, Morgan County, in 1819.

The Deversauxs were living in adjoining Bristol Township, where their home, on the Barnesville Road, was the scene of the first general muster of the first regiment of Morgan County militia.<sup>13</sup>

On February 21, 1813, Foris Belknap was married to Sarah Bateman, at Marietta, Ohio.<sup>14</sup> She was born on June 10, 1793, in Chenango County, New York,<sup>15</sup> a daughter of William, and Rachel (Teall) Beatman.

Her father, whose name was spelled, variously, Beatman, Bateman, Batman, etc., had a distinguished service in the Revolutionary War, serving as 1st Lieutenant, and Adjutant. He was of Irish extraction, and according to a biographical sketch of Anna Devereaux (Belknap) Wickiser, wife of Wells Wickiser, of Van Wert, Ohio, was "third in the line of officers to receive the sword of General Burgoyne."

He served from Sandisfield, Massachusetts, where he was a cordwainer, (shoemaker), and where most of his children were born, and baptized. Sometime, after the close of the Revolution, he moved to Chenango County, New York

He was buried in the cemetery at North Afton, New York, where his grave was marked, recently, by some of his descendants. The D.A.R. have, also, placed a bronze marker upon the grave.

Sarah Bateman came to Marietta, Ohio, at the age of fifteen years, riding horseback, in company with her mother's cousin, General Joseph Buell. She acted as governess to General Buell's children, and later taught school at McConnelssville, in Morgan County.<sup>16</sup>

For a short time, after leaving Morgan County, Foris Belknap, and his family, lived in Salt Rock Township, Marion County, Ohio, where they appear

in the 1830 Census. It was while there, that their young daughter, Sophia died, and was buried at Little Sandusky.<sup>17</sup>

In 1831, the Belknaps moved to Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio, near which place, the Devereauxs had settled earlier. In 1839, they moved to Jersey Township, on a 100 acre farm, which they had bought for \$300. on April 8, 1836, from Lucius, and Catharine Smith.<sup>18</sup>

In one deed record, is the sale, on August 23, 1838, by Joseph Devereaux, and Annah, his wife, for \$50., to Sarah Belknap, 32 rods of land in Alexandria.<sup>19</sup>

In 1868, Sarah Belknap suffered a paralytic stroke. She had been a great walker, having walked to Columbus, when she was 67 years old. She had read the Bible through, eight times, and kept house until thirteen months before her death, which occurred on December 23, 1872, aged 79 years, 6 months, and 13 days.<sup>20</sup>

Before his death, Foris Belknap was living at the home of his son-in-law, and daughter, Christopher E., and Sarah Ann (Belknap) Shoemaker, at Columbus, Ohio, where the Father of the writer of this sketch, remembered his Great-grandfather, infirm, and blind, placing his hand upon his head.<sup>21</sup>

Foris Belknap was of small stature; had been swift-footed; and had traded with the Indians, among whom he was popular - a true frontiersman.

His death occurred, at Columbus, on April 29, 1875, aged 88 years, 8 months, and 14 days,<sup>22</sup> and he was buried beside his wife, in the cemetery at Alexandria, Ohio.

Foris, and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap were the parents of twelve children:

1. Lavina Belknap, born January 13, 1814; died June 7, 1842; married, January 13, 1833, John Queen.
2. An infant, born December 4, 1815; died December 8, 1815.
3. William Belknap, born December 10, 1816; died June 20, 1818.
4. William Bateman Belknap, born February 1, 1819; died May 11, 1903;



married, August 17, 1843, Elizabeth Brumback.

5. David B. Belknap, born March 5, 1821; died October 7, 1826.
6. Lucretia Devereaux Belknap, born February 8, 1823; died November 8, 1895; married, December 15, 1841, William O. Queen, (a brother of her sister, Levina's husband).
7. Sarah Ann Belknap, born April 13, 1825; died April 27, 1901; married, April 7, 1844, Christopher E. Shoemaker.
8. Sophia Belknap, born July 28, 1827; died October 5, 1830, and was buried at Little Sandusky, Ohio.
9. John Wilson Belknap, born October 23, 1829; died October 28, 1908; married, September 19, 1852, Delilah Wickiser.
10. Joseph Devereaux Belknap, born June 26, 1832; died January 23, 1888; married, February 4, 1869, Hannah Bonham.
11. Anna Devereaux Belknap, born October 4, 1835; died May 2, 1910; married, August 26, 1855, Wells Wickiser.
12. Eli S. Belknap, born September 7, 1837; died September 6, 1891.  
Unmarried.

