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8,000 Plus Descendents

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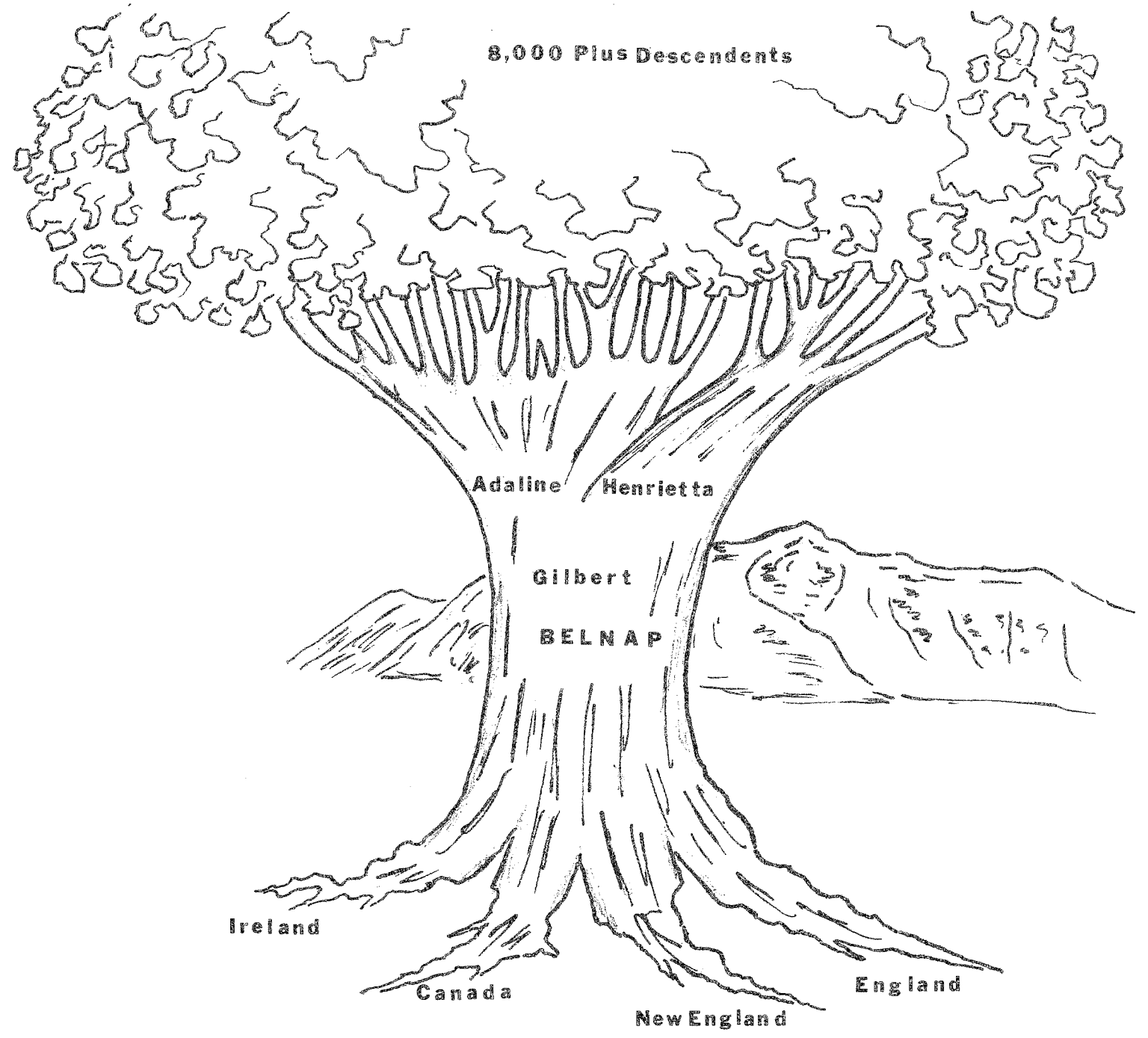
OUR ROOTS ARE DEEP

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ments of the men and women who bear the name of Belnap and create a
spirit of fellowship among their posterity.

Membership in the Belnap Family Organization entitles one to all
genealogical records, membership card and receipt of the BELNAP
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OFFICERS APPROVE MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

An official Belnap Family Membership Card will be mailed to every mem-
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Belnap Family Organization.

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We, as descendants of Gilbert Belnap, have been the recipients of many blessings through the years, particularly during 1977. Our illustrious ancestor, together with his wives and children, worked hard to help make this area a fine place in which to live. They left us a wonderful heritage, one of which we can be very proud.

Plan now to join us in honoring them and their oldest living descendants at the Belnap Family reunion to be held in Hooper, Utah, on Saturday, August 12, 1978.

Knight B. Kerr
President, Belnap Family Organization

A little over a year ago, Carroll York Belknap passed away. This outstanding genealogist had done extensive research into the descendant lines of our immigrant ancestor, Abraham Belknap.

This last July (1977) Dr. W. Dean Belnap and his family visited Margaret Belknap, the widow of Carroll. The purpose of the visit was not only to get acquainted with our distant cousins in Connecticut, but to obtain the excellent repository of records which Carroll had accumulated through many years of research.

Dean brought back with him four file drawers of genealogical material, which he and some of the family members, in particular Della Belnap, are perusing for valuable information on descendant Belknap-Belnap lines in America. Della has corresponded extensively in the past with Carroll Belknap. This will give her and those under her direction an opportunity to update our genealogical records.

Dean left a copy of his book, HERITAGE WITH HONOR, with the Stamford Library in Stamford, Connecticut in memory of Carroll York Belknap, who had made an extensive contribution to the book.

The Family Record

The family is like a book---
The children are the leaves;
The parents are the covers that
Protective beauty gives.
At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair;
But time still painteth memories there.
Love is the little golden clasp,
That bindeth up the truest;
Oh! break it not, lest all the sheaves
Shall scatter--and be lost.

by Roxena Davis-McBride
(Mrs. Daniel McBride Jr.)

December 25, 1870
Hamlet, New York

WHY FAMILY REUNIONS?

It is important that families meet often and stay united. We gather our strength from our families, which are the center of our culture, our religion, our eternal salvation.

Reunions are for brothers to meet sisters, cousins to meet cousins, aunts, uncles and other relatives to meet. Perhaps we have no idea how we are related other than we have the same surname or our mother, wife or husband was somehow related to Gilbert Belnap. A reunion is a real opportunity to unite and become acquainted with scores of others, who you would probably never meet otherwise, and learn to deepen one's appreciation for our family and our heritage.

Some say, "As long as I see my brothers and sisters, that's all that really counts."
"I don't know those people."
"Only the old people go to reunions."
"No, I'm too busy and I won't know a person there."

The recent TV show "ROOTS" has shown to the world and focused on what LDS people have taught for years. A family is a means of identification, being part of something -- a history, a proud heritage that gives one honor to be from Gilbert Belnap.

Our Belnap roots go deep. We encourage those who have scoffed at the general reunion to dig deep, see the roots, one is not alone. It is the roots that give strength to the tree trunk and beauty to the blossoms - to one's life and one's family name and heritage.

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   LDS CHURCH MEETINGS  --------  OUR FAMILY UNIT
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LDS CHURCH MEETINGS		OUR FAMILY UNIT
Weekly Church Services	-- to --	Individual family get-to-gethers
Fast Sunday Evening	-- to --	3-Generation get-to-gethers
Stake Conference	-- to --	Yearly family reunions following the children of Gilbert's lines
General Conference	-- to --	Bi-Annual Belnap Family General Reunion

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The Belnap Family Organization was organized in 1904 with the first official reunion of record being held that year.

