# 1776 BELNAP FAMILY CRIER 1976

Love Unity

Solidarity



## JESSE BELNAP

(REFRESENTATIVE PICTURE ONLY)

BORN: 31 AUG 1760 DTED: 14 OCT 1854

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN

FARMER & SETTLER



#### 1776/1976

ON THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WE CAN FIND NO MORE APPROPRIATE THOUGHT THAN THE ONE INSCRIBED ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY WHICH WAS A GIFT FROM FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS.

#### THE NEW COLOSSUS

NOT LIKE THE BRAZEN GIANT OF GREEK FAME, WITH CONQUERING LIMBS ASTRIDE FROM LAND TO LAND:

HERE, AT OUR SEA-WASHED, SUNSET GATES SHALL STAND MIGHTY WOMAN WITH A TORCH, WHOSE FLAME

IS THE IMPRISONED LIGHTNING, AND HER NAME

FROM HER SEACON-HAND GLOWS WORLD-WIDE WELCOME: HER MILD EYES COMMAND

THE AIR-BRIDGED HARBOR THAT TWIN CITIES FRAME.

KEEP ANCIENT LANDS, YOUR STORIED POMP!" CRIES SHE

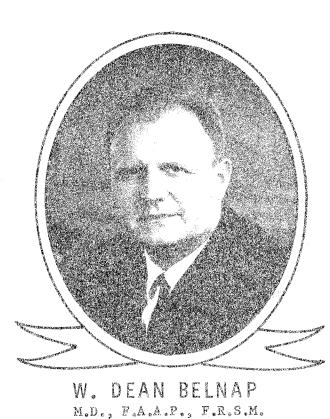
WITH SILENT LIPS. "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR.

OUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE,

HE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE.

SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS. TEMPEST-TOST TO ME.

LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!"



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# Ogden Simdard-Kxantiner

OGDEN, UTAH, MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 28, 1976

# EDITORIAL

# Good-Hearted People Aid Flood Area

"Residents of the Upper Snake River Valley, devastated four weeks ago when the Teton Dam broke, are reported in high spirits these days because their faith in their fellows has been restored.

.... The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has made help for flood ravaged Snake River Valley a special assignment for its members since the stricken area has a large percentage of Mormons. (NOTE: a large number of Belnap Family Members are in this area.)

Last week, for example, the five stakes in one Ogden region were each asked to provide 60 people a day -- that's a total of 300 -- to help "muck out" the homes.

.... More than 4,000 volunteers have daily been on the scene. All working not for pay but because their friends are in trouble.

One Ogdenite, returning from Rexburg, reported that "I was surprised at one thing in particular."

"After what they went through," he added, "those people have every reason to be depressed. Instead, they're in high spirits. Their morale has been boosted by finding out that others really care."
....The big thing is, as the Ogdenite said, finding that others "care."

What a symbol for the Bicentennial. It's this spirit that has made America great."

#### OFFICIAL REUNION NOTICE AND NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Belnap Family Organization will hold its bi-annual reunion in Hooper, Utah on August 6-7, 1976. The reunion will commence Friday evening, followed Saturday morning with a Family breakfast, programs and the election of officers for the coming term 1976-1978.

Joy M. Belnap, Secretary Belnap Family Organization

#### THE BOY WHO HELPED TO STOP THE BRITISH

Jesse Belnap - 1760-1854

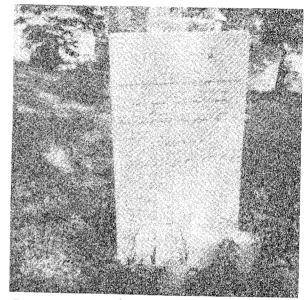
Jesse Belnap was born in Connecticut and was only a lad of fifteen when the Revolutionary War began, and he begged his mother to let him go to fight for his country. However, his mother would not let him go until he was seventeen years old. He joined the army at Hebron, Connecticut in 1777.

All the men in his company were artificers. Artificers were men who built bridges and roads and machinery and made it possible for the regular soldiers to move about. They are called "engineers" and "seabees" now.

One day Captain Horton was told that the British intended to sail their ships up the Hudson River, and the General told him to make a chain to stretch across the river to stop the ships, so Captain Horton put his men to work to make the big chain.

Jesse knew how to do blacksmithing work and he worked hard with the other men until the long chain was completed. Then the Captain asked for volunteers to swim across the river. Jesse stepped forward and said, "I will go, Captain." So Jesse swam across and pulled a string with him. When he reached the other bank he used the string to pull a rope across, and then the other soldiers swam across, holding on to the rope. Then they tied one end of the rope to the heavy chain and pulled and pulled until the chain was stretched across the river. They fastened the chain to a tree on each side of the river and stood guard with their guns to keep the enemy from unfastening it. In this way the British ships were kept from sailing up the Hudson River, for no ship could sail over the chain.

