



A
BELNAP FAMILY GUIDE
TO
WEBER COUNTY
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PREFACE

This Belnap Family Guide to Weber County, Utah, prepared by the Tour Committee of the 1992 Gilbert Belnap Family Reunion, gathers into one convenient format information on selected sites in the Weber County area that are of historic interest to descendants of Utah pioneer Gilbert Belnap, who came to Weber County in 1850. This Guide contains several maps and brief descriptions for a self-guided tour of these sites that descendants of Gilbert Belnap may wish to visit at their leisure when in Weber County.

The information contained herein is believed to be accurate; however, suggestions, corrections, and improvements are certainly welcome. Undoubtedly, many more sites could have been included in this Guide had the Tour Committee been made aware of them for this publication. Exact locations and site descriptions are lacking for several of the sites. It is hoped that any succeeding edition of this Guide will contain more complete information.

Most of Gilbert's descendants today are probably not aware of these sites and the role that Weber County once played, and still plays, in the lives of Gilbert's children. We hope you will enjoy visiting some of these sites and learning more about our Family's unique heritage in this part of the country.

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The numbers on the maps refer to the numbered sites in this Guide; the map numbers for several sites suggest only approximate locations. The index lists only names of persons related to Gilbert Belnap either directly or by marriage. Women in this Guide are always referred to and indexed by their full married surnames.

In order to avoid frequent backtracking, users of this Guide may find it most helpful to refer to the maps and the index before visiting any sites, as the numbers herein generally do not follow a particular geographic order. Find the numbers of the sites most interesting to you and then refer to the maps to find the quickest route between each point.