EARLY BELNAP FAMILY REUNION IN HOOPER, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 3, 1923

PICTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF GILBERT
LIVING AT THAT TIME
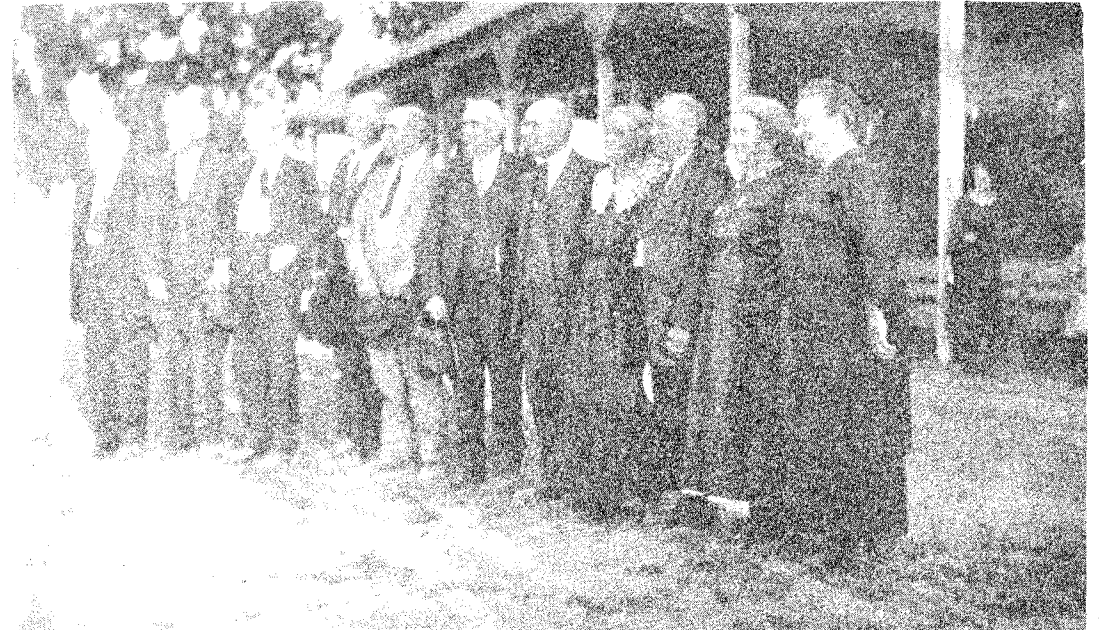
(left to right:) Gilbert R., Reuben, William, Oliver, Francis M., Hyrum, Augustus W., Isadora B. Stoddard, Amasa, Adaline B. Lowe, and Mary B. Lowe.

REUNIONS HAVE BEEN HELD THE FOLLOWING YEARS AND PLACES:

DATE	PLACE	ESTIMATED NUMBER PRESENT
Oct. 5, 1904	Hooper, Utah	-
Sep. 3, 1923	Hooper, Utah	400
Sep. 7, 1925	Ogden, Utah (Liberty Park)	-
Sep. 6, 1927	Ogden, Utah (Liberty Park)	-
Aug. 20, 1930	Hooper, Utah	-
Aug. 6, 1932	Blackfoot, Idaho (Park)	213
July 1, 1939	Franklin, Idaho (Park & Ward)	195
Aug. 31, 1940	Hooper, Utah (Park & Ward)	147
Aug. 30, 1941	Moreland, Idaho (LDS Ward)	210
1945	Franklin, Idaho	-
Aug. 26, 1946	Hooper, Utah (Park)	-
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Sep. 11, 1948	Ogden, Utah (20th Ward)	—
Aug. 12, 1950	Ogden, Utah (20th Ward)	189
Aug. 23, 1952	Shelley, Idaho (LDS Ward)	280
Aug. 21, 1954	Ogden, Utah (20th Ward)	234
Aug. 18, 1956	Lava Hot Springs, Idaho	—
Aug. 23, 1958	Hooper, Utah (LDS Ward)	111
Aug. 19-20, 1960	Idaho Falls, Idaho (5th Ward)	85
Aug. 25, 1962	Ogden, Utah (Snow Basin Lodge)	234
Aug. 22, 1964	Ogden, Utah (Snow Basin Lodge)	149
Aug. 20, 1966	Shelley, Idaho (LDS Ward & Park)	121
July 20, 1968	Hooper, Utah	269
June 27, 1970	Hooper, Utah	260
Aug. 19, 1972	Moreland, Idaho (LDS Ward)	165
June 29, 1974	Bountiful, Utah (School & Park)	201
Aug. 6-7, 1976	Hooper, Utah (Stake Center & Park)	300
Aug. 12, 1978	Hooper, Utah (NEXT REUNION)	

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THE TWO OLDEST LIVING GRANDCHILDREN OF GILBERT BELNAP
PHOTO TAKEN AT GENERAL REUNION AT HOOPER, UTAH, 1976

Standing: Max G. Belnap, son of John M. Belnap (seated front left),
and Henry Belnap (seated front right), both age 93.
John M. Belnap is holding the book he just authored, "HOOPER, LAND OF
BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS". Editor Note: John M. Belnap passed away September
27, 1976 in Ogden, Utah. His book is available from Max G. Belnap.

BELNAP FAMILY OFFICERS FOR 1976 - 1978
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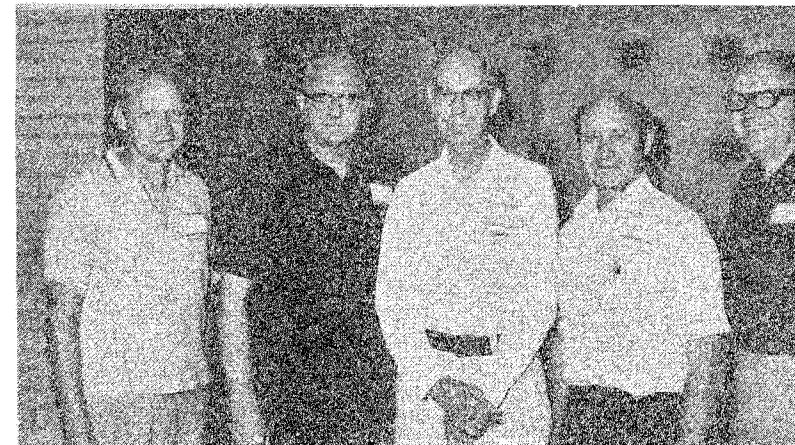
(left to right;) Hal R. Belnap, LeGrande L. Belnap, Knight B. Kerr,
Max G. Belnap and W. Dean Belnap

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BELNAP FAMILY GENERAL REUNION, HOOPER, UTAH, 1976:

Friday, August 6: A barbecue was held in the Hooper City Park Bowery. A
delicious beef dinner was served and cooked by Max G.
Belnap and his crew. Following the dinner a dance was
held in the Hooper Stake Center. The band was young,
modern and loud. It was fun to see the young and old
dance and, as one young boy said, "Gosh, I didn't know
we have so many 'foxey-looking' cousins in the family."

Saturday, August 7: The morning commenced with a pancake breakfast with
all the trimmings. President W. Dean Belnap was in
charge and he cooks a "mean" hot cake. It was enjoyable.
Meetings of the day included historical reports, songs,
skits, door prize drawings and a spirit of unity, fun
and seeing the license plates from California, Arizona,
Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Virginia, and of
course, Utah.