The above, family record, was from the Bible of Foris Belknap, with several additions, (in marriages), by J.A. Sherman. There are a few differences from the above, as follows: 4. William Bateman Belknap, born February 2, 1819, (Obituary); 9. John Wilson Belknap, died October 28, 1905, (Tombstone inscription).

Before concluding this sketch, it might be of interest to know what became of the Devereauxs. Joseph Devereaux died, August 18, 1841, aged 74 years, and was buried in the cemetery at Alexandria, Ohio.<sup>23</sup> His widow, Anna (Sherman) Devereaux, married, 2nd, Judge William Gavit, of Newark, Ohio. She died, February 15, 1848, aged 77 years, and is buried beside her first husband, at Alexandria, Ohio.<sup>24</sup> A sketch of Judge Gavit, (Old Northwest Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 8, pg. 394), states

that Anna Devereaux Gavit died, May 8, 1848.

The old home of Foris, and Sarah (Bateman) Belknap, was still standing, in 1932, but had been moved from its original setting, and was being used by the then owners as a storage barn. However, enough of the structure existed, to present a good impression as to how it might have appeared during its occupancy by the Belknaps.

The front porch, and the fireside stairway, leading to two large rooms upstairs, were very much as they had been, when occupied, so many years before, by this pioneer couple, and their family.<sup>25</sup>

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JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

Sept 2 1973

I'm most grateful for the copy of your piece on Foris. It's much too good to let be buried. I wish you'd send it to NEHG Register -- with perhaps a subtitle such as "Born August 12, 1788, Holland, Massachusetts," to catch the eye of the New Englander editor Mr Austin or his assistant Anne Harding, who want a New England angle.

If you do send it to them, you may wish to protect yourself against the sharp-eyed criticisms that the editors might make at one point: next to last line, p 1, "John Belknap." They'd be sure to ask "Which John?" I think you should either say which John you believe it is, or else say that you don't know ~~whether~~ it is John Jr or his son John.

I have one technical change to propose for your consideration. First line and third line of last paragraph on p 1: "town of Western." . . . There was no such place, with a small "t". Instead, there was the Town of Western (capital T) in which the town (small t) of Lee was located.

In New York, Town (capital T) means now as always a geographical area, usually about 60 to 100 square miles, in which there may be or may not be a settlement of the same name. In what ~~was called~~ the Town of Arcadia, for example, there has never been a settlement or village named Arcadia -- the only town in it is named Newark. In the Town of Western, similarly, there has never been a village named Western -- just two villages of different names, Lee and Westernville. But in the Town of Canajoharie, back in 1790, there was both a village named Canajoharie and also a village named Cherry Valley where my great grandfather was born. It can sound confusing -- till you keep remembering the significance of that Capital T. (Places named in 1790 Census NY are those with capital T.)

So, on your page 1, it should read "moved to Lee in the Town of Western" -- and then below, "of land in Lee."

Second par, p 2, line 1 -- you don't really mean "grant," I'm sure, for a piece of land transferred by deed. And I think the sentence would be clearer if you said "held title to" instead of merely held.

Line 2, same par. "formerly Western" -- not so -- should omit.

4th line, same par. -- would be clearer if you insert "in Oneida County" after "attest."

Yes, I hope you'll be able to put me in touch with that Mr Garner, whose name is new to me.

Gratefully,



Fors

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Dear Carroll York Belknap: May 16, 1973

In one of your letters, you asked about the marriage of Joseph Wiercawf + Anna Sherman. Enclosed is my source for this information, also Anna Sherman's baptism. From a letter I received from the Curator of the Campus Martius Museum at Marietta, Ohio, I send an extract, mentioning Belknap + Wield, owners of land at Waterford.

This may have been Morris B. Belknap. However, Fors was at Waterford, also. Please excuse this done in haste. Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman

"Belnap + Held owned land in Twp. 8.,  
Range XV. of the Ohio Company Purchase.  
This was out in the Watersford section.  
We have the original book which was done  
by hand, doubtless prior to 1800."

(Letter from Mrs. Edith S. Reiter, Curator,  
Campus Martius Museum, Marietta, Ohio,  
dated January 7, 1953.)