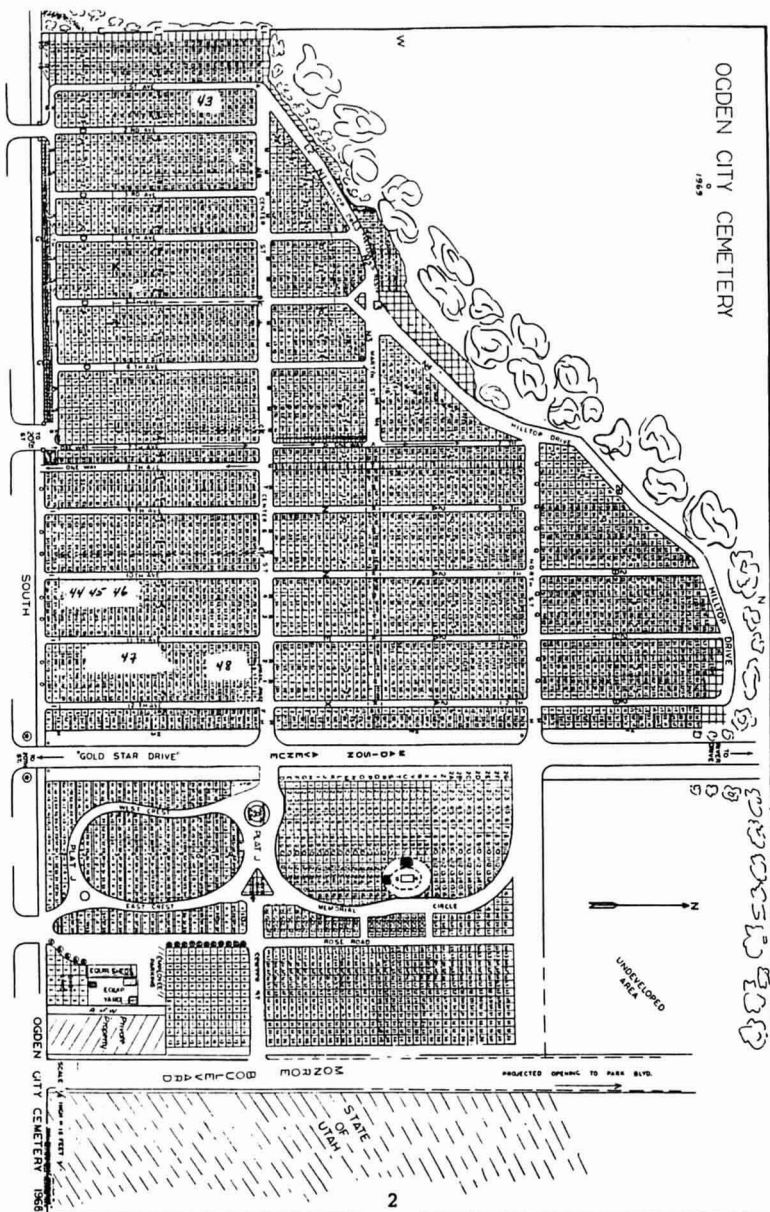
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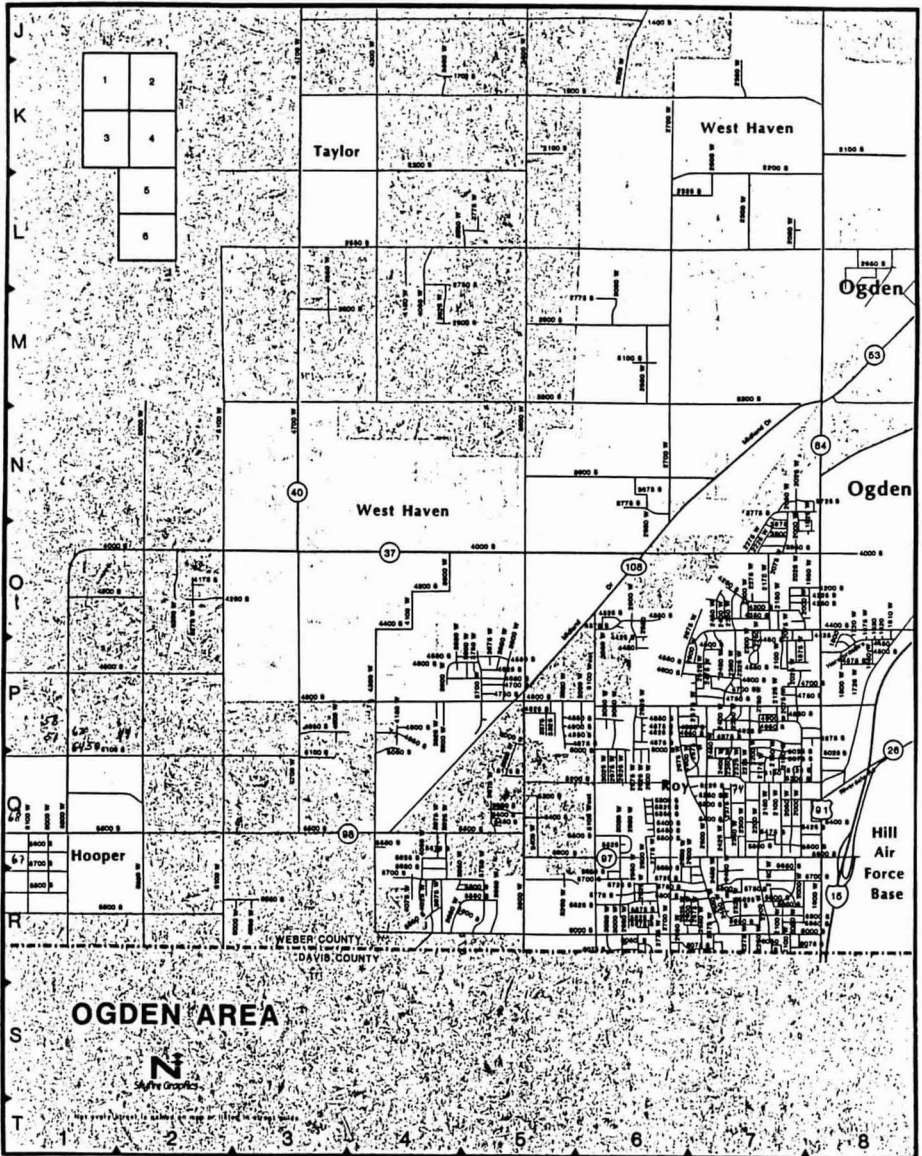
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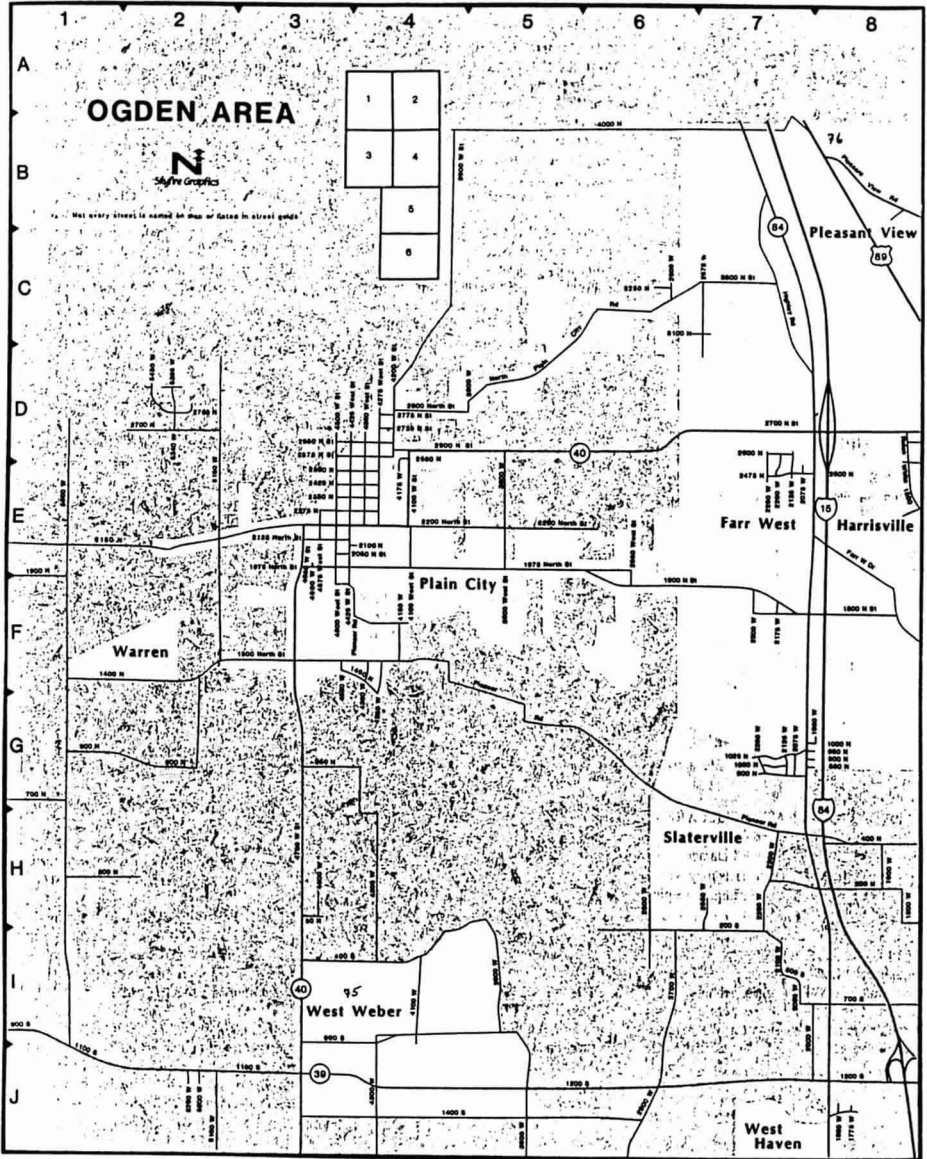
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MAP OF SOUTHWESTERN WEBER COUNTY



MAP OF NORTHWESTERN WEBER COUNTY



OGDEN

The present site of Ogden City was first settled by non-Mormon fur trapper and trader Miles Goodyear, who founded Fort Buenaventura in 1845. Goodyear based his claim to the area on a deed purportedly granted by the Mexican government, inasmuch as Mexico, prior to 1848, included all of present-day Utah. Goodyear sold his fort and the surrounding land to Mormon pioneers on November 24, 1847, for \$1950--money that Captain James Brown of the Mormon Battalion had brought back from California--and the first pioneer settlers arrived in the Ogden area the following year. President Brigham Young laid out a townsite and bestowed the name of "Ogden" on the scattered settlements in 1850 in honor of the early fur trapper Peter Skene Ogden.