It was great fun to see who your cousins are and to see
people from all parts of this country; to see we are not
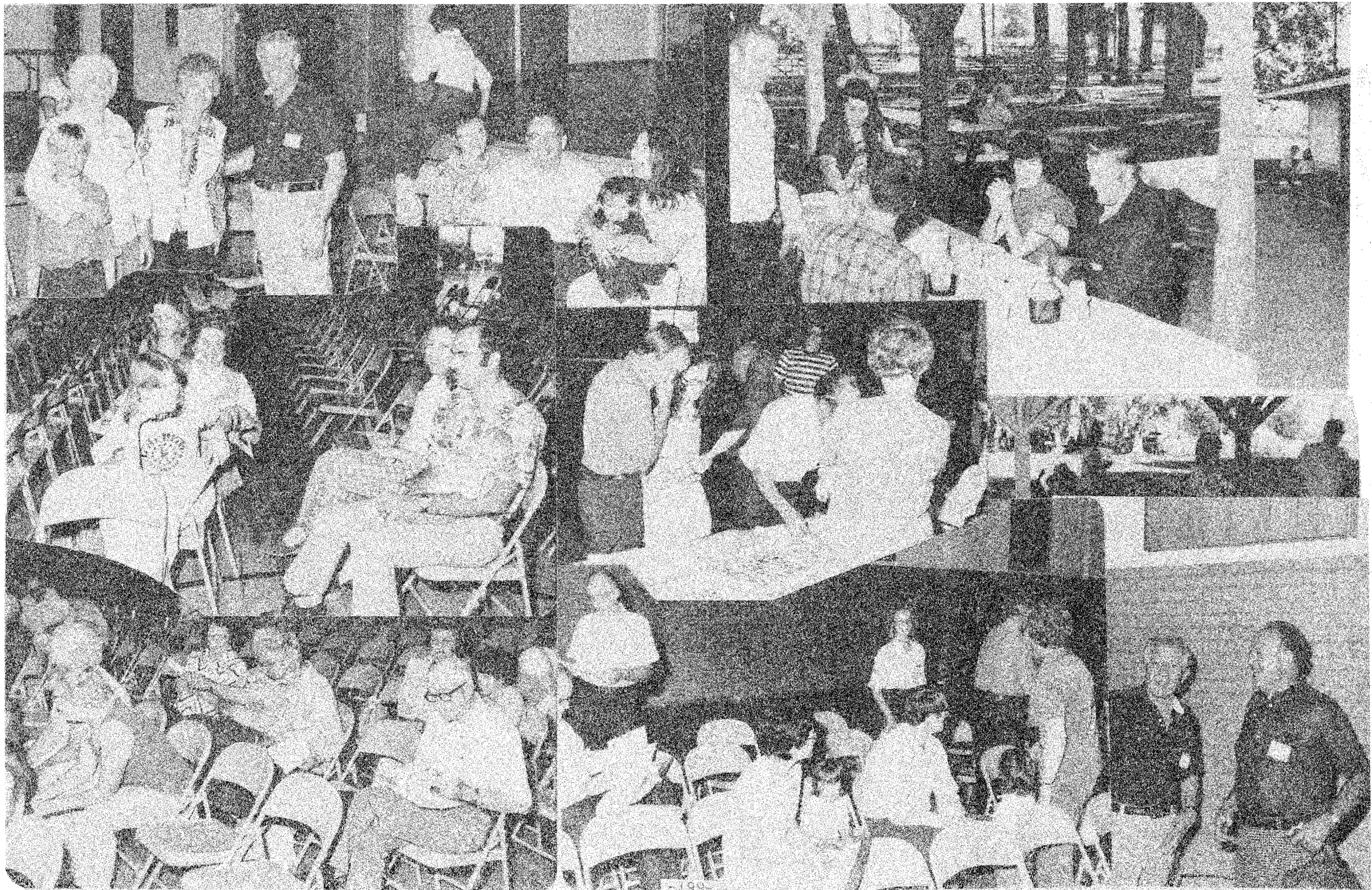alone, a family with unity, love and concern for each
other.

