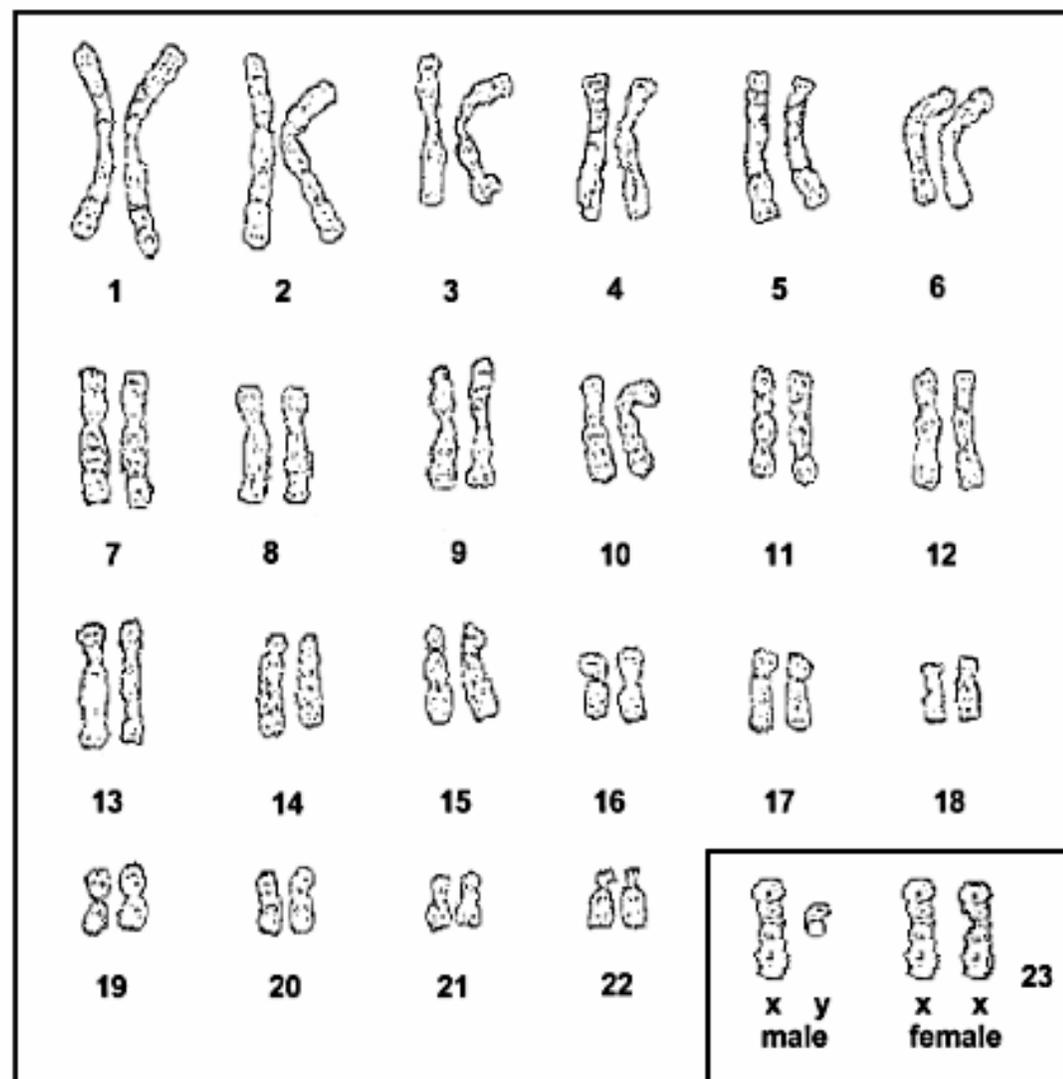




Belnap Family Organization
Special Projects

DNA Research

Chromosomes in Human DNA



**Autosomal DNA
is the first
22 chromosomes**

**X and Y
Chromosomal
DNA
Determines
Gender**

Autosomal DNA

Autosomal DNA Random Recombination

Generation 8



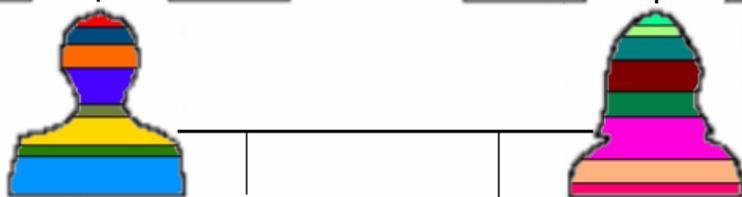
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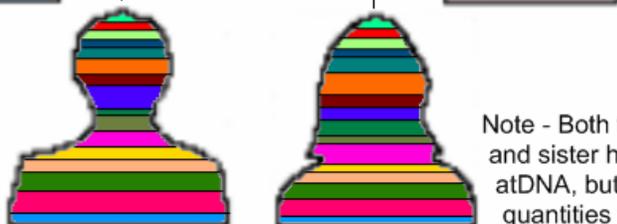
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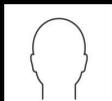


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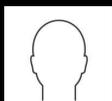
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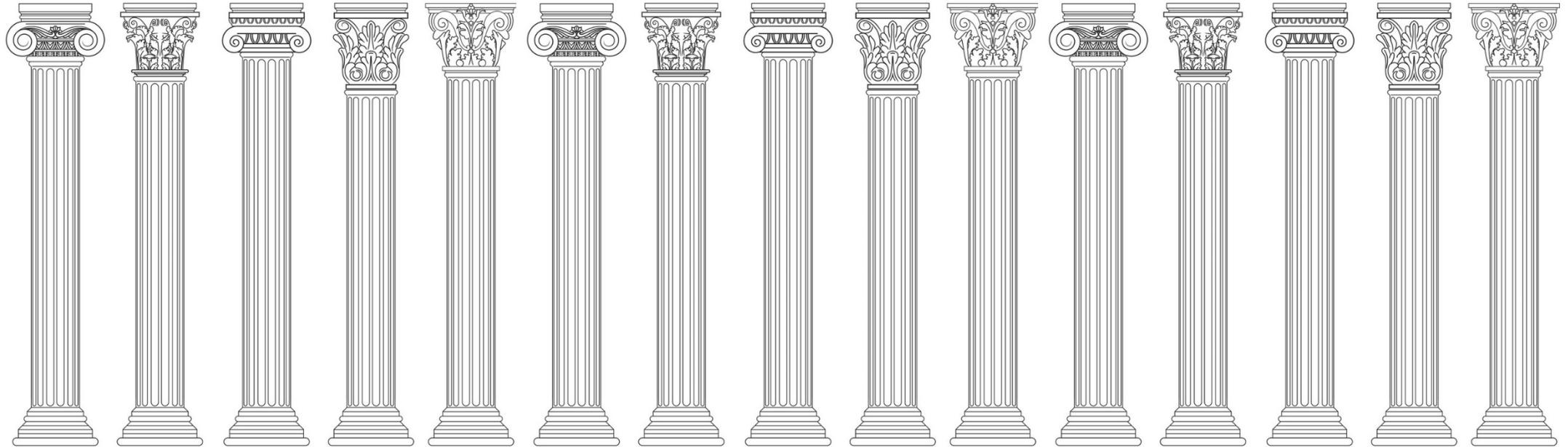


Generation 1



Last Living Great Grandchildren of Gilbert, Adaline, and Henrietta

Belnap Family Organization



Gilbert Rosel

Joseph

Hyrum

Vinson K.

Adaline L.

Lola A.

Oliver

Isadora Estella

Reuben

Martha Jane

Augustus W.