Ogden has been "home" to members of the Belnap Family almost continuously since Gilbert Belnap arrived with his young family in the fall of 1850. As the first permanent place of residence of the Belnaps following their arrival in Utah, Ogden has grown up with, and has benefitted from the contributions of, many upstanding descendants of Gilbert Belnap.

Gilbert Belnap was appointed Marshall of Ogden soon after his arrival in the city. In February 1851, when the city was incorporated, Gilbert was again made Marshall. He also served as Ogden's first prosecuting attorney, beginning his practice in 1853, and served as Weber County Sheriff in 1862. His son Gilbert Rosel Belnap also served as Sheriff of Weber County, and three of Gilbert Belnap's sons, Joseph, Hyrum, and Oliver, served with their brother as Deputy Sheriffs. (A grandson of Gilbert Belnap, Amasa Marion Hammon, Sr., also served as Weber County Sheriff.) Martha McBride Knight, a founding member of the first Relief Society in Nauvoo, Illinois, served as a counselor in the first Relief Society in the Weber Stake from January 3, 1856 until the spring of 1858 when the "move south" occurred as a result of United States troops coming to Utah.

Gilbert Belnap resided in Ogden from the fall of 1850 until the spring of 1868, when he moved his family to the farming community of Hooper, approximately 10 miles southwest of Ogden. Eleven of Gilbert's 17 children were born in Ogden.

1. Weber River Crossing: Gilbert Belnap, with his young family, which at the time consisted of just his wife Adaline Knight Belnap and their three-and-a-half year old son Gilbert Rosel Belnap (together with Adaline's mother Martha McBride Knight and Martha's mother Abigail Mead McBride), arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 17, 1850. Some two weeks later they were counseled by Brigham Young to locate in Ogden. Adaline

Knight Belnap, with her small son Gilbert Rosel Belnap, walked most of the way from Salt Lake to Ogden. The family forded the Weber River near the old Bamberger railroad bridge, where 33rd Street and the Weber River formerly met. This site is most easily accessible by taking the 31st Street Expressway west from Wall Avenue. Before the I-15 cloverleaf, turn south (left) on the I-15 frontage road, driving along the east side of the Weber River until you cross under the Union Pacific (i.e., the old Bamberger) railroad bridge.

2. Miles Goodyear Fort: Upon arriving in the Ogden area in the fall of 1850, Gilbert Belnap and his family camped for several days at the Goodyear Fort, located on the east bank of the Weber River where the river formed a horseshoe bend near the foot of 28th or 29th Street. Gilbert hewed logs for Captain James Brown, the owner of the fort. The original Miles Goodyear cabin is now on display at the Ogden Daughters of Utah Pioneers Pioneer Museum (see entry below). Today, Fort Buenaventura State Park commemorates Utah's frontier days and offers facilities for picnicking, camping, and canoeing. Although lying on the east bank of the Weber River, this State Park is accessible only from West Ogden. Drive west across the 24th Street Viaduct and turn south (left) at A Avenue. The entrance to the State Park is on the east (left-hand) side of A Avenue, across the street from Capitol Street.
3. First Permanent Homesite of Gilbert Belnap: The first permanent homesite of Gilbert Belnap was a dugout near Canfield Creek (also called Bunker's Hollow), near the present-day location of Madison and Sullivan Road (probably somewhere near the southeast corner of Madison and Patterson). The home was on the south side of Canfield Creek, at the bottom of the hill. Gilbert later erected a log house on 31st Street below Sullivan Road. Reuben Belnap was born here on June 14, 1851 (and later moved back to this vicinity to live--see entry below).
4. Martha McBride Knight Experience: Shortly after arriving in Ogden, Gilbert Belnap was driving a team of oxen with his mother-in-law, Martha McBride Knight, in the wagon. Coming down the steep hill which is now Monroe Boulevard (between 30th and 31st Streets), the oxen couldn't hold the wagon and began to run, throwing Martha beneath the wheels, face down in the dust. As soon as possible, Gilbert ran back and picked up the lifeless body and carried it to their dugout home. Neighbors gathered to help revive her. After she came to, Martha said she saw her body as it lay in the dust

and at the house, as if she were standing to one side with the rest of the people looking on.

5. Gilbert Belnap Home--26th Street and Grant Avenue: Gilbert Belnap was living in a log house at the vicinity of 26th Street and Grant Avenue on the southeast corner (perhaps where the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Center is now located) when he married his second wife Henrietta McBride Belnap, first cousin of Adaline Knight Belnap. Both families resided here together. Martha Jane Belnap Hammon was born here on September 17, 1855, and Francis Marion Belnap was born here on June 5, 1857. Joseph Belnap, who was born on January 26, 1853, was also probably born here.
6. Gilbert Belnap Home--Banks of Weber River: Following his return from Utah County in 1858 (and perhaps even earlier), Gilbert Belnap, with both of his families, resided near the east bank of the Weber River in a log house located on the north side of the present-day 24th Street Viaduct, just east of the old Swift Packing Company plant (still standing). Gilbert Belnap owned 40 acres of land north of 24th Street. At least five of Gilbert's 17 children were born here: Augustus Weber Belnap on March 25, 1860; Volney Belnap on February 17, 1862 (he died March 14, 1862, presumably also at this home); Vinson K. Belnap on June 26, 1863; Amasa Belnap on June 22, 1866; and Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe on August 1, 1868. (Hyrum Belnap, who was born on March 24, 1858, may also have been born here, and indicated as much on several occasions to his children. Four weeks after Hyrum's birth, Gilbert Belnap moved his family south to Utah County to escape Johnston's Army.) Today this site is most easily reached by taking the 24th Street Viaduct west to West Ogden. Turn north (right) on B Avenue and go to the bottom of the hill to Exchange Road, and then turn east (right) and cross the Weber River.
7. 24th Street Viaduct: Amasa Marion Hammon, Sr., son of Martha Jane Belnap Hammon and Levi Byram Hammon, served as Weber County Commissioner from 1924 to 1928, during which time he was responsible for the construction of the original 24th Street Viaduct across the Ogden rail yard and the Weber River. He also served as Weber County Sheriff, having been elected in November 1930.
8. Ogden Daughters of Utah Pioneers Pioneer Museum: Numerous relics from Weber County's pioneer past are on display in this interesting museum, located on Ogden's "Temple Square" at 2148 Grant Avenue. Originally constructed as the Weber Stake Relief Society Building,

