



Belnap Family Organization
Family Representatives Training

Part 1:

“What Is My Role?”

Part 1 Training Outline

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BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION



WELCOME TO BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

BFO OVERVIEW

Mission Statement: "The Belnap Family Organization is a non-profit ancestral family organization for all descendants of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap, created to preserve, perpetuate, and promote family solidarity."

ABOUT US

The Belnap Family Organization was created in 1904 to preserve, perpetuate, and promote family solidarity among all descendants of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap. It is one of the oldest and largest family organizations in the United States, with over 11,500 descendants located throughout the United States and around the world.

THIS DAY IN BELNAP FAMILY HISTORY

1876 Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard married in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah; Isadora Estella endowed the same day

1963 Sons Gilbert Rosel Belnap, John McBride Belnap, and Reuben Belnap sealed by proxy to their parents Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap in the Salt Lake Temple

2004 Belnap Family Reunion held in Hooper, Weber, Utah

2010 Belnap Family Reunion held in Eden, Weber, Utah

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Summary

Founded in 1904, the Belnap Family Organization is one of the oldest and largest non-profit ancestral family organizations in the United States. Over the past century, the Organization has coordinated the completion of a significant amount of LDS temple work on behalf of the ancestors of [Gilbert Belnap \(1821-1899\)](#) and his two wives, [Adaline Knight \(1831-1919\)](#) and [Henrietta McBride \(1821-1899\)](#). The Organization has also produced several [publications](#), including the [Crier](#), and has spearheaded other major genealogical research and restoration projects.

The Belnap Family Organization sponsors [reunions](#) to assist descendants of Gilbert Belnap in gaining a greater understanding and appreciation of their tremendous pioneer heritage. The Organization also strives to collect current and accurate genealogical information on all descendants of Gilbert Belnap.

In 1968 the Belnap Family Organization was [recognized](#) by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as one of the best-organized family organizations in existence. Members of the Organization remain active in preserving, perpetuating, and promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of their tremendous pioneer heritage.

Membership

Membership in the Belnap Family Organization is automatic for all descendants of Gilbert Belnap, who now number over 11,500 and are found in most states and several countries outside the U.S. To be included in our member database, please contact an [officer](#) or [family representative](#). Members are encouraged to [contribute](#) their personal life stories, genealogical information on their immediate families, family photographs, and any other items of historical interest to the Belnap Family Organization for preservation in the Organization's files.

Governing and Tax Documents

The Belnap Family Organization is registered with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt public charitable organization under the name "Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association," EIN 23-7373750. It is also registered as a Utah non-profit corporation under the name "Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association" with a D/B/A name of "Belnap Family Organization." To see governing and tax documents of the Organization, including articles of incorporation and by-laws, click [here](#).

Officers and Family Representatives

Information on the officers and family representatives of the Belnap Family Organization is available here:



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Articles of Incorporation

- [Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association Articles of Incorporation](#) (current; filed 29 Aug 2011)

By-laws

- [Belnap Family Organization By-laws](#) (current; restated 9 Jun 2005, with further revisions through 28 Jun 2014)
- [Belnap Family Organization Constitution and By-Laws](#) (superseded; adopted 29 Aug 1964, with subsequent amendments Aug 1966 and 16 Nov 1974)

Corporate Registration and Renewal Documents

- [Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association Certificate of Registration](#) (29 Aug 2011) (redacted copy)
- [Utah Annual Business Renewal—GBFGA 8088885-0140](#) (23 Jul 2012)
- [Utah Annual Business Renewal Update—GBFGA 8088885-0140](#) (18 Jun 2013)
- [Utah DBA Business Name Registration of "Belnap Family Organization"](#) (19 Jun 2014)
- [Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association Certificate of Existence \("Good Standing Certificate"\)](#) (19 Jun 2014)
- [Utah Annual Business Renewal—GBFGA 8088885-0140](#) (20 Jul 2015)

**BY-LAWS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION**

(Restated June 9, 2005; with further revisions through June 28, 2014)

**SECTION I
General Matters**

Section 1.1 – Name: The name of this organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization”) is the “Belnap Family Organization”. To distinguish the Organization from other similarly named organizations, the name “Gilbert Belnap Family Organization” may also be used. For U.S. federal tax and Utah state incorporation purposes, the Organization is known as “Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association.”

