COME CELEBRATE The Arrival of the Historic John McBride Belnap Tool Chest and the South Mormon Trail Wagon Train in Ogden, Utah on Thursday, July 24, 1997

## Witness the Arrival of the Historic John McBride Belnap Tool Chest

All descendants of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap are invited to attend an **Historic Ceremony** in downtown **Ogden**, **Utah** at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday**, **July 24**, **1997** at which the South Mormon Trail Wagon Train participants will **personally deliver** the **Historic John McBride Belnap Tool Chest** to Gilbert's descendants. The Wagon Train members, who left Council Bluffs in April 1997, participated in the John McBride Belnap Memorial Service on April 27, 1997 in Ashland, Nebraska. They have carried the solid oak Tool Chest (a replica of the tool chest in which 13-month-old John McBride Belnap, second son of Gilbert, was buried one week after his family set out for the West) all the way from Iowa to Ogden--where John would have grown up had he not contracted cholera along the Mormon Trail.

## Eat Dinner With the Wagon Train and Other Gilbert Belnap Descendants

News stories about John McBride Belnap and the Tool Chest reconstructed in his honor have appeared around the country--in Associated Press articles and the LDS *Church News*, on the front pages of Nebraska and Iowa newspapers, and even on Omaha TV. In addition, Wagon Train members have told John's touching story countless times and in every community along the Mormon Trail. Gilbert's descendants have **exclusive permission** to meet and have dinner with the Wagon Train on **Wednesday evening**, July 23, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Fort Buenaventura State Park in Ogden. Please bring food (*i.e.*, side dishes, salads, desserts--the Belnap Family Organization will provide the main course) for yourself plus 10 others. Come eat dinner with the Wagon Train and other descendants in an authentic Pioneer Camp and enjoy a special Pioneer Program the evening before Ogden's Parade. Show our thanks to the South Mormon Trail Wagon Train and participate in making history!

## A Major Sesquicentennial Event

Ogden is celebrating the Sesquicentennial, and the arrival of the Wagon Train carrying the John McBride Belnap Tool Chest is at the heart of the celebration! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Come celebrate the Life of John McBride Belnap, the Mormon Trail Sesquicentennial, and Our Unique Belnap Pioneer Heritage!

## Additional Information

- Ogden's Pioneer Day Parade (with the Tool Chest wagon) begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs northward along Washington Boulevard from 31st to 20th Streets. The outdoor presentation ceremony is right after the Parade in the Municipal Gardens west of Washington between 25th and 26th Street. Ogden's Parade (unlike Salt Lake's) will <u>not</u> be televised.
- Following the ceremony, the Wagon Train will escort the John McBride Belnap Tool Chest to the **Weber County Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum** on Ogden's Temple Square, where it will be displayed until September 1997 near other Belnap historical items.
- Bring items of historic or current interest and place them in the Tool Chest "time capsule."
- While in Ogden, wear your Belnap Coat of Arms pin with a white ribbon.

John McBride Belnap Mormon Pioneer Trail Sesquicentennial Celebration sponsored by: The Gilbert Belnap Family Organization, a non-profit ancestral family organization for all descendants of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap, created to preserve, perpetuate, and promote family solidarity.

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