



“For the Strength of the Hills,” #35

1 For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God;
Thou hast made thy children mighty
By the touch of the mountain sod.
Thou hast led thy chosen Israel
To freedom's last abode;
For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God.

2 At the hands of foul oppressors
We've borne and suffered long;
Thou hast been our help in weakness,
And thy pow'r hath made us strong.
Amid ruthless foes outnumbered
In weariness we trod;
For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God.

3 Thou hast led us here in safety
Where the mountain bulwark stands
As the guardian of the loved ones
Thou hast brought from many lands.
For the rock and for the river,
The valley's fertile sod,
For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God.

4 We are watchers of a beacon
Whose light must never die;
We are guardians of an altar
'Midst the silence of the sky.
Here the rocks yield founts of courage,
Struck forth as by thy rod;
For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God.



Belnap Family Organization

Roll Call

By Family Branch



Gilbert Rosel Belnap
(8 Jan 1847 - 25 Jan 1929)



NEWCOMB BROS. WRIGHT BLOCK. J. AVE.
WASHINGTON. WASH. D. C.
GILBERT R. BELNAP
OGDEN, UTAH.



IN HONOR OF
JOHN McBRIDE BELNAP

SECOND SON AND CHILD OF
GILBERT BELNAP AND ADALINE KNIGHT, MORMON PIONEERS,
WHO WAS BORN 11 MAY 1849 IN FREMONT COUNTY, IOWA.
HE DEPARTED FOR UTAH WITH HIS PARENTS AND HIS OLDER BROTHER,
GILBERT ROSEL BELNAP, AGE 3, ON 15 JUNE 1850, IN A WAGON
BUILT BY HIS FATHER IN THE WARREN FOOTE COMPANY, 2ND FIFTY,
5TH TEN, OVER WHICH HIS FATHER WAS CAPTAIN.
IN THE SAME TEN IN ANOTHER WAGON WERE HIS MATERNAL
GRANDMOTHER, MARTHA McBRIDE KNIGHT SMITH KIMBALL, AGE 45,
AND HIS UNCLE, JAMES VINSON KNIGHT, AGE 16.
LESS THAN ONE WEEK AFTER CROSSING THE MISSOURI RIVER NEAR
PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, JOHN TOOK ILL WITH CHOLERA DURING THE
EVENING OF 21 JUNE 1850 WHILE THE 2ND FIFTY WAS ENCAMPED
ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SALINE FORD.
ABOUT THE SAME TIME, HIS MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER ALSO
CONTRACTED CHOLERA, ALTHOUGH THEY LATER RECOVERED.
JOHN DIED IN THE LATTER PART OF THE NIGHT ON 22 JUNE 1850.
HIS BODY WAS WRAPPED IN A BLANKET AND PLACED INSIDE HIS
FATHER'S OAK TOOL CHEST. HE WAS BURIED IN THE MORNING ON THE
EAST SIDE OF SALT CREEK IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE DUG BY HIS FATHER.
AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, JOHN WAS JUST LEARNING TO TALK,
WHEN HIS MOTHER WOULD HOLD TO HIS BABY DRESS TO KEEP HIM
FROM FALLING OUT OF THE WAGON. JOHN WOULD SAY "TAKE CARE."
THE REST OF HIS FAMILY CONTINUED WEST, ARRIVING IN
THE SALT LAKE VALLEY ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1850.
TWO WEEKS LATER THEY MOVED TO OGDEN, UTAH.
MEMBERS OF GILBERT BELNAP'S FAMILY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN
SETTLING PARTS OF NORTHERN UTAH AND EASTERN IDAHO.