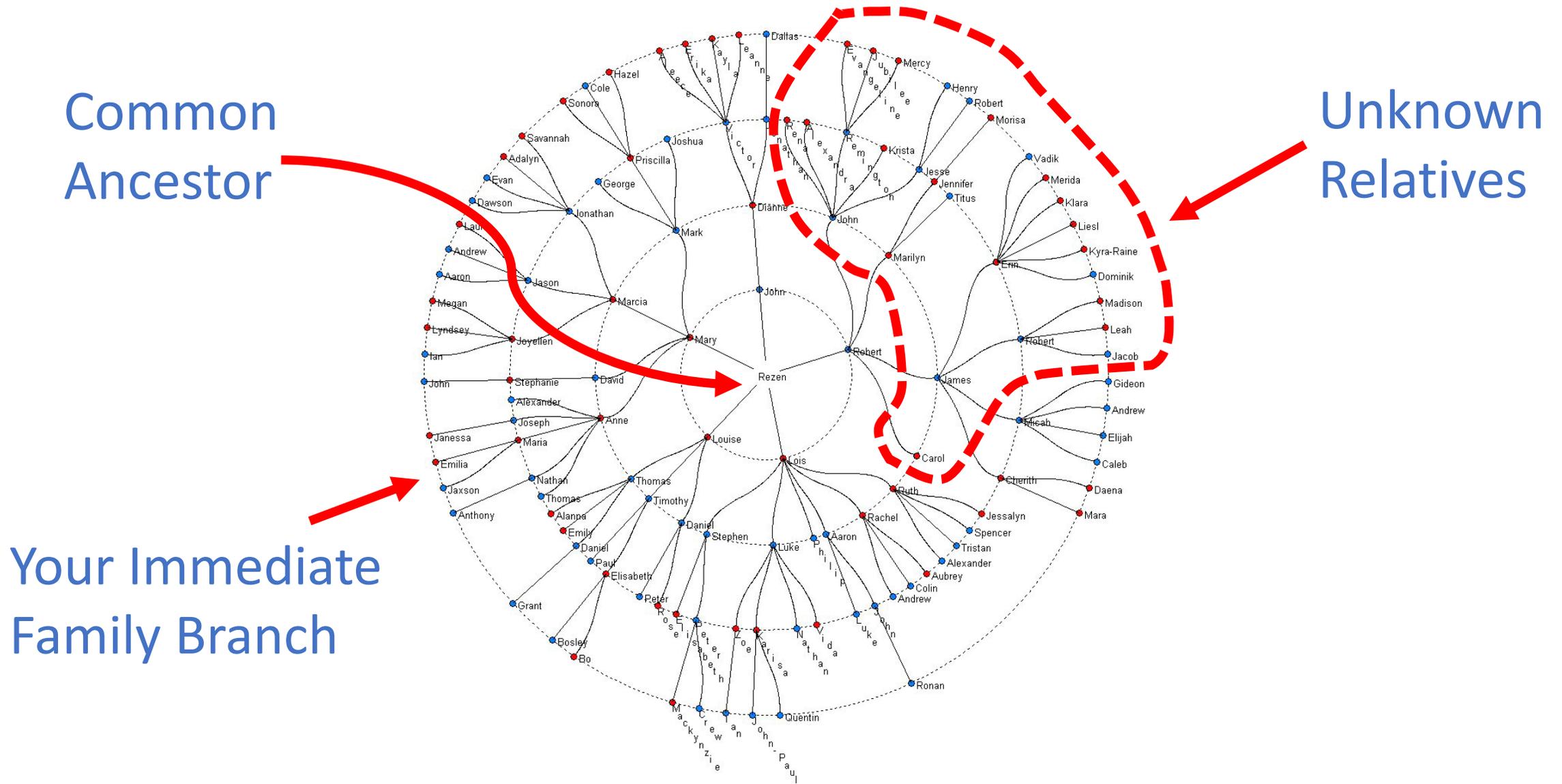
Amasa

Mary Louisa

William J.

Francis Marion

Locating Lost Relatives



Gilbert Belnap Great Grandchildren Autosomal DNA Tests

Branch through Adaline Knight

Gilbert Rosel	0
John McBride	<i>no posterity</i>
Reuben	3
Joseph	1
Martha Jane	6
Hyrum	3
Augustus Weber	9
Volney	<i>no posterity</i>
Vinson K.	0
Amasa	1
Adaline Lorinda	5
Mary Louisa	2
Lola Almira	8

Branch through Henrietta McBride

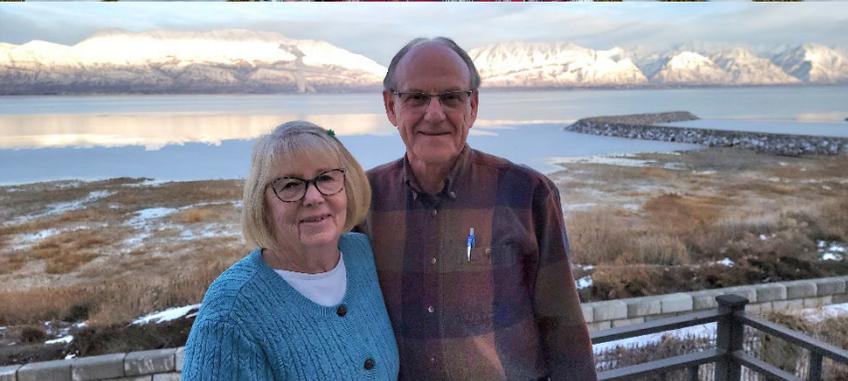
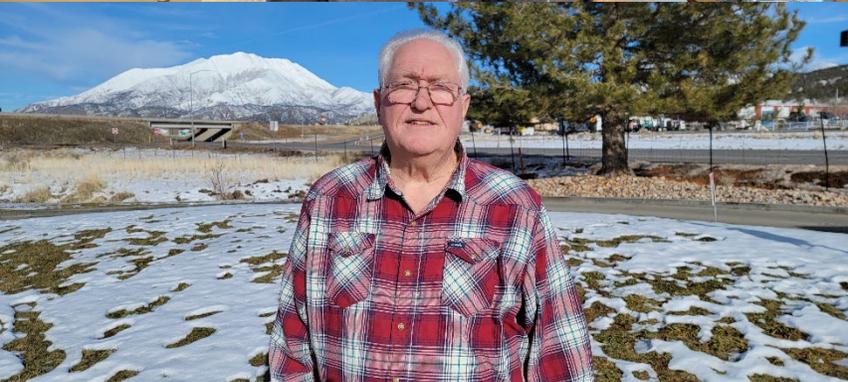
William James	1
Oliver	3
Francis Marion	3
Isadora Estella	<u>3</u>

TOTAL 48

- Total Number of Great Grandchildren: 590
- Number Living: no more than 48 (was over 55 when started)
- **BFO has obtained access to 48 Ancestry autosomal DNA tests:**
 - BJB is “Owner” (direct acquiror) of 32 tests
 - BJB is “Manager” of 8 tests
 - BJB is “Collaborator” on 8 tests
- Of the 15 branches of the family with posterity, **test results have been obtained from 13 branches** (zero test candidates: Gilbert Rosel, Vinson K.)
- 2 great grandchild have taken tests but not yet provided access
- ~4 great grandchildren remain as potential test candidates

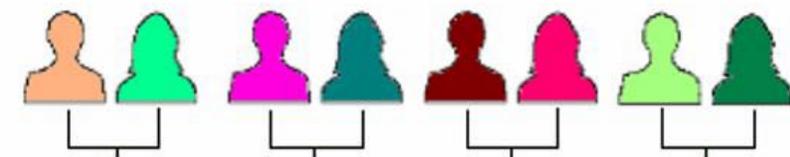
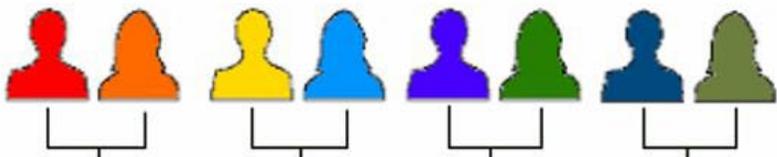
NOTE: Of the 48 tested with access, at least 15 are now deceased



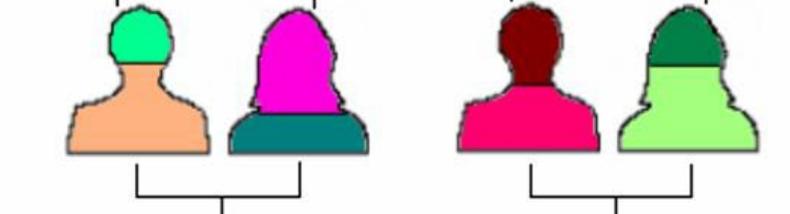
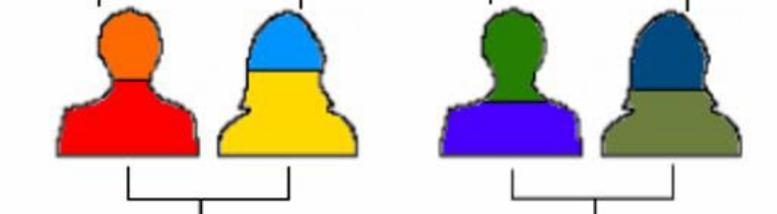


Plus many others . . .