Re: Marriage of Joseph Devereux to Anna Sherman (daughter of Abel & Lucy (Foot) Sherman):

Putnam's Historical Magazine - Genealogical Quarterly Magazine: Vol. 1 3rd series, pg. 56: Records of St. James Episcopal Church Great Barrington, Mass. Rev. Eideon Bostwick records:

1788 Nov. 30 Married Joseph Devereux and Anna Sherman

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Mason Public Library, Great Barrington Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Congregational Church Records, Great Barrington, 1763-1893. Microfilm at L. D. S. Library.

Records of Rev. Roger Viets, Rector of St. Andrews, Lanesbury, Conn. and Missionary, 1763-1800. Page 27 - Lanesbury in Berkshire July 9, 1769 (Lanesboro)

A female child of Abel Sherman, named Anna

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August 12, 1974

Dear Carroll:

I am sorry to have left your last letter so long unanswered!

Since June 7<sup>th</sup>, when Mr. Harry Benson, and his wife, arrived here, until now, I have been quite busy.

Mr. Benson, assistant professor of Department of Music, at Penn State University, was here, to conduct interviews with friends, and associates of Charles Wakefield Cadman, American composer, with the view to writing a biography.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we had a reception, and a musical program for the Bensons.

Interviews took over a week; then the follow up, has included doing research at libraries, and further interviews.

Just now, the Mormon library is closed. It will reopen the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. I hope to send you the information you asked for, shortly after the 12<sup>th</sup>.



Please do not feel I have lost interest,  
as that is not the case.

Professor Roy V. Sherman, of Palo Alto,  
California, recently published "The New  
England Shermans". I was able to  
have our family included, by doing  
a format of same, and forwarding to  
Professor Sherman.

James Garner, of Columbus, appears  
to have ceased correspondence. I have  
written him several times, without  
response.

**Foris**

I was hoping we could get together  
on constructing a format of Foris Belknap  
descendants.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John

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April 9, 1973

Dear Carroll York Belknap:

Your letter of April 4th, with two carbon-copies of letters you had written me previously, came this morning. Yes, I did receive the letters, and thought I had acknowledged them.

Today, I am sending you a small box of cards containing Belknap data from my notebooks - I have more to copy. Perhaps some of the information will help you - I hope so!

I have written to Forest Belknap at Columbus, Ohio a descendant of Fois, and have asked him to contact Sherman J. Belknap to help him assemble a format of their families.

Russell and Louise Zuen, live somewhere in Colorado. I wish that I might contact them. Their grandfather was one of two brothers, who came west from Licking County, Ohio. Their aunt, Mabel Zuen, I knew quite well - she is dead now. I knew her aunt Ellen (Zuen) Russell, who was my Grandmother Sherman's bridesmaid. She was a delightfully rugged old lady. My Grandmother Sherman died at her house in Denver, Colorado, while on a trip with my Grandfather.



JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

March 6 1973

I'm now approaching the end of the road you put me on, back in 1968 -- five years ago. It has led me to revamping the lineage of scores and scores of Belknaps.

Today, I paused in the task of rewriting the notes on the key people involved in this wide change -- in order to draft a memo explaining why the changes are needed, by explaining how the errors happened to be made.

The aim of the memo is to convince some people -- most notably at Salt Lake -- that they should alter their erroneous records in accord with detailed sheets that I'll be able to send to them.

Before I mail this memo to them, I should of course submit it to you. Everything in it stems from work done by you. All the evidence was located by you. Your persistence was what kept me going. All I've contributed is a point of view in analyzing and interpreting the evidence.

In this memo, I've tried to include only points on which I believe you and I are in agreement. Those on which we may still differ will appear in the sheets on certain individuals.

Please read the memo with a critical eye and tell me what changes you think I should make in it.

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JOHN SHERMAN from CYB

March 7 1973

The time has come when I must ask for a lot of help from you.

Now that the main puzzles in the branches deriving from Joseph Belknap and Prudence Morris have been solved (to my satisfaction, that is), I must enter in systematic form the changes and additions in my basic files.

In the case of Foris and his descendants, I find that the records put together by HWBelknap are fragmentary and very incomplete.

So I am sending to you -- separately -- everything that I have on them, in the hope that you'll do what you can to correct and extend them.

- My draft of a sheet for Foris, in which I've combined what you have provided and what HWB had -- thus raising questions that you may be able to answer (such as which daughter married which Queen).
- Copies of HWB's pages for children of Foris, the 8th generation. Being copies of copies, they are dim and dirty, but can be read. Sheets with HWB numbers 504 through 510.
- Similar poor-looking copies of HWB sheets for Foris's grandchildren, 9th gen., his numbers 907.2 through 914.