This boy grew up and married Eunice Hall, and they each lived to be over ninety years old and had 17 children. Jesse was the grandfather of Gilbert Belnap.



Jesse and Eunice Belnap's graves at cemetery in Erie, Pennsylvania. Pictures taken 6 Aug 1967. Boy is Mark Belnap, son of Bruce Belnap; he is a great-great grandson of Gilbert Belnap.



(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of the Revolutionary Claim for pension to Jesse Belnap, born 1760, for his service in the Revolutionary War. We apologize for the faint picture as it is a photocopy of the original and did not reproduce the best quality.)

#### WAR DEPARTMENT.

Revolutionary Claim.

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on the 4th of March, and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United Sates,

this 28 day of facility one thousand eight hundred and thirty there

Secretary of War.

Examined and Countersigned.

J. L. Edwards

## BELNAP HERITAGE CRUMBLES!

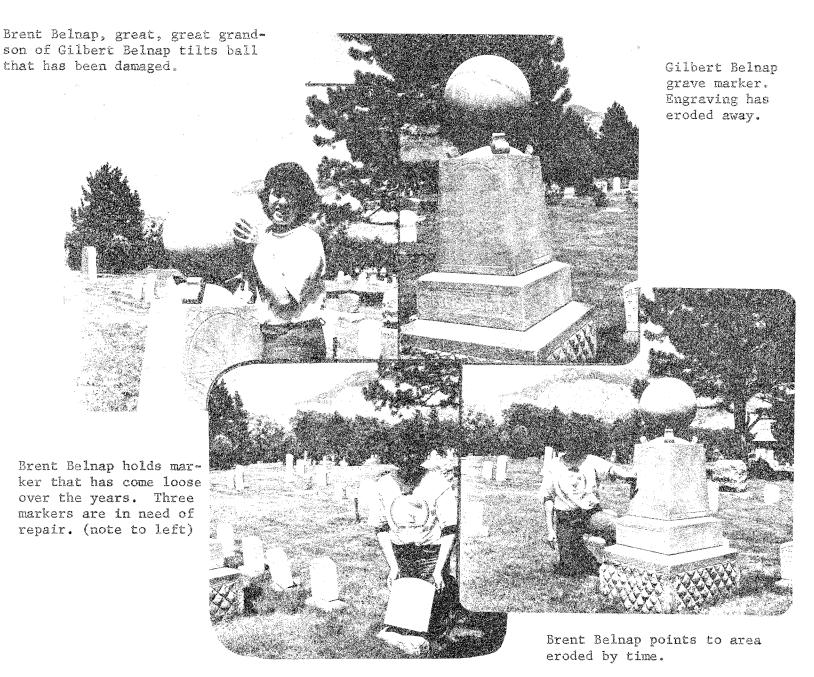
Time, vandals and lack of maintenance has left the grave marker of Gilbert Belnap with no legible dates, and three other markers broken.

It has been suggested that the Belnap Family Organization take as a Bicentennial project the goal of engraving the information on Gilbert Belnap's marker, along with the names of his wives and children. That the other markers all be repaired or replaced.

Rather than use the genealogical funds, we are asking for donations from interested Family members in this 1976 project. The cost is estimated to be \$450. Please mail your donation or leave it at the reunion.

"Gilbert Belnap Marker Restoration Project", c/o Belnap Family Organization, 815 - 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah, 84403.

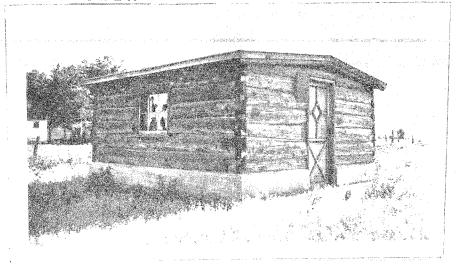
Another great, great grandson of Gilbert Belnap, Brian Belnap, brother of Brent, came up with this idea after visiting the graves last Memorial Day. He has agreed to be chairman of this project.