in the days when Relief Society organizations met separately from LDS ward buildings, this structure, the first of its kind in the Church, was dedicated on July 19, 1902. It became the DUP Pioneer Museum in 1926. Items of interest to the Belnap Family on display at the DUP Pioneer Museum include large, gilt-framed photographs of pioneers Gilbert Belnap and his wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap; these pictures are located on the north wall. On the east wall of the main hall is a picture of Martha McBride Knight. Also located in this Museum is a kettle once belonging to "Mrs. G. Belnap." Behind the DUP Pioneer Museum is the oldest home in Utah--the log cabin of Miles Goodyear, erected in 1845. The Museum is open May through September.

9. Union Station: With the coming of the Transcontinental Railroad to Ogden in March of 1869 and the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Point on May 10, 1869, Ogden soon became the major transportation center of the Utah Territory and for much of the Intermountain West, earning the nickname "Junction City." Three sons of Gilbert Belnap--Gilbert Rosel, Reuben, and Joseph--worked on laying the track through Weber Canyon to Ogden. Reuben Belnap stated that the first year he earned \$100 and gave \$50 of it to his father Gilbert Belnap. The first new suit he ever owned he bought with the money earned working on the Transcontinental Railroad. Gilbert Belnap's family was present when the first train pulled into Ogden. Gilbert Belnap, a prominent member of the community, was on the reviewing stand specially erected in honor of that historic occasion. The story is told of Amasa Belnap, then age 3, who stood frozen to the ground next to the tracks as the steaming, puffing train approached. No amount of screaming could move him. For a few seconds, Amasa disappeared in the cloud of steam from the train. It seemed certain that he had been killed. When the train passed and the steam cleared, Amasa was still standing about two feet outside the train rails. The present Union Station, representative of the Belnap Family's role in the construction of the railroad, was built in 1924, replacing an earlier structure completed in 1889 that was destroyed by fire. Items of interest housed in the Union Station include the Browning Firearms Museum, the Browning Kimball Car Museum, the Myra Powell Gallery, the Natural History Museum, and the Utah State Railroad Museum. Nearby is the 25th Street historic district, once notorious as Utah's "wildest" street.

10. Gilbert Rosel Belnap Home--536 22nd Street: Gilbert Rosel Belnap moved from Hooper to Ogden in 1884, having been elected to serve as Weber County Sheriff. He was residing at this address when he passed away in 1929. The Dee School is now located where this home once stood.
11. Joseph Belnap Home--3210 Orchard Avenue: About 1895 Joseph Belnap moved his family to Ogden to serve as Deputy Sheriff to his brother Gilbert Rosel Belnap. Their first home in Ogden, located on the east side of Orchard (formerly Wyoming) Avenue, is still standing.
12. Joseph Belnap Home--2948 Pingree Avenue: Joseph Belnap's second home in Ogden, located on the east side of the street, is still standing. The family lived here (except for a brief period during the summer of 1901 when they lived in Hillard, Wyoming) until 1905, when Joseph Belnap moved to Preston, Idaho to open up a retail lumber business with his brother Hyrum Belnap.
13. Reuben Belnap Home--Sullivan Road: In 1909 Reuben Belnap moved back to Ogden from Idaho to a small house on Sullivan Road (near where he was born), living here until he moved to Malad, Idaho in July 1918. The exact location of this home is presently unknown.
14. Reuben Belnap Home--229 34th Street: Reuben Belnap moved from Ucon, Idaho to this four-room home about 1920 and was residing here when he passed away on October 20, 1923. This home still stands.
15. Hyrum Belnap Home--26th Street and Adams Avenue: Hyrum Belnap lived at this location (then known as 6th Street and Spring) with his first wife Christiana Rasmussen Belnap following their marriage in September 1883 until August 1884. The exact location of this home is presently unknown.
16. Hyrum Belnap Home--22nd Street and Adams Avenue: In August 1884 Hyrum Belnap moved to the corner of what was then known as Spring and 2nd Street to a lot measuring 6 by 8 rods--which corner is not presently known. He purchased the four-room house for \$1,500 and sold it in the boom of 1889 for \$7,800.
17. Hyrum Belnap Home--2149 Madison: Still in the possession of a descendant of Hyrum Belnap, this still-standing home, located on the northwest corner of Madison and Oak Street, served as the residence for Hyrum's family by his first wife, Christiana Rasmussen Belnap. Of interest even today is the sign above the

front door that reads "Hyrum Belnap." Across the street from this home is Liberty Park (see entry below).

18. Hyrum Belnap Home--918 21st Street: This still-standing frame home, located on the north side of 21st Street, served as the residence for Hyrum Belnap's family by his second wife, Anna C. Bluth Belnap. She moved into this home in 1896, 7 months after her son Volney B. Belnap was born.
19. Hyrum Belnap Home--904 21st Street: Located on the northeast corner of 21st Street and Quincy, this still-standing tan brick home, built in 1918, served as the residence of Hyrum Belnap's family by his wife Anna C. Bluth Belnap. It is located just two houses west of the earlier family residence at 918 21st Street.
20. Vinson K. Belnap Home--Quincy Avenue between 22nd and 23rd Streets: Vinson K. Belnap and his wife Sarah Emily Hardy Belnap were living in this home in October 1889 when their daughter Adaline Belnap Ritson was born. The exact address of this home is presently unknown.
21. Vinson K. Belnap Home--500 31st Street: Vinson Belnap's children Vinson Ray Belnap and Reta Belnap Schonwandt were born in 1892 and 1895, respectively, in this still-standing home located on the northeast corner of 31st Street and Adams Avenue.
22. Vinson K. Belnap Home--29th Street between Adams and Washington: Vinson Belnap's son Lord Lovel Belnap was born at this home in 1897. The exact address of this home, which was located on the south side of the street, is presently unknown. It may have been while living at this home that Vinson K. Belnap began working for the Hyrum Belnap Lumber Company, first as a teamster and later as a yard foreman (see entry below).
23. Vinson K. Belnap Home--231 31st Street: Vinson Belnap's son Glen Vord Belnap was born in 1903 in this home which is no longer standing. Located on the south side of 31st Street (a one-way street going east between Wall Avenue and Washington Boulevard), this home would have been located approximately where an electrical store is now located.
24. Vinson K. Belnap Home--2947 Kiesel Avenue: The last residence of Vinson K. Belnap, this home on Kiesel (formerly known as Hudson Street), was built about 1909. It may be the brown frame home located at the

end of the narrow gravel road that heads west and then south at the end of the paved portion of Kiesel Avenue.