Section 1.2 – Mission: The Organization is a voluntary, non-profit organization established to perpetuate the memory and achievements of Gilbert Belnap (1821-1899), his wives Adaline Knight (1831-1919) and Henrietta McBride (1821-1899), their respective ancestors, and their posterity, among all descendants of Gilbert Belnap. The mission statement of the Organization is:

“The Belnap Family Organization is a non-profit ancestral family organization for all descendants of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap, created to preserve, perpetuate, and promote family solidarity.”

Section 1.3 – Governing Principles: Although the Organization is not a part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the “LDS Church”), the leaders of the Organization will strive at all times to conduct the Organization’s affairs in accordance with the principles and practices espoused by current leaders of the LDS Church.

Section 1.4 – Purposes: The Organization exists to engage in activities consistent with its mission and governing principles. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research, preserve, and disseminate genealogical and historical information on Gilbert Belnap, his wives, and their ancestry.
- Maintain current contact information for, and complete genealogical data on, all descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his wives.

BFO By-laws

- Section 1: General Matters
- Section 2: Organization
- Section 3: Membership
- Section 4: Officers
- Section 5: Family Representatives
- Section 6: Committees
- Section 7: Advisory Board
- Section 8: Finances
- Section 9: Reunions and Meetings
- Section 10: Publications; Materials
- Section 11: Amendments



SECTION II **Organization**

Section 2.1 – General Structure: The Organization exists to serve its members through the following general groups:

- Members (defined in Section III);
- Officers (defined in Section IV);
- Family Representatives (defined in Section V);
- Committee Chairs (defined in Section VI); and
- Advisory Board members (defined in Section VII).

Section 2.2 – Family Branches: The Organization is supported by individual “branches” represented by each of the children of Gilbert Belnap: Gilbert Rosel, John McBride (died young), Reuben, Joseph, Martha Jane, Hyrum, Augustus Weber, Volney (died young), Vinson Knight, Amasa, Adaline Lorinda, Mary Louisa, Lola Almira, William James, Oliver, Francis Marion, and Isadora Estella. Each of the fifteen (15) surviving branches of the family is represented by a “Family Representative”. (See Section V.)