Pictures taken June 1976

# BELNAP HERITAGE CRUMBLES!

# THEN 1950



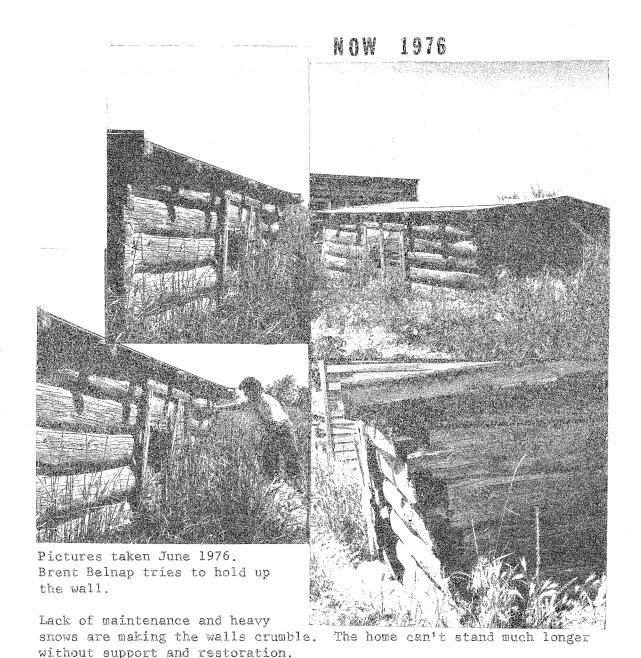
GILBERT R. BELNAP HOME IN HOOPER, UTAH

THEN: As it stood in 1950, having been preserved by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. It was later moved to the Hooper City Park, then moved to the home site (NOW) of George Ellis Belnap. It has deteriorated with time and lack of maintenance. George Ellis Belnap has offered to deed sufficient land for the cabin to the Belnap Family Organization so we can restore and preserve the home.

The home could be filled with articles, furniture, pictures, etc. and become a place where we can donate and exhibit items of interest.

The cost of restoration has been figured to be several thousand dollars, plus donated labor. A cement floor, fencing and restoration must be done. If members of the Family believe this to be a worthwhile project, would you kindly submit your ideas and, if able, any contributions you may wish to make to the restoration.

Gilbert R. Belnap Restoration Fund c/o Della A. Belnap 815 - 32nd Street Ogden, Utah 84403



# VITAL STATISTICS

- For your information, the following relatives have passed away since the last "CRIER." Please make notations to your records.
- EDWARD VERRALL BLACK (husband of Sarah Elizabeth Belnap Black, #8 Child of William James and Eliza Ann Watts Belnap, page 49) died 18 July 1975 in Stockton, California. Buried 22 July 1975 in Stockton.
- LORANA REEVES (#1 Child of Ben Allen and Edith Ward Reeves, #3 Child of Max Allen and Ruth Venable Reeves, #1 Child of Marvin Charles and M. Jane Stoker Venable, #2 Child of Jesse Stoker and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker Taylor, #8 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 27 July 1975 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Buried 30 July 1975 in Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Utah.
- ELLIS ALLEN STOKER (#11 Child of Lorenzo and Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker, #3 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 12 August 1975 in Ogden, Utah. Entombed 15 August 1975 in Good Shepherd Abbey Mausoleum, Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden.
- GENEVIVE GARNER PORTER COWAN (#1 Child of Dewey LeGrand and Thelma Adaline Stoker Garner, #4 Child of Jesse Stoker and Lettie Matilda Hammon Stoker Taylor, #8 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 6 September 1975 in Fendleton, Oregon. Buried 10 September 1975 in Helix Cemetery, Helix, Oregon.
- WENDELL DALE GILBERT (husband of Charlene Belnap Fowers Gilbert, #6
  Child of Joseph Paul and C. Fern Belnap Fowers, #8 Child of Francis
  Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 8 September 1975 in
  Ogden, Utah. Buried 11 September 1975 in Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden.
- LETTIE MATILDA HAMMON STOKER TAYLOR (#8 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, pages 28 and 29) died 24 September 1975 in Roy, Utah. Buried 27 September 1975 in Roy City Cemetery.
- BERT STEIN (husband of Dorothy Lamperson Stein, #1 Child of Nicholas Pete and Nellie Alberta Belnap Lamperson, #3 Child of Amasa and Julia Rosebell James Belnap) died 30 September 1975 in Madison, Wisconsin. Buried 6 October 1975 in Chicago, Illinois.