1976 Reunion, Hooper, Utah
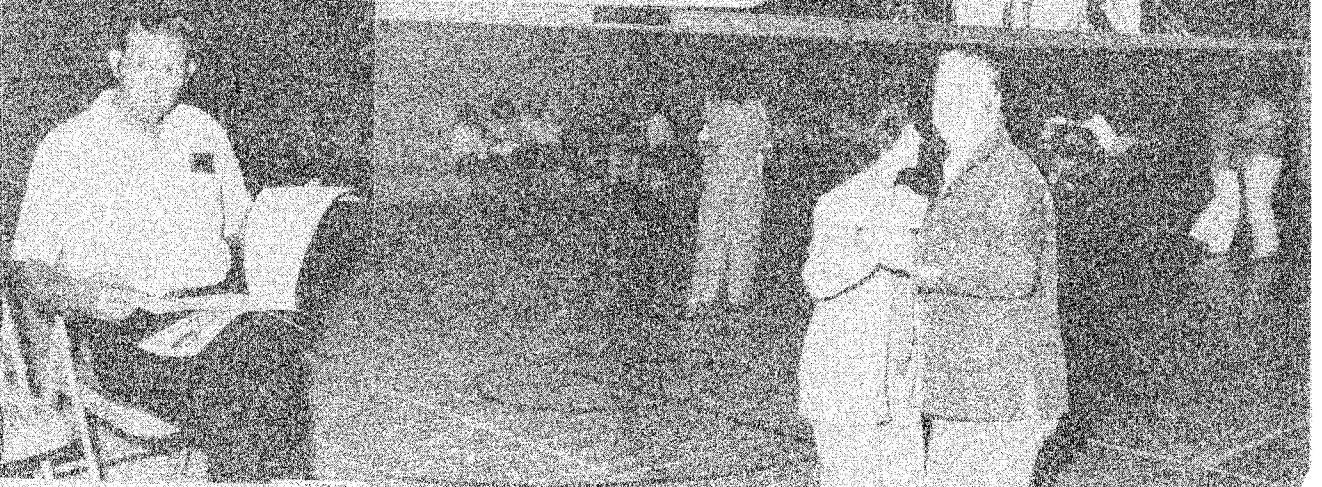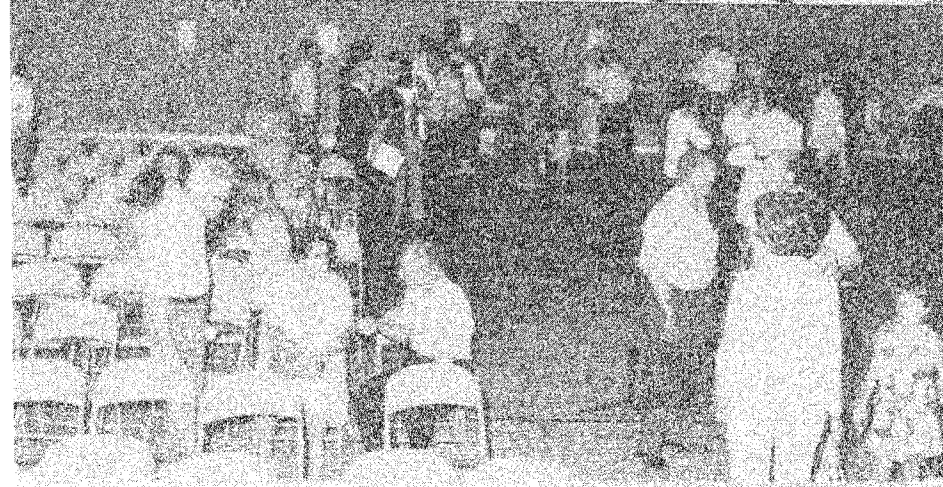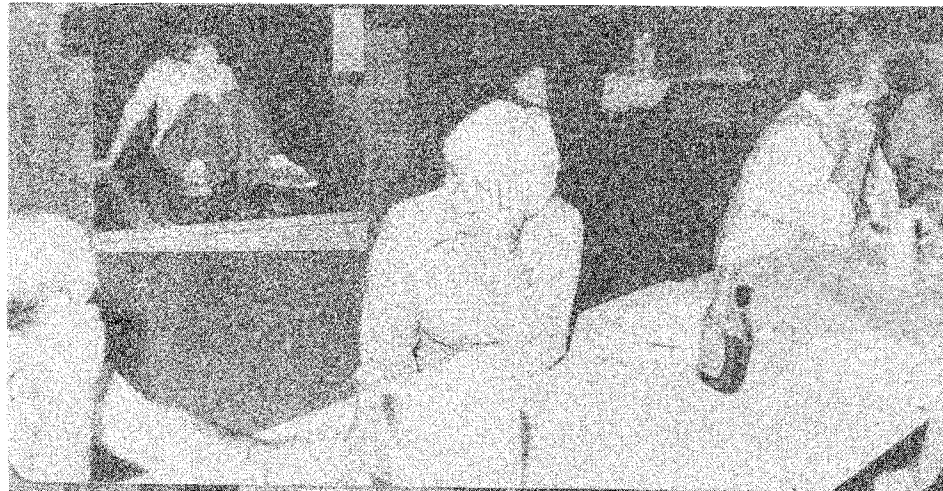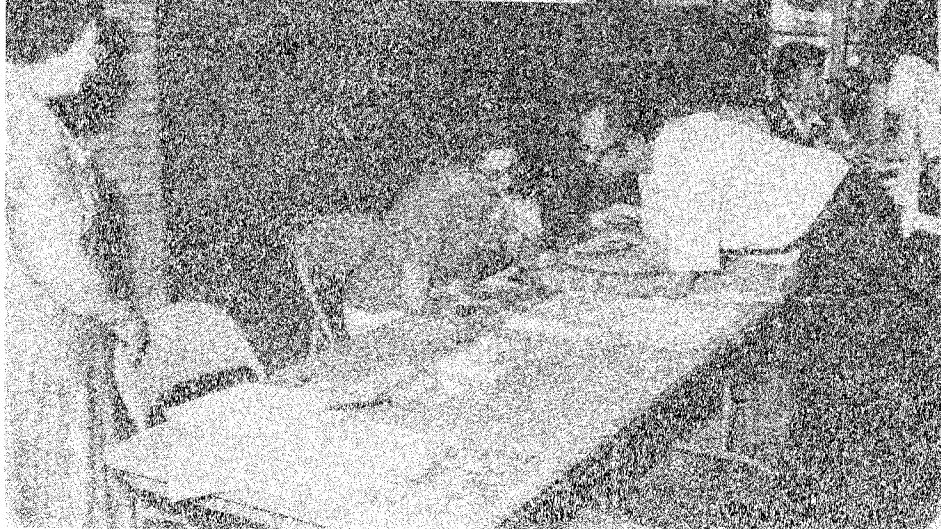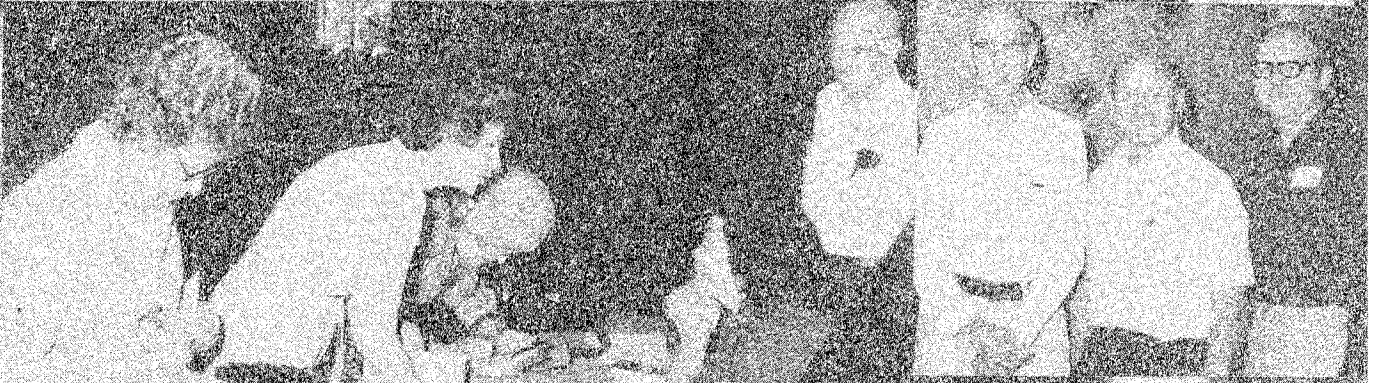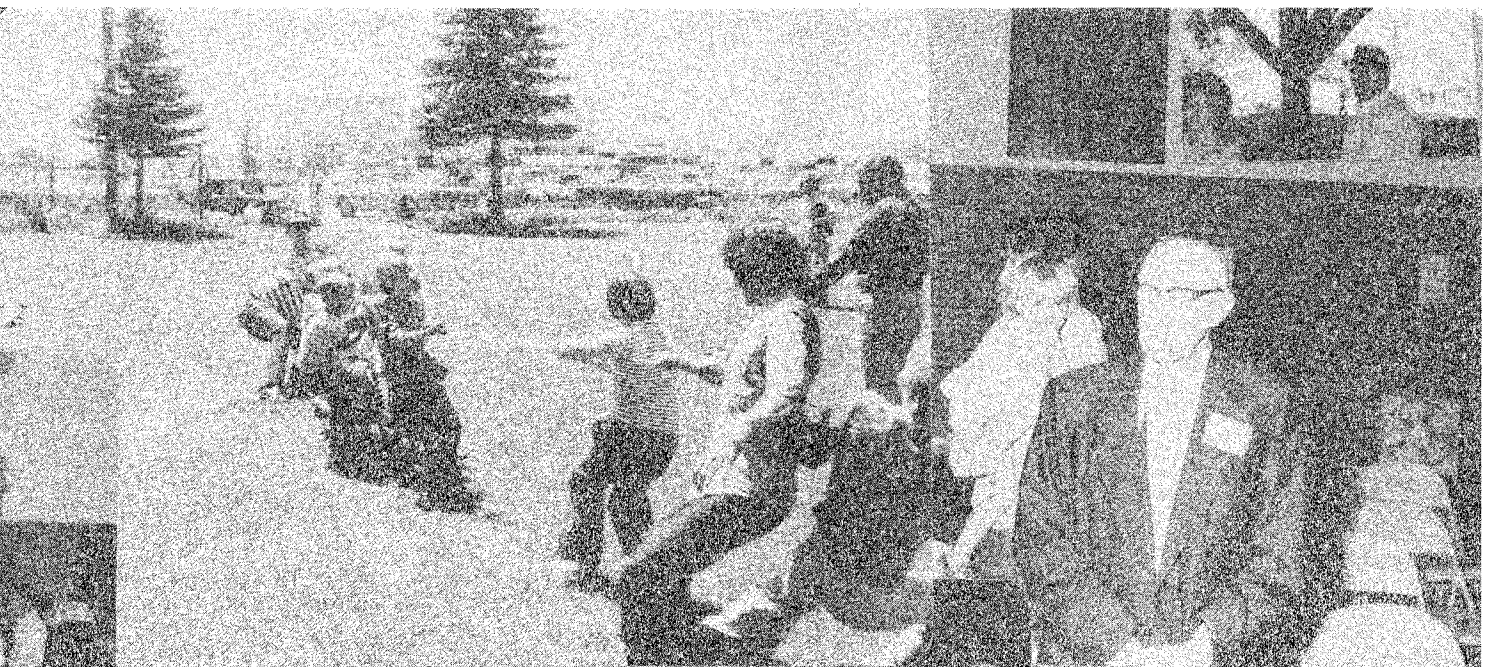
1976 Reunion (continued)

WELCOME

The Belnap Family Organization wishes to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the Family:

ROBERT SMALLWOOD married 5 September 1975 to Jolene Dial, daughter of Joe Earl and Esther Harker Dial, grand-daughter of Samuel and Mae Lucetta Stoddard Dial, descended through Isadora.

DANA JANIECE MIDDLETON SMITH married 10 June 1976 to Willis Kerr Smith, son of Dr. A. Willis and Helene Kerr Smith, grandson of Walter and Marion Belnap Kerr, descended through Hyrum.

DEBBIE DALLING MURRAY married 9 July 1976 to Dean James Murray, son of Hugh T. and Iola H. Belnap Murray, grandson of George Ellis and Mabel Hall Belnap, descended through Francis Marion.

