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Porterville, Calif.
Nov. 17, 1969

Carroll York Belknap
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Riverside, Conn. 06878

Dear Mr. Belknap:

Re:
Correspondence to
Bertha I. Hansen

I am writing this to apologize for no answer or acknowledgement of the last several pieces of correspondence from you to my mother Bertha Hansen.

My mother has been in a local rest home since Sept. 23. She has scattered cancer and it is just a matter of ~~the~~ time. The past month a series of strokes have taken their toll. She can speak very little although her mind seems alert. She can't use her hands, they just won't hold anything.

Due to what has happened I have turned all genealogy correspondence, to my mom,

over to my brother - Tolbert L. Hansen
U.S.F.S. San Marcos
Santa Barbara, Calif.

STAR ROUTE. 93105

As you can see from his address he is in the U.S. Forest Service - ~~on~~ Los Padres Forest - and is quite busy. I do know until Dec. 13 he will be 35 miles from road's end with his 13 man crew, living off the back of pack mules, building fire roads and trails. After that time he hopes to be able to find time for some work on genealogy. He has been very happy to get all the information you have sent and I'm sure you will be hearing from him so please don't despair!

Yours truly
Mrs. Luke V. Ardrey
(Germa)

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(Known as Polly, in
Oregon)

Birthdate not known
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Electa, born 1820 or 1821 — married Stephen Howell
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LINE OF DESCENT OF RACHEL BELKNAP

First seven generations from authenticated records, chiefly those owned by Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, and now on loan to Carroll York Belknap, 25 Club Road, Riverside, Connecticut. Eighth generation from information supplied by Mrs. Bertha Hansen. (4/17/68)

GENERATION IN
AMERICA

- 1 ABRAHAM Belknap Born Sawbridgeworth, Co. Hertford, England
Baptized 15 March 1589/90 (Old style and New Style)
Lived at Netteswell, Essex, and Northweald, Essex
Emigrated from Epping, Essex
Settled Lynn, Massachusetts, 1637
Died Lynn, Sept. 1643

& Mary (maiden surname unknown) — Married before 1620 — no other dates known, except that she survived husband.

- 2 SAMUEL Belknap Born Northweald, Essex, England
Baptized 16 March 1627/8
Lived at Salem, Malden, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Date of death not known

& Sarah Jones — daughter of Robert & Elizabeth Jones, Hingham, Mass.
Born (date not known)
Died 18 April 1689, Haverhill
Date of marriage not known

- 3 EBENEZER Belknap Born Dec. 1667, Salem
Died Nov. 1762 (possibly 1765), Haverhill
Lived at Haverhill

& Hannah Ayer — daughter of Nathaniel Ayer and Tamesin Turloar (Thurlow?)
Born 19 Dec. 1672
Married 25 Feb. 1690/1
Died Haverhill Nov. 1779 (aged 106 yrs, 11 months)

- 4 SAMUEL Belknap Born at Haverhill, date of birth uncertain
Lived at Mansfield, Enfield, Windsor, Conn.
Died before 6 Dec. 1757, Windsor (now Ellington)

& Mary Dickinson — daughter of James Dickinson and Mary Wood, Rowley, Mass.
Date of birth not certain; probably 29 Nov. 1703
Married 9 July 1723
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Date of death not known

- 5 SAMUEL Belknap Born at Enfield, Conn. 13 June 1731
Lived at Windsor, Conn. and Belchertown, Mass.
Died 18 June 1775, at Cambridge, Mass., after
fighting on Bunker Hill on June 17

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

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AMERICA

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JONAS NEWTON Belknap

Born 1759, Enfield, Conn.
Lived at Belchertown, Mass., Cherry Valley, N.Y.,
(?) Worcester, N. Y., Ontario County, N. Y., and
Hardin County and Hart County, Kentucky.
Died 1824, Hart County, Kentucky

& Esther Parker — daughter of Elijah Parker and Martha Stiles.
Born 1766, Bolton, Conn. (Place not certain)
Married in 1783, Belchertown, Mass.
Died (probably) 1815, Ontario County, N. Y.

Jonas enlisted as a private in the Massachusetts militia, in same company as his father, on 3 May 1775, and fought with his father on Bunker Hill, at age 16. After the death of his father, he re-enlisted in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment and served in that regiment till the end of the Revolutionary War — being one of the few men who served from the beginning of the war to its end. Discharged from the Army in June 1783, by General George Washington, with award of a badge for good and faithful service, and with rank of sergeant. Shortly afterward, married Esther Parker and began moving westward. In his later years, received a pension as result of having been wounded during the war. Was in a number of battles, the most important being Saratoga and Yorktown.