- BONNIE "H" BELNAP PARKINSON (#5 Child of Joseph Francis and Mabel Catherine Hirschi Belnap, #7 Child of Augustus Weber and Mary Read Belnap) died 30 September 1975 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Buried 8 October 1975 in Beaver Dam Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Utah.
- SETH BELNAP PARKINSON (#7 Child of James Squires and Bonnie "H" Belnap Parkinson, #5 Child of Joseph Francis and Mabel Catherine Hirschi Belnap, #7 Child of Augustus Weber and Mary Read Belnap) died 2 October 1975 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Buried 8 October 1975 in Beaver Dam Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Utah.
- BETSY ROBENA HAMMON GREENWELL (#11 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, pages 28 and 29a) died 2 October 1975 in Roy, Utah. Buried 6 October 1975 in Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah.
- ETHEL HELEN BELNAP ARMSTRONG (#1 Child of Ira Wilson and Mary Ann Sisson Belnap, #5 Child of Jesse and Harriet Saunders Belnap) died 14 October 1975 in Lindsey, Ontario, Canada. Buried 16 October 1975 in Prince Albert Cemetery, Port Perry, Ontario, Canada. (NOTE: The above Jesse Belnap is a brother to our Gilbert Belnap.)
- DOUGLAS I. PITCHFORTH (husband of Lenora A. Jones Wilson Pitchforth, #1 Child of Percy E. and Fuchsia Erma Stoker Jones, #4 Child of Lorenzo and Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker, #3 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 15 November 1975 in Ogden, Utah. Buried 17 November 1975 in Ogden City Cemetery.
- LUCY NEUENSWANDER HAMMON (wife of Frank Leslie Hammon, #13 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, page 29a) died 6 February 1976 in Logan, Utah. Buried 10 February 1976 in Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Utah.
- MYRTHA LOWE KINGSFORD (#3 Child of Joseph Heber and Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe, pages 44 and 45) died 10 February 1976 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Buried 13 February 1976 in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Idaho.
- ADOLPH WILLIAM SCHONWANDT (husband of Reta Belnap Schonwandt, #4 Child of Vinson Knight and Sarah Emily Hardy Belnap, page 37) died 6 March 1976 in Ogden, Utah. Buried 11 March 1976 in Ogden City Cemetery.

#### (deaths continued)

- CHRISTEL FERN BELNAP FOWERS (#8 Child of Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap, pages 56 and 57) died 15 March 1976 in Ogden, Utah. Buried 18 March 1976 in Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Utah.
- HEIEN LEONE BELNAP KNICHT (#2 Child of Roswell Cole and Inez Powell Belnap, #1 Child of Gilbert Rosel and Sarah Jane Cole Belnap) died 9 April 1976 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Buried 13 April 1976 in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park, Salt Lake City.
- GEORGE LEONARD HAMMON (#2 Child of Levi Derlin and Emma Hawkswood Hammon, #5 Child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 4 May 1976 in Oakland, California. Buried 7 May 1976 in Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Utah.
- CORA BELNAP WILSON (#2 Child of Reuben Augustus and Clara May Pope Belnap, #1 Child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 4 May 1976 in Sunset, Utah. Buried 7 May 1976 in Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah.
- BETH FOWERS MONTGOMERY (#4 Child of Joseph Paul and Christel Fern Belnap Fowers, #8 Child of Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 12 June 1976 at Clearfield, Utah. Buried 16 June 1976 in West Point Cemetery, West Point, Utah.
- CARROLL YORK BELKNAP died 6 July 1976 at Riverside, Connecticut.

  Services were held 14 July 1976. He also comes through the line of Samuel and Mary Dickinson Belknap, the parents of the first Jesse.

# WELCOME

The Belnap Family Organization wishes to extend a warm welcome to the new members who have married into the Family:

JOHN P. ROGERSON married 12 September 1974 to Janet Williams, daughter of Joseph R. and Helen Powell Williams, granddaughter of Hyrum and Lodasca Belnap Williams, great granddaughter of Joseph and Minerva P. Howard (Fisk) Belnap, #4 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

#### (marriages continued)

- JEFF GALEN RICKETS married December 1974 to Mariann Stoker, daughter of Ivan J. and Grace Thomas Stoker, granddaughter of Jesse Stoker and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker Taylor, great granddaughter of Levi B. and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.
- MAURINE ANDRUS BELNAP married May 1975 to Howard West Belnap, son of Bryan West and Darlene Howard Belnap, grandson of Volney Bryan and Rose Marie West Belnap, great grandson of Hyrum and Anna C. Bluth Belnap, #6 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.
- SANDRA MARIE CHECKETTS MALAN married July 1975 to Harry R. Malan, son of Harry B. Malan and G. Armenta Stoker Malan Higley, grandson of Lorenzo Earl and Bessie L. Brown Stoker, great grandson of Lorenzo and Polly A. Hammon Stoker, great, great grandson of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.
- MARILYN HUMPHREYS COOK married 13 August 1975 to Scott Dee Cook, son of William Dee and LaRae Berrett Cook, grandson of Harvey B. and Jennie A. Skeen Cook, great grandson of Harvey O. and Etta E. Belnap Cook, great, great grandson of William James and Eliza A. Watts Belnap, #1 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap.
- PAUL GREER, JR. married September 1975 to Wanona Venable, daughter of Wayne L. and Ona Beus Venable, granddaughter of Marvin C. and M. Jane Stoker Venable, great granddaughter of Jesse Stoker and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker Taylor, great, great granddaughter of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.
- KIRK HAMBLIN married 10 October 1975 to Cindy Howell, daughter of Eugene W. and Lois VanWoerkom Howell, granddaughter of John and Dorothy Williams VanWoerkom, great granddaughter of Hyrum and Lodasca Belnap Williams, great, great granddaughter of Joseph and Minerva P. Howard (Fisk) Belnap, #4 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

