

BELNAP FAMILY MONUMENT DEDICATION AND HISTORIC COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY, 27 JUNE 2026

ERIE AND NORTH EAST, PENNSYLVANIA AND KIRTLAND, OHIO

Plans are shaping up quickly for this year's historic Belnap Family Reunion in Pennsylvania and Ohio honoring American Revolutionary War veteran Jesse Belnap (1760-1854) and his wife Eunice Hall (1762-1849) in connection with the semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. All events will be held on Saturday, 27 June 2026. Here is an outline of key events and activities:

- **Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall Family Monument Dedication**
Saturday, 12:00 p.m.; Phillips Cemetery, E. Main Street/U.S. Highway 20 (Exit 45), North East, Pennsylvania
Memorial service includes presentation of colors and special recognitions by Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution, monument unveiling, and dedication.
- **Belnap Family Lunch and Documentary**
1:30 p.m.; Erie Ward Meetinghouse, 1101 South Hill Road, Erie, Pennsylvania
Family lunch provided by the Belnap Family Organization following the monument dedication in Erie, including premiere of documentary on Jesse Belnap's military service constructing the Great Chain at West Point.
- **Belnap Family Group Photo and Tour**
6:00 p.m.; Kirtland Temple, 9020 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio
Family group photo and private family tour of the Kirtland Temple.
- **Belnap Family Devotional**
7:00 p.m.; Kirtland Temple, 9020 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio
Private family devotional inside the Kirtland Temple immediately following tour.
- **Belnap Family Commemorative Challenge Coins**
Special "challenge coin" featuring, on the obverse, names and birth/death dates of Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall surrounded by a "Great Chain" with 15 flat links representing each of their 15 children and 13 stars symbolizing the original 13 United States. The reverse features the Belnap Family Organization seal. (Free for those attending reunion; additional challenge coins available for purchase.)



Hotels/Transportation

Reunion events will be held on the same day in three locations: at Phillips Cemetery in North East, Pennsylvania, nearby Erie, and Kirtland, Ohio. Distance between North East and Erie is approximately 21 miles. Distance from Erie to Kirtland is approximately 78 miles. Attendees must arrange their own ground transportation and overnight lodging. Nearby major airports include Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Pittsburgh International Airport. Many overnight options at a wide variety of price ranges are available in the Erie, Pennsylvania and Kirtland/Cleveland, Ohio areas.

Other Nearby Locations/Events of Interest

- **Family/Church History Sites in and near Kirtland**
Vinson Knight home, Gilbert Belnap baptism site, Almira Knight Stoddard Hanscom gravesite, Reuben McBride home, Newel K. Whitney Store, Joseph and Emma Smith Home, Morley Farm, etc.
- **America's 250th Celebrations**
July 4th Fireworks in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, etc.
- **Cleveland Ohio Temple Open House**
Thursday, 18 June – Friday, 3 July 2026; 5977 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio
Newest Ohio temple located about 30 miles southwest of Kirtland.
- **Church Services**
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; Kirtland 1st Ward, 8751 Kirtland Road, Kirtland, Ohio