25. Amasa Belnap Home--West Ogden: Amasa Belnap lived somewhere in West Ogden at the turn of the century while working for his brother Hyrum Belnap at the Belnap Lumber Company (see entry below). The exact location of this home is presently unknown.
26. Amasa Belnap Home--659 Healy Avenue: In the spring of 1922, Amasa Belnap moved to this northward-facing home, living here until 1926 when he bought a farm in Promontory, Utah. Amasa Belnap supplied this still-standing home with its own free supply of natural gas and water from wells located nearby through a private piping system he built.
27. Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear Home--Jefferson Avenue between 21st and 22nd: Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear moved from Hooper to this rented home, located on a court just off Jefferson. While living in Ogden, her husband David William Coolbear worked for four and one half years as a delivery man for the Hyrum Belnap Lumber Company (see entry below).
28. Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear Home--946 21st Street: Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear and her husband later moved to a new four-room frame home, which is still standing. They later moved to Salt Lake City, where they resided for the rest of their lives.
29. Oliver Belnap Home: Oliver Belnap moved from Hooper to Ogden on October 10, 1890, having been appointed Deputy Sheriff to serve under his brother Gilbert Rosel Belnap. He lived in Ogden until 1895. The location of this home, within the old Fifth Ward boundaries, is presently unknown.
30. Belnap Lumber Company: Now the site of the Ogden Park Hotel (formerly the Ogden Hilton Hotel), the old Belnap Lumber Company, also called the Hyrum Belnap Lumber Company, carried the address of 235 24th Street. At that time 24th Street was one of Ogden's preeminent business streets. (The lumber company was located in about the middle of the block on the south side of 24th Street between Grant and Lincoln Avenues.) The Belnap Lumber Company was founded in 1899 by Hyrum Belnap (who also organized the Preston Lumber Company in Preston, Idaho, with his brother Joseph Belnap and served as its president). Hyrum worked together in the lumber business with his brothers Vinson K. Belnap and Joseph Belnap, and also with his brother Amasa Belnap for a

time and his brother-in-law David William Coolbear, husband of Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear. On July 21, 1931, during the depths of the Great Depression, the Belnap Lumber Company was destroyed in a major fire, along with the neighboring Smoot Lumber Company. At that time the lumber company was owned by two sons of Hyrum, Arias G. Belnap and Volney B. Belnap. (At the time of the fire, Arias and his sister Della A. Belnap were on a temple excursion to Cardston, Alberta.) In March 1971 the property site was purchased by Arias G. Belnap's son Gordon L. Belnap, who owned it until it was condemned by the City of Ogden in the spring of 1979 to make room for the new hotel.

31. Hyrum Belnap Farm: Hyrum Belnap, at one time one of the larger landowners in Ogden City, owned a farm whose approximate dimensions were as follows: beginning at a point on 32nd Street at the crest of the hill, thence eastward along 32nd Street to Harrison Boulevard, thence south along Harrison to 36th Street, thence west to Quincy Avenue, thence along a northwest-curving line back to the crest of the hill, thence north back to 32nd Street.
32. Belnap Circle: Belnap Circle, a small cul-de-sac situated near the crest of an alluvial bench formed by ancient Lake Bonneville, lies just off Liberty Avenue south of 32nd Street. Belnap Circle is located on the site of property once owned by Hyrum Belnap. Family members who once lived on Belnap Circle include Emma Lou Pauschert Belnap, wife of H. Earl Belnap, at 3221 Liberty (at the corner of Liberty and Belnap Circle); Volney B. Belnap, at 720 Belnap Circle; and Arias G. Belnap, at 718 Belnap Circle. (Earl, Volney, and Arias are all sons of Hyrum Belnap.) Descendants of Gilbert Belnap still reside on Belnap Circle.
33. Della A. Belnap Home--815 32nd Street: "815 32nd Street" is a well-known address to many members of the Belnap Family. In this one-level, green-and-white-trim home, "Della," as everyone in the family knows her, has worked on Belnap family history for many years as genealogist for the Belnap Family Organization. It is perhaps not an exaggeration to state that more genealogical work on the Belnap Family has been done here than any place else. Immediately next door to the east, at 823 32nd Street, is the home of Della's sister Gladys Belnap Carwin, while three houses to the west, at 789 32nd Street at the corner of Monroe, is the home of Della's sister Jewel Belnap Furniss. All three sisters reside near each other on property once farmed by their father Hyrum Belnap.

34. Arias G. Belnap Home--1111 21st Street: Located on the south side of the street, this still-standing home was completed in 1920 and served as the home of Bishop Arias G. Belnap, the first Bishop of the Ogden 20th Ward (see entry below). Arias G. Belnap, son of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth Belnap, was elected Weber County Treasurer in November 1934 and served continuously in that capacity until March 1957, when he resigned to serve on the Utah State Tax Commission. He was also the Second Counselor in the Ogden Stake Presidency for 14 years. Arias G. Belnap was an officer in the Belnap Family Organization and helped compile the 1952 and 1956 Supplements to the "Red Book," i.e., the Centennial Issue in Honor of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap, published in 1950.
35. Ogden 20th Ward: The original 20th Ward, located at 1040 21st Street, was begun in 1927 and dedicated on June 24, 1934 by President Heber J. Grant. Arias G. Belnap, who lived a short distance up the street, was the first Bishop of this ward, serving for 17 years. Site of Belnap Family Reunions on September 11, 1948, August 12, 1950, and August 21, 1954, the original building was torn down in 1973 and was replaced with the present red-brown brick structure, located immediately east of the site of the original building.
36. Hyrum A. Belnap Home--2267 Harrison Boulevard: Judge Hyrum A. Belnap, son of Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen Belnap, was residing in this home at the time of his untimely death on January 20, 1940. Elected judge of the City Court of Ogden in November 1932, he served almost two full consecutive terms. Widely respected in the community, Judge Belnap was noted for his cool disposition, even-handed justice, and large girth.
37. Log Hauling Scars: On a mountain ridge east of Ogden above Weber State University are long vertical striations said to have been formed from logs hauled over the mountain from the Waterfall Canyon area. Reuben Belnap is said to have participated in the log-hauling venture.
38. Old Central School: Completed in 1880, the old Central School, located at 2527 Grant Avenue, was attended by several of Gilbert Belnap's children, including Hyrum Belnap, Vinson K. Belnap (who also taught there), Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe (who began attending at age 12), and Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe. The B.P.O.E. Lodge is now housed in this building.