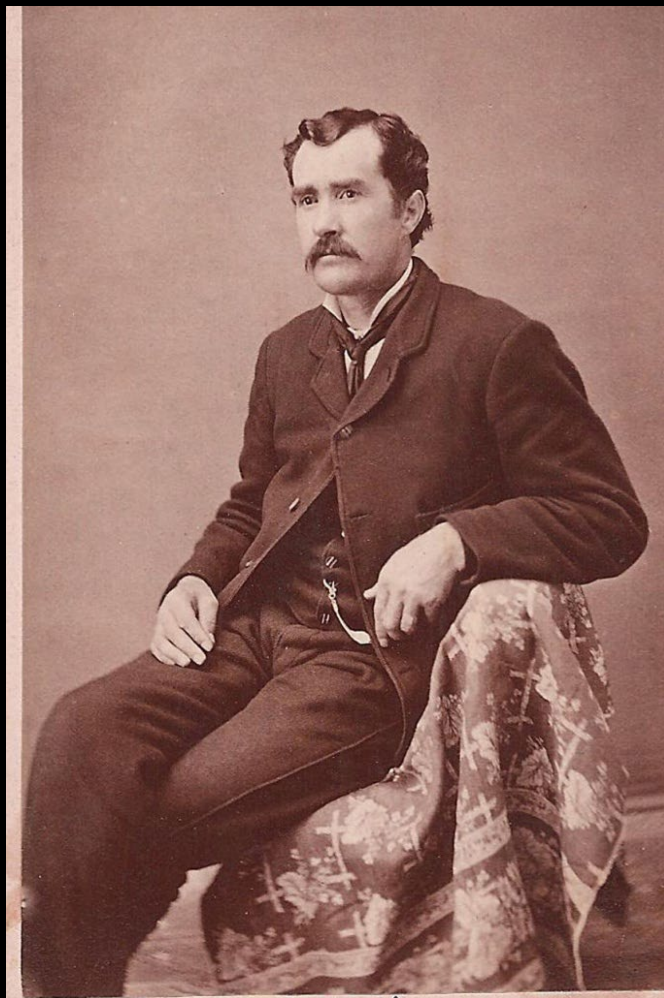
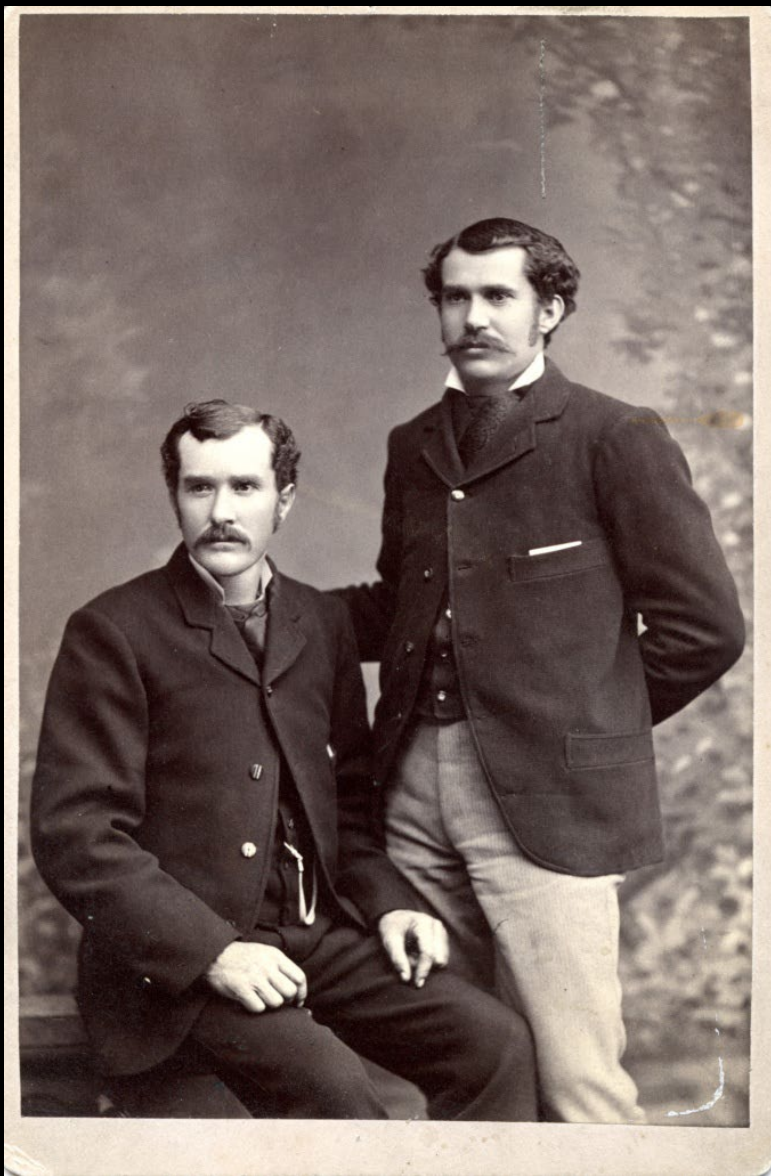
ERECTED AND DEDICATED 27 APRIL 1997 BY
DESCENDANTS OF UTAH PIONEER GILBERT BELNAP
BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

John McBride Belnap
(11 May 1849 - 22 Jun 1850)

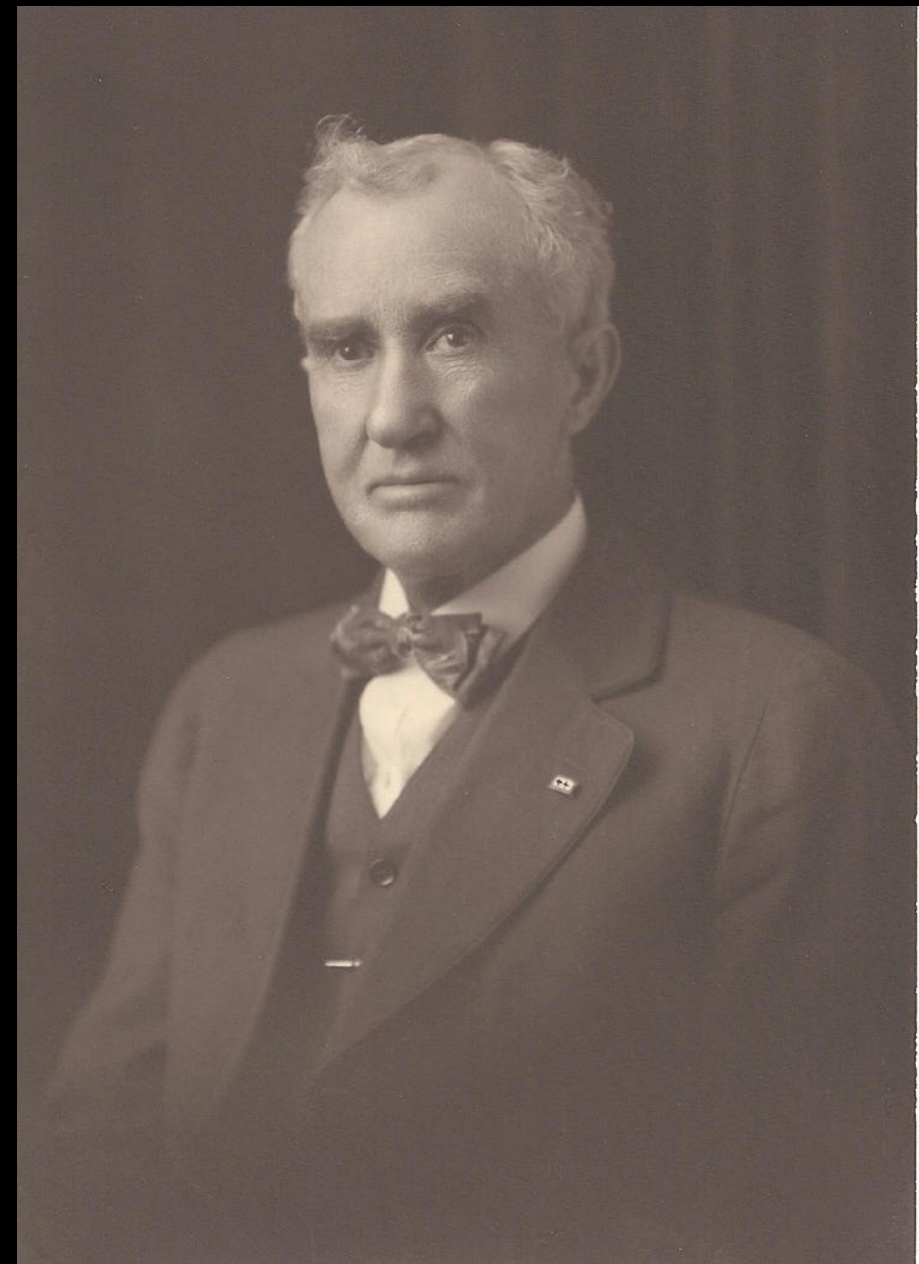
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Belnap
Gulliver
Belnap