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Jesse Belknap
(1739-aft 1818)

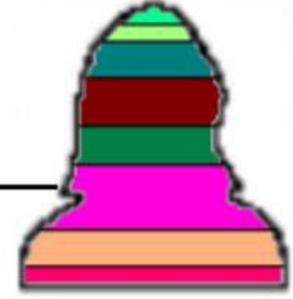


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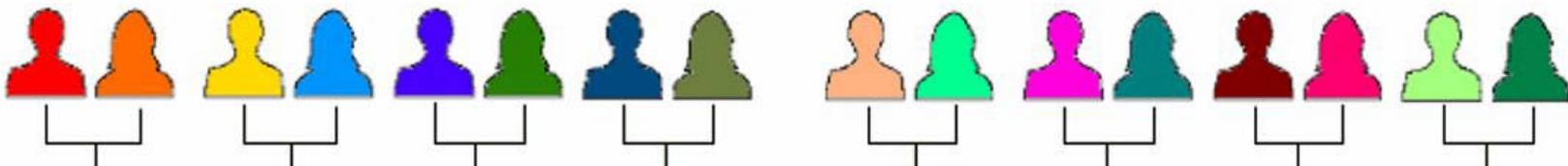


Gilbert's siblings

48 DNA-tested Great Grandchildren

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Jesse Belnap Mystery”

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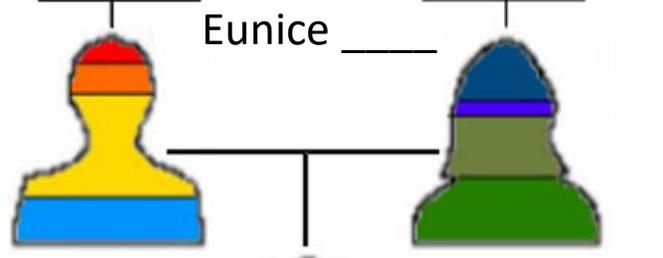


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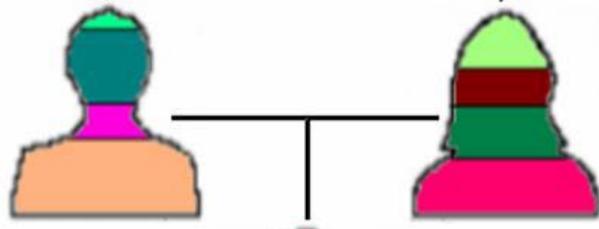


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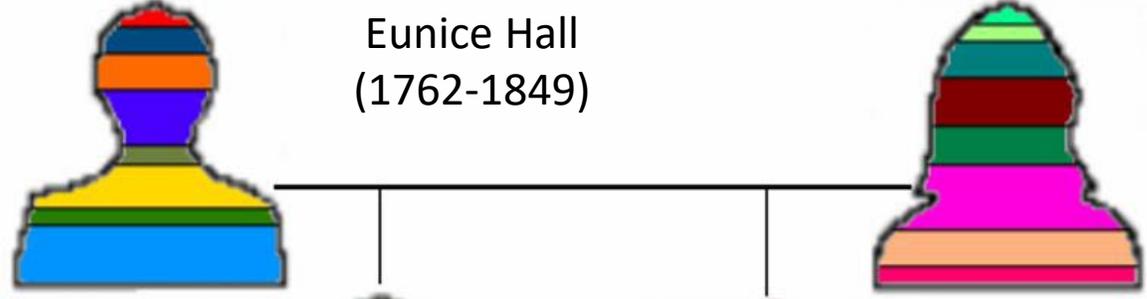


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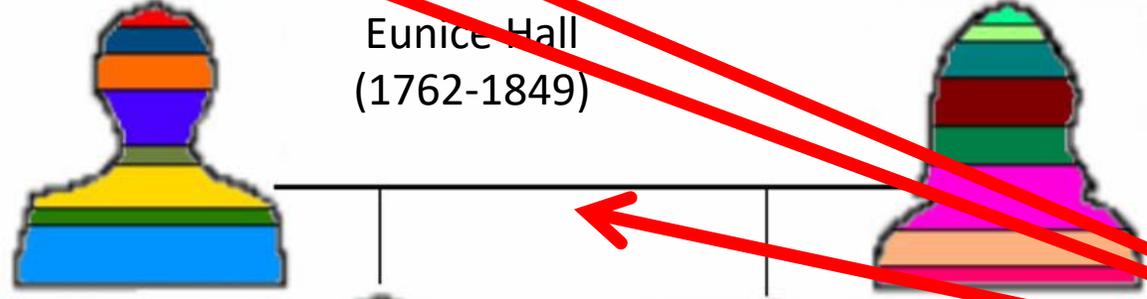
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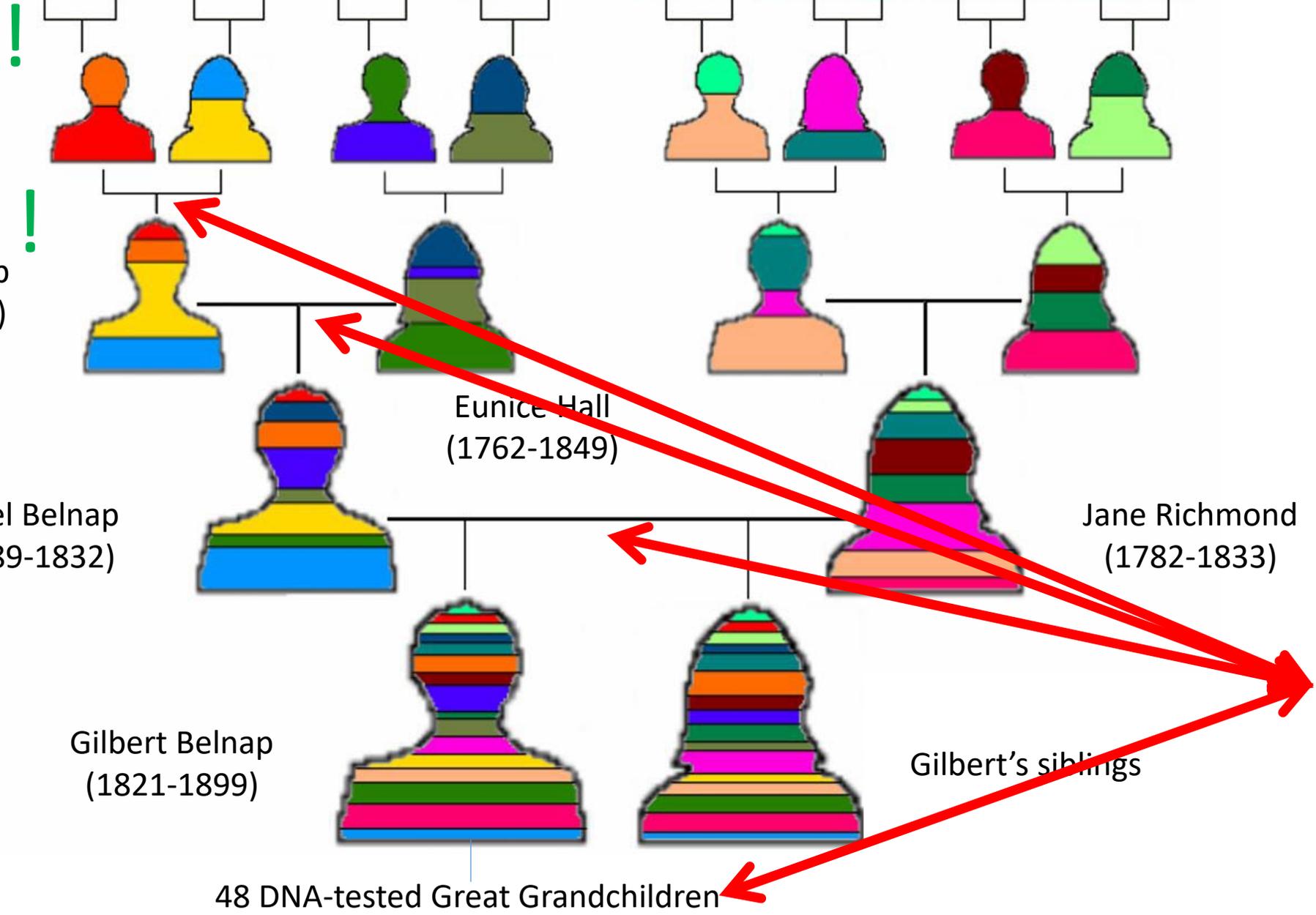
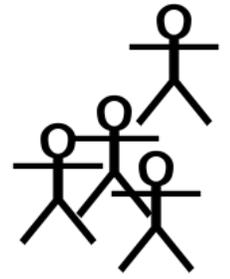


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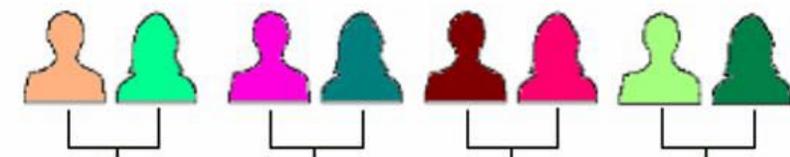
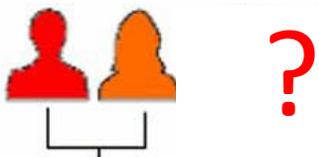