39. **Seventies' Hall:** In the early days of Ogden, the Seventies of Weber County cooperatively erected a "Seventies' Hall," situated about 150 feet south of 25th Street on the west side of Grant Avenue, the west room of which was used as a meeting room for the Ogden City Council and for the office of the city recorder. In the fall of 1883, Hyrum Belnap was appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the 76th Quorum of Seventies, which met in this building.
40. **Old Ogden Fourth Ward:** Rocks for the foundation of this ward, which was located at 2129 Madison Avenue, were hauled by Hyrum Belnap. In 1888 he had been called as Second Counselor in this newly created ward of the Weber Stake. Fifty years later, in 1938, funeral services for Hyrum Belnap were held in the new building of the Fourth Ward, now at 21st Street and Jefferson Avenue.
41. **Liberty Park:** This city park, one of the oldest in Ogden, was the site of Belnap Family Reunions on September 7, 1925 and September 6, 1927.
42. **Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital:** The old Dee Hospital, located on the east side of Harrison Boulevard between 24th Street and Capitol Street, was torn down in the mid-1970s to make way for the present Thomas D. Dee Memorial Park. Three sons of Gilbert Belnap died at this hospital: Gilbert Rosel Belnap, died January 25, 1929; Hyrum Belnap, died September 18, 1938; and Vinson K. Belnap, died April 23, 1920.

OGDEN CITY CEMETERY

Numerous members of Gilbert Belnap's family are buried in the Ogden City Cemetery, located on the north side of 20th Street between Monroe and Adams, including six of his 17 children. Gilbert Belnap was appointed city sexton and attended the first burial in the Ogden City Cemetery. He himself was buried in this cemetery in 1899.

43. **Gilbert Belnap Family Plot:** Buried on 1st Street south of Center are Gilbert Belnap; his two wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap; Adaline's mother and Henrietta's aunt, Martha McBride Knight; Martha's mother Abigail Mead McBride; Annetta McBride; and Gilbert's infant son Volney Belnap; along with other descendants of Gilbert Belnap--five generations altogether. Following a plea for funds by the Belnap Family Organization in 1976, the stone marker for

Gilbert Belnap, by then illegible, was re-engraved and the other white sandstone standing markers were placed in cement and laid flat.

44. Gilbert Rosel Belnap Family Plot: Buried on 10th Street south of Center are Gilbert Rosel Belnap and his wife, Sarah Jane Cole Belnap, along with the following children: Sarah Elizabeth Belnap Eldredge, Weltha May Belnap Marriott, Maud Belnap Kimball, and Gilbert Martin Belnap, along with their spouses and other descendants of Gilbert Rosel Belnap.
45. Joseph Belnap Family Plot: Buried on 10th Street south of Center, immediately to the north of the Gilbert Rosel Belnap family plot, are Joseph Belnap and his wife Manerva P. Howard Fisk Belnap; two of his children, Joseph Howard Belnap and Gilbert Riley Belnap; and other descendants and spouses.
46. Hyrum Belnap Family Plot: Buried on 10th Street south of Center, immediately to the north of the Joseph Belnap family plot, are Hyrum Belnap and his wives Christiana Rasmussen Belnap and Anna C. Bluth Belnap; together with his children Flora Belnap, Laura Belnap, Eva Laverne Belnap, and Royal James Belnap. Immediately across the street are the families of Hyrum's daughter Olive C. Belnap Jensen and his sons H. Earl Belnap and Hyrum A. Belnap.
47. Vinson K. Belnap Family Plot: Buried on 11th Street south of Center are Vinson K. Belnap and his wife Sarah Emily Hardy Belnap, together with three daughters: Adaline Belnap Ritson, Mary Belnap, and Reta Belnap Schonwandt and her husband.
48. Oliver Belnap Family Plot: Buried on 11th Street south of Center are Oliver Belnap and his wives Margaret Ann Manning Belnap and Anna Barbara Leuenberger Belnap.

HOOPER

The community of Hooper, located approximately 10 miles southwest of Ogden on the Davis-Weber County border, lies near the Great Salt Lake on the fringe of a broad alluvial fan formed by the Weber River. This area was first used as a herding ground in 1854 by Captain William H. Hooper. Permanent settlers began arriving in the area in sizeable numbers in 1867. Gilbert Belnap moved his growing family from Ogden to Hooper in 1868. (Adaline Knight Belnap and her children may have moved to Hooper in April 1869 after the birth of Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe, who was born

in Ogden August 1, 1868.) Continuously since 1868, Hooper has been the home of numerous descendants of Gilbert Belnap.

The Belnaps were among the leaders of this little community in its early days when Church and community affairs were one. Gilbert Belnap served first as Presiding Elder, and then as first Bishop of the Hooper Ward from 1877 to 1888. Adaline Knight Belnap served as Hooper's first Relief Society President from 1871 to 1907 and was one of Weber County's earliest midwives. Henrietta McBride Belnap, Hooper's first school teacher, taught school for many years. Gilbert Rosel Belnap served as constable of Hooper for 15 years. Martha Jane Belnap Hammon was the first woman to own a sewing machine in Hooper. Oliver Belnap was a member of Hooper's first choir. A grandson of Gilbert Belnap, John M. Belnap, published a hard-bound history of Hooper entitled, History of Hooper, Utah: Land of Beautiful Sunsets. Children of Gilbert Belnap born in Hooper include Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe, born December 11, 1870, and Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear, born June 5, 1874.