Reuben Belnap
(14 Jun 1851 - 20 Oct 1923)

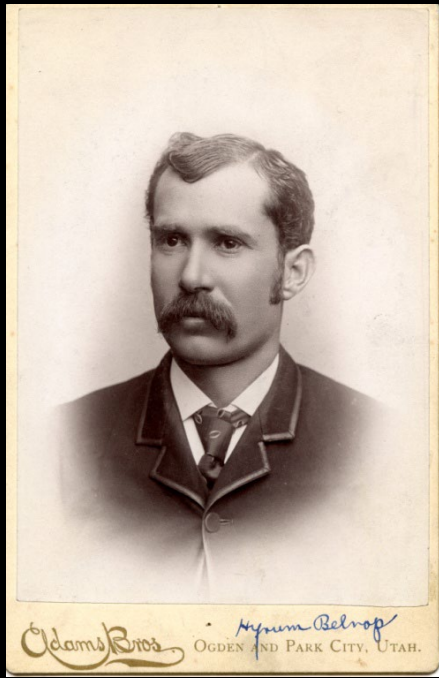
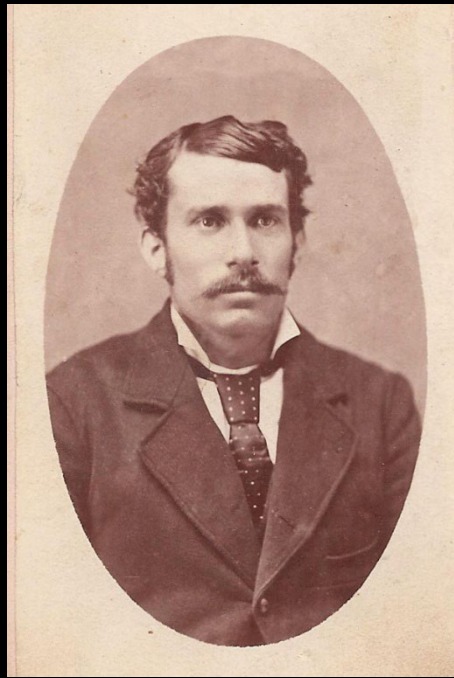


Joseph Belnap
(26 Jan 1853 - 1 Apr 1922)

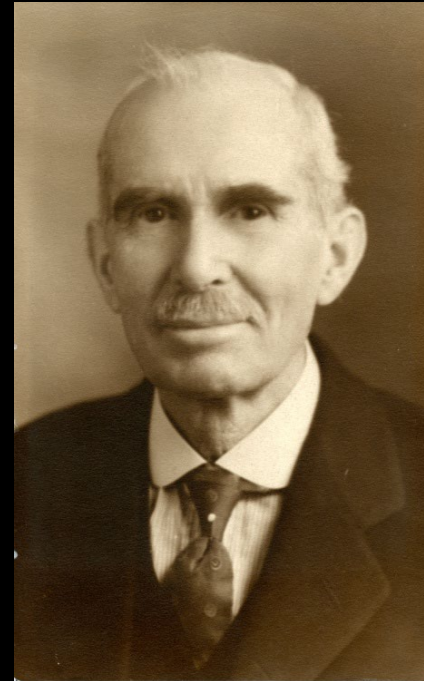
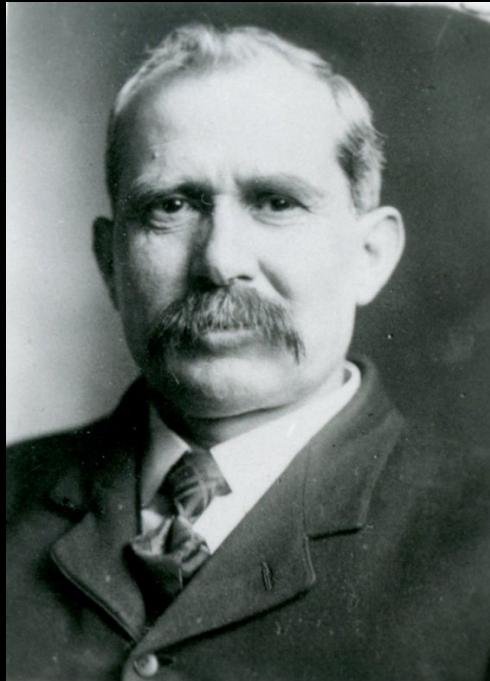
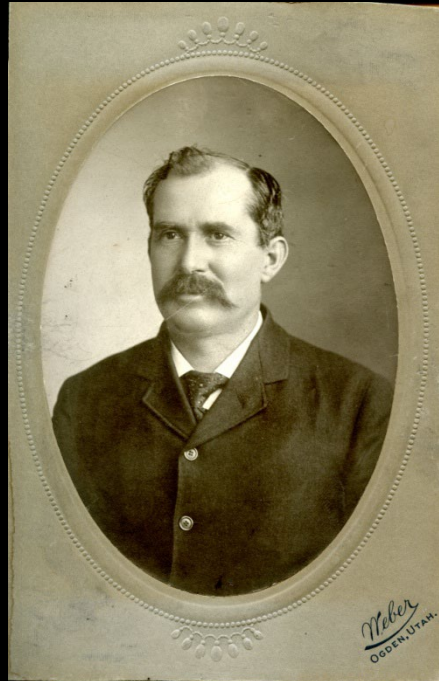
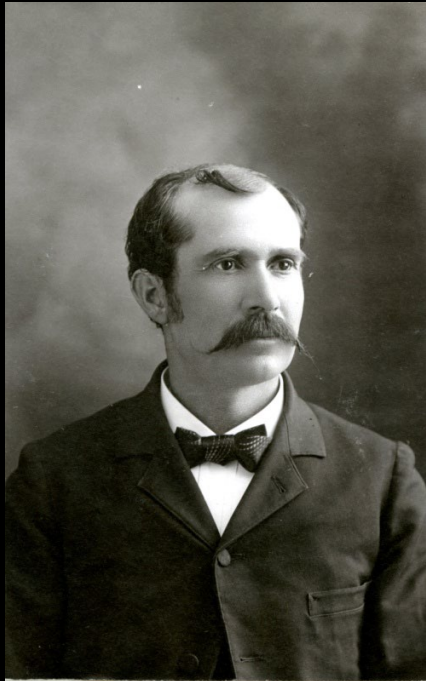