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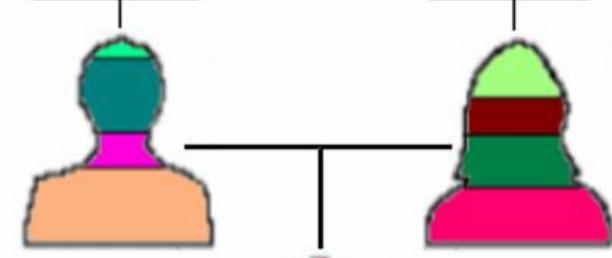
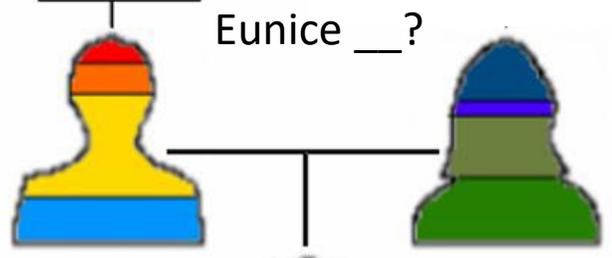
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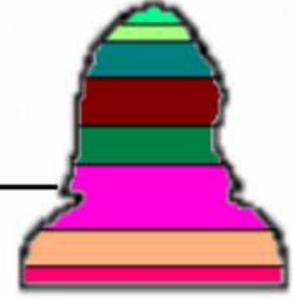
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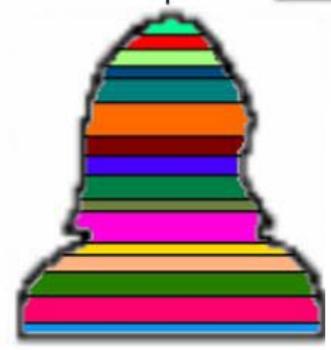
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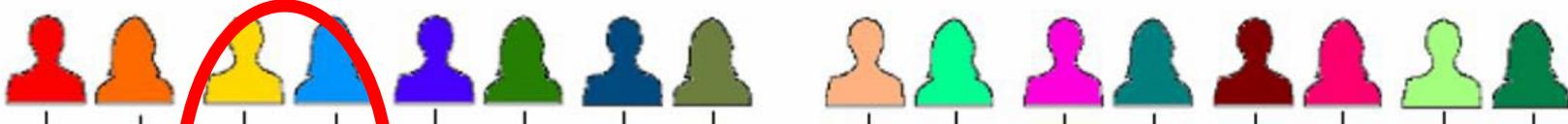


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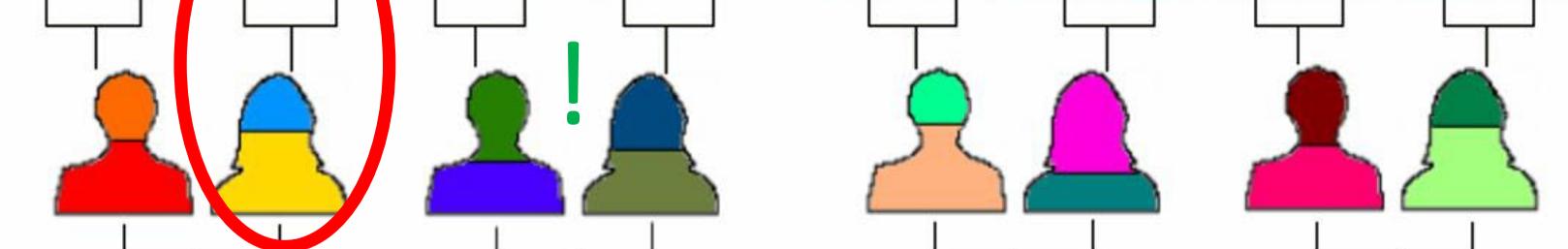


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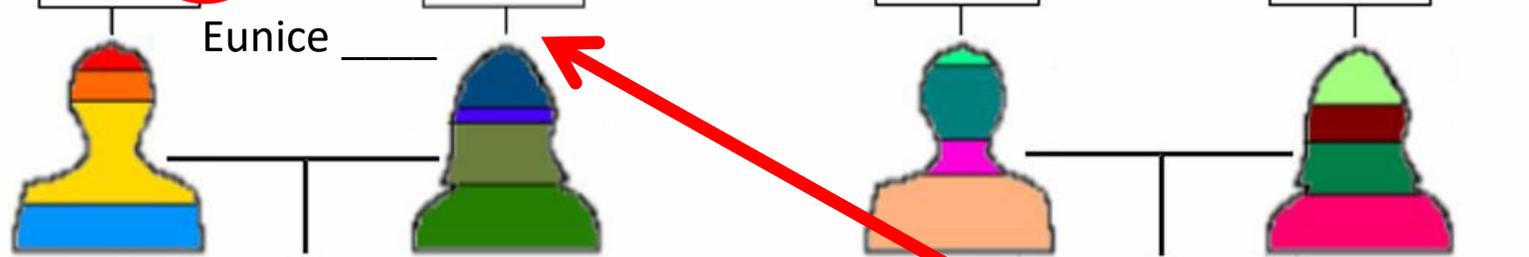


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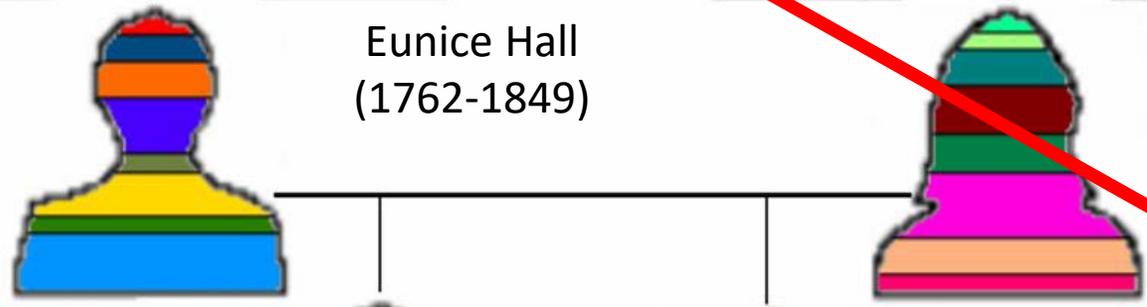
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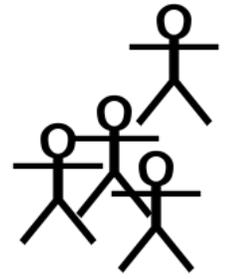
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Autosomal DNA:
Richmonds, McBrides, etc.

Y-Chromosome DNA:
Belknap, Knight, McBride



Mitochondrial DNA:
Adaline Knight and
Henrietta McBride

“Resurrected” DNA:
Grandchild Hair Sample



Past Special Projects

1997

John McBride Belnap
Memorial and Toolchest

Baby's burial to be re-enacted

BY TWILA VAN LEER
Deseret News staff writer

A baby who didn't live to see Zion has brought together pioneers from two centuries along the Mormon Trail.

For little John McBride Belnap, the Mormon Trail ended almost as it began. The 13-month-old son of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap contracted cholera, a common killer among the immigrants, during a camp epidemic and quickly died near the Salt Flats at what ultimately became Ashland, Neb.

The year was 1850 and Gilbert and Adaline were anxious to join the Saints who already were gathering in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake.

Living in the temporary Letter-day Saint communities on both sides of the Missouri River, they anxiously prepared to join in the migration to the Great Basin. Twice, Gilbert was called on "grain missions" to procure foodstuffs from Missouri settlements. His history tells that he lost a coin lost to be among those who accompanied Brigham Young in the first party. He and Adaline settled in Fremont County where he worked as a carriage and wagon maker and at carpentry to earn money to provision his family for the trek west.

In May 1850 they were ready to go. He became a captain of 10 in the Warren Foot Company. A couple of weeks into their trek, a cholera epidemic hit the camp. Twenty-six of the 475 members of the company died, including John McBride. He took ill on June 21 and was dead early the following morning.

With no wood to build a coffin, the grieving father wrapped the remains of his son in a quilt and put him in his oak tool box. Buried on a hill overlooking Saline Fork, near the current town of Ashland, the toddler was left behind.

This April, the re-enactment of the pioneer trek along the 1,000-plus mile Mormon Trail will revive the baby's story and create a permanent memorial to him.

The long-abandoned grave is on the Oxbow, or southern, Trail, which is being followed by one of the groups participating in the 150th anniversary trail re-enactment. The trek began April 19 from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and will pass through Ashland.

On April 27, dozens of Gilbert Belnap's descendants will gather in Ashland to put a five-foot gray marble marker in the vicinity of the baby's final resting place. They represent more than 9,000 descendants born to Gilbert Belnap's 17 children, the great majority of whom have remained active in the Church, he espoused in the 1860s, said Bishop Brent Helman. He is bishop of the Manhattan



Photo by Jeffrey D. Allred

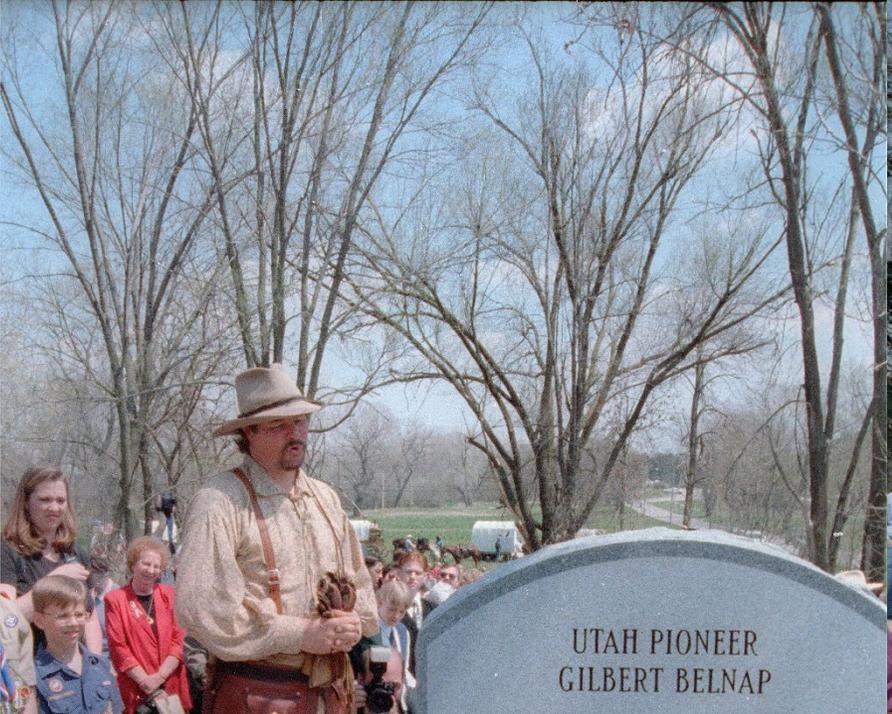
Pat and Ray Hailey of New Virginia, Iowa, inspect box that will be used in re-enactment of baby's burial along the Oxbow Trail by family members.

er in Iowa was commissioned to construct it. It will hold an antique Bible, a Book of Mormon, tools, newspapers and other artifacts and will become the Belnap family's own "time capsule," to be opened in 2097 as a reminder to yet later generations of the family's pioneer legacy.