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Berttha J. Hansen
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my A
10/17/68

Mr. Carroll Belknap
25 Club Road
Riverside
Connecticut 06878

~~Write to
Clinton~~

993B E. 11th Porterville, Calif. 93257, Apr 28

Dear Mr. Belknap:

I just received your note and will pass on what little I have of Garlinghouse. It was sent by Mrs. Gilbert Belknap of Jefferson Ore. She sent me a lot taken from I believe a W.K. of for some such name) Belknap genealogy. She did not say where she got this at the end of a letter she wrote "overlooked ancestry of Jane Garlinghouse"

Garlinghouse married a Welch Woman? (This I didn't get)
Elijah Garlinghouse married Eleanor Hunt a Dutchwoman
their children -

1 Catherine - M. Elijah Belknap

2 Jane - " Jesse "

3 Samual - " Esther "

4. Patty - " Rufus Palmer

5 Mary (ann?) - " Jonas Belknap

6. Silas - "

7 Rachael - " Abitha Newton

8 George - " Elsie Lee

9 Eleanor - " Robert Thompson (Thompson?)

"James Pister"
~~mentioned~~ mentioned
By Aunt Kit

I presume the Garlinghouse mentioned first was the father of Elijah.

I think Mrs. Belknap has much information but she is elderly & not too well & her husband is in very poor health. In & out of the hospital & nothing will help. She has been very cooperative and has helped me a lot. She might give you more but it is doubtful.

Thanks so much for the added information about Jonas Newton B. These bits picked up here and there makes genealogy so much more interesting.

If you find out more about the Garlinghouse lines I would like to have it. I have been told genealogists are not interested in the female line but it so happens I am. After all they are ancestors & possibly their husbands families have not been searched.

Can you tell me if & how I can get a copy of Aunt Kets diary? Where do I send & what is the price if you know. I would like to have it even if I don't gain any info. It would be so interesting. I hope I have been a little help & hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely

Bertha Hansen

P.S. Violet Belknap's info was from Genealogy compiled by Henry Wycoff Belknap. You will have to check with her to find where she got the Garlinghouse info. I think she has a lot & is trying to compile it. Is interested and very helpful. B.H.

Lothe Hansen

See Carol Anne

MEMO TO Mrs Bertha Hansen
FROM Carroll Belknap

4/25/68

I wish more members of the family would supply real documentary evidence as you do.

Unquestionably you are right (your letter 3/21) in saying Jonas and Mary were in Benton County in 1849. I've been wrong in placing too much faith in Aunt Kit's statement that Jonas arrived and settled at Bellefontaine in 1853.

The age shown for Jonas in the 1850 census (65) helps in settling the date of his birth -- variously said to have been 1790 and 1786. Though the early census reports were often unreliable on ages, perhaps we can now accept 1786 as the probable year of his birth.

The age shown for Jesse in that census agrees with our records of the date of his birth.

The "Owen" shown as 35 must be Orrin, son of Jonas, born in 1815.

Mary Ann, I'm pretty sure, must have been about 55 in 1850 -- not 45 as shown in the census. Catherine Garlinghouse who married Elijah Belknap was born in Dec. 1786 -- Jane who married Jesse was born 26 March 1792 -- Mary Ann, if a sister of Catherine and Jane, may have been born about 1795.

I stopped at this point to cut off part of page 1, for what I was writing didn't hold water.

What I'd better do is ask you what you can tell me about the Garlinghouse girls. The fact that you have been able to name Rachel, sister of Mary Ann, as the wife of Abijah Newton (something nobody else has been able to do for me, in trying to identify the Mrs. Newton named by Aunt Kit as sister of Jane, Jesse's wife) makes me hope that you may be able to tell me the names of the ~~Belknap~~ parents of these Garlinghouse girls. It has been assumed, for many years, that they were sisters — Catherine, Jane, Mary. But no proof has yet been given. And there have been many guesses about the names of their parents — with no general agreement.

There were so many Garlinghouses in Ontario County N. Y. in 1800 to 1820 that I have made no attempt to trace the parentage of these girls — a long task, for there are no surviving church records for that period in that county. The whole southern part of the county, around Naples, is still known as "The Garlinghouse Area."

