

BY-LAWS OF THE
BELNAP OR BELKNAP SURNAME ORGANIZATION

I. The name of this society shall be "Belnap and/ or Belknap Surname Organization."

II. Any direct descendant of a Belnap, whether the name is spelled Belnap or Belknap shall be eligible to membership in this organization.

III. The objects of this organization shall be to perpetuate the names and achievements of the men and women who bear the name of Belnap and/ or Belknap; by preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a library of historical and genealogical matter, securing unprinted manuscripts, photographs, and all such data as shall aid in perfecting a record of the strong character, pure life, and heroic deeds of the Belnap's and/ or Belknap's by holding a yearly reunion, by reviewing the lives of the Belnap's and/ or Belknap's teaching their descendants and the citizens of our country the lesson of faith, courage, and patriotism, and by creating a spirit of fellowship among their posterity.

IV. The organization badge to be worn is a miniture of the original "Coat of Arms" of the Belknap family.

V. There shall be a Board of Directors of this Organization consisting of one member of each of the following families;

- The Gilbert R. Belnap family,
- The Rachel Belnap family,
- The Joseph Belnap family,
- The Martha Jane Hammon Family,
- The Hyrum Belnap family,
- The Augustus W. Belnap family,
- The Vinson K. Belnap family,
- The Amasa Belnap family,
- The Adaline Belnap Lowe family,
- The Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe family,
- The Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear family,
- The William J. Belnap family,
- The Oliver Belnap family,

The Francis Marien Belnap family,

The Isadore Estela Belnap Stoddard family,

Other families may be added to this list by the consent of the group.

VI. There shall be a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Historian all to be selected by the group at large at one of their regular meetings. There shall also be a genealogist to be chosen by the Board of Directors. There shall be a Temple committee, chosen as above set forth consisting of a Chairman, a Genealogist and a recording secretary. The officers mentioned in this paragraph shall be chosen at any annual meeting by the group at large and in order to qualify must be a direct descendant of a Belnap and / or a Belknap, and shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected and qualify.

VII. All records accumulated by the Association shall be the property of the Organization.

a. The Organization shall provide a suitable place and files for the protection and perpetuation of its records.

VIII. The Board of Directors may include a representative from any other Belknap family not mentioned in Article V. above.

IX. The Board of Directors shall automatically become members of the Temple Committee.

X. In the event of the death of the President, the First Vice President shall act and so on down the line of officers, and the Board of Directors shall appoint a new director when a vacancy occurs.

XI. Any direct descendant of a Belnap and/ or Belknap family, or one who is married into the Belnap family, and/ or Belknap family, shall be allowed to vote at any general election held at a reunion.

XII. All meetings of the group shall be subject to the call of the president. Any three directors may call a meeting by giving notice through the Secretary.

XIII. Membership shall be one dollar per year per family.

XIV. Organization expenses must be approved by the President and Secretary before payment may be made.

XV. The Board of Directors and elective officers shall study the Utah genealogical family organization together with other sources and adopt for the next year ensuing regulations defining the duty of each officer.

The regulations as adopted shall be submitted to the next regular meeting at a family reunion for approval.