Martha Jane Belnap Hammon
(17 Sep 1855 - 21 Mar 1923)



Hyrum Belnap
(24 Mar 1858 - 18 Sep 1938)



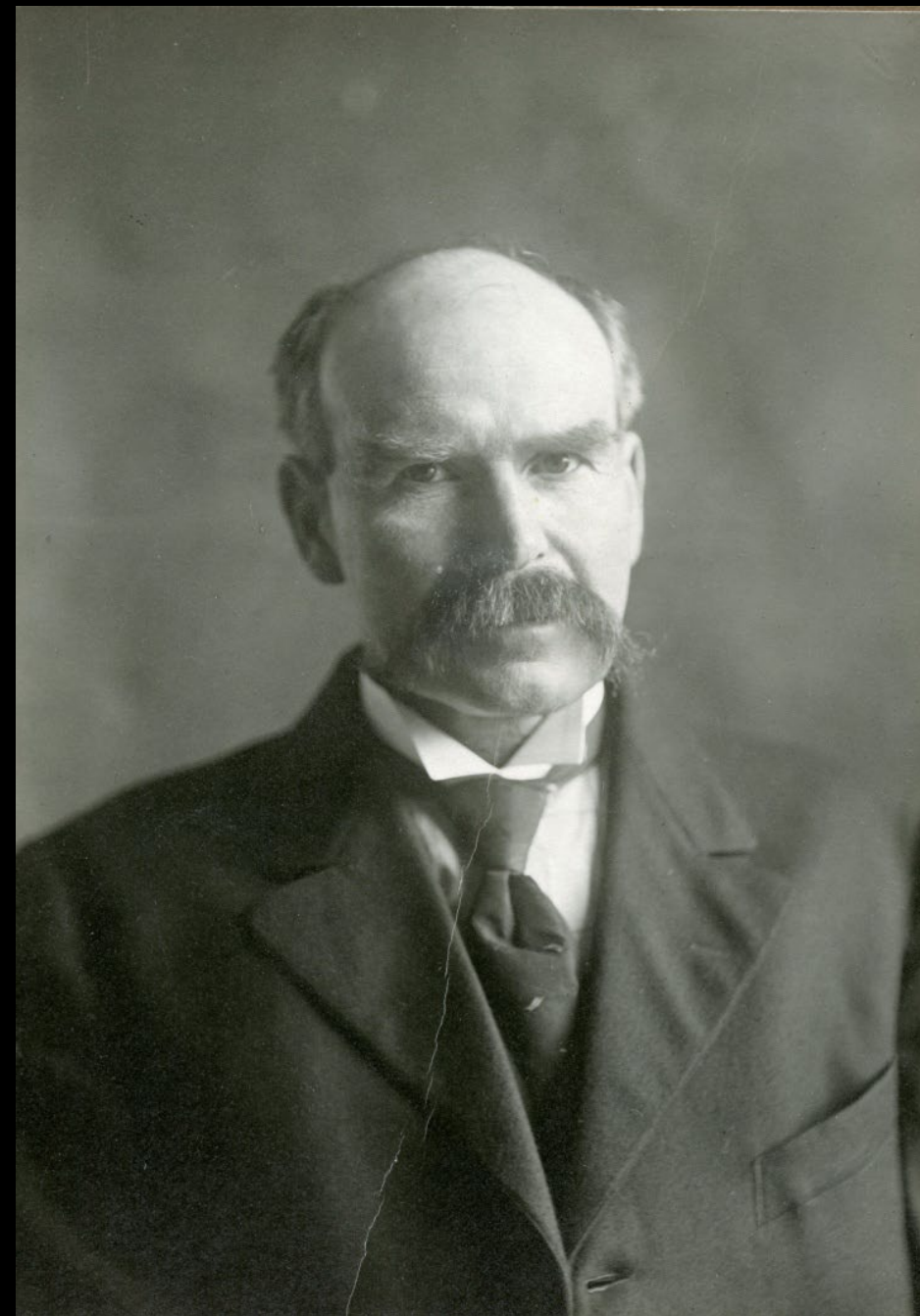


Augustus Weber Belnap
(25 Mar 1860 - 15 Mar 1948)

VOLNEY
SON OF
Gilbert & Adeline
BELNAP
B. FEB 17 1862
D. MAR 14 1862



Vinson Knight Belnap
(26 Jun 1863 - 23 Apr 1920)



Amasa Belnap
(22 Jun 1866 – 28 Apr 1929)





Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe
(1 Aug 1868 - 9 Jun 1934)