The box arrived in Ashland in a wagon driven by some of the Church's new pioneers, Raymond and Pat Hailey, whose roots do not go back to pioneer times. He joined the Church while serving in the U.S. Navy in Hawaii years ago after hearing the gospel taught by a buddy. She was baptized four years after they married.

The couple, now residing in New Virginia, Iowa, are members of the Osceola Ward, Des Moines Iowa Stake.

The interweaving of lives and histories in the Ashland event is indicative of the ongoing spirit of pioneering, Bishop Belnap said.



UTAH PIONEER GILBERT BELNAP

HIS FIRST WIFE
ADALINE KNIGHT

HIS SECOND WIFE
HENRIETTA MCBRIDE

THEIR CHILDREN
GILBERT ROSEL BELNAP
JOHN MCBRIDE BELNAP
REUBEN BELNAP
JOSEPH BELNAP
MARTHA JANE BELNAP
HYRUM BELNAP
AUGUSTUS WEBER BELNAP
VOLNEY BELNAP
VINSON KNIGHT BELNAP
AMASA BELNAP
ADALINE LORINDA BELNAP
MARY LOUISA BELNAP
LOLA ALMIRA BELNAP

THEIR CHILDREN
WILLIAM JAMES BELNAP
OLIVER BELNAP
FRANCIS MARION BELNAP
ISADORA ESTELLA BELNAP

IMAGE OF REPLICA TOOL CHEST CARRIED IN 1997 ALONG THE MORMON TRAIL IN HONOR OF JOHN MCBRIDE BELNAP. REPLICA TOOL CHEST MEASURED 35" LONG BY 21" WIDE BY 18.5" HIGH. BASED ON A TOOL CHEST ONCE BELONGING TO HERB C. KIMBALL, WHO WAS MARRIED TO JOHN'S MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER AT THE TIME OF JOHN'S DEATH. JOHN WAS BURIED IN HIS FATHER'S OAK TOOL CHEST, WHICH HAD A SCREW-DOWN LID AND DOVETAILED JOINTS.











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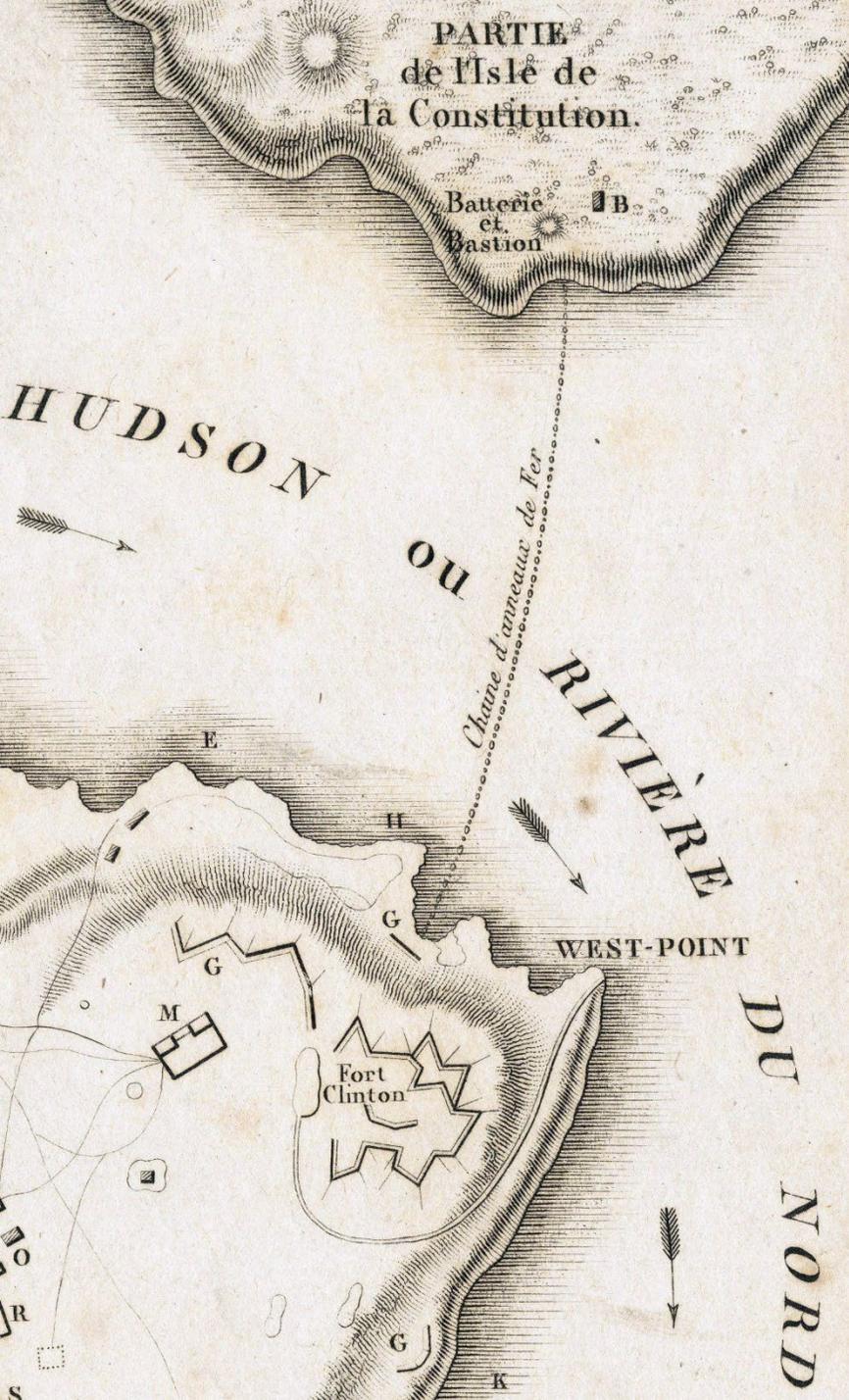
Gilbert Belnap Family
Memorial Service and
Monument Rededication



Upcoming Special Projects

2026

Jesse Belnap & Eunice Hall
Memorial Service and
Monument Dedication



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14800
Pennsylvania
Jesse Prentiss

in the State of Pennsylvania
who was an Artificer in the
by Captain of the Regt commanded
by Col Baldwin in the Continental
line for 2 1/2 yrs.

Increased from \$144 per ann

Inscribed on the Roll of Pittsburgh
at the rate of 240 Dollars 00 Cents per
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Certificate of Pension issued the 19 day of
Sept 1857 and sent to
Lumpkin Street

Amount to the 1st of
Semi-ann. allowance ending

Revolutionary Claim
Act June 7, 1832

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Erie

On this eighth day

of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the
Judge of the County of Common Pleas of Erie
County
Jesse Prentiss of the Township of North East
in the County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania aged
thirty one years, who being first duly sworn, according
to law, do hereby make the following declaration
to wit: that he is entitled to the benefit of the provision made
by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he enlisted as an artificer in the
Army of the United States in the month of August
in the year 1777 with Darius Miles and
served in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel
Baldwin of the Connecticut line, under the
following officers: Col. Baldwin, Major Painter
Major Brewer, Captain Darius Miles, who
was succeeded by Captain Stephen Colburn: that
he served as an artificer at the rate of seven
dollars per month, in the said Corps for the
term of three years, and was discharged by Major
Brewer at Peekskill in the State of New York in

the month of August in the year 1780: that he
entered the service in the Town of Shelton in the
State of Connecticut: that in the winter of 1777
1778 he was at Danbury in Connecticut, working
at the blacksmith business for the Army, and in
the Spring or Summer of the year 1778 he was
employed at New Windsor on the Hudson,
in making a Chain to draw across said river
and in other work for the use of the Army: that
afterwards he was employed at Morristown in
New Jersey, and at Breakneck, and from the
latter place he went to Peekskill where he was
discharged as stated: that he was in no battles of
any consequence: He hereby relinquishes every
Claim whatever to pension or an annuity
except the present, and he declares that his name
is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any
State

Sworn to and subscribed
Jesse Prentiss
the day & year aforesaid
Darius Miles

Ancestor Search

Search for Revolutionary Era Ancestors



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BELKNAP, JESSE JR

Ancestor #: A008664

Service: CONNECTICUT Rank(s): SOLDIER

Birth: 8-3-1760 HEBRON HARTFORD CO CONNECTICUT

Death: 10-10-1854 NORTH EAST TWP ERIE CO PENNSYLVANIA

Pension Number: *S2068

Service Source: *S2068

Service Description: 1) ARTIFICER IN CAPT WILCOX CO, COL BALDWIN REGT

RESIDENCE

1) City: HEBRON - County: HARTFORD CO - State: CONNECTICUT

SPOUSE

Number	Name
1)	EUNICE HALL

Hint: Click on the member number to see i

ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

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You John Wilcox do swear that as executor of John Ward deceased you will well and truly administer the good and chattel rights and credits of the said deceased according to law and diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the law relating to collateral inheritances, sworn and subscribed before me this first day of Oct. A.D. 1852. David McAllister, Registrar.