NANCY EVA WEST MURRAY married 22 July 1976 to Paul Belnap Murray, son of Hugh T. and Iola H. Belnap Murray, grandson of George Ellis and Mabel Hall Belnap, descended through Francis Marion.

ALAN LACH married 31 July 1976 to Jan Stoker, daughter of Allen Verl and Helen B. West Stoker, grand-daughter of Jesse and Lettie M. Hammon Stoker, descended through Martha Jane.

KENNETH E. BARRY married 17 September 1976 to Darla Lindsay, daughter of Mark and Bobbie Jean Clair Lindsay, grand-daughter of J. Russell and Hazel Belnap Lindsay, descended through Oliver.

NANCY LEE GREEN NILSSON married 16 December 1976 to Carl Brett Nilsson, son of Dr. Richard E. and Lou Jean Allison Nilsson, grandson of Roger Blaine and Golda Marie Stoker Allison, descended through Martha Jane.

GRANT ROBERT LARSEN married 31 December 1976 to Julie Ann Belnap, daughter of Richard D. and Rose Ann Kelly Belnap, grand-daughter of L. Lovel and Lillie Hobbs Belnap, descended through Vinson.

MYRDEAN CLARK FULLMER PERKES married 11 January 1977 to Asa Virgil Perkes.

CAROLYN S. POULSEN BELNAP married 26 January 1977 to Carl I. Belnap, son of M. Kimball and Lois E. Christensen Belnap, grandson of John M. and Zina H. Taylor Belnap, descended through Francis Marion.

ROBERT A. PETERSON married 10 February 1977 to Marilyn Cottle, daughter of William A. and Donna R. Rigby Cottle, grand-daughter of Henry A. and Anna May Belnap Cottle, descended through William James.

KEVIN WAYNE HOGGE married 18 March 1977 to Carolyn Shaw, daughter of Don C. and Margo Marriott Shaw, grand-daughter of Gilbert E. and Helen Smirl Marriott, descended through Gilbert Rosel.

KIMBAL O. LUDLOW married 2 June 1977 to Rosann Wiberg, daughter of Dean P. and Beverly Venable Wiberg, grand-daughter of Marvin C. and Matilda J. Stoker Venable, descended through Martha Jane.

JEFFREY LYNN DUNCAN married 8 June 1977 to Beth Perkes, daughter of Asa Virgil and Ethel Belnap Perkes, grand-daughter of Oliver Mead and Jael Lavern Hatch Belnap, descended through Oliver.

PAUL LEVERSON married 15 June 1977 to Robin Clary, daughter of Glenn T. Clary and Joyce Belnap Clary Truex, grand-daughter of Lorenzo and Vera Wilcox Belnap, descended through Francis Marion.

JAN WADE BELNAP married 8 July 1977 to Wilford Neal Belnap, son of Hal R. and Maxine Driggs Belnap, grandson of Wilford and Louise Oscarson Belnap, descended through Oliver.

JUDY SIMSER CLARY married 23 July 1977 to Jeffrey G. Clary, son of Glenn T. Clary and Joyce Belnap Clary Truex, grandson of Lorenzo and Vera Wilcox Belnap, descended through Francis Marion.

CHRISTINE TERESA MYREN SODENKAMP married 29 October 1977 to John Val Sodenkamp, Jr., son of John V. and Valeen Kay Belnap Sodenkamp, grandson of L. Lovel and Lillie Hobbs Belnap, descended through Vinson.

The following deaths have occurred since the last Belnap Family CRIER. Please make these notations to your records:

ROY STEPHENS CHILD (former husband of Adaline Elizabeth Belnap, #7 Child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap, pages 24 and 25) died 10 September 1977 at Ogden, Utah. Buried 13 September 1977 in Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Utah.

REED BELNAP (TIPPETS) CUTLER (#2 Child of Hyrum Dewilton and Ida Belnap Tippets, #11 Child of Joseph and Manerva (Howard) Fisk Belnap, #4 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap) died 13 June 1976 in Mountain Home, Idaho. Buried 16 June 1976 in Preston City Cemetery, Preston, Idaho.
(NOTE: Reed was adopted by and sealed to Dr. Allen R. Cutler, Jr., 2nd husband of Ida Belnap, in 1928. Legally changed his name to Cutler in 1953.)

ROBERT VOLNEY BELNAP (son of Volney Bryan and Rose Marie West Belnap, #3 Child of Hyrum and Anna C. Bluth Belnap, #6 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap) died 28 July 1976 at Ogden, Utah. Buried 31 July 1976 in Ogden City Cemetery.

CAROL DRAPER BELNAP (wife of Milton Francis Belnap, #4 Child of Oscar Newel and Vera Eileen Poulson Belnap, #2 Child of Augustus Ruben and Olena Nettie Anderson Belnap, #1 Child of Augustus Weber and Mary Read Belnap, #7 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap) died 20 July 1976 at Heyburn, Idaho.

DOROTHY MAE BELNAP MILLION (daughter of L. Lovel and Lillie E. Hobbs Belnap, #5 Child of Vinson Knight and Sarah Emily Hardy Belnap, #9 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap) died 4 June 1977 in Taylorsville, Utah. Buried 7 June 1977 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

EDITH LOWE LAW (daughter of John A. and Adaline L. Belnap Lowe, #11 Child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap) died 22 August 1976 in Tremonton, Utah. Buried 25 August 1976 in Paris, Idaho.

SARAH ELIZABETH BELNAP BLACK (#8 Child of William James and Eliza Ann Watts Belnap, #1 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 18 March 1977 in San Bruno, California. Buried 22 March 1977 at Stockton, California.

GERALDINE J. M. RIDEMAN BELNAP (wife of H. Austin Belnap, son of Henry and Ida Loveland Belnap, #5 Child of William James and Eliza Ann Watts Belnap, #1 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 1 October 1977 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Buried 5 October 1977 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

ETHEL G. PERKES (wife of Asa V. Perkes, daughter of Oliver Mead and Jael Lavern Hatch Belnap, #1 Child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap, #2 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 5 September 1976 in St. George, Utah. Buried 9 September 1976 in Moreland, Idaho.

E. LOUISE OSCARSON BELNAP (wife of Wilford Belnap, pages 50 and 51, #5 Child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap, #2 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 5 June 1977 in Bountiful, Utah. Buried 8 June 1977 in Bountiful Memorial Park.

JOHN MARION BELNAP (#3 Child of Francis Marion and Lillis S. Robinson Belnap, pages 56 and 57, #3 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 27 September 1976 at Ogden, Utah. Buried 30 September 1976 in Hooper, Utah.

ORSON VICTOR BELNAP (#7 Child of Francis Marion and Lillis S. Robinson Belnap, pages 56 and 57, #3 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 1 March 1977 at Ogden, Utah. Buried 5 March 1977 in Hooper, Utah.

KEN F. STODDARD (son of Oliver Lee and Flora E. Widdison Stoddard, #8 Child of John Francis and Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard, #4 Child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap) died 23 June 1977 at Howe, Idaho. Buried 27 June 1977 in Hooper, Utah.

SCOTT NATHAN STODDARD (son of Ken F. and Karen Plumb Stoddard, grandson of Oliver Lee and Flora Widdison Stoddard, #8 Child of John Francis and Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard) died 23 June 1977 at Howe, Idaho. Buried 27 June 1977 in Hooper, Utah.

VINSON KNIGHT'S HOME STILL STANDS IN KIRTLAND, OHIO

--President Knight B. Kerr

After several months of research, including a detailed examination of the tax records of Lake County, Ohio, Dr. Keith W. Perkins of the Brigham Young University faculty has confirmed the fact that several buildings and homes which are still standing in Kirtland in the general vicinity of the temple date back to the Kirtland period of LDS Church history. Among them is the home of Vinson Knight, father-in-law of Gilbert Belnap. It is a short distance from the temple at the intersection of Joseph and Cowdery Streets. A plaque has been placed on the home indicating that it has been designated as a "Heritage Home" by the Lake County Historical Society.