If you have proof that Rachel Newton was Mary's sister, you may have just the information we need about the parentage of the Garlinghouse girls. All I can say is that the first Garlinghouse to arrive in Ontario County (from Lucerne County, Pennsylvania) got there about the same time as Jonas Newton Belknap — in or about 1796. Possibly a year earlier. In 1796 Jonas Newton B. was elected Constable and Collector for the town of Richmond (April 5, 1796), the area in which the Villages of Honeyoye and Bristol were located — and he was also, then, on the Committee for Schools. The Garlinghouses all settled farther south in the county. When Jonas Newton B. gave his residence as Naples, in applying for a pension in 1818, he was apparently living with the Garlinghouses, after having sold his land at Bristol. (No record of that sale has yet been found, but he testified that he no longer owned it.)

Oy B.

(OVER)

Mrs. Bertha Hansen
993 B E. Date Ave.
Porterville, California 93257

25 Club Road
Riverside
Connecticut 06878
March 30, 1968

Dear Cousin:

And what a fine cousin you are — to answer so fully and so graciously and so very usefully.

Today I'll have to reply briefly, for my wife and I are preparing to go to Salem and Boston for still more Belknap records. So I'll just try to answer your questions.

First, my birth. My young father was postmaster at Porterville when I was born. Moved away when I was one year old.

Polly Belknap, it seems positive, was the Mary Garlinghouse who married Jonas B., son of Jonas Newton B. To my mind, you have proved this by the documents you copied in your letter. Warren Co., Ky., seems probable as birthplace of Rachael, as Jonas N. was in next-door Hart county at that time. . . Jonas and Mary are known to have accompanied his brother Jesse (my great-grandfather) from Kentucky to Ohio to Iowa — and Mary (unquestionably your "Polly") went on to Oregon and died at Monroe, Oregon, 1867. I do not know where she was buried. Old records which I have doubted said that her husband Jonas "died on the plains" from Iowa to Oregon. Your documents make it seem certain he reached Oregon. On the trip from Iowa to Oregon, he was accompanied by two sons — Orin and Silas (mentioned in the petition for letters of administration quoted in your letter. *(Orin & Silas go)*)

You are right in regarding "Polly" as short for Mary. Many Mary Belknaps have been recorded as Polly, in 18th and early 19th centuries.

Orin Belknap, son of Jonas Jr., should not be confused with ~~his~~ his uncle Orin, son of Jonas Newton B. *Nephew Orin married Nancy Starvo*

Now, what more do I need from you? Just the names of all other children of Jonas and Mary Ann, with dates of birth if you have them — and whom they married, and when — and names of their children. I have nothing beyond the two sons, Orin and Silas.

The Mrs. O. M. Belknap, Jefferson, Oregon, whom you mention in your letter, is the wife of a descendant of my great-grandfather Jesse (brother of your Jonas). Thus far, there have been almost 500 of us in that tribe — most of them in the Northwest.

You don't need to send me the names, etc., of children later than those of Rachel. I'm adhering to normal genealogical practice — listing children of Belknap girls, but not their grandchildren.

As soon as I can, I'll send you your Belknap pedigree — after you have given the additional names of the children of Jonas and Mary Ann.

Forgive brevity,

If you wish to read a first hand account of the days from Kentucky to Ohio to Iowa to Oregon, you'll find it in the diary of brave "Aunt Kit" (Kitturah Penton Belknap) wife of George Belknap, one of the sons of Jesse Belknap. Published in Oregon Historical Quarterly (Oregon Historical Society, Portland) Volume 38-1937, pages 265-299. I have just found this reference, so haven't yet read it myself -- but I have read many excerpts from it, and they are fascinating. Quite likely, when you and I read it, we will find mentions of your Jonas and his wife Mary Ann Garlinghouse. I have seen mentions of ~~him~~ their two sons, in the excerpts that I've read.

Evans p. 94 (Clinton's version)

Aunt Kit's Diary

" In 1853, Jones B. came and settled in the Bellefontaine neighborhood (Belmont Springs) "

NO
About 90 miles E of Monroe

Compare with p. 3

Hansen letter 3/25/08

Should be cut out

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I am enclosing this obituary from a Seattle newspaper, because it tells of the Garlinghouse family. There is little doubt that Jane, Jesse's wife; Christine, Elijah's wife and perhaps Mary, the wife of Jonas were sisters. Also note that ~~Raster~~, the sister of these Belknap Boys, married a Mr. Garlinghouse.