Of course I'd like to bring the record down to the present day -- the 12th and 13th generations -- as I've been able to do on some other branches of Joseph and Prudence's descendants. But I'll be glad to get whatever you can supply -- or obtain from other present-day descendants of Foris whose names and addresses you know.

In some instances, in the 9th generation, I have been unable to find in HWB's records the continuations he indicated by asterisks.

His notes do not state the source of his information. Doesn't look like it was you. His entries must have been made about 1910 -- long before you started writing to him.

Hopefully,

PS: A problem on Timothy is delaying my completion of the sheets for his generation -- name of his wife (or wives?), hence parentage of his children. Only solution yet apparent is for me to assume that HWB entered as 1799 a birthdate which actually was 1789. Before making this arbitrary alteration, I'm trying to get other information that may help. Will keep you posted.



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Dear Canoll: January 12, 1975

After receiving your note this morning, I phoned Shirley Bonsfield, Head of the Los Angeles California Branch Genealogical Library (Mormon), (located at 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, California 90025) and told her of Clinton Belknap's wish to gift them a copy of his Belknap Genealogy.

She said she would write Clinton, to tell him of their pleasure to receive a copy.

Also I wrote a note to Clinton Belknap. So I feel the matter has been taken care of.

I hope that all goes well for you and yours. 7 Mrs

During the bus strike, a William Queen, of Columbus, Ohio stopped in Los Angeles for several days. I was not able to see him though.

He is a descendant of William A.

and Lucretia Deneau (Belknap) Queen.  
He admits he knows little about  
the family; and I gather, he has  
little interest in genealogy, so,  
not seeing him, I feel, was no great  
loss.

I have tried to contact descendants  
of John and Lorina (Belknap) Queen,  
but without success.

Then, too, it seems impossible  
to stir James Garner of Columbus,  
Ohio, to further effort. He was  
working on descendants of Fannie and  
Sarah (Bateman) Belknap.

My work on gathering material  
relating to Charles Whiffeld Cadman  
American composer, is about completed.

Today, I go to the Los Angeles Public  
Library for a final session.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John



Stephen

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May 31, 1974

Dear Carroll:

Yesterday afternoon, I went to the Mormon Library, where I ran the N. S. Census, 1810 - Saratoga Co. N.Y. for Belknap - result - negative. I also ran the 1820 Census for the same County, with like result.

I checked Vermont Vitals, without finding mention of Stephen, or Pilgrim Belknap, or any of their children.

Recently, I had occasion to refer to listings of compositions of Charles Wakefield Cadman, American Composer, who was a close friend of our family. One of the books referred to, was the "Guide to the Performing Arts," compiled by S. Yancey Belknap. I have no idea who he is, or was.

James Garner, whose wife descends from Fouis Belknap, does not answer my several letters to him. He was compiling the descendants of Fouis. I thought we could cooperate in this.



I am still hopeful.

For the next few weeks, I shall be busy, arranging a reception for Mr. & Mrs. Harry Benson, of Penn State University. He is assistant-professor in Department of Music there, and has been given leave of absence, with pay, to write a biography of Charles Wakefield Cadman.

As I was instrumental in gathering and forwarding to Penn State a considerable collection of the Company's memorabilia, and have close acquaintance with many of those associated with Mr. Cadman, it appears to have fallen upon me to make all arrangements - reception, interviews, etc.

I just received your note re. Samuel Belknap, who died at Cambridge. I do not have this reference.

"Index of Awards or Claims of Soldiers of War of 1812 - New York Adj. Gen's Office."  
No. 8,016 Belknap, Pilgrim - Conquest,  
Cayuga County, N.Y. \$16.00

Best wishes. Sincerely, John A. Sherman



II. Joseph Belknap's Mill

3. Jeremiah Sherman

21. John Belknap, John Sears, Geo. T. Hefner, John Horton

74. Amasa D. Wolf, Sr., John Hensley

97. Lawrence Hensley

128 William Belknap. Old house site

History of the Town of Holland, Mass., by Rev. Martin  
Loring, Rutland, Vt. The Tuttle Co. Pub. 1915





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September 10, 1973

Dear Carroll:

Thank you for your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the very helpful criticism of my sketch re Fous Belhnaf.

I thought it might be of interest to those assembled at Alexandria Ohio. to honor their ancestors; and, too, the thought occurred to me that a local editor might be interested in printing it in his newspaper, or parts of it.

These are the corrections which I have made:

1st page - last paragraph - 1st line: John Belhnaf, Jr. Fous' father, moved to Lee in the Town of Western.