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DONALD EUGENE BATEMAN married 19 February 1976 to Becky Barker, daughter of E. Ronald and Nola Baker Barker, granddaughter of William A. and Verlie Hunsaker Baker, great granddaughter of William N. and Jane Hammon Baker, great, great granddaughter of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

DEBRA BOSWORTH VENABLE married 19 March 1976 to Michael Beus Venable, son of Wayne L. and Ona Beus Venable, grandson of Marvin C. and M. Jane Stoker Venable, great grandson of Jesse Stoker and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker Taylor, great, great grandson of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

RALITA STRATTON PATTERSON married 27 March 1976 to Scott Lee Patterson, son of Raymond L. Patterson and Clara Patterson Roberts, grandson of Fred L. and Marian Burton Patterson, great grandson of Alex H. and Henrietta M. Stoddard, great, great grandson of John F. and Isadora E. Belnap Stoddard, #4 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap.

WILLIAM DALE FUGER married 9 April 1976 to Anita Reeves, daughter of Max Allen and Ruth Venable Reeves, granddaughter of Marvin C. and M. Jane Stoker Venable, great granddaughter of Jesse Stoker and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker Taylor, great, great granddaughter of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, #5 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

VERNON R. MEDELL married 16 April 1976 to Terry Lynn Patterson, daughter of Raymond L. Patterson and Clara Patterson Roberts, granddaughter of Fred L. and Marian Burton Patterson, great granddaughter of Alex H. and Henrietta M. Stoddard, great, great granddaughter of John F. and Isadora E. Belnap Stoddard, #4 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap.

WILLIAM E. DUNCAN married 18 June 1976 to Debra Lynn Marriott, daughter of Gilbert Eugene and Kathleen Allen Marriott, granddaughter of Gilbert Enos and Helen A. Smirl Marriott, great granddaughter of Enos Eugene and Weltha May Belnap Marriott, great, great granddaughter of Gilbert Rosel and Sarah Jane Cole Belnap, #1 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

ELAINE SORENSEN GALLOWAY married 8 July 1976 to Neil Galloway, son of Ernest and Evelyn Barker Galloway, grandson of William F. and Ethel Beamy Belnap Barker, great grandson of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap, #3 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above information can only be included in the BELNAP FAMILY CRIER as it is received. Please send us any information that would be of interest to the Belnap Family so it can be included.)

# Belnap Family Count

Ist Generation	Gilbe	rt Be <b>l</b> nap	and Wives
2nd Generation	15 Child	ren	0 Living
3rd Generation	152 Child	ren	43 Living
4th Generation	650 Child	ren *	575 Living
5th Generation	2,500 Child	ren *	2,200 Living
6th Generation	4,500 Child	ren *	4,300 Living
7th Generation	120 Child	ren *	110 Living
8th Generation	20 Child	ren *	18 Living
Totals	7,957 Child	ren *	7,246 Living

#### \* Estimated Figures

We have names and addresses for only 962 and approximately 75 have asked to be removed from the Belnap Family mailing list.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR MAILING LISTS UP-TO-DATE.

# Unknown Addresses

The following members of the Family have moved and left no forwarding address. Anyone knowing their address, please send it to the Belnap Family Organization so that our mailing list can be kept up-to-date:

> Belnap, Bonnie Belnap, Michael G. Buist, Darlene Dial Catron, Mrs. Don Cheney, Suzanne B. & Duane Christopherson, Dr. I.I. Clower, Vickie Sly Cram, Patricia & Charles W. Daines, Joseph G., M.D. Daines, Lucy & A. Gordon Doctor, Adele H. & Gene Drysdale, Mrs. Marva M. Eccles, Rich Goodenough, Lola Miskin Hale, Dan E. Hale, Don E. Hammon, Dean Hill, Alton & Connie Hill, Roberta Kempton, Syliva Jean & Karl Kent, Mrs. Hollis Kight, Jan Lawson, Mary B. Lillywhite, Jesse Lowe, Thomas G. Nelson, Bryl P. Nicholas, Mrs. Betty Jo B. Olson, Susan Rae B. & Kenneth Parker, Darwin & Sandy Reeves, Marvin W. Russell, Mrs. Ron Smith, Wade & Lynne T. Sperry, J. V. Stanford, John C. Stevens, Claudette & Clint

Stimpson, Mark T. & Jennie G. Stoddard, Charles E. Stouffer, Clifford Taylor, LaMar A. Thompson, John Leland Tracey, Wilford Williams, Kenneth L. Williams, Mrs. LaRue G. Yonker, Mrs. Christie H.

# CONGRATULATIONS

# Pleasant View Woman Named Mother of Year

College, Mrs. Erickson formerly Erickson, Ellen Erickson and served as secretary and Jeane Erickson, all of Pleasant business manager at the View, David B. Erickson of Thomas D. Dee Memorial Roosevelt, and Chris L. Hospital School of Nursing.