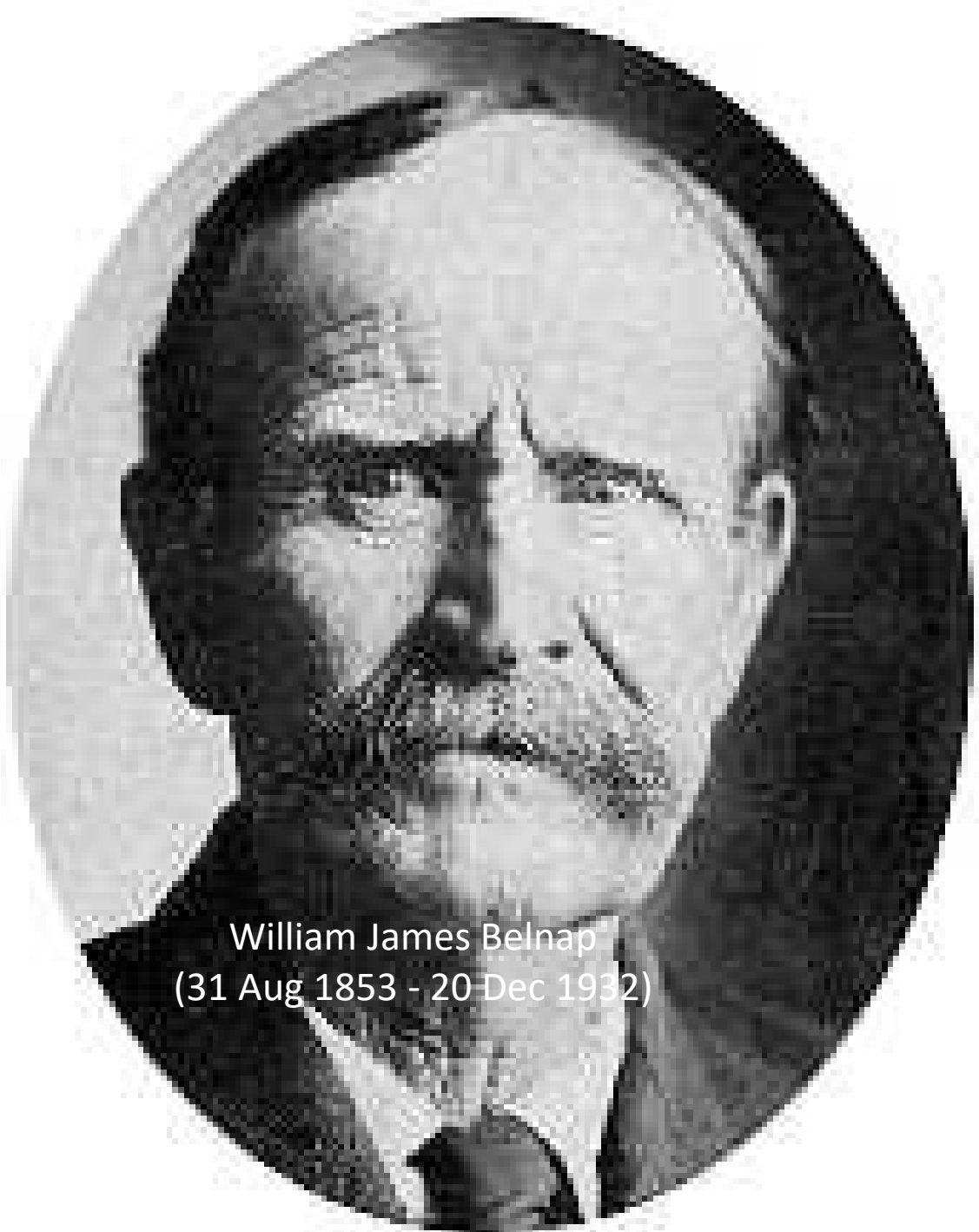
Adaline Belnap Lowe
H.H. THOMAS EXTRA FINISH WASHINGTON AVE
OGDEN, UTAH.



Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe
(11 Dec 1870 - 2 May 1950)



Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear
(5 Jun 1874 - 14 Jun 1921)