49. Gilbert Belnap Homesite: Gilbert Belnap's first home in Hooper was in a covered wagon box placed on the ground on land he purchased from the federal government. This land was located in the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 2 West--the area which today lies north of 5100 South and west of 5500 West. The approximate site of the wagon box was 27 rods south and 4 rods east from the northwest corner of Section 18--about 40 rods north of the present Hooper LDS Chapel at 5000 South 5900 West. As the family did not have a camp stove, they cooked their meals over a campfire, gathering sagebrush for fuel. As the family's circumstances improved, the wagon box was replaced by a log house, followed by an adobe structure. Gilbert Belnap also acquired property in Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 3 West.
50. Gilbert Rosel Belnap Cabin: Although the location of this early homesite is at present unknown, the original pioneer cabin of Gilbert Rosel Belnap, built in 1869 and one of the oldest surviving residences in Weber County, was moved by members of the DUP to the southeast corner of the Hooper LDS Meetinghouse grounds in 1939. At that time, the cabin was repaired, the logs oiled, and a cobblestone chimney built on the outside of the building, and the cabin was placed on a cement base. This cabin was later moved to the property of George Ellis Belnap, where it remained standing until recently.
51. Gilbert Rosel Belnap Home: This adobe home, built prior to Gilbert Rosel Belnap's departure on a mission,

was located across the street (to the west) from the Hooper LDS Chapel at 5000 South 5900 West.

52. Reuben Belnap Homesite: After his marriage to Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap in 1870, Reuben Belnap filed on 80 acres of land in the northern part of Hooper where he lived until 1886, when he moved with his family to Wilford, Idaho. The exact location of this homesite is presently unknown.
53. Joseph Belnap Homesites: After his marriage in 1875 to Manerva P. Howard Fisk Belnap, Joseph Belnap acquired a farm in Hooper where he made his first home. Proceeds from the sale of the farm were used to support Joseph Belnap on a two-year mission, prior to which time he moved his family closer to the center of Hooper. Upon his return from his mission, Joseph Belnap moved his family to Ogden to serve as Deputy Sheriff of Weber County. The exact location of these homesites is presently unknown.
54. Hyrum Belnap Farm: In 1888 Hyrum Belnap purchased 30 acres of land from his father Gilbert Belnap. The exact location of this property is presently unknown.
55. Vinson K. Belnap Farm: Vinson K. Belnap was living in Hooper when his first child, Mary Belnap, was born on July 16, 1887. After moving to Ogden, he retained a small farm in Hooper which he operated or, at times, rented. The exact location of this property is presently unknown.
56. Amasa Belnap Homesites: In 1893 Amasa Belnap moved to Hooper from Salem, Idaho and lived in the home his father Gilbert Belnap had built. In 1902 he returned to Hooper for a short time before moving to Basalt, Idaho. The exact location of these homesites is presently unknown.
57. Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear Homesite: After his marriage in August 1900 to Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear, David William Coolbear built a two-room frame house in Hooper on land given them by Lola's mother, Adaline Knight Belnap, living here until they moved to Ogden (see entries above). The exact location of this homesite, on part of the original Belnap farm, is presently unknown.
58. William James Belnap Homesite--1876: In 1876, William James Belnap returned to Hooper with his wife Eliza Ann Watts Belnap from her parents' farm in South Weber in Davis County, buying a small tract of land from James

Mitchell. They built a little one-room log house near the banks of the slough. This farm was rented out in 1884 while William James Belnap returned to South Weber, and was eventually sold in 1886. The exact location of this homesite is presently unknown but is believed to be near the original Gilbert Belnap property.

59. William James Belnap Homesite--1886: In 1886, William James Belnap sold his earlier property in Hooper for 160 acres located one and one quarter miles farther north, still in Hooper. In 1913 he sold this property to his oldest son, William O. Belnap. The exact location of this property is presently unknown.
60. William James Belnap Homesite--1914: In 1914 William James Belnap purchased a 20-acre site in Hooper from Ephraim Fowler on which he built a six-room yellow brick house. It was at this house that he died in 1932. The exact location of this property is presently unknown.
61. Oliver Belnap Homesite: Oliver Belnap, with his first wife Margaret Ann Manning Belnap, resided in Hooper from the time of their marriage in January 1881 until the spring of 1881, again from November 1881 to the spring of 1886, then again from December 1886 until October 1890 when he moved to Ogden. The exact location of this homesite is presently unknown.
62. Francis Marion Belnap Homesite: After his marriage to Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap in December 1878, Francis Marion Belnap lived for a short time in a two-room frame house 40 rods north of his mother's house on the present site of the Hooper LDS Chapel located at 5000 South 5900 West.
63. Francis Marion Belnap Farm: Francis Marion Belnap purchased an 80-acre farm from Peter Peterson in the northern part of Hooper in Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, living at first in a log house with a dirt floor and a dirt roof and a cloth ceiling. Later he built a house from logs taken from Gilbert Belnap's old home on the Weber River (see entry above). The exact location of this homesite is presently unknown.
64. Henrietta McBride Belnap/George Ellis Belnap Home--5882 West 5100 South: The original adobe home of Henrietta McBride Belnap (which was located 100 rods south of the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 2 West) is believed to be enclosed within this still-standing home. In about 1900 Francis Marion Belnap

purchased his mother's home and moved his family there, while continuing to farm on his property in the north part of Hooper. Prominent Hooper resident George Ellis Belnap, son of Francis Marion Belnap, resided in this white, well-shaded home until his death on February 2, 1982.

65. Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard Homesites: Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard, with her husband John Francis Stoddard, lived in three different homes in Hooper, the last home having been built after their children had grown and moved away. It was in the second home that her mother, Henrietta McBride Belnap, died on September 5, 1899. The exact location of these homesites is presently unknown.
66. Hooper Amusement Hall: On December 21, 1895, Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight Belnap celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Hooper Amusement Hall. Approximately 200 persons attended, representing five continuous generations beginning with Martha McBride Knight.
67. Hooper LDS Chapel and Park: Hooper has been the site of many Belnap Reunions, including reunions held on October 5, 1904; September 3, 1923; August 20, 1930; August 31, 1940; August 26, 1946; August 23, 1958; July 20, 1968; June 27, 1970; August 6-7, 1976; August 12, 1978; and August 8, 1992. This chapel, located at 5601 South 6100 West, presently houses the Hooper 1st, 3rd, and 8th Wards. In the park across the street the Hooper Honor Roll lists names of several descendants of Gilbert Belnap who died during World War II.
68. Hooper Cemetery: This little cemetery, located on the east side of 6300 West at about 5500 South, is literally filled with descendants of Gilbert Belnap. Five of Gilbert's 17 children (three of whom died in Hooper) are buried in this cemetery: William James Belnap, died December 20, 1932 at Hooper; Francis Marion Belnap, died December 15, 1932 at Hooper; Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard, died January 3, 1931 at Hooper; Reuben Belnap, died October 20, 1923 in Ogden; and Amasa Belnap, died April 28, 1929 in Salt Lake City. Many other relatives of the Belnaps are buried here as well.

OGDEN CANYON

One of Weber County's most scenic sights, Ogden Canyon, for many years impassable to the early settlers, cuts an almost straight east-west line through the Wasatch Front.

69. Wheeler's Sawmill: In 1857 or 1858, the first sawmill was built in Ogden Canyon. It was situated on the south side of Ogden Canyon and a little to the west of Wheeler's Canyon (just below present-day Pineview Dam). Gilbert Belnap was one of the mechanics who installed the mill. Since a road had not yet been constructed through Ogden Canyon, the workmen on the mill had to go over North Ogden Pass into Ogden's Hole and enter Ogden Canyon from the east.

HUNTSVILLE

Located several miles east of Ogden on the back side of the Wasatch Front and nestled in the heart of picturesque Ogden Valley beside Pineview Reservoir, Huntsville, the birthplace of LDS President David O. McKay, was also the home of Henrietta McBride Belnap and her family for several years before Gilbert Belnap moved his family to Hooper in 1868. Stories passed down describe the years spent in Huntsville as bitterly cold ones for the family. Gilbert Rosel Belnap records that he was present when the site of Huntsville was laid out in 1864 by Brigham Young.

70. Gilbert Belnap Huntsville Homesite: Gilbert Belnap's children through his wife Henrietta McBride Belnap moved to Huntsville in 1857 (or perhaps 1864 according to Francis Marion Belnap) for a few years prior to the moving of the entire family (including both wives) to Hooper in 1868. This homesite is said to have been located across the public square from the first school. Although the exact location of this homesite is unknown, it is believed to have been very close to the present Huntsville Park. The home was a log cabin with only the skins of animals and pieces of cloth at the doors and windows. William James Belnap herded sheep here as a boy and had Indian boys for playmates.
71. Huntsville LDS Chapel and Park: The last Belnap Family Reunion was held August 23, 1980, in the LDS Chapel at 277 South 7400 East and in the park across the street. Many family members remember this as the best Belnap Family Reunion ever. This site is presumed to be very close to the Gilbert Belnap Huntsville homesite.

72. Snow Basin: Snow Basin, a growing ski resort, is located several miles from Ogden as well as Huntsville on the eastern slopes of Mount Ogden. The Gelandi Lodge at Snow Basin served as the site of Belnap Family Reunions on August 25, 1962 and August 22, 1964.

ROY

Located southwest of Ogden on a high gravel-and-sand bench west of the Weber River, Roy received its first settlers between 1870 and 1873. Now one of Weber County's largest cities, Roy for many years struggled to grow due to a lack of water. Levi Byram Hammon was noted in the community for his purebred horses.

73. Martha Jane Belnap Hammon Home: Martha Jane Belnap Hammon and her husband moved to Roy in April 1894. She died at her Roy residence on March 21, 1923. The exact address of this home is presently unknown.
74. Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery: Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, who died in Roy, and her husband Levi Byram Hammon, along with other Belnap/Hammon descendants, are buried in the Roy Cemetery located at 2300 West 5200 South. In 1991 the name of this cemetery was changed from the Roy City Cemetery to its present name to reflect the donation of the land for the cemetery by Lorenzo Stoker (who married Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker) and Jesse Stoker (who married Lettie Matilda Hammon Stoker). (Polly and Lettie are daughters of Martha Jane Belnap Hammon.)

WEST WEBER

Lying west of Ogden in a big bend of the Weber River, West Weber received its first permanent settlers in 1857.

75. Augustus Weber Belnap Homesite: The first home of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read Belnap, following their marriage in April 1886, was one they rented from Will Brown, "just across the line from W. Staker's place." The exact location of this homesite is presently unknown.

UTAH HOT SPRINGS

Located 9 miles northwest of Ogden on the Box Elder-Weber County line, the Utah Hot Springs, one of two well-known hot springs in Weber County, was the site of a popular resort for many years.

76. Utah Hot Springs: In the early 1850s, Brigham City joined with Ogden in a Fourth of July celebration held at the Utah Hot Springs. Chester Loveland and Gilbert Belnap were picked for a wrestling match. Gilbert Belnap easily won the honors. The old timers also said that in the high jump event, Gilbert Belnap easily cleared the bar at the six-foot level.

SOUTH WEBER

Once a part of Weber County, the community of South Weber today lies in Davis County on the south banks of the Weber River directly west of the mouth of Weber Canyon. Eliza Ann Watts Belnap, wife of William James Belnap, grew up in South Weber. Originally known as Kingston Fort, South Weber was the setting for the Morrisite War--the only recorded local war in Weber County history, between the followers of the self-proclaimed prophet Joseph Morris and those who were loyal to Brigham Young.

77. Morrisite War: Gilbert Rosel Belnap, present with his gun in June 1862 at the Morrisite War, took home to his father Gilbert Belnap a four-pound, rough, hand-cast cannonball as a souvenir from the war. This cannonball is presently in the possession of Della A. Belnap. A DUP marker on the grounds of the LDS Chapel at 1385 East South Weber Drive marks the site of the old Kingston Fort.

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