#### PTA OFFICER

She is treasurer of the Weber High School PTA and has served in various offices in that organization and in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

She is executive director and secretary of the Ogden Area Committee of the National Multiple Scierosis Society, and has served as divisional chairman of the Heart Fund Drive.

During the past 20 years, Mrs. Erickson has served as 4-11 leader of \$2 clubs and received many local, state and national awards for her leadership.

Active in the LDS Church she has directed stake youth choruses, ward choirs, musical dramas and roadshows and has served as officer and teacher in the various auxiliary organizations.

She was married to Mr. Erickson on Jan 24, 1944.

#### SONS AND DAUGHTERS

They have eight sons and daughters: Capt. Gruce E.

PLEASANT VIEW - Mrs. Erickson of March Air Force Eldred H. Erickson of 1071 Base, Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Pleasant View Drive has been Randall J. (Janet) Gee of Bay chosen as the Weber County Village, Ohio; Mrs. James E. A graduate of Weber State Erickson, Ellen Erickson and Erickson, presently serving an LDS mission in Demnark



Lois Belnap Erickson is a great granddaughter of Gilbert and Adaline Belnap through Hyrum and Arias Belnap.

# Stories From the Past

#### MORRISITE WAR IN WEBER COUNTY

When Apostles Wilford Woodruff and John Taylor visited a small settlement of Mormon pioneers at the mouth of Weber Canyon in 1861, it must have been with a deep sense of foreboding.

They had been assigned a special task by Brigham Young: they were to investigate an uneducated Welsh convert named John Morris and then report their findings to Salt Lake City.

Morris claimed to have received a revelation in which God instructed him: "I have chosen thee to be a mighty man and thou shalt prophesy to many nations and peoples and kings and tongues. I say unto thee that the mountains shall tremble at the uttering of thy voice."

September 1, 1859 he had fired a letter off to Brigham Young and informed the leader of the Saints that since it had been revealed that he (Morris) was "the seventh angel spoken of in the Revelation of St. John," the church hierarchy should consider making room for his talents as soon as possible.

After Brigham Young ignored his requests to "come to the head of the church," Morris deluged Salt Lake City with letters claiming Brigham Young's "failures" and proposing massive reforms for the church.

Even though he failed to impress church leaders in Salt Lake City, he had quite an affect on his community and managed to convince over a hundred of his neighbors that he was the new prophet. When the bishop of the community, Richard Cook, declared himself a believer of the Morrisite doctrine, Brigham Young began to take this Welshman seriously for the first time.

Morris had previously been excommunicated for immorality. At the present time he was living with a married woman.

Apostles Taylor and Woodruff conducted a public hearing February 11, 1861. Bishop Richard Cook was required to state his position with reference to Morris. He boldly announced his belief in Morris and stated Brigham Young to be a failure as President of the Church. Others made the same statement. After the investigations, Cook, Morris and 15 others were excommunicated.

On April 6, 1861, Morris and his followers effected an organization. Morris became the head of the new church, with Richard Cook and John Banks as counselors. They established a communal pattern of living. They believed in the immediate coming of Christ and all their needs would be supplied without labor. They neglected the ordinary pursuits of life and gave themselves to holding meetings.

Morris received a blizzard of revelations. It is said to have amounted to six volumes, each containing 200 to 300 pages. This sect rapidly increased until the community numbered about 600. They called their location "Kingdom Fort." Later it became "Morris Fort."

An argument broke out between the leaders of the new movement about whether or not dissident members who decided that enough was enough had the right to leave the commune with their complete original chattel.

Salt Lake Chief Justice Kinney received four affidavits charging that Morris was holding four prisoners in his stronghold at Kingdom Fort. It seems these were four disenchanted followers who wished to leave and insisted on liberating some of their original property.

Writs were issued for Morris' arrest by Judge Kinney, but the marshall reported back that Morris had ignored the writs and was protected by "at least one hundred strong men."

That incident keyed one of the darkest chapters in the history of Weber County: the Morrisite War.

In June 1862 Deputy Richard T. Burton was sent from Salt Lake City with a posse to serve the writs and make arrests. Expecting trouble the posse consisted of 150 men of the Salt Lake County Militia and 150 from the Davis County Militia. The excitement of the occasion gathered many of the local residents to watch, including Gilbert R. Belnap, the young son of Gilbert Belnap.

The deputy set up camp not far from the mouth of Weber Canyon on the heights above Fort Kingdom. He served an ultimatum to the Morrisites that they had 30 minutes to surrender or they would be taken by force. Morris retired to his room to receive more revelation. He received word that "his enemies will be destroyed and that none of the faithful would be injured." The revelation was read to the people, but was not discussed. Their 30 minutes had expired some time ago.