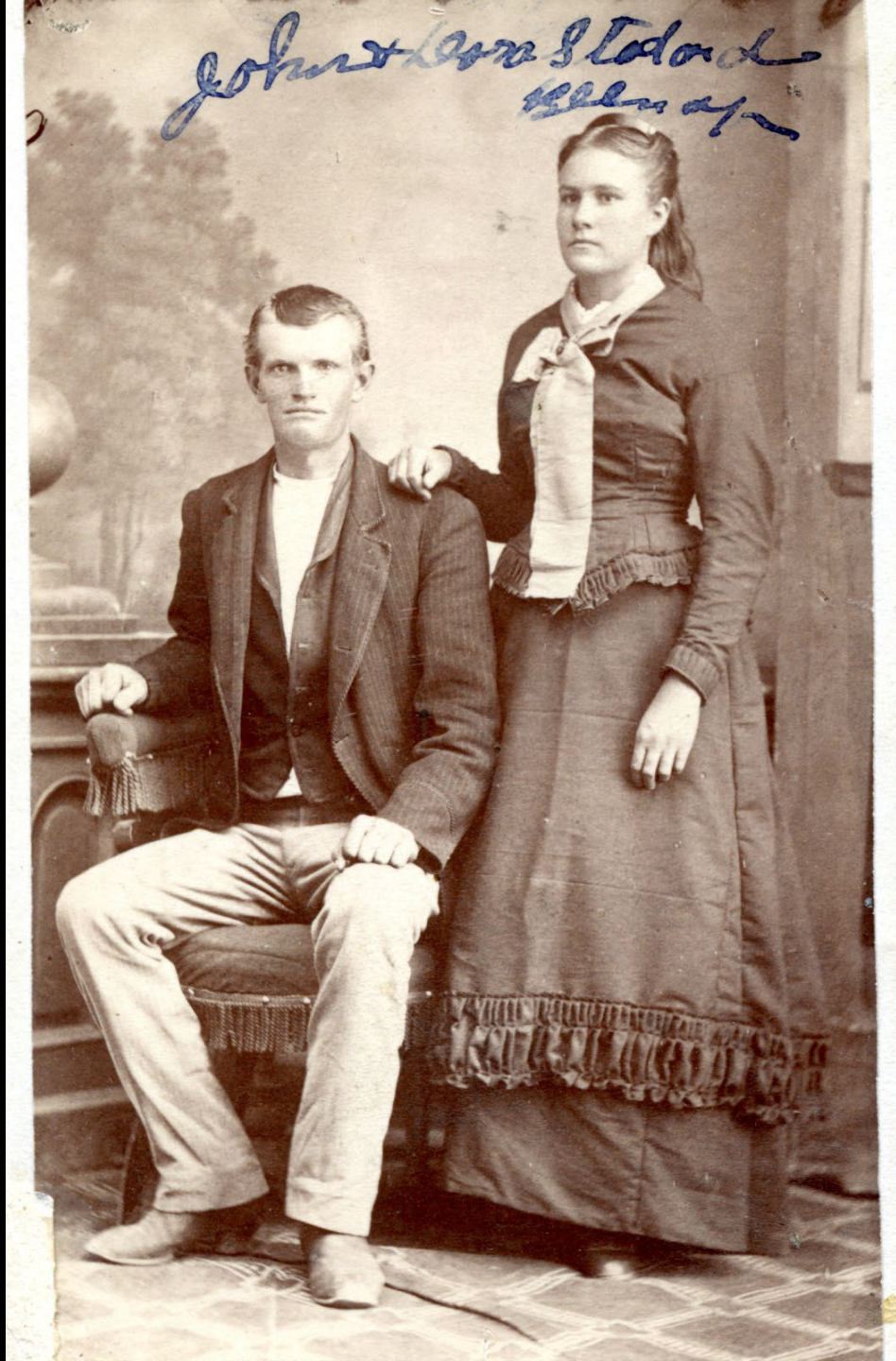
William James Belnap
(31 Aug 1853 - 20 Dec 1932)



Oliver Belnap
(20 Sep 1855 - 30 Mar 1929)



Francis Marion Belnap
(5 Jun 1857 - 15 Dec 1932)



Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard
(31 Oct 1860 - 3 Jan 1931)

By Generation



Gilbert Belnap
(22 Dec 1821 - 26 Feb 1899)



Adaline Knight
(4 May 1831 - 10 Jun 1919)



Henrietta McBride
(1 Sep 1821 - 5 Sep 1899)



Back row: Adaline Knight; Gilbert Belnap; Henrietta McBride
Front row: Rizpah Knight Gibbons (older sister to Adaline
and first cousin to Henrietta); Martha McBride Knight
(Smith Kimball) (mother of Adaline; aunt to Henrietta)
(taken before 1895)

Children



- ❑ Born: 17 (plus 20 spouses)
- ❑ Living: 0
- ❑ Birth Range: 1847-1874 = 27 years (*born in 1847—Gilbert Rosel Belnap; born in 1874—Lola Almira Belnap*)
- ❑ Death Range: 1850-1950 = 100 years (*died in 1850—John McBride Belnap; died 1950—Mary Louisa Belnap*)
- ❑ First Birth to Last Death: 1847-1950 = 103 years
- ❑ Married with Children: 15 out of 17 (88.2%)
- ❑ Average Family Size: 10.7 children per married descendant
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 17 (100%)
- ❑ Male: 70.6% (12); Female: 29.4% (5)

Grandchildren

- ❑ Born: 160
- ❑ Living: 0
- ❑ Birth Range: 1870-1920 = 50 years (*born in Jan 1870—Sarah Elizabeth Belnap; born 1920—Vyrl Coolbear*)
- ❑ Death Range: 1870-2011 = 141 years (*died in 1870—Gilbert Levi Hammon; died 2011—Vyrl Coolbear*)
- ❑ Married with At Least One Child: 122 (76.25%)
- ❑ Married with No Children: 4 (2.5%)
- ❑ Never Married—But Lived to Possible Marriage Age: 7 (4.375%)
- ❑ Never Married—Died Young: 27 (16.875%)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 106 (66.25%)
- ❑ Male: 46.25% (74); Female: 53.75% (86)

Great Grandchildren

- ❑ Born: 590 known/reported (Generation “Closed” but not “Terminated”)
- ❑ Living: 542 known deceased; 48 are either living or death date is currently unknown (8.14%)
- ❑ Birth Range: 1889-1960 = 71 years (*born in 1889—Clarissa Jane Stoker; born 1960—David William Coolbear*)
- ❑ Death Range: 1890-still living = 134+ years (*died in 1890—Clarissa Jane Stoker*)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 195 (33.05%)
- ❑ Male: 51.19% (302); Female: 48.81% (288)

Great Great Grandchildren
(5 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 1,857 known/reported (Generation “Closed” but not “Terminated”)
- ❑ Living: estimated 50%; 404 are known to be deceased (21.8%)
- ❑ Birth Range: 1910-1991 = 81 years (*born in 1910—Norma Pauline James; born in 1991—Ian Christian Coolbear*)
- ❑ Death Range: 1918-still living (*died in 1918—(baby boy) Sperry*)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 329 (17.7%)
- ❑ Male: 53.2% (987); Female: 46.8% (869) ; Unknown: <1% (1)

Third Great Grandchildren
(6 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 4,766 known/reported (Generation “Open”)
- ❑ Living: estimated 75%+; 209 are known to be deceased (4.4%)
- ❑ Birth Range: 1932-present (*born in 1932—James Cloyd Bartonek*)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 546 (11.5%)
- ❑ Male: 51.13% (2,437); Female: 48.68% (2,320);
Unknown: 0.18% (9)

Fourth Great Grandchildren
(7 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 4,555 known/reported
- ❑ Living: estimated 85%+
- ❑ Birth Range: 1960-present (*born 13 Jun 1960—Shane Lloyd Crossley*)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 444 (9.75%)

