

An open letter to the Belnap Family Organization and its members

On June 27th, 2026, I had the greatest honor of helping with your family reunion at the Phillip Cemetery

05 July, 2026

Dear **Belnap Family**,

Thank you so much for joining us on **Saturday, June 27th, 2026**, at 10:30 A.M. for the Dedication Ceremony at the unveiling of the Marker that was placed by The Triangle Chapter, NSDAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), **at Heard Memorial Park in North East, Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania**, recognizing 14 Revolutionary Patriots, who resided in North East, Erie County, Pennsylvania, one of whom was your patriot,

Jesse Belnap, an Artificer/Blacksmith, and his wife, Eunice Hall Belnap, who made the ultimate sacrifices to have a better life for all of us today, both helped lay the foundation for our country's formation and growth.

Jesse Belnap, by helping build the great chain and swimming to the other side to block the British from dividing our small country, and Eunice, who, like so many other women from that time frame, gave everything they had to support, feed, and even clothe many soldiers, providing medical care when needed.

Freedom came at a price that they were willing to pay to save us from tyranny and were willing to give up all that they had, including their lives if necessary.

I was humbled and honored to help with the Dedication Ceremony your family held that same day at noon **at Phillips Cemetery in North East Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania**, where Jesse and his wife, along with some of the children, are interred.

Having your family there made the occasion truly special, and we were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share in the planning of the dedication of your monument and to honor Jesse Belnap and his wife, Eunice Hall, held at the Phillips Cemetery with many in attendance from Kentucky, Massachusetts, California, Ohio, Utah, and Pennsylvania, and many more.

It was a pleasure celebrating this milestone with you. We will certainly cherish the memories of this day as we move forward.

. Thank you once again for being such an important part of our community.

Warmly,

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Triangle Chapter, NSDAR, Daughters of the American Revolution

North East, Pennsylvania

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