The militia opened fire and the first two cannon balls to strike the Fort killed two women and critically injured a young girl. As the locals began an advance on the Fort, the Morrisites opened fire and killed a militiaman.

The Fort was under seige for three days. Finally, a white flag was raised and Commander Burton entered the Fort to serve the writs.

Burton claimed to have fired 5,000 rounds of ammunition and one hundred cannon balls into the Fort during the three-day assault that had been witnessed by most of the local population.

"Are you ready to give up?" he asked Morris.

Morris is reported to have grabbed the reins of Burton's horse and cried out "All who are for me and my God, in life and in death, follow me!"

In the ensuing melee, Morris and his two counselors, Richard Cook and John Banks, were killed along with two more women. But the backbone of the insurrection was broken.

March 1863 at the trials, ninety-six Morrisites were indicted for resisting arrest and ten of those were charged with murder of a militiaman. Some sixty of the dissidents were tried, convicted and fined \$100, while seven of the ten charged with murder were found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to long prison terms.

However, the new federal governor was intent on reducing the powers of Brigham Young, the church and local influence on the courts. Governor Stephen S. Harding pardoned all the Morrisites three days later without assigning any cause for his action.

Judge Kinney, who had issued the warrants for the arrest of the Morrisite leaders, issued a scathing rebuke of the act of the Governor in pardoning the prisoners. It was a shocked grand jury "when their most solemn and deliberated judgments can be thus ignored and set aside." They felt the Governor was "an officer dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the territory, etc."

After their pardon a few Morrisites left the territory. Some found employment among other Utah settlements.

General Patrick Edward Conner of Fort Douglas established a military post at Soda Springs in May 1863. He offered the Morrisites free transportation to found a settlement there. Two hundred people responded and some returned to their original church.

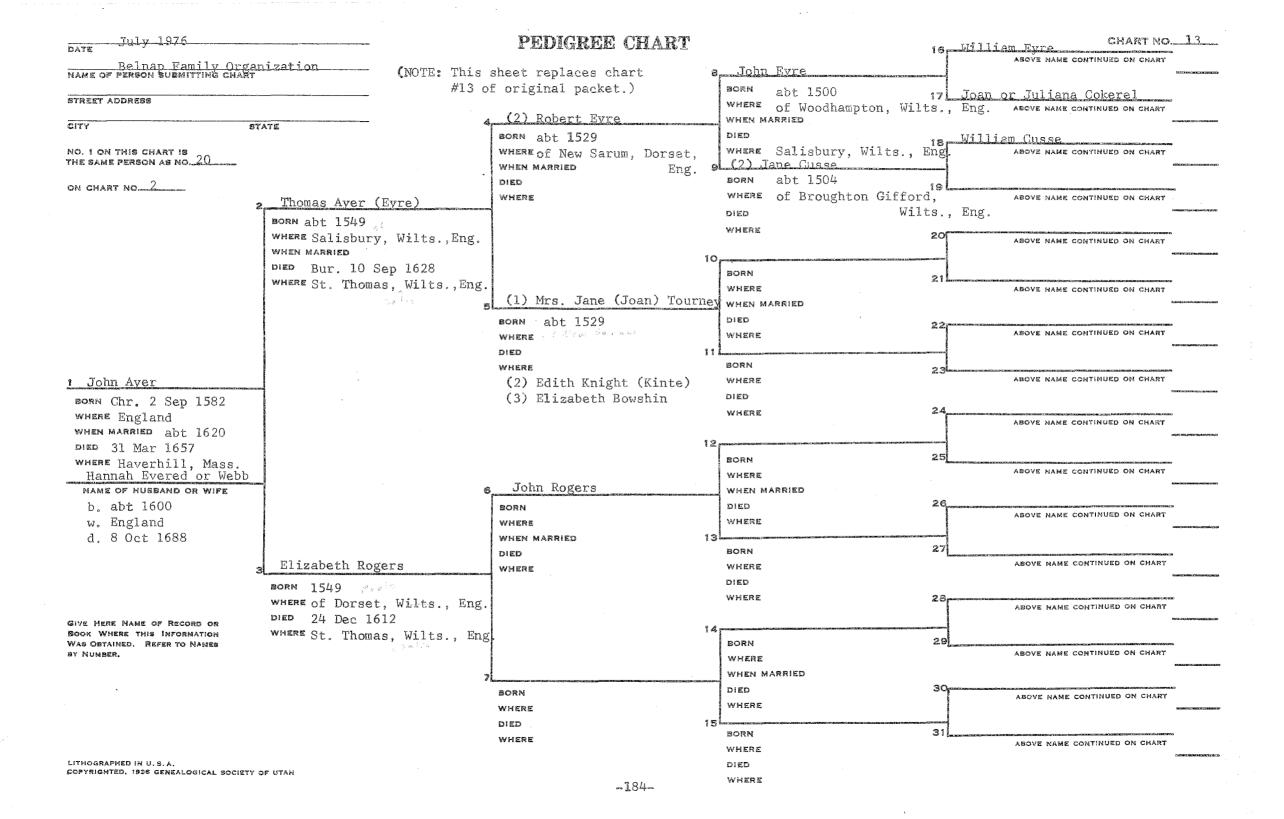
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When the cannon balls came in the direction of Gilbert R. Belnap that was not enough war for him. It is believed he took home to his father, Gilbert Belnap, a four pound rough hand-cast cannon ball. Others believe the cannon ball landed on the Belnap farm. This doesn't seem possible for that period of time, as the Belnap farm in Ogden would be too far away.