3rd line: Lot # 32, comprising thirty acres of land in Lee.

As to which John Belhnaf - I have not satisfied <sup>myself</sup>, so let it stand,



as stated in the deed.

Page 2. Paragraph 2 - line 1: Fours  
Belknaps held title to his thirty -  
acre tract of land until July 11, 1816,  
on which

line 4: "State of Ohio" but made  
an attest in Oneida County, in  
person, on the date of sale. This

Paragraph 7 - line 3: care, not long  
after his birth, or after his mother's  
death, prior to (1795).

You will notice, that John, and  
Lenna (Brock) Hinde's daughter,  
Lucetta was born about six  
months after her parents marriage.

I wish I might be able to locate  
the marriage record of John Belknaps  
Lenna (Brock) Hinde.

Mrs. Cretia (Belknaps) Thompson,  
of Johnstown, Ohio, has not answered  
my last letter to her. I asked for  
the address, in Columbus, Ohio,  
of Jim Garner, who appears to have



an interest in Belknap genealogy. I shall put you in touch, as soon as I do hear, or if not, I shall look in the Columbus telephone directory, when at the L. A. Public Library, on my next trip there.

At the Ohio State Museum, there are files of early Ohio newspapers. Perhaps Jim Garner would consult some of them for obits for the Belknaps, and the Derwents.

When I lived at Columbus, I was a frequent visitor at the museum. I was a close friend of Dr. William C. Miller, the director, and of Mr. Charles B. Galbreath, editor of the quarterly.

I have returned but twice, since coming to California - in 1927, and again in 1932, while on my way to England, and Scotland.

All of my older friends, there, are deceased.

I have wanted to ask your opinion



of Richard B. Taylor's, Belknap family  
Chart, 20 feet long, and containing  
over 659 entries? I received an  
ad. for this, in 1970.

Joseph Devoreaux's appearance in  
Washington County, Ohio, may point  
out, more nearly. Foss Belknap's  
advent there.

In a letter I received from Mrs.  
Edith S. Reiter, Curator of the Campfire  
Martins Museum, at Marietta, Ohio,  
dated January 7, 1953, she said:

"The census takers used phonetic  
spelling evidently for there is a  
Joseph Devoria in Waterford in 1800.  
in 1803 it was Joseph Devoreux,  
etc."

"Belknap & Held owned land in Twp. 8,  
Range XV of the Ohio Company Purchase.  
This was out in the Waterford section.  
We have the original book which was  
done by hand, doubtless prior to  
1800."

I believe it would be safe to say



that Fois Belknap was in Washington County, Ohio in 1800, or before.

From Williams' History of Washington County, Ohio, I learned that David Putnam, a Yale graduate, opened an academy in 1800, at Marietta. M. B. Belknap was a teacher, there, in 1808.

I have wondered if Fois' father might have moved to Ohio, also?

Recently, I wrote to several people in Columbus Ohio, named Queen, hoping to "get a line" on descendants of William, and John Queen who both married daughters of Fois' Belknap. One was an M.D. — no response.

Again thanks for your helpful suggestions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Shuman

## FORIS BELKNAP

Son of John Belknap Jr  
and Lavina Brook  
b 12 Aug 1788, Holland, Mass.  
d 29 April 1875, Columbus, Ohio  
m 21 Feb 1813

## &amp; SARAH BATEMAN

Daughter of William Bateman & Rachel Teall  
b 10 June 1793, Chenango Co. NY  
d 23 Dec 1872, Alexandria, Ohio

Foris separated from his family while young, probably not long after the death of his mother in or about 1795. A young couple who had married in Lanesborough, Mass., Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux, took him to Washington County, Ohio. In 1911, his brother John deeded to him the farm land that their father had bought at Lee, Oneida Co., NY, in 1803. In 1916, Foris went to Oneida County to sell that property. His brothers Eli, Timothy and John settled in NY. Foris lived in Washington County and then in Licking County, Ohio.

## CHILDREN:

- i \*Lavina b 13 January 1814 d 7 June 1842 m ~~William~~ Queen  
~~ii \*William b 1 Feb 1819~~  
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August 4, 1971

Dear Carroll York Belknap:

I shall try to answer the questions you ask me, in your letter of July 30<sup>th</sup>.

1. Joseph Devereaux was a pioneer in Morgan County, Ohio, having come from New England, to Washington County, Ohio, first - (no date). For many years he kept a tavern on the Barnesville road, and his house was the rendezvous of the County militia. (Extracted from "History of Morgan Co., O.," by Chas. Robertson).