Dr. Perkins' findings were presented by him at the annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, which was held April 22-24, 1977, in Kirtland. It was a thrilling experience for my wife, Pat, and me to hear this presentation and to attend the various meetings of the convention. Three of the meetings were held in the temple itself. As we sat in this beautiful building on Sunday morning, April 24, 1977, the hymns which were sung by the Saints at the dedication in 1836 were played by a musical ensemble. A part of the dedicatory prayer was read, as was Section 110 of the Doctrine and Covenants. It enabled us to more fully appreciate the feelings which must have been experienced by Vinson and his wife, Martha, as they worshipped there a hundred and forty years ago.

The temple played an important role in Vinson's life during the time they lived in Kirtland. It was there that he attended many glorious meetings in the company of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the other Church leaders. It was there that he received his annointing by Joseph Smith, Sr., the Church Patriarch, and in turn had the opportunity to annoint and bless others.

As we consider the blessings which we now enjoy, let us express our thanks and appreciation for our ancestors who provided such a great heritage for us. Let us renew our determination to serve our Heavenly Father by doing our part in the BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION to the best of our ability.

VINSON KNIGHT HOME located at corner of Joseph and Cowdery Streets in Kirtland, Ohio. Photo taken by Knight B. Kerr, President of the Belnap Family Organization, April 23, 1977.
(1968 CRIER, page 63, and 1970 CRIER, page 77, show Vinson Knight's home in Nauvoo, Illinois.)

The Belnap Family Organization is bringing all the children's lines from Gilbert Belnap up to 1977. Please make sure we have your complete family data: all births, marriages, deaths, children on ALL lines. These will be ready for you to use at the reunion next summer in Hooper, Utah.

We would like the names and addresses of all the descendants from Gilbert Belnap so we can establish a master file on all our family.

At present we have about 30 packets left on the direct line of Gilbert Belnap consisting of 19 pedigree charts and 100 family group sheets, $20 per packet!

A new direct line packet will be printed in the near future and will have 90 pedigree charts with more than 400 family group sheets.

Do you have pictures of past reunions, or of persons, places or events that are of interest to the Family? Please send this information to the CRIER so we can share with others our history and proud heritage.

THE DAY THE TETON DAM BROKE

Mabel and myself having been to the timber the day before for a load of wood decided to saw it up in furnace lengths, so we went to work with our tractor operated saw down by our shop. Shortly after Max Mortensen came up to our place telling us that the Teton Dam broke and was coming fast, get out fast.

So we tried to get our house in order for what was to come, staying as long as we dared, moving some things upstairs. We loaded some things in the car and pickup and headed for the Parker Hill where we with a lot of others watched and waited for what was to come. Some of the dust and things ahead of the water we could see and some of the water running over the hills. After some time of waiting and watching we eventually all ventured down across the Snake River to see what was happening. Mabel and I being the last to go leaving our car there. We saw the water as it came around Austin Price's place, crossed the road to Ray Price's and crossed the road north of Ray's house to the west.

We followed some cars up east to Spence Harris's place were they didn't get any water. We turned south down to William's place that was about as far as we could get at that time. We turned to the Harris place, then on down the hill west to the gravel pit road, down it to about half of a mile north of our home. I put on my boots, left Mabel in the pickup and walked down thru Howard Clark's field when just across the road from our place I found no bottom going under the water, the second time I came to the surface I said to myself, "I guess if they ever find you it will be in this mess." The water was mighty cold. Each time as I came to the surface I got all the air in me I could and held my breath as I went under again. I managed somehow to get one boot off with some unseen help. I guess I hadn't finished my stay and work on this earth.

About the seventh time I came to the surface I caught the bridge abutment. I was so cold and tired it was all I could do to hold on until I regained strength enough to crawl on top into the house. I found some dry clothes upstairs, a pair of shoes and a cap, and started back to Mabel and the car. I took a flash light and a small pole about six feet long to hold to in case I got in deep water. It was a safe return. We stayed with Spence Harris that night safe and sound. After getting lost in the dark in Ted Mortensen's field. Two days later I found my hat hanging on a stick in the water hole as if it were a marker. This is the place.

Joseph Francis Belnap
Route 2, Rexburg, Idaho

Joseph Francis Belnap
Mabel H. Belnap

Queen's Family Linked Closely With Shakespeare

LONDON, (Reuters)—Britain's greatest authority on the aristocracy claimed Tuesday that the Queen has close family ties with William Shakespeare.

Cyril Hankinson, editor of Debrett's, guide to the nobility, bases his claim on researches made by his assistant, Patrick Montague-Smith who has drawn up a family tree tracing two unsuspected links between Queen Elizabeth and Shakespeare.

The tree shows that the Queen is 18th in descent from Mary Whalesborough, whose sister Eleanor was Shakespeare's great-great-great-grandmother.

It also shows that she is 17th in descent from John Belknap, whose sister Joan was great-great-great-great-grandmother of Shakespeare.

The two lines converged, Montague-Smith claims, when a descendant of John Belknap, Hon. Katherine Wootton, married Henry, Lord Stanhope, a descendant of Mary Whalesborough.

The grand-daughter of these two, Lady Elizabeth Stanhope, married the fourth Earl of Strathmore, John Lyon, a direct ancestor of the Queen.

Before her marriage, the Queen was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. She was daughter of the 14th Earl of Strathmore.

Montague-Smith's tree goes on to show that the Queen's ancestors, Sir John Whalesborough and Sir Robert Belknap, also were ancestors of William Shakespeare through his mother's family, the Ardens.

About 30 years ago, a Mrs. C. C. Stopes traced Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, as a descendant of the Ardens of Park Hall, Warwickshire, who are direct descendants of both the Whalesboroughs and the Belknaps.

Montaguee-Smith took her findings and coupled them with his own researches into the Queen's ancestry.

He found that the two dovetailed and was able to draw the family tree which shows how the two links go back tracing them step by step.

Queen Elizabeth was born in Hertfordshire Aug. 4, 1900—about 50 miles from Stratford-On-Avon, Warwickshire, where William Shakespeare was born April 23, 1564.

An interesting item found in the Toronto, Canada newspaper believed to have been published in the 1930's.

During 1978, accomplish the following:

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

1. Binder
2. Personal Record Sheet
3. Pedigree Charts
4. Family Group Sheets
5. Personal History or Life Story
6. Sacred Records of Spiritual Experiences
7. Picture Pedigree
8. Certificates and Pictures
9. Patriarchal Blessing
10. Supplementary Material

STEP ONE: Accomplish during 1978

1. Acquire a Book of Remembrance.
2. Personal Record Sheet complete to date.
3. First and second generation Family Group Sheets.
4. Pedigree Chart showing direct ancestors for 2 generations.
5. Personal History to date.

STORY FOR THE YOUTH

Gilbert Belnap, while at Fort Limhi, went for a ride along the foothills. Three big Indians jumped him. He in turn raced for the Fort. As one Indian came close, Gilbert turned and fired. The Indian fell and rolled in the dirt.

The second one came with the same result. Gilbert sped on and was near the Fort when the third Indian came up. They both fired at the same time. Both horses went down. There they were, each with a great big butcher knife dancing about, charging and counter charging. The big Indian lunged forward, Gilbert side-stepped, then charged. The Indian said "wow." Gilbert then came home to Utah to fight Johnston's Army.

—Submitted by Henry Belnap

Debates in Congress, slavery trouble in Missouri, bleeding Kansas, The Homestead Act, discovery of gold in California all had their effect on people living on the Eastern Seaboard. One person of interest and of importance to me was James Dare Belknap.

Then, the blazing of a trail by Daniel Boone opened the way for thousands of people to trek westward. Almost overnight Kentucky became a State, likewise Kansas.

The Homestead Act passed by Congress deeded one hundred sixty acres of land to any family who would build a home and farm the land. Families from the North rushed to keep Kansas free. Much strife and bloodshed in the area rightfully named it Bleeding Kansas.