J. S. Wilcox

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in or restraint, this heretofore I have given to my son Elias Gill for his education and his becoming dissipated, instead of this gift, as aforesaid, to my said son 2^d all of my goods chattels on the place and farming, out any further naming them for purposes of the carrying on use for her living & support provided aforesaid, and she shall have as I have the same as to number quantity he lives so that my son may have a fair chance the possession of all the property, this gift to my daughter therein and so forth. Item 3^d I don't want my said personal property, but the same kept as aforesaid. If my wife can dispose of any she can but it must & shall be done in accordance provisions as last above written in Imprimis & in will & testament of mine, and as therein provided otherwise. Item 4th I give my mother Ann Stewart the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid in four equal annual instalments of twenty five dollars each commencing one year subsequent to my death, and in case she should come to be out or necessarily requires it, then I direct the further sum of fifty dollars to be paid to her. Item 5th I direct and hereby appoint Maluaa Gill my said wife executrix of this my last will & testament. Item 6th In case my wife should marry again after my death I then direct that my son Elias Gill shall come into and take possession of two thirds of my said farm land aforesaid having due regard to orchards, buildings, wood land &c. & forth & my said wife the use of the other third) together with one half of the personal estate aforesaid to my said child

Will. Jesse D. Knapp dec. In the name of God Amen. I Jesse D. Knapp of North Carolina being in health of body and of sound mind and understanding praise be God for the same, do make this my last will and Testament in manner following to wit: First I do order that all my just debts (if any) and my funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon after my decease as conveniently can be. Second, I give devise and bequeath to my son David and my daughter Sally intermarried with Geo. Aron (now deceased) the

sum of ten dollars each of my decease, thirty dollars each to my sons Geo and David two dollars each of my decease when demanded. Third, to the children of my decease I give, devise and bequeath to each one dollar. Fifth and touching all the real residue & remainder of my estate real and personal of whatever kind or nature the same may be at my decease I give devise and bequeath the same to my daughter Laura intermarried with Jacob Alexander (now deceased) one fourth & nominal constable and appoint A. W. Plaine of North Carolina and James Sherman of the Township of North Carolina State provided to be the Registrar of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills bequests and bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the first day of October A.D. 1852.

Witness my hand and seal this 23^d day of Oct. A.D. 1852. Jesse D. Knapp. Maluaa Gill. John Drawley. Wm. L. Johnson.

according to law and diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral inheritances sworn and subscribed before me this 23^d day of Oct. A.D. 1852. Wm. L. Johnson - Deputy Registrar. A. W. Plaine

Will. Ebenezer Gill dec. By the Grace of God Amen. I Ebenezer Gill Farmer residing in the County of Surry North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but of much physical

and uncertain as to the length of this life & to prepare for death do make and declare this my last will & Testament as follows - Imprimis - to my wife Maluaa Gill the farm on which I now live it being situated and known as the same piece of land which I bought of Thomas & John S. Gilbert & wife by deed dated 3rd May 1852 duly acknowledged day & recorded May 11 1852 in Erie County Records office here North Carolina to use and manage for her natural life & no longer; after the death of my said wife I hereby will & direct that the aforesaid farm shall go to my son Elias Gill without condition & subject to the maintenance of my said son respectable support but nothing in case of a profligate until after my said wife dies, wife & in lieu of dower therein to her. Item rights & credits here stock and animals utensils generally left at my death with & give into my wife's possession or for the use of the said farm during her life time, to the maintenance of her Elias Gill as he keeps the same over & equal as long as she lives when he comes into wife & in lieu of her any public sale of property aforesaid for the purpose to advantage with & subject to the Item 2^d of this last will & testament. Item 3^d I give to my wife Maluaa Gill the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid in four equal annual instalments of twenty five dollars each commencing one year subsequent to my death, and in case she should come to be out or necessarily requires it, then I direct the further sum of fifty dollars to be paid to her. Item 4th I direct and hereby appoint Maluaa Gill my said wife executrix of this my last will & testament. Item 5th In case my wife should marry again after my death I then direct that my son Elias Gill shall come into and take possession of two thirds of my said farm land aforesaid having due regard to orchards, buildings, wood land &c. & forth & my said wife the use of the other third) together with one half of the personal estate aforesaid to my said child

Witness my hand and seal this 23^d day of Oct. A.D. 1852. Ebenezer Gill. Maluaa Gill. John Drawley. Wm. L. Johnson.

You A. W. Plaine do swear that as executor of Jesse D. Knapp and truly administer the good and chattel real and



JESSE
BELNAP

Born
Aug. 31. 1760.
Died
Oct. 10. 1851.

EUNICE

wife of Jesse
Belnap.
Born May 25.
1762.
Died Nov. 12.
1851.

ALICE HEATH
1810-1881
AN UNCLE
31-1865



JESSE
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Born
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Oct. 10, 1854

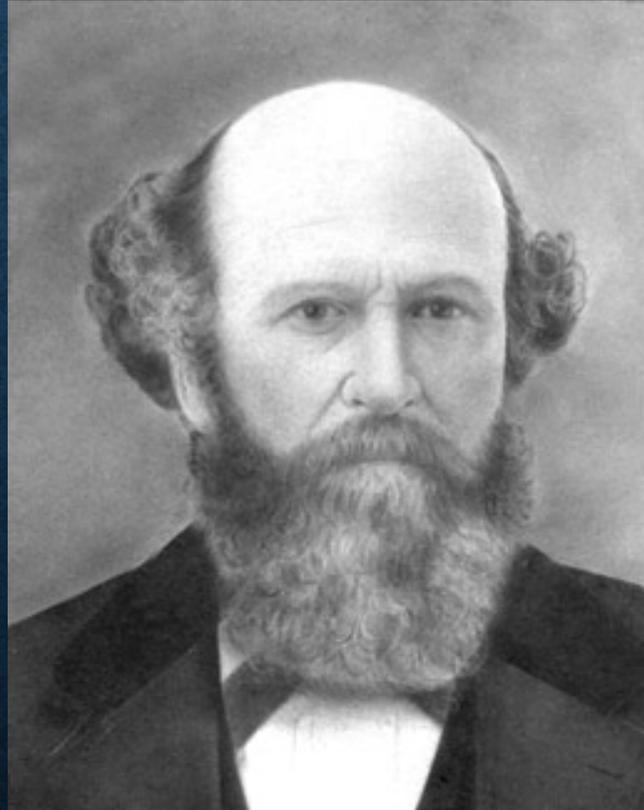


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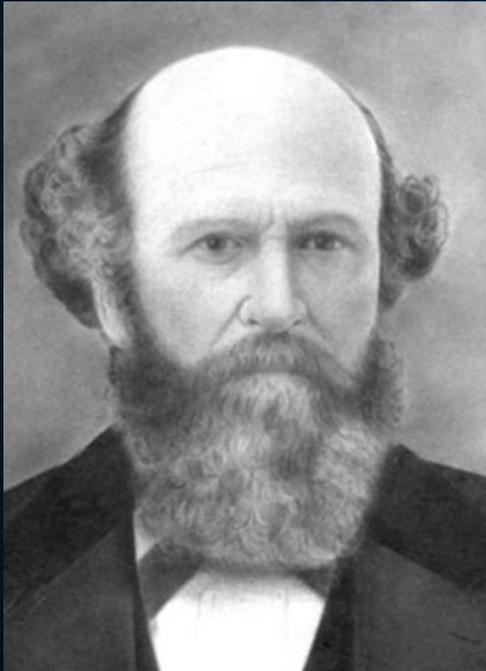
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Sharing the Story of Gilbert Belnap