The cannon ball that Gilbert R. took home to his father is now in the possession of Della A. Belnap.

Compiled by Della A. Belnap

References: Information from Hyrum Belnap, son of Gilbert Belnap; Ogden Standard-Examiner Newspaper; and <u>History of the</u> Church, Volume 5, by B. H. Roberts.



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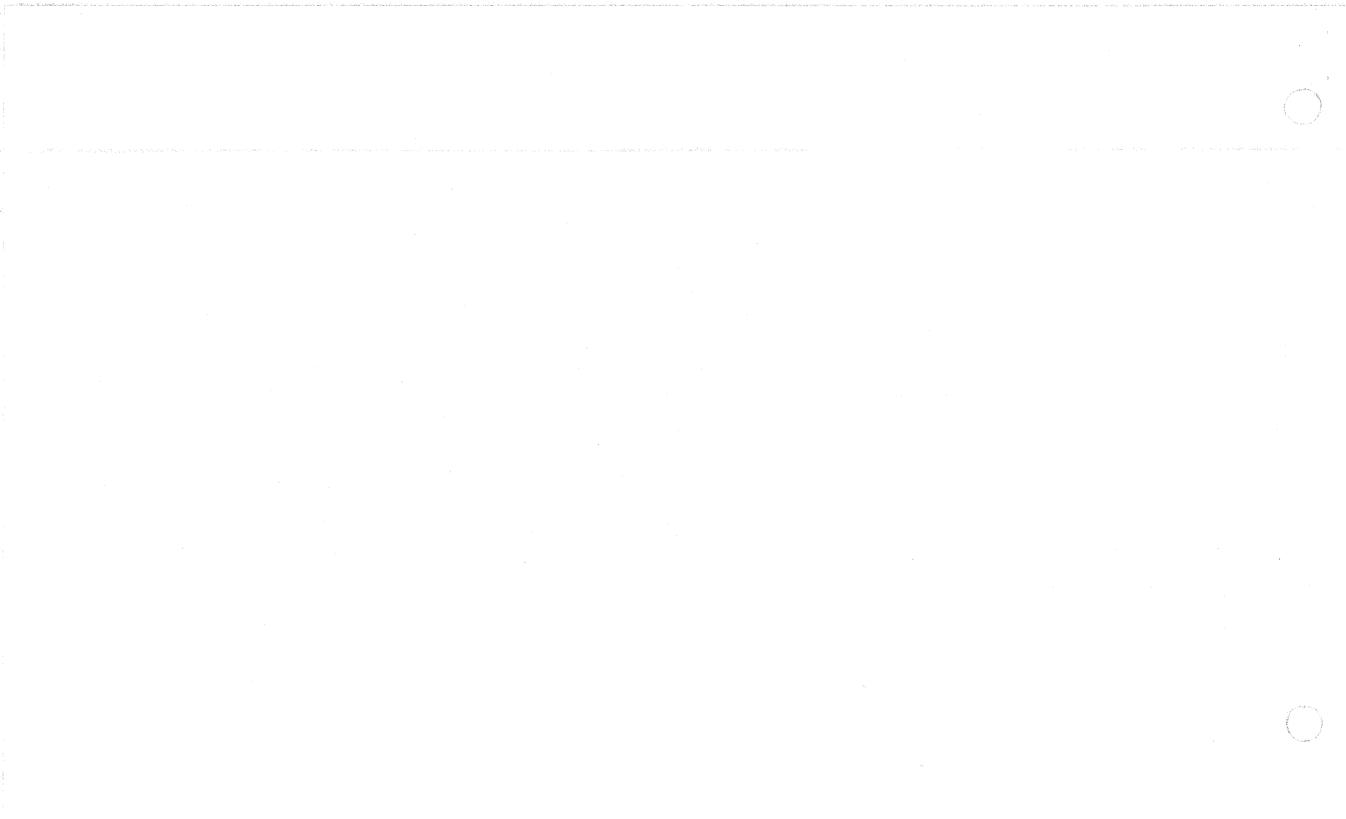
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