Fifth Great Grandchildren
(8 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 892 known/reported
- ❑ Living: estimated 90%+
- ❑ Birth Range: 1980-present (*born 1980 (male) Hines*)
- ❑ Surnamed Belnap: 45 (5.0%)

Sixth Great Grandchildren
(9 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 12 known/reported
- ❑ Living: estimated 95+%
- ❑ Birth Range: 2012 (and likely +/-10 years earlier)-present
- ❑ Due to the extending years of/growing overlap with previous generations, births are now occurring simultaneously over Generations 6 through 9—four generation levels. Members of Generation 9 will continue to be born long after all descendants who are living today, regardless of generation level, are gone . . .
- ❑ The last member of Generation 9 could be born about A.D. 2200

Seventh Great Grandchildren
(10 Generations)

- ❑ Born: 0 Known . . . but most likely *already here!*
- ❑ Estimated Arrival: about 2022
- ❑ Potential Final Size: over 100,000

TOTAL DESCENDANTS IN FAMILY DATABASE (includes natural-born and adopted/sealed children but not including spouses) (as of 9 Aug 2024):

- ❑ Total direct descendants: 12,851
- ❑ Descendants including spouses (current and former): 18,619
- ❑ Direct descendants who are known to be deceased: 1,431
- ❑ Estimated total number of direct descendants: between 15,500 - 18,000

It is believed that, on average, at least one new descendant of Gilbert Belnap is now born every day . . .

- ❑ Descendants of Gilbert Belnap are known to have been born in at least 48 U.S. states, 2 U.S. territories/districts, and 19 foreign countries
- ❑ U.S. states where *no* descendants are known to have been born:
New Hampshire, Vermont
- ❑ Territories/districts where born: District of Columbia, Puerto Rico
- ❑ Interestingly, the region of the United States with the least concentration of Gilbert's descendants (as determined by place of birth) is New England, where Gilbert's Belknap ancestors first arrived in the New World.

- ❑ Foreign countries where descendants are known to have been born: Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, China (Mainland), Cuba (Guantanamo Bay), Cyprus, England, Germany, Hong Kong (pre-1997), India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Romania, Scotland, South Korea, Taiwan

HELP US MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE “CENSUS”
OF ALL DESCENDANTS!

PLEASE SUBMIT UPDATED INFORMATION ON
YOUR FAMILY TODAY!

Special Recognitions

- ❑ Family Branch with Most in Attendance
- ❑ Person Who Traveled Furthest Distance
- ❑ Person Who Traveled Least Distance
- ❑ Oldest Person in Attendance
- ❑ Youngest Person in Attendance

Belnap Family Organization

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Larry Julian



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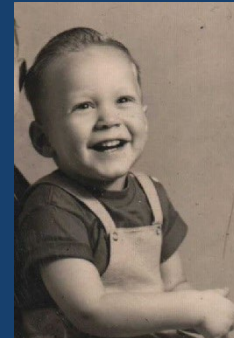
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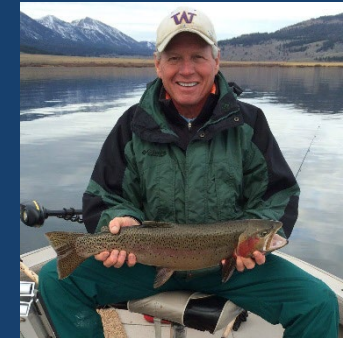
Brent J. Belnap
(1992-1996)



Les L. Hill
(1996-2000)



Donald L. Hammon
(2000-2002)



Wesley M. Belnap
(2002-2004)



M. Wesley Cox
(2008-2010)



Jim Marriott
(2010-2014)



Diana Schultz
(2014-2018)



R. Kirk Belnap
(2018-2024)

BFO Family Representatives



Cheryl Johnson
(Gilbert Rosel)



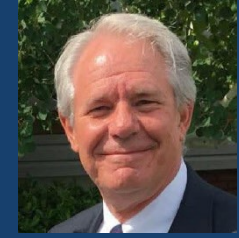
Ray Vander Does
(Reuben)



Pat B. Johnson
(Joseph)



Julie Moselle
(Martha Jane)



Mark E. Belnap
(Hyrum)



Loanne Bartholomew
(Augustus Weber)



Richard D. Belnap
(Vinson K.)



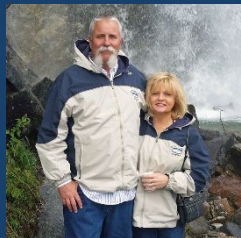
Larry Julian
(Amasa)



Candice Symons
(Adaline Lorinda)



LaDawn Wilde
(Mary Louisa)



Diana Schultz
(Lola Almira)



Pat Sanderson
(William James)



Heidi Belnap Nish
(Oliver)



R. Kirk Belnap
(Francis Marion)



[OPEN]
(Isadora Estella)

BFO Alternate Family Representatives

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[OPEN]
(Gilbert Rosel)



Sheila Moore
(Reuben)



Steven G. Belnap
(Joseph)



Neil Nelson
(Martha Jane)



Brent J. Belnap
(Hyrum)



Joyce P. Hendricks
(Augustus Weber)



Dana Nottingham
(Vinson K.)