FAMILY LINE



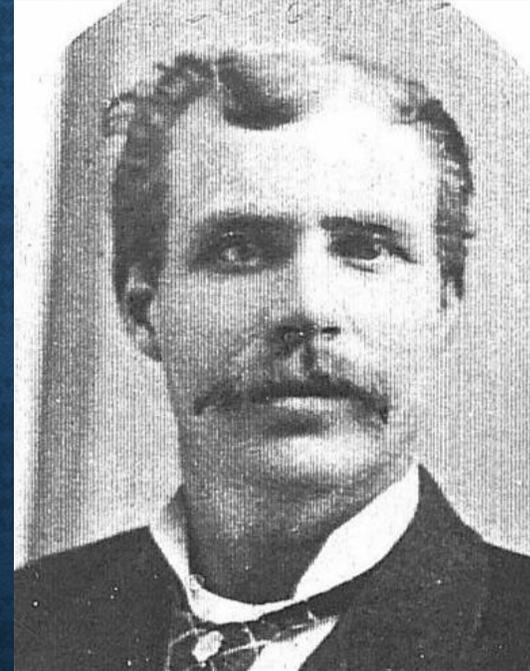
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1821-1899



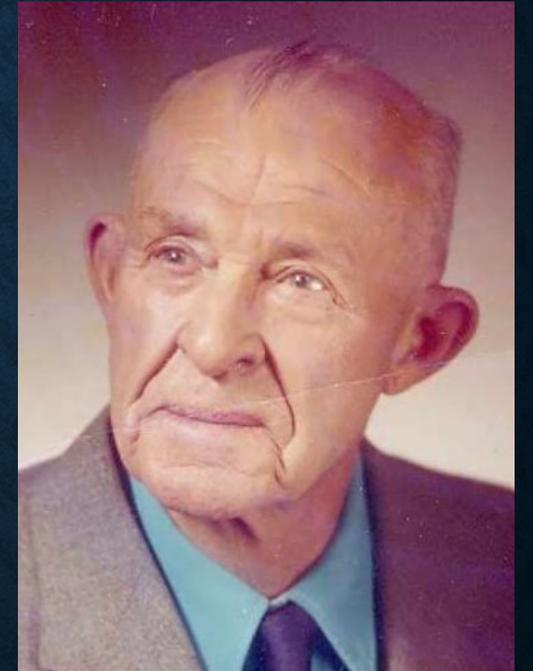
Henrietta McBride

1821-1899



Oliver Belnap

1855-1929



Oliver Mead Belnap

1881-1967

FAMILY LINE (CONT.)



Wayne Wilford Belnap

1921-2007



Suzanne Belnap

1952-2024



Pamela Cheney

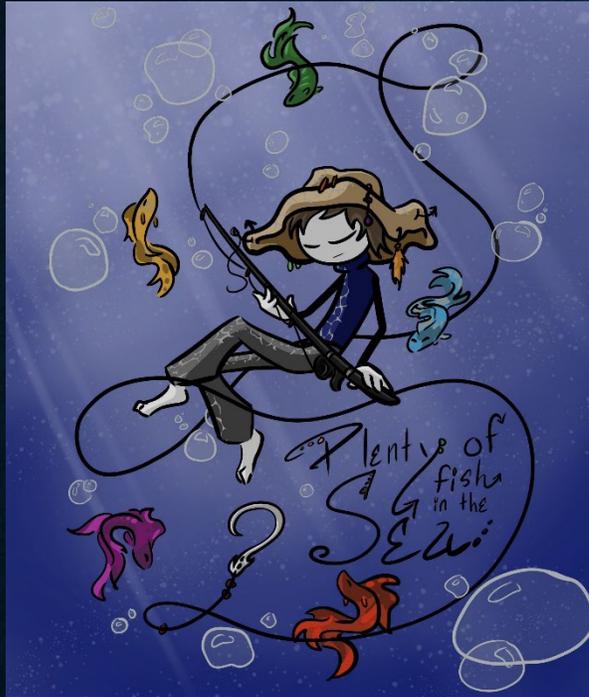
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Rachelle Hale

2002-present

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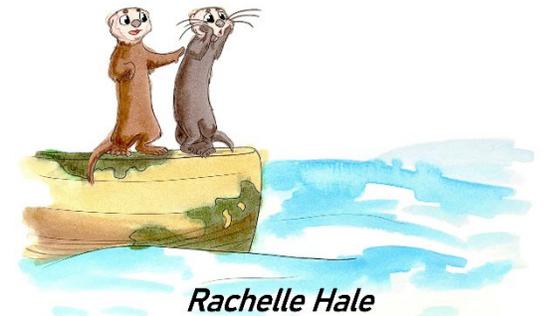


**And the Duck
said Nothing**



Rachelle Hale

**At Least we are
Lost Together**



Rachelle Hale



I hailed the coming of war as the harbinger of better days.

You are yet a lad. Are you certain that you wish to depart?

Yes, Mr. Stone. This is what I have been yearning for:

A chance to give back to my country.



Being of a hardy nature, I soon became accustomed to the privation and hardship of war.

You must be worn worse than the rest of us, lad. You surely must miss the ease at home.

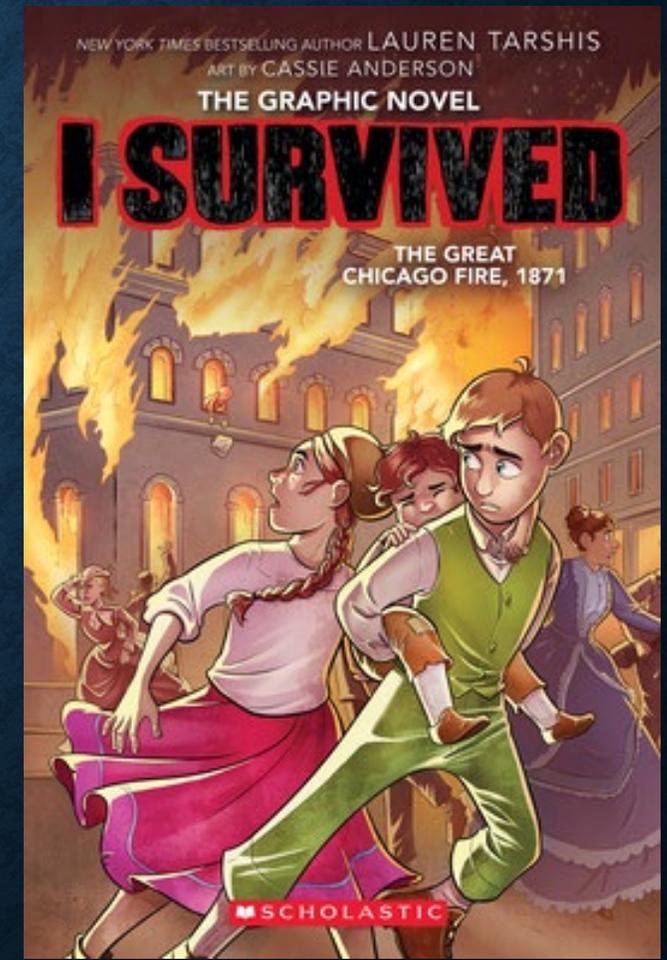
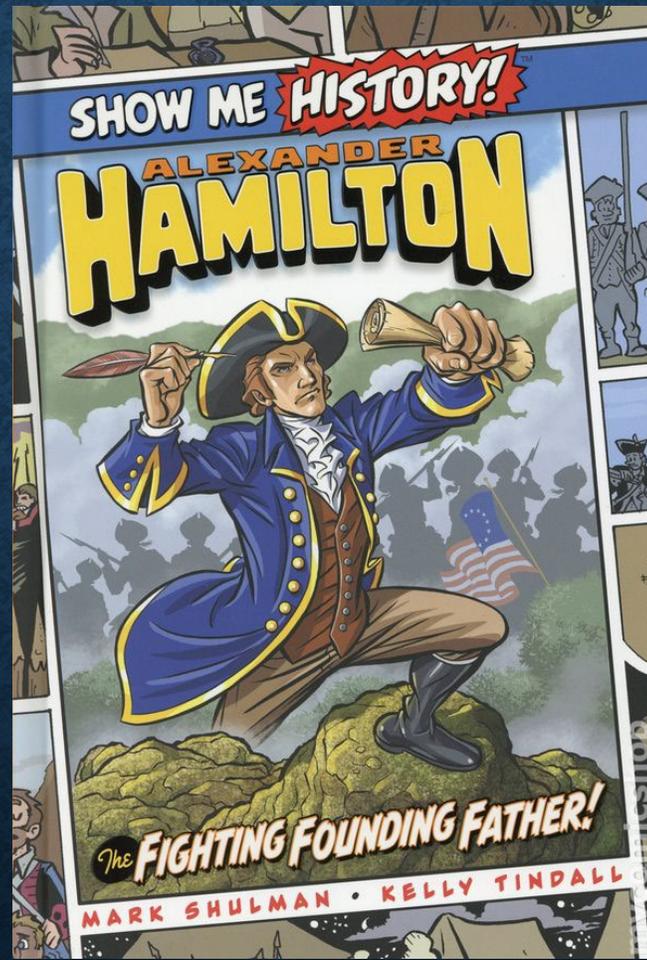
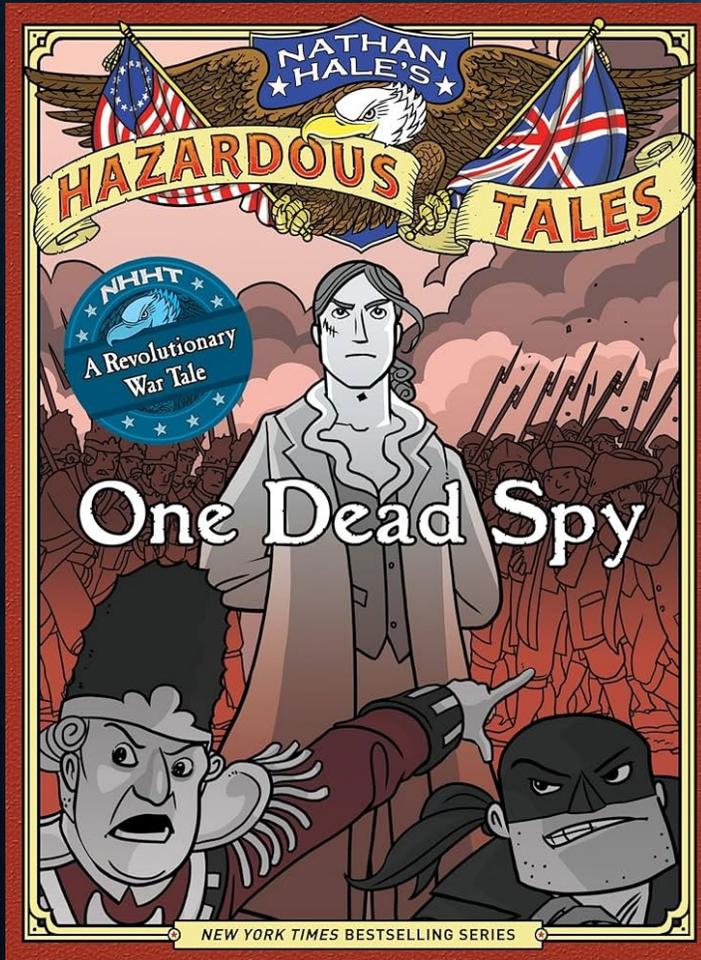
What ease? The strife here feels as though I never left the place of my residence.