2. Anna (Sherman) Devereaux, was a daughter of Abel and Lucy (Foote) Sherman. She was born 10 May 1769, and baptized 9 July 1769, at Lancaster, Mass. Her tombstone differs: died 15 February 1848, ae. 77 years. She married Joseph Devereaux 30 November 1788, at Lancaster. Abel Sherman descended from Hon. Samuel Sherman<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Jos<sup>3</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, Abel<sup>5</sup>. The Shermans of the Brimfield area are not from this family.

The movements of Abel Sherman, may have some bearing upon when the Devereauxs came to Washington Co., Ohio. According to Williams' History of Washington Co., Ohio, Abel Sherman moved about 1789, to Short Creek, Va.; and about 1793, to Waterford, Washington Co., Ohio. He was murdered by the Indian, "Silverheels," 14 August 1794, one mile



above the town of Bereah, Washington Co. O. The Deereams  
may have come in company with Abel, as they set-  
tled first at Waterford. You might recall that the  
deed to Four from John Belknap, designated Four, as  
of Waterford, Washington Co. Ohio.

3. That I sent you regarding David Brook's  
will, was made from a copy of his original  
will, and the word is "heirs." I have copies of  
the Inventory, and accounts, also. The heirs of  
Lavina did not acknowledge receipt of their bequests;  
at least they were not among the papers sent  
me.

As yet, I have not heard from General Service  
Administration regarding "heirs of John Belknap",  
who petitioned for lands in lieu of his Revolutionary  
service. I shall let you know about this, as  
soon as I hear.

Shortly, I shall have to make a move from this  
address, as the owners of the Court, where I live,  
plan to build a large building on the site.

I hope that I have given you satisfactory answers  
to your questions.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman



6740 1/2 Franklin Place

Hollywood California 90028

~~Post~~  
Where lives August 7, 1968

Mr. Carroll York Belknap

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Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Epitaph

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I am answering your letter of August 5th, which I received, this morning, before going deeply into my records, as it appears you have some misinformation regarding my branch of the Belknap family.

In regard to Mr. Henry H. Belknap's records, I would recheck his later work for errors, as I feel he relied too much on what was written him by Belknap family members whose information was not always reliable.

There is evidence of this, in several letters I had from him. His best work on the Belknap family was done before a fire destroyed his collection of many years. I feel that this set-back caused him to resume his interest half-heartedly - relying on what others sent him, in way of making his later entries.

Mr. Henry W. Belknap sent one of my relatives a chart, following the same line, as you give for my ancestry. If it is incorrect.

In 1934, I had a letter from Mr. Frank S. Gifford, Town Clerk of Brimfield, Mass. giving the children of John and Elizabeth (Ball?) Belknap (This is a partial listing of this couple's family).

John Belknap, according to Brimfield,



Mass. records, married Elizabeth Ball? (given without the question mark, in town records - J.S.), 24 April 1747. The children listed for them, in Braintree records:

John, b. 6 April 1748

Eunice, b. 6 April 1753

Joseph, b. 12 Oct. 1755

Thomas, b. 6 Sept. 1758

Abigail, b. 27 Sept. 1761

In a "History of Woodstock, Conn," by Bowen, Vol. 2, pg. 651, is given the family of David and Mary (Southwick) Brock:

1. Levia, b. 31 March 1749. m. (1) 1770, John Hinder. She m. (2) — Belknap and was dead by 1795. (I shall not give the rest of this family here).

Vol 7, pg. 63, of above-mentioned "History of Woodstock," by Bowen, gives

this:

John Hinds, probably son of John  
Hinds and Judith Marcy, b. 1 Sept.  
1747. m. Woodstock, Mar. 1770, Levina  
Brook b. Woodstock, 31 March 1749,  
dan. of David Brook and Marcy  
Southwick. They were both of Woodstock.  
Child b. Woodstock: Lucretia, b. 28  
Sept. 1770.

Woodstock, Conn. Vitals:

Levina Daughter of David Brook  
by Marcy his wif born March 31:  
1749.