The discovery of gold in California gave impetus to people to go farther West. One family from Pennsylvania, the Rhoads, made their way to Kansas. James Dare Belknap, married to Rachel Rhoads, a daughter, might have come that far with them.

In 1850, after four years of preparation, James Dare Belknap, restless and with a roving nature, loaded his conestoga wagon with all his earthly possessions to join a company going West. Taking his wife and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen, he turned his face westward to face the unknown.

The trip was slow, long, and tiresome. Frequent stops were made for the oxen to eat and rest. The company had one skirmish with Indians, where one girl was lost in the fight.

After coming through South Pass in Wyoming, it is not known whether they went by Fort Hall or Fort Bridger and Salt Lake City. However, the roads came together on Raft River near the Utah-Idaho border then headed West through the City of Rocks, up the Goose Creek Valley to the Humboldt River, Southwest across Nevada to where Carson City is, then over the Sierra Mountains to California, San Jose, where their journey ended.

Here they rested while James Dare Belknap tried to find work. Not succeeding, he moved his wife and two girls to Mokelumne Hill, where he went to work for a mining company. His job was to furnish supplies for the company. On one of his trips he was caught in a severe snow storm and blizzard. Not being able to see the narrow road, he went over the cliff. The wagon and the dead horses were found the following Spring, but the body of James Dare Belknap was never found.

I have never been able to establish that branch of the family to which he belongs. His mother-in-law, Barbara Rhoads, lived in Kansas, died there at the age of 104. His wife, Rachel, lived to the ripe old age of 93.

Mr. Charles K. Bailey married Mary Ellen, daughter. Mr. Bailey was an outstanding frontiersman of California.

Any information giving the genealogy of James Dare Belknap and Rachel Rhoads Belknap will be gratefully appreciated.

—Submitted by Henry Belnap

Cystic Fibrosis Victim Earns Eagle Scout Badge

By KAREN BOSSICK
The Idaho Statesman

Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is a special moment in any boy's life. But for 14-year-old Lee Belnap, 1312 Tetonia Drive, who is to receive his Eagle Scout badge tonight, the moment will be an extra special one.

Lee's struggle to earn the rank was complicated by the fact that he has cystic fibrosis — a disease that attacks the lungs and makes breathing difficult.

Belnap decided to tackle the Eagle badge quest when he read that another boy with cystic fibrosis had become the first person with the disease to achieve Eagle Scout.

Many of Belnap's badge-earning projects centered around cystic fibrosis. His main project consisted of putting out 100 donation cans during Cystic Fibrosis Month in stores throughout Boise last September.

He organized eight Scouts on the project and raised more than $200 — as much as was collected through the other CF drives in Boise that month and about the same amount collected in Boise during all of 1976.

He also addressed envelopes for the CF Foundation and designed a cover for the Cystic Fibrosis Regional XV Conference in 1975. The folder, which showed a boy in a hospital bed on one side and a boy playing football on the other side, cited "Two Decades of Progress."

It also exemplified Belnap's own progress concerning his handicap since he became a Scout.

LEE BELNAP IS A PROUD EAGLE SCOUT
... cystic fibrosis didn't stop him

Statesman photo by Sam Green

(Joseph's line.)

"Scouts helped me grow in many different areas," he said. "But they were the real turning point in helping me learn to accept letting others know I had cystic fibrosis."

Belnap was referring to his two daily one- or two-hour treatments that require him to place a mask over his face to dilute the mucus that clogs his lungs. When he went on a hike, he could miss one treatment, but couldn't miss both treatments if he went on a camping expedition.

"I was afraid the kids would think I was wierd if they saw me taking my treatments," Belnap said. "But I finally decided to go ahead and go to camp, and none of the kids stared at all. This helped me realize that it's just a way of life for me and nothing to be ashamed of."

"We felt this was an extremely big step," said his mother, A. Kay Belnap. "Some CF children become reclusive. But Lee's being able to do this opened the gate for further things like going off to college."

Belnap faced difficult times meeting his Eagle Scout requirements. He tried to run for 30 days to achieve his physical fitness badge and the disease forced him to back off a couple of days and start all over.

"Only about one in every 100 Scouts make Eagle Scout rank, so you can see how difficult it is without cystic fibrosis," his mother said.

RICHARD D. BELNAP was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest scouting award, by the Great Salt Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1977. (Vinson's line.)

Mr. Belnap

MRS. G. ELLIS BELNAP (MABEL HALL) was chosen Queen of the Ogden Pioneer Days of 1977 at the age of 82 years. She's always been a "queen" to her family. (Her husband is from Francis's line.)

MRS. MABLE BELNAP
Worked Hard

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

1977

ARTICLE I

The name of this Organization shall be "BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION."

ARTICLE II

THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE FOR WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ESTABLI-
SHED IS TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FELLOWSHIP AND KINSHIP BETWEEN LIVING
MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY. TO PERPETUATE THE NAMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
MEN AND WOMEN WHO BEAR THE NAME OF BELNAP AND CREATE A SPIRIT OF FELLOW-
SHIP AMONG THEIR POSTERITY.

This, in part, shall be accomplished in the following manner:

1. Preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a
   library of historical and genealogical matter, securing un-
   printed manuscripts, and photographs.
2. Unifying all genealogical, historical and biographical research
   attendant to the compiling of an acceptable family record.
3. Performing the necessary temple ordinances in behalf of all
   deceased ancestors of this Family.
4. Combining the resources and efforts of the members of this
   Family so that the history and genealogy of this Family may be
   passed on to all descendants.
5. Promoting Family unity through a bi-annual general Family
   Reunion.
6. Annual reunions following the children lines of Gilbert Belnap.
7. Publishing annually a Belnap Family CRIER to provide histori-
   cal achievements and accomplishments of Family members.

ARTICLE III

Any person may be eligible for membership in this Family Organization
who is a descendant of Gilbert Belnap, or the husband, wife or children
of any of these descendants, or any direct descendant of other families
bearing the Belnap name or any derived spelling of this name.

Eligible persons may become members of this Organization by presenting
a pedigree chart and family group sheet to the Secretary of this Org-
ganization.

ARTICLE IV

Members of each of the following families who are children of Gilbert
Belnap (Gilbert R., Reuben, Joseph, Martha Jane, Hyrum, Augustus,
Vinson, Amasa, Mary, Adaline, Lola, William, Oliver, Francis and
Isadora) shall organize individual family organizations and appoint one
member to serve on the Board of Directors of the Belnap Family Organi-
zation for a period of two years.

ARTICLE V

The officers of this Organization shall consist of a President, three
or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Family Genea-
logist and Belnap Family CRIER Editor. The offices of President and
Vice Presidents shall be elected at the bi-annual reunion of the Org-
anization, and their term of office shall begin as outlined in the
By-Laws. All officers shall be eligible for re-election or reappoint-
ment as outlined in the By-Laws. The offices of Secretary and/or
Treasurer, Family Historian, Genealogist and Editor of the CRIER shall
be appointed by the President and Vice Presidents, but should not be
changed frequently unless such action is justified. The officers of
the Organization shall appoint members to fill these positions as
necessary.

ARTICLE VI

The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past
President shall constitute the Executive Officers and it shall be their
duty as a committee to represent the Organization to carry out the pur-
poses and objectives of this Organization, appoint committees and per-
form such other work as may be delegated to them by the Organization.
To publish books, print pictures, publish records as they deem neces-
sary, to publish and distribute an annual Family CRIER to all members
of the Organization.

The Officers (executive and appointed) shall meet at least three times
during the year and be diligent in the duties of fulfilling the purpose
and objectives for which this Organization was established.

All records, books, photographs, supplies, etc., purchased, donated or accumulated by the Belnap Family Organization shall become the property of said Organization. Inventory of all items and records shall be properly marked, indexed and maintained.

