March 28 - 1968 (from Claudia Marshall) 220- y. 401-242ml Willisono (re Maw who's the augel "Thank you so much for all the data you have rent. I haven't checked are the notes against mine as yet heet surely will. Dan - I were expecially pleased with the except from the book - Bichapt Simprone Propel. We have hath iem it. It is still well were weren. I wouldn't want to say for secret I think the hand printed notice way have been made by Eloise Hilbert Beach now deceased. I really get started on the Bulknape thru her, but at that time I wasn't as smart (3) as I now and and didn't ack her rource eximpormation nor was Las particular re: dates. My yather says he experially liked Maynard Bulhnak of the Webster Belknak Saucity. Live heard my grandfather teel of a time he was traveling on a traine of the conduction that he had already collected his face in another exact. I key went to their other can to gether and found tranklin Buhas who resembled grandady implante he his twin .

CLAUDIA:

Speaking of "family resemblances" --

I wonder if yeu'll see what I thought of the moment I looked at the phote of Jesse a strong likeness to a picture of the only American Belknap famous enough to be in all encyclopedias: the Rev. Jeremy Belknap, DD. (D.D. because in a time when ministers were "raised up" from their congregations a paster who was a Doctor of Divinity was a great rarity. Famous because he was not only a noted preacher but also a fine historian, whose books are good reading even today.)

Here's a bad copy of an eld picture of that Jeremy. My copying machine doesn't do too well with half-tones. But place it beside the photo of Jesse and imagine Jeremy turned full-face like Jesse. And then think of the very distant blood relationship — for Jeremy was descended from Joseph, not from Samuel.

Well, anyway, maybe you'll be amused by the Revo Jeremy's record of his marriage and honeymoon - from his diary:

1767. June 12th. Set out for Boston. Lodged North Hill.

13th. Travelled to Ipswich. Met Governor Winthrop on the road. He entered Portsmouth this day.

1hth. Preached at Ipswich.

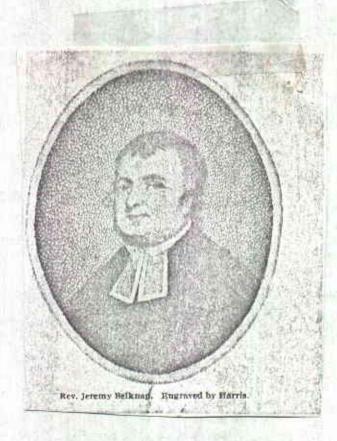
15th. Reached Boston; evening, married.

(My underline. CYB)

18th. Set out on our return, rode through the rain, and lodged at Hampton, Mr. Thayer's.

19th. Got home to Dover in the evening safe and well.

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CLAUDIA

RBT

You have been promoted. You're no longer a mere angel. You now rank as a saint. I'm so deeply grateful for all those photos... For years, I've been telling my own family that it was not merely a Belknap family that treked from Iowa to Oregon but, rather, a tribe. And Jesse's photo is certainly that of a great tribal patriarch. Now I can prove what I've said about him.

I'm enclosing a copy of an obituary notice of Jesse — from a Seattle newspaper, it is said — copied from a clipping found in the effects of Franklin Belknap of Chicago Lawn, Illinois, by Commander Charles Belknap, U. S. N. Possibly you may not have seen it. Anyway, can you identify the "P. M. Starr" who wrote it?

I'm also enclosing what I think is the most beautiful picture I've ever seen of the Willamette Valley. It was published on the cover of the recent annual report of American Can Co. and I got more copies to use in showing my children and grandshildren the dream that took Jesse from New York to Kentucky to Ohio to Iowa to Oregon -- for, according to information in the body of that annual report, the scene shown in the picture is just 4 miles from where Belkmap Settlement was founded by Jesse's tribe. That's why I found it rather precious.

As to the photo of your grandfather, Jesse Belknap Gilbert, I assure you that it's no such thing. It's a photo of E. Clinton Belknap of Lincoln, Nebraska — a descendant of Jesse's brother Elijah. It is also a photo of Christopher Irving Belknap, who now lives in Southern California — so distantly related to us, because he belongs to the Joseph side of the family. . . I hope you don't get bored with endless tales of family resemblances. I tell them by the hour — and wonder "Why do they occur?"

I also am enclosing a couple of pages copied or summarized from Aunt Kit's diary — by a professional genealogist whose work I deeply distrust. I dug them out in searching for information for a descendant of another brother of Jesse's — Jonas, who married Mary Garlinghouse — in an effort to correct misinformation supplied to HWB long ago by Clark or by Franklin Belkmap. . . And I have a question I hope you can answer. Can you identify the young "Mary Belkmap" mentioned by Aunt Kit? I can't. This girl is also mentioned in the summary you sent me, which I returned to you — mm under "Nov. 1849" in list of members of the first church.

Incidentally, if you have any information about descendants of Jonas B and Mary Garlinghouse INEXX I'll be grateful. I have the names of their children and spouses — little more. Aunt Kit said they settled at Belknap Springs in 1853.

I have postponed completing my sketch of the life of Jonas Newton Belknap because I suddenly began getting a lot of new data on him, from descendants of his son Elijah. Some of this new data may be questionable. I must verify it before using it. But there is one point that may interest you. Jonas MACCANCANCENT Newton Belknap's daughter Cynthia is said to have married an Isaac Newton -- and an Isaac Newton, presumably same man, became, MACCANCENT of the estate left by Jonas Newton B. Any link to the Newtons who went on to Oregon and were with Jesse and Jane? In Kentucky.

administrator

In an earlier memo I said that I didn't think Samuel, father of Jonas Newton B., died the day after Bunker Hill. New information makes me suspend judgment on my interpretation of Samuel's military record. Forget what I said.

I've just done something I meant to do much sooner. In your letter of March 6, you asked how far I wished you to go, on Jesse's descendants. I meant to reply, but forgot.... I need, of course, everything right down to the present moment on direct descent through males — that is, people named Belknap. On the marriages of daughters, all I can use is name of spouse, date of marriage, and names andabirthdates of children plus names of spouses of children. I have to restrict myself this way in order to avoid too muck bulk to be published. In this respect, I must stick to the pattern set by HWB.

I'm interested in what you say about your other genealogical research. Maybe I can help you. I'm a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, with the privilege of borrowing books from its great library of genealogies, etc. In Boston, soon, I'll get a catalog of such books and send it to you, so that you can tell me what you'd like me to look at for you — or send to you if you wish — for the loan from the library is for a whole month.

Haven't had time, yet, to go read the whole of Aunt Kit's diary -- but I must.

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