In a "History of Holland, Mass.",  
by Loring - pg. 277:

Record of Births from Book 9 - Town  
Records:

Belhuap, John and Levine—

John, Apr. 12, 1784    Calphie, Aug. 12, 1788  
Levine, Apr. 5, 1786    Forrie, Aug. 12, 1788



Also in above mentioned "History of  
Holland Mass.:

Pa. 276 -

Notes from Northampton Probate Court  
John Belknap

Jeremiah Sherman appointed  
administrator to estate of John Belknap,  
which was distributed to children:

1. John, 2. Joseph, 3. Thomas, 4. Elijah,
5. Eunice (m. Jeremiah Sherman),
6. Abigail (m. H<sup>m</sup> James), 7. Prudence,
8. Betsy (m. Daniel Burnett).

Dated Feb. 13, 1812

If Lenna (Brook) Hinde Belknap  
was dead by 1795, as the "History  
of Woodstock, Conn.", by Bowen states,  
then John, Jr. was left with four  
motherless children. No doubt he  
did remarry after settling in  
Rensselaer Co. N. Y.; and, perhaps,  
too, this was one reason why

his son, Foss, my 2nd great-grand-father, was taken to Ohio by the Devereauxs (Joseph and Anna (Sherman)).

I have wondered if Lucretia Hinde, Lenna's daughter by John Hinde, might not have married a son of the Devereauxs?

As you will note, by listing of Foss' children, he named a daughter Lorrina (no doubt, for his mother); a daughter Lucrilia (probably for his aunt, or step-sister); and two children for Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux.

While some of the family say the son, David B. Belknap, was named David Bateman, for Parah (Bateman) Belknap's brother; I have wondered if he was not named David Burch, for Foss'



grandfather.

~~Fors~~

Now, I have census records covering Fors' residence in Ohio:

1820, Centre Tp. Morgan Co. Ohio

Fors' Belknap - 26-45 & fam.  
(not listed here - J.P.)

1830 Salt Rock Tp. Marion Co. Ohio.

Fors Belknap - 40-50, & family.

1840 - Licking Co. Ohio, Jersey Tp.

Fors' Belknap - 50-60 & family.

1850 - Licking Co., Ohio, Jersey Tp.

Fors' Belknap 62M <sup>1,000</sup> Mass.  
& family

1860 Jersey Tp., Licking Co., Ohio

Fors Belknap 74M <sup>3,500-675</sup> (blank)  
& family.

I do not have the 1870 report at hand.

In 1932, I copied the inscriptions from the tombstone of Fors & Sarah Belknap, in the cemetery at Alexandria

Licking County, Ohio. The monument  
stands about 5' high, and has  
an open Bible on its top surface:

Foris Belknap  
died April 29, 1875, aged 88 y. 8 m. 14 d.

I suffer on my fourscore years

'Till my Deliverer comes

And wipes away his servants tears

And takes his exile home.

Sarah wife of Foris Belknap  
died Dec. 23, 1872, aged 79 y. 6 m. 13 d.

Oh what are all my sufferings here

If Lord thou canst me meet

With that enraptured heart appear

And worship at thy feet.

Forest Belknap, of Columbus Ohio,  
who descends from Foris's son John  
Wilson Belknap, relates, in a letter  
to me, that when he was a boy  
he was given the choir of



being called Fois, or Forest - he chose the latter. Had he chosen Fois, he would have received the family Bible; otherwise he did receive a 'photograph' of Fois Belknap.

Regarding the family of William and Anna (Burke) Belknap - I have covered that family, thoroughly. Mrs. Morris B. Belknap, wife of their son, sent me a copy of Morris B. Belknap's copy of Brimfield records. I shall try to send you a copy for your perusal.

Please excuse this rather disconnected letter. I do hope it will explain my position as one that has a background of research and study.

All good wishes  
Hastily.

Sincerely,  
John A. Sherman



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Ohio Tax Record, Morgan County, Ohio  
Volume 981 - 1826 (From micro-film of the original)  
Township of Centee: Belknap

Belknap, Forest - Range 10; Twp. 6; Sec. 32; fraction middle: 20 acres, including houses: value, \$22<sup>00</sup>; State tax, 4 cents + 4 mills; County tax, 19 cents + 8 mills; Road tax, 7 cents + 1 mill; School tax, 1 cent + 1 mill; Total tax, 22 cents.

(Foni Belknap was taxed for this same 20 acres to, and including 1834 - this, as far as the micro-film roll ran - p. 25)

Note: (This appears to be the first record of Foni Belknap as a tax payer in Morgan Co. Ohio. This acreage appears to have adjoined land of Joseph Devereaux, who appears as a tax payer as early as 1820.

According to my grandfather, Dr. Sylvester M. Shuman, the Belknap home in Morgan County was destroyed by fire while still occupied by them. Also Sarah (Bateman) Belknap taught school at McConnellville, Morgan County.