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(Amasa)

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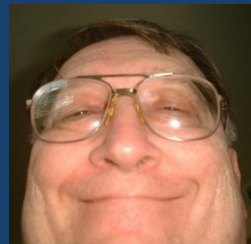
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(Adaline Lorinda)



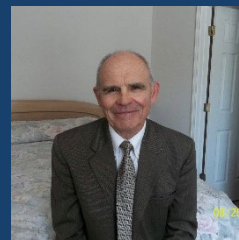
Kim Lundstrom
(Mary Louisa)



Cathy Holt
(Lola Almira)



Jim Belnap
(William James)



Lynn Belnap
(Oliver)

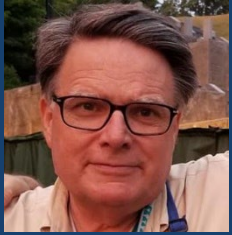


Kerry R. Belnap
(Francis Marion)

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(Isadora Estella)

BFO Additional Family Representatives



Jeffrey Belnap
(Joseph)



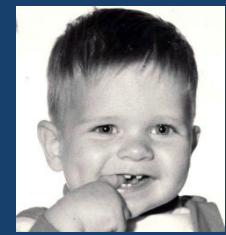
Bruce Drewes
(Reuben)



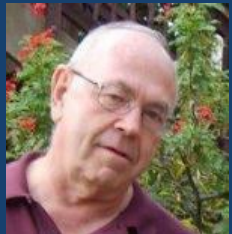
Glen Tolman
(Hyrum)



Marcia Stornetta
(Hyrum)



Michael B. Jenson
(Hyrum)



Orvid Jeppson
(Augustus Weber)



Aimee Moses
(Lola Almira)



Becki Dudley
(Hyrum)



Kim B. Baer
(Hyrum)



Jennifer B. Evans
(Hyrum)

Plus Others . . .

KEEP IN TOUCH

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- Email: belnapfamily.org@gmail.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/belnapfamily.org/>
- Instagram: https://instagram.com/belnap_family_organization/
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3V_hHGFNZENJwb2Bj1F8KA

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Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God (D&C 109:5).

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2016 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION HELD IN EDEN

A gathering of the *Belnap Family Organization* (BFO) was held in Eden, Utah with record crowds. Not since 1923 had the numbers reached this high. This year it is recorded that 373 descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his two wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap attended the event. The success of uniting family members, who may not have seen each other for years, presenting a solid foundation of history and expressing their love for their



Keynote Speaker Elder Carl B Cook (William James)
(Photo by Sara Carter Collier)

ancestors, makes the reunions very rewarding.

It was a beautiful summer day and nearly 400 members of the Belnap Family showed up for the biennial gathering on 13 August 2016. Keynote speaker at reunion was Elder Carl B. Cook, a descendant of Gilbert's son William James Belnap, and a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.¹ A fine BBQ lunch was provided by the BFO Reunion Committee and musician Ryan Shupe performed to the near record crowd at the Eden, Utah Stake Center. There were plenty of activities this

¹ Audio file is available at www.belnapfamily.org

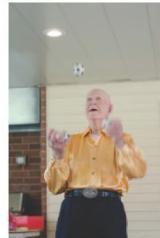
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2016 Belnap Family Reunion gathering in Eden, Utah



(Photos by Sara Carter Collier)



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year with games for the kids, door prizes, family displays and meeting of old and new cousins. Following the reunion, meetings of individual families was commenced. It appears that the 2016 BFO reunion was a very successful gathering, and special thanks must go to the family organization and committees.

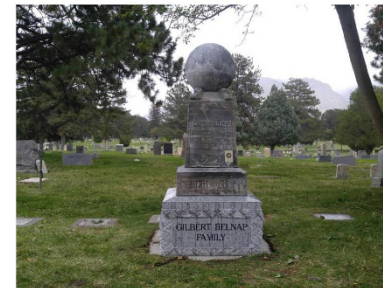
REDEDICATION OF THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY PLOT

The Gilbert Belnap Family Monument and Family Burial Plot in the Ogden City Cemetery was rededicated on Saturday, 22 July 2017, at 5:00 p.m. A special memorial service was held at the Gilbert Belnap Family Plot, located on the east side of 1st Avenue in the far northwest corner of the cemetery. A new base was laid, replacing the older granite structure. The memorial service, which included brief remarks, recognition of the 11 family members buried there, and a dedicatory prayer of the graves completed the service. A cemetery walking tour immediately

following the service making stops at other family plots of Gilbert's children, namely, Gilbert Rosel, Joseph, Hyrum, Vinson K., and Oliver Belnap.

There are eleven persons buried in the Gilbert Belnap Family Plot in Ogden City Cemetery. The following are those buried in this location (listed in order of burial):

- Annetta McBride (16 Apr 1851, probably in Iowa - 26 Nov 1852, Utah) Daughter of Henrietta McBride; sealed to Gilbert Belnap. Died age 1 1/2 years.
- Abigail Mead McBride (29 Jan 1770, Nine Partners, Dutchess, New York - 12 Mar 1854, Ogden, Weber, Utah) Grandmother of both Adaline Knight and Henrietta McBride. Arrived in Utah in 1847 with the Edward Hunter-Jacob Foutz Company; one of the oldest persons to make the Pioneer trek in the first year of the Mormon migration. Died age 84.
- Volney Belnap (17 Feb 1862, Ogden, Weber, Utah - 14 Mar 1862, Ogden, Weber, Utah) Second of two sons born to Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight.
 - Gilbert Levi Hammon (16 Nov 1870, Hooper, Weber, Utah - 16 Nov 1870, Hooper, Weber, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight; first child of 15 born to Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon.
 - Byram Rosel Hammon (21 Dec 1871, South Hooper, Davis, Utah - 21 Dec 1871, South Hooper, Davis, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight; second child of 15 born to Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon. Died age 1 day.



SUBMIT INFORMATION

The Belnap Family Organization strives to collect current and accurate genealogical and contact information on *all* descendants of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride.

Members are encouraged to contribute personal life stories, genealogical information on their immediate families, family photographs, important family history documents, and other items of historical interest to the Belnap Family Organization for preservation and dissemination.

DONATE

The BFO suggests a donation at each family reunion to help defray expenses. Members unable to attend the reunion are invited to contribute to the BFO to help carrying out its mission.

Donations can be sent immediately via PayPal at:

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The Belnap Family Organization is registered with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charitable organization under the name "Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association."

VOLUNTEER

The Belnap Family Organization relies on the efforts of many volunteers to function. We are always looking for volunteers to help us move forward in accomplishing our mission:

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