

Statement by Alma
D. Chambers June 2-1941.

I, Alma D. Chambers,
came to Ogden, Utah
with my parents John G.
Chambers & Maria Duffin
Chambers, in July 1869
from Logan, Utah. We
had moved to Logan
in 1864 from Salt Lake
City, Utah. My parents
emigrated from England
in 1853.

As a boy of eleven
years I recall distinctly
the location of the Weber
County Court House sit-
uated close to the side-
walk, immediately in
front of the Court House
that has just been
vacated. This little
building was built of
adobe, really a two
story building. The
lower part was built
into the hill,

Alma D. Chambers
 really a basement
 compartment, where the
 front part was on a level
 with the sidewalk and
 the excavation had been
 cut down into the hill.
 The first floor walls were
 built of ~~a~~ heavy rock
 to make the prison cell
 safe from escape.

Gilbert Belnap occupied
 the front room as his
 sheriff's office. In the
 rear were two prison
 cells. The second floor
 was occupied by the
 Probate judge, Aaron J.
 Jary.

I remember Gilbert
 Belnap with a dark
 beard, dark hair and
 dark eyes. He was
 a fairly good sized man
 at least 5 feet 10 inches
 in height, with square
 shoulders. He moved

He walked briskly
and was a man of
quick action.

A short time prior
to his death, probably
a year, his son Hyrum
Delnap, visited me at
my home 887-23rd St
Ogden, Utah.

He related to me the
following incident:

In the early 60's Col.
Pat Connor took a
detachment of soldiers
to Bear River, just west
of Preston, where an
Indian village had
been set up. The Indians
had been stealing cattle
from the settlers in
that locality. The Indians
were threatening the people
with violence and death
if any one prevented them
from taking the settlers
cattle for their ^{own} food supply.
Col. ^{Pat} Connor, from
Fork Douglas, was sent

up to this ⁴ region with his
company to compel the
Indians to cease their
stealing. after a hazardous
trip thru deep snow they
arrived on the bluff ^{named} -
sately south of the Bear
River & demanded the sur-
render of the Indians.
The Indians refused & fired
on the soldiers & a pitched
battle ensued in which
the Indians were practically
wiped out together with squaws.

In the battle a number of
soldiers were wounded. On
the way back to Fort Douglas
the company stopped at
the Tabernacle Square in Ogden
and the wounded soldiers
were given medical care in
the old Council House, a
building which stood just
north of the Tabernacle. The
Sheriff Gilbert Delaney of
Weber County assisted in the
care of the wounded soldiers.
Hyrum Delaney stated that
he had heard his father relate

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the incident many times.
While very young, while
working at the Printing Office,
I passed by the Court House
daily.

The citizens of Ogden
regarded Gilbert Delmas
as an exceptionally fine
officer of the law.

I was also intimately
acquainted with his son
Gilbert R. Delmas, who
was sheriff of Weber Co.
for many years.

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