The families of Jesse and Jonas Belknap were inserted so that you can better follow Ketturo Belknap's chronicle which will follow. Jesse's daughter Talitha Cumi Belknap Starr was a member of the D.A.R. as also was her daughter. They traced their ancestry from Jonas the Rev. War. soldier and their line was accepted by the D.A.R. This might help should you or others of your family should desire to join this society. Talitha's D.A.R. number is 157262 and her daughter, Elisabeth Starr Turner of Monroe, Oregon has the number 155276. These numbers seem to be reversed and probably are.

*ESTHER
cy B*

G.W.B.

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THE OREGON BELKNAPS. 92 11

Samuel (5) 1731; Jonas (6) 1759; Jonas (7) 1786.

47 JONAS BELKNAP (6) MARRIED MARY GARLINGHOUSE.
P-6 b. 1786 NY.
d. Belknap Spgs. Ore.
r. Belknap Spgs.

(7) CHILDREN

<u>Orrin</u>	1815-	Mar. Nancy Starr
<u>Silas</u>	1817-	Mar. 1836, Clarissa Todhunter b. Ky.
<u>Elaeta</u>	1820-	Mar. Stephen Howell
<u>Rechael</u>	1822-	Mar. Austin Howard
<u>Eleanor</u>	1825-	Mar. Charles Beles

Clarinda

From U.S. Census Benton Co. Ore.; Adm. Chas. Belknap's records.

Samuel (5) 1731; Jonas (6) 1759; Jesse (7) 1792.

49 JESSE BELKNAP (7) MARRIED JANE GARLINGHOUSE
P-6 b. 1792 Cherry Valley, NY. 1812
d. 1861 Belknap Spgs. Ore.
r. Ky., Ohio, Iowa, Ore.

(7) CHILDREN.

<u>George</u>	1817-1897	Mar. Kentura Penton, b. Ky.
<u>Ransom</u>	1819-	Mar. Mahala Starr.
<u>Salitha Cumi</u>	1824-1906	Mar. Sam Starr
<u>Herley</u>	1832-	
<u>Carrington P.</u>		clergyman in Cal.
<u>Kesiah</u>		Mar. Lorenzo Gilbert
<u>Hannah</u>		Mar. Mr. Walts.
<u>Cemder.</u>		

From U.S. Census 1850 Benton Co. Ore.; Adm. Chas Belknap's records. His obituary was found among the papers of Franklin Belknap of Chicago, Lawn, Ill. who collected Belknap family data.

MRS. HANSEN:

4/17/68

Since I wrote to you on 3/30, reliable information on the children of Jonas Belknap and Mary Ann Garlinghouse has reached me from three sources. So I'm able to send you, now, the line of descent for Rachel Belknap.

The proof that "Polly Belknap" was Mary Ann, wife of Jonas, is the simple fact that there was no other heir of Jonas named either Mary or Polly — and the fact that Polly was the person applying for letters of administration indicates that she was his wife. . . . If a daughter named Mary or Polly had been found among his children, the necessary proof would be lacking; but there was no such daughter. So, unquestionably, Polly was Mary Ann.

Aunt Kit's diary says that Jonas arrived in Oregon in 1853, which tallies with your records — but not with the idea that he took out his land claim in 1849. However, what may have happened was that his sons Orrin and Silas, who went to Oregon with Jess's family in 1848, may have filed for land on behalf of their father — so 1849 is quite possible.

(In my letter of 3/30, I erred in saying that Orrin and Silas accompanied their father Jonas on the trip from Iowa to Oregon. They preceded him by five or six years, as noted above.)

I'm enclosing a map sent to me by Mrs Frank Barrett, Florence, Oregon — a descendant of Rachel's sister Electa. Also, a copy of a note to her, telling her who some of the people were. If you haven't seen it, I think it will interest you.

Carrell York Belknap
April 17, 1968

Carrell

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March 22, 1968

Mrs. Bertha I. Hansen
993-S, E. Date
Forterville
California 93257

Dear Mrs. Hansen (though I should say "Dear Cousin");

I'm writing to you because Fern Martin, of Perris, California, has sent me a letter you wrote to her. To refresh your memory, I enclose a copy of that letter.