I attached myself to a company of light horse rangers and was soon promoted to the active station of First Sergeant.



WHY A COMIC BOOK?

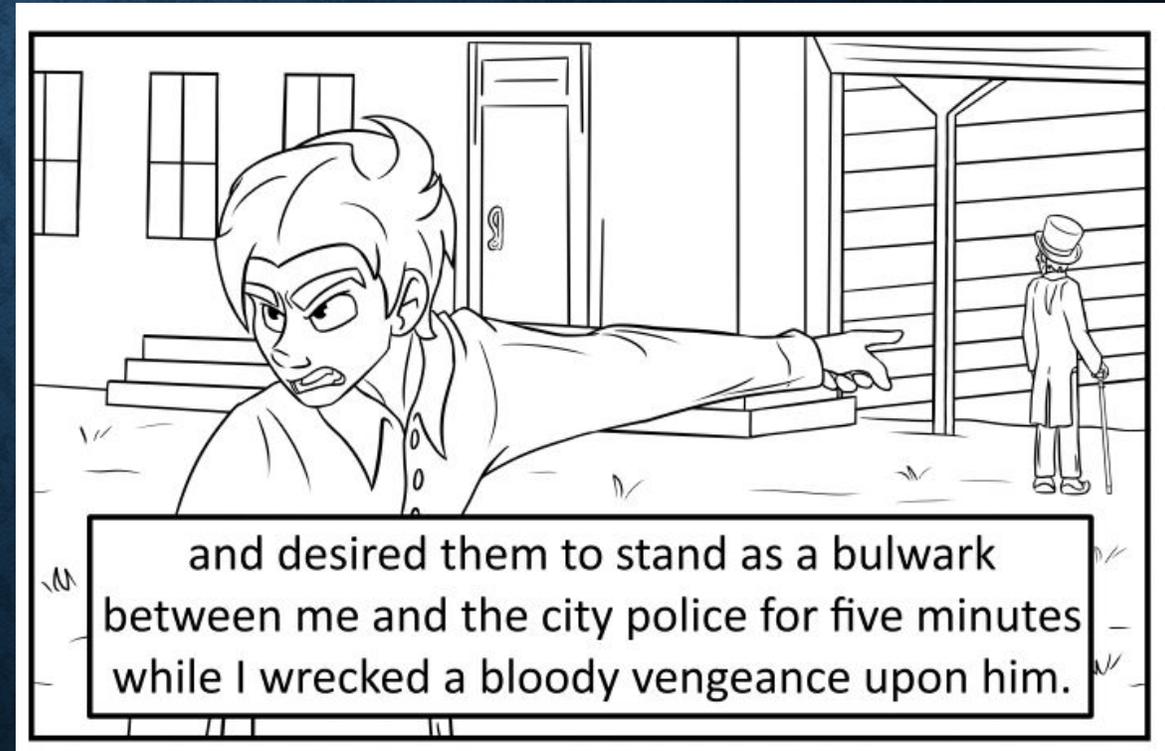


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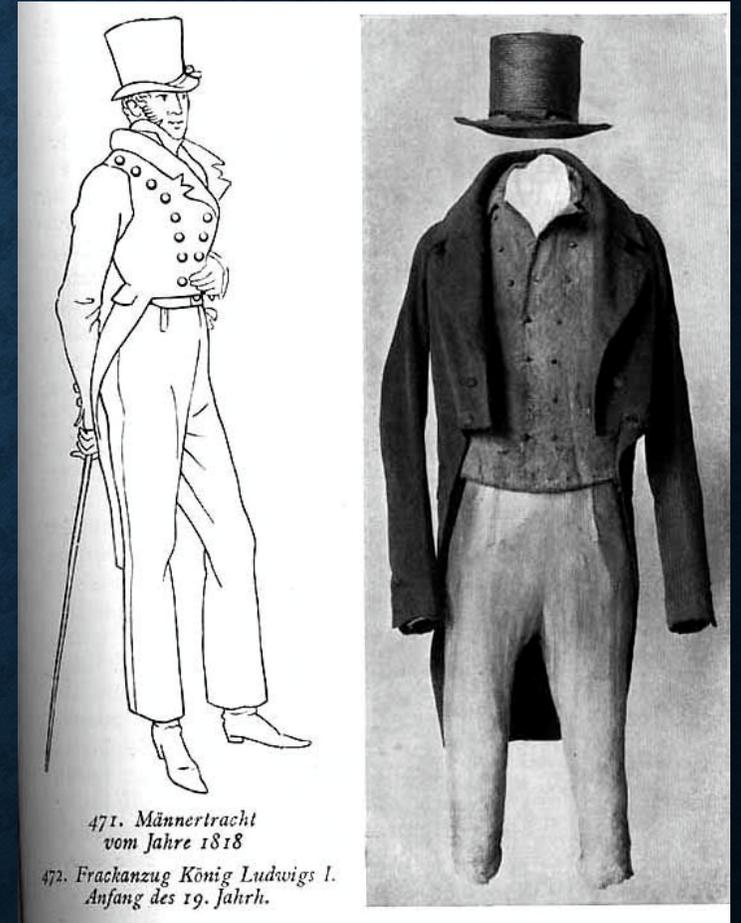
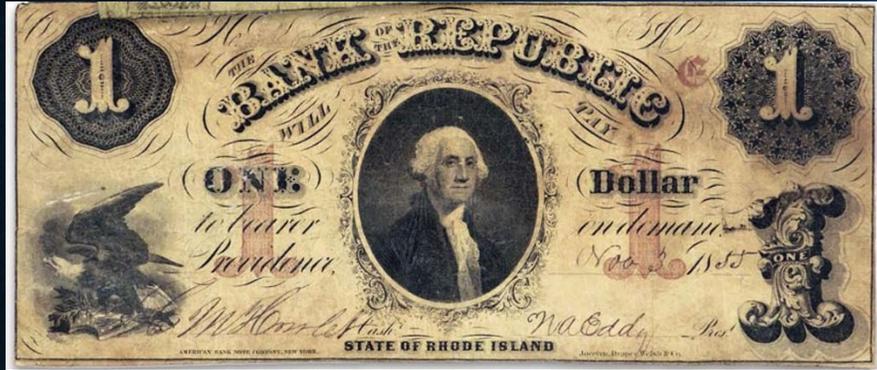
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HOW YOU CAN HELP



FIN

ELDER CARL B. COOK

“They, the Builders of the Nation,” #36

1 They, the builders of the nation,
Blazing trails along the way;
Stepping-stones for generations
Were their deeds of ev’ry day.
Building new and firm foundations,
Pushing on the wild frontier,
Forging onward, ever onward,
Blessed, honored Pioneer!

2 Service ever was their watchcry;
Love became their guiding star;
Courage, their unfailing beacon,
Radiating near and far.
Ev’ry day some burden lifted,
Ev’ry day some heart to cheer,
Ev’ry day some hope the brighter,
Blessed, honored Pioneer!

3 As an ensign to the nation,
They unfurled the flag of truth,
Pillar, guide, and inspiration
To the hosts of waiting youth.
Honor, praise, and veneration
To the founders we revere!
List our song of adoration,
Blessed, honored Pioneer!