There was a close bond between these Belknaps, and Joseph and Anna (Shuman) Devereaux. They named children for each of them. Also, one daughter was named Lucretia Devereaux Belknap. I have wondered if Lucretia Hinds, Foni's half-sister married a Devereaux-related to Joseph? - John L. Shuman

Sarah



6740 1/2 Franklin Place  
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August 11, 1968

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Joins

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 26th, suggesting we might be of help to each other, in our Belknap family research. I shall welcome your help; and shall be pleased to aid you, in return.

Recently, I have been doing research at the L. D. S. Genealogical Library (Mormon) in West Los Angeles. I am not a member of that denomination, however, appreciate the helpfulness of the staff, there. They do have remarkable records, available in West Los Angeles, and a rental service of micro-film from the library at Salt Lake City.

West L.A. has all U.S. Census reports from 1790 to 1870, and some 1880. They cover all states and territories.

There are many other records available, such as the Vital Records of the State of Vermont. Here, I found records relating to many Belknaps.



From time-to-time, I have made notes of Belknaps found in various census reports. It is a fair-sized accumulation-not brought into order yet.

My Father's mother, Lemira (Shoemaker) Sherman, was a daughter of Christopher and Sarah Ann (Belknap) Shoemaker. The latter was a daughter of Foris and Sarah (Bateman) Belknaps. This couple were the youngest children of their respective parents. They were married at Marietta, Ohio, in 1813.

According to an Aunt of mine, in her remembrance of what she had heard her grandmother relate, Foris Belknap came to Washington County, Ohio, with Joseph and Anna (Sherman) Devereaux. Some family members thought that Foris' mother might have been a Devereaux, but I have proved otherwise.

~~See page 100~~  
Foris Belknap, was born at Holland, Mass. 12 August 1787, and was a son of John, Jr. and Levina (Brock) Hyde Belknaps. Evidently, his mother was a young widow when she married Belknap. I have this data in my



records. By Hinds, Levina had a daughter, Lucretia. I have no record of where John and Levina were married or when. I have the Holland, Mass. record of births of their children. I have no record as to what became of Lucretia Hinds; or what became of Foris' mother John, or his two sisters (one of whom, Caphrie, appears to have been his twin).

I know that John Belknap, Jr. moved to Rensselaer County, New York; but have nothing further than several Census reports, in which he is listed.

Some of the family confused John, Jr. with his father, John, Sr., and gave all the children to the senior Belknap.

There seems to be some question as to who were all the children of John Belknap, Sr.; and whether his wife was Elizabeth Ball (as given in Burnfield, Mass. marriage record), or Hales Wallis, or Willis, as Monie Burke 'Belknap' tried to decide it from the old, and faded town records, some years ago.

One of Foris' sons was John Wilson Belknap; ~~Wesley~~?



and I wonder if this is significant

Enclosed, is a chart of Fois Belknap's family. He lived in Washington, Morgan, Marion, and Licking Counties, Ohio.

My Father, told me that Fois, who was not far from the end of his life, and was blind, put his hand on Father's head. My father, Dr. Edward C. Sherman, D.D.S., was born in 1872.

Fois was, from a picture I have of him a small man. He traded with the Indians, and was said to be "swift of foot." Despite the fact his wife had read through the Bible seven times, Fois was known to use a bit of profanity - no doubt, picked up in his "trading days".

Some years ago, I visited the pioneer home of Fois and Sarah Belknap, outside Alexandria, Ohio. It had been moved from its original site, and was then used as an out-building for storing farm equipment etc. I walked up the little staircase leading to two upper rooms. The old, walnut doors were still attached to the frames.



The records, (at least, many of them), were destroyed, when Licking County Courthouse, at Newark, burned, some years ago.

Some Belknap cousins, in Columbus, Ohio, have compiled data of their branches. I have corresponded with several of them but not recently.

Do you know anything about Samuel Belknap, son of Abraham, the immigrant. I wonder if he did not go to New Jersey, after the death of his wife, Sarah (Jones) Belknap. Years ago, I read something to the effect that a Baptist minister from Hingham, Mass. (I believe it was), took his flock to New Jersey. Unfortunately, I did not get the reference.

It is shortly past 2:00 A.M., so will bring this to a close.

Again, I am happy to learn of your interest in gathering material, relating to all Belknaps.

I shall look forward to hearing from you, soon-

Sincerely yours,  
John A. Sherman