A week ago, by great good luck, a letter that she wrote some years ago in her search for her Belknap ancestry came into my hands. I wrote to her at once and she replied fully, at once. So, today, I'm mailing to her the complete Belknap side of her ancestry — back to the year 1489, and including the record of all of Susannah's brothers and sisters.

Her great-grandmother Susannah Belknap, you see, was the twin sister of my great grandfather Jesse Belknap — and also ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a sister of your great grandfather Jonas who married Mary Garlinghouse. So I've told Mrs. Martin that you are one of her closest Belknap relatives.

If you'll send me all the information you can, about your great grandfather Jonas and his descendants, I'll do for you what I've gladly done for Mrs. Martin.

I'm greatly in need of your aid. I have in my study all known chief collections of Belknap history and genealogy — all told, perhaps 8,000 sheets and pages — with which I'm trying to compile a complete record of the whole family. One defect in all the records is lack of enough information about Jonas and his wife Mary, after they married. You are the first person I've found who can tell me about their movements and their descendants. So I'll hope for your help.

Perhaps I should add that there's no charge for what I do. I'm doing it for my own pleasure — and I'm delighted to help those who help me.

Cordially,

Carroll York Belknap

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I have no more of you want more
B H

993B-Elkate, Belleville Calif 93227
Nov. 21, 1967.

Dear Mrs. Martin

Your letter received some time ago and sorry
I know nothing of your Susannah. A Mrs Peebles of Milwaukee
Ore. sent me all the Donation Land Claims having to do with
my Belknaps. My ^{great} grand father was Jonas Belknapp
born in N. Y. married ~~married~~ Mary Ann Garlinghouse
there. My grandmother Rachel B. was born in Ky,
married in Iowa & moved to Calif in '49. Jonas took up
land in Ore. also a Jesse Belknapp married a Garling-
house in N. Y. & went to Ore. Probably bro. of Jonas
Susannah could have been a sister but who knows?

You do not say who your ancestor was but probably
related as some of mine were probably in Ohio.
You mentioned a book on Belknaps. What is the name
of it, who wrote or compiled it & is it available. Who
printed it? I would like to get one if available or see
one in any Calif. library. It is family tradition
my grandmother was descended from the Pilgrims but
no Belknapp or Garlinghouse in Pilgrim ships lists.
Could be female line. I have no proof.

I have given about all I know of the Belknaps except what
is on the Oregon Donation Land Claims but would like more.

Do you know any of Susannah's dates - marriage, death. You
can write to the Probate Office of the Co. where she died & get a
death certificate. I have a pamphlet from U.S. Dept of Health, Ed. & welfare
on where to write for birth & death records, & I will send you the one for
marriages. They cost 15¢. can give a lot of info. where to look. I can send
addresses & pamphlet no's if you want.

Sincerely
Bertha S. Hanson

Porterville, Mar. 20.

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I was so surprised at your letter. I thought I was writing to someone in her twenties until you said your daughter wanted to join the D.A.R. then I put it up a little, and to undertake a rug that size!

I have such a mess (and I mean mess) of Belknaps I can't get it untangled. I do not have any record but one I am sending you - sent by Mrs. G. M. Belknap, Rt 1, Box 157 Jefferson Oregon 97352. She is an elderly woman in poor health & her husband has been quite ill - in & out of the hospital. He is a descendant of the Jonas Newton B on this sheet. His ancestor was Jesse & the rest of the Genealogy was Jesse & his descendants. However on another sheet she gave Jonas' children

Samuel
Elijah - m. Catherine Garlughouse
Elisha
~~Jesse~~ ¹⁸¹⁹ Mary Ann Garlughouse
Jonas - b Jan 26, 1792 at Cherry Valley N.Y. m Mary Jane Garlughouse
Jesse - died Monroe Ore 1881
Susanna
Esther - m. Samual Starr
Orrey - m. Nancy Starr
Cynthia m. Isaac Newton.

Nothing said of the other three but most of the others went to Oregon & that was probably where they got the info. from land claims & census.