ARTICLE VIII

The Executive Officers shall have the authority to appoint an Executive Secretary and to set a monitary compensation for said Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE IX

The Executive Officers shall have the authority to enlarge upon the necessary committees as may become necessary from time to time as the Organization grows or as it becomes advisable to conform to the suggested organization as set forth by the LDS Church.

ARTICLE X

The Executive Officers of the Belnap Family Organization are herewith empowered to set membership fees or other assessments as deemed necessary for the expenses and continuation of the Organization.

ARTICLE XI

The children of members may join the Belnap Family Youth Organization established for those 21 years of age or younger.

ARTICLE XII

The By-Laws and Charter of the Belnap Family Youth Organization shall determine its organization, purpose and objectives.

ARTICLE XIII

The Articles and subsequent Amendments of the Constitution of this Organization may be amended by a majority vote present at the bi-annual reunion. Amendments and changes will be printed and made available to the Family members prior to voting at the bi-annual general Family Reunion.

SECTION I: The Board of Directors shall meet annually at a time and place so designated by the President of the Family Orgnization. They shall hear and approve the President's annual report and the financial report of the Treasurer. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for his immediate family organization to see that correct names and addresses, research, historical, genealogical information and changes in each family by birth, marriage and death is reported and sent to the Secretary.

SECTION II: The President shall be responsible for all the achievements and activities of the Belnap Family Organization. He shall preside over and conduct all meetings of said Organization.

SECTION III: All meetings of the Officers (executive and appointed) and Board of Directors shall be subject to the call of the President. Any three Directors may call a meeting by giving written notice to the Secretary thirty (30) days before said meeting shall convene. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of said meeting.

SECTION IV: The First Vice President shall assist the President as needed and shall serve as Chairperson of the Research and Genealogical Committee.

SECTION V: The Executive Officers shall appoint a Research and Genealogical Committee to consist of the Family Genealogist and others to serve as the Officers shall deem necessary, but in no event less than four members. The First Vice President shall call and preside over all committee meetings. This committee shall be responsible for the following:

See that the Family research is being done and encourage all members to participate.
Coordinate all research and temple work and assign lines of research where needed.
See that we are receiving information from the Family lines on research.
See that the information received is being distributed and the Family is being informed as to what research and who is doing the research.
See that the information received is being recorded in a permanent record and that information for the members is being compiled and published.

SECTION VI: The Second Vice President shall assist the President as needed and shall be directly responsible for the following activities:

Contact each Family Representative and have dates of all reunions for the coming year.
Coordinate all Family Reunions so we don't have conflicting dates and places.
Work with each Family for their cooperation and assistance for the bi-annual Belnap Family General Reunion.
Plan the bi-annual family reunion, take charge of the program, activities, and handle all publicity connected with same.
Encourage families to hold reunions.
Organize committees to help when needed and serve as chairperson.

SECTION VII: The Third Vice President shall assist the President as needed and shall be directly reponsible for the following activities:

Work with each family organization to see that they are fully organized, including the youth organization.
Keep the families informed as to all activities of the Belnap Family Organization.
Assist in encouraging that research work, and changes in the membership are reported to the Secretary or Research and Genealogical Committee.
Encourage the family organizations to become active in accomplishing the purpose and goals for which this Organization was established.
Organize committees to help when needed and serve as Chairperson.

SECTION VIII: The Third Vice President shall notify each Family Representative when temple work is done. Said information is to be received from the Research and Genealogical Committee.

SECTION IX: The Secretary shall maintain accurate and up-to-date addresses of all members of the Belnap Family Organization, maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Officers and reunions, maintain a record of all temple work being performed and research accomplished (numbers only), shall mail information, letters, announcements, notices, etc.

SECTION X: The Treasurer shall keep an accounting of all funds received and disbursed, handle the collection of funds from the individual members and family organizations, and shall make an accounting to the Executive Officers annually.

SECTION XI: The Historian will gather historical information from all members of the Belnap Family Organization. This information shall consist of accomplishments, deaths, births, marriages, achievements, newspaper articles, photographs, etc. Information will be maintained in a binder and turned over to the Family Officers annually.

SECTION XII: It is the duty of the Family Genealogist to receive all genealogical information, correspondence and information from researchers, the family and the research libraries. The Family Genealogist will be the Family Representative for LDS Temple and pedigree information. Name and address of Family Representative to be on record at LDS offices. Shall serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Research and Genealogical Committee.

SECTION XIII: It is the duty of the Editor of the Belnap Family CRIER to publish an annual publication providing the Family with historical information, statistical changes in the families, genealogical information as it becomes available to the family at large, reunion notices and other items of information to strengthen, build unity and harmony in the Family Organization.

SECTION XIV: All expenses incurred by the Family Officers in the publishing of the Belnap Family CRIER, genealogical research and all other expenses will be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Officers.

SECTION XV: The Executive Officers shall constitute the nominating committee for selection of candidates to be placed on the ballot at the bi-annual reunion and obtain the consent of each nominee.

SECTION XVI: The President of the Belnap Family Organization shall not remain in office for more than one term at a time; but may become a candidate for election to succeed himself, but not for more than three successive terms.

SECTION XVII: The incumbents First, Second and Third Vice Presidents and President shall be the only eligible candidates for office of president of the Belnap Family Organization. The incumbent vice presidents may be candidates to succeed themselves as vice presidents but not for more than three successive terms.

SECTION XVIII: It is advised that the Secretary not be permitted to remain in office for more than five terms.

SECTION XIX: The nominating committee shall recommend one or more names for the offices of President, First, Second and Third Vice Presidents. These names so recommended by the nominating committee shall be printed on a ballot in alphabetical order for the office so designated. Balloting for the family officers shall be conducted at the bi-annual reunion during one of the regular conducted meetings. Balloting shall be in secret and the ballots turned over to the President and Secretary for tabulating. Results of the election shall be given and the new officers shall be installed at the close of the final meeting of the reunion.

SECTION XX: Balloting for officers of the Belnap Family Youth Organization will be conducted as outlined in their constitution and by-laws at one of their regular conducted meetings of the reunion.

SECTION XXI: Only those 16 years of age or older are elibible to vote for officers of the Belnap Family Organization.

SECTION XXII: The newly-elected officers of the Belnap Family Organization shall take office when installed and are required to meet no later than 30 days from the date they are elected. Other officers of the Family Organization, as outlined in the By-Laws and committees, should be appointed within 30 days after the new officers are elected.

SECTION XXIII: In the event of the death or resignation of an officer, the Executive Officers shall appoint a new officer to fill the unexpired term.

SECTION XXIV: It is the duty of each family to appoint a Family Representative and so notify the Secretary. Each family will appoint a new Family Representative upon the death, illness or resignation and so notify the Secretary.

SECTION XXV: The President shall appoint as many committees as necessary to fulfill the assignments set forth in the preceding By-Laws.

SECTION XXVI: The By-Laws of the Belnap Family Organization may be amended, altered or added to by a majority vote of the members voting at the bi-annual reunion. Amendments and alterations will be printed and made available to the family members prior to the voting at the bi-annual general family reunion.

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*                   PLEA FOR FAMILY ARTICLES                              *
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*     We need to have anything of interest about YOUR family             *
*  for the Belnap History Book.  If you have wedding announce-            *
*  ments, birth notices, newspaper articles about some noteworthy         *
*  activities within your family, golden wedding anniversaries,           *
*  awards and honors given or received - all these are of inter-          *
*  est in our Belnap Family record of activities of the present.          *
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*     Please send them to Helene Kerr Smith                               *
*                         1555 West 4800 South                            *
*                         Salt Lake City, Utah  84107                     *
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"There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained if at all, by association."
                                        --Daniel Webster

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FAMILY TIES

Family ties are precious bonds
  That passing time endears,
For they begin with memories
  Of our happy childhood years -
Family ties are growing bonds
  Nourished by love and laughter,
And a thousand "everyday" events
  That are cherished ever after -
Family ties are lasting bonds
  That are woven in each heart
To keep a family close in thought,
  Together or apart!

                        --Elizabeth M. Gerus