I got Jonas ~~Belknap~~ record from National Archives & learned little more than on the sheet but he was in Hardin Co Ky and his family was wife Fanny aged 54 and daughter Thence 9. He was in Ky. 11th of Dec 1820. The Jonas who m. Mary Ann Garlughouse was my ~~great~~ great grandfather and I

am also having trouble proving it. My grand
mother Rachael was born in Kentucky and I have no
dates or the place. The date on the ¹⁹⁵⁰ census is wrong
probably by 10 years. I know that Jonas Newtons son
Jonas is my great grandfather but its hard to prove.
When Jonas died in Oregon the estate was settled by
Polly Belknap. I find Polly is a common nickname
for Mary and have seen where ^{legal} papers were signed
by ~~the~~ ^a nick name when the affidavit gave the real
name & was O.K. I found that in the papers
from the Archives. My grandmother Rachael Howard
was named as an heir so I know it must have been
her mother as she outlived Jonas. I know it but like
a lot of other things knowing is not proving.

~~I am~~ I am sorry there was no more about Susanna.
That is the only mention of her & Mrs. Belknap did not
say where she got her information. Her daughter has or
wants to join the D.A.R. so they have the tell old tree.

Also Jonas Newtons occupation was given as a Cropper.
Any information you have on any of the Jonas Newton
Family I will appreciate although I have more on some
of them that went to Oregon but don't know of younger
Jonas's children except Rachael.

I do hope you find what you are looking for and
that you get that big rug finished.

P.S. They seemed to center in Ontario
Co + Cherry Valley is mentioned. Later lived in
Naples N.Y. Enlisted in Rev. War in
Northampton Mass in 1776 etc. I have his
military record from archives if you want an outline. Some of it hard to read
B. H.

Sincerely
Bertha Hansen

RACHEL BELKNAP

Born 1822 (said to be in Warren Co., Kentucky)
 Marriage date not known (if in Iowa, probably after
 Died Brentwood, California 1839)
 (Date not known)

& Austin S. Howard

Born 13 Jan. 1821, Fayette, Va. (now W. Va.)
 Died 7 Mar. 1907, Brentwood, California

CHILDREN OF RACHEL BELKNAP AND AUSTIN S. HOWARD

Homer, born Aug. 1847, in Iowa -- married Missouri Boyce

Nancy, born 22 Feb. 1849, Iowa -- married George Nicholson

Mary, date of birth not known -- unmarried

Frances, born Lodi, California -- married Lorenzo Welch

Alice, born 1854, Lodi -- married Sam Benn

William P., born 22 Sept. 1856, Lodi -- married Rosa Lee Diffin

John, born San Ramon, California, date not known -- married Lillian McNamara

Emma, born 4 July, 1861, San Ramon -- married Weston Chadwick

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Mrs. Bertha I. Hansen
993-B, E. Gate
Porterville
California 93257

HOME ADDRESS
25 Club Road
Riverside
Connecticut 06878

March 22, 1968

Dear Mrs. Hansen (though I should say "Dear Cousin"):

I'm writing to you because Fern Martin, of Perris, California, has sent me a letter you wrote to her. To refresh your memory, I enclose a copy of that letter.

A week ago, by great good luck, a letter that she wrote some years ago in her search for her Belknap ancestry came into my hands. I wrote to her at once and she replied fully, at once. So, today, I'm mailing to her the complete Belknap side of her ancestry — back to the year 1489, and including the record of all of Susannah's brothers and sisters.

Her great-grandmother Susannah Belknap, you see, was the twin sister of my great grandfather Jesse Belknap — and also ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a sister of your great grandfather Jonas who married Mary Garlinghouse. So I've told Mrs. Martin that you are one of her closest Belknap relatives.

If you'll send me all the information you can, about your great grandfather Jonas and his descendants, I'll do for you what I've gladly done for Mrs. Martin.

I'm greatly in need of your aid. I have in my study all known chief collections of Belknap history and genealogy — all told, perhaps 8,000 sheets and pages — with which I'm trying to compile a complete record of the whole family. One defect in all the records is lack of enough information about Jonas and his wife Mary, after they married. You are the first person I've found who can tell me about their movements and their descendants. So I'll hope for your help.

Perhaps I should add that there's no charge for what I do. I'm doing it for my own pleasure — and I'm delighted to help those who help me.

Cordially,

Carroll York Belknap
25 Club Road
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GENERATION IN
AMERICA

1 ABRAHAM Belknap

Born Sawbridgeworth, Co. Hertford, England
Baptized 15 March 1589/90 (Old style and New Style)
Lived at Netteswell, Essex, and Northweald, Essex
Emigrated from Epping, Essex
Settled Lynn, Massachusetts, 1637
Died Lynn, Sept. 1643