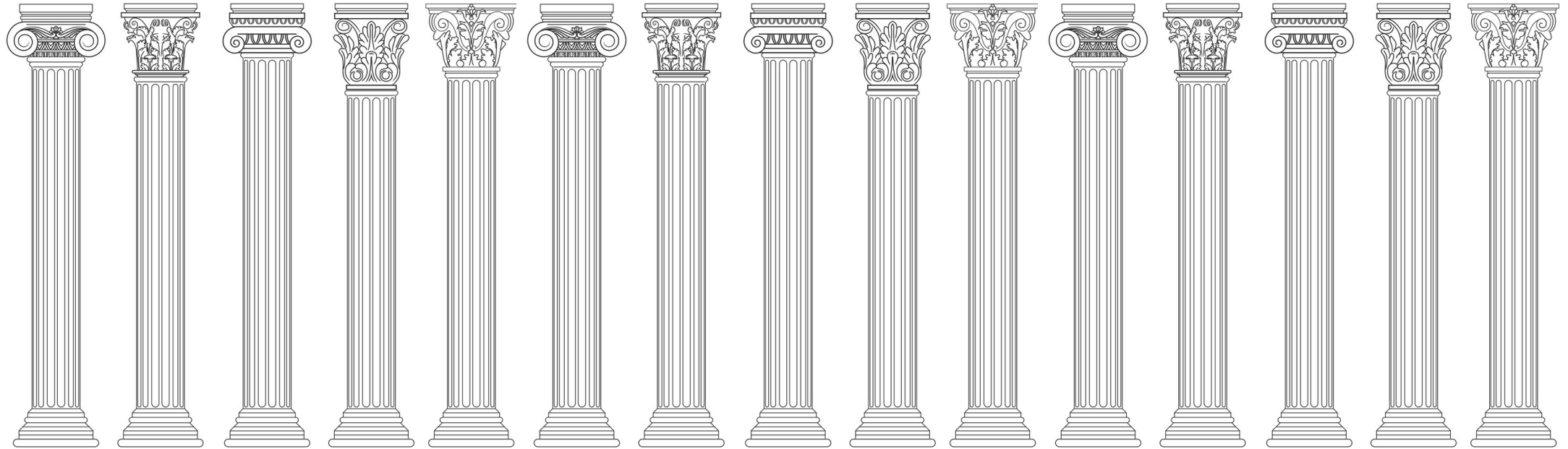


Belnap Family Organization "Umbrella"



* = died young; no descendants

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

SECTION V

Family Representatives

Section 5.1 – Definition of Family Representatives: Each of the 15 surviving branches of the family is represented by a “Family Representative”. Each Family Representative serves as the official representative of its respective branch to the Organization, and also of the Organization to its respective branch. The Organization serves as an “umbrella” organization over, and in support of, each branch through the Family Representatives.

Section 5.2 – Appointment; Tenure of Family Representatives: Each branch is authorized to designate its own Family Representative to the Organization. In the absence of an official appointment by a family organization generally recognized as representing the entire membership of a branch, the Officers, in consultation with the other Family Representatives and the Advisory Board, will identify and appoint a Family Representative for such branch. New Family Representatives may be appointed by a branch or the Organization at any time, but generally not more often than every two (2) years unless there is a vacancy.

Section 5.3 – Duties of Family Representatives: Each Family Representative will diligently perform the following duties during his or her term of service:

- Coordinate activities between the Organization and the branch.
- Communicate regularly with members of the branch regarding activities of the Organization.
- Attend all meetings convened by the Officers.
- Conduct business of the Organization, including receiving and approving regular reports and minutes of prior meetings.
- Advise the Officers regarding their duties.
- Compile and submit at least annually current contact information for each member of the branch.
- Regularly submit to the Organization updated genealogical information on all members of the branch, including an annual report of all known births, marriages, deaths, and other pertinent genealogical and historical information occurring within the branch during the previous year.

Section 5.4 – Voting by Family Representatives: Each branch of the Organization is limited to one official or voting Family Representative. Each Family Representative has equal voting weight with any other Family Representative.

Section 5.5 – Additional Family Representatives: Branches of the Organization may appoint additional “alternate” Family Representatives for their respective branch to assist the official Family Representative in his or her duties. An alternate Family Representative may represent his or her branch at Organization meetings in the absence of the official Family Representative.

Belnap Family Organization
Officers
and
Family Representatives

Belnap Family Organization Officers 2020-2022



President
R. Kirk Belnap



1st Vice President
Julie Moselle



2nd Vice President
Brent J. Belnap



Secretary
Matthew D. Purcell



Treasurer
Steven G. Belnap

Belnap Family Organization Committee Chairs



Crier Editor
Don Hammon

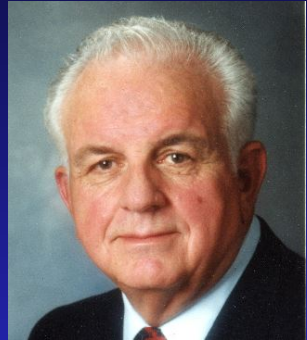


Genealogist
Mark Goodmansen



Family Historian/Webmaster
Brent J. Belnap

Belnap Family Organization Advisory Board



Gordon L. Belnap
(1962-64; 1970-72)



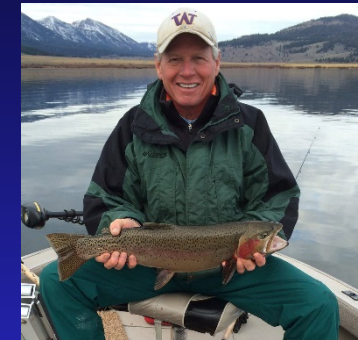
Brent J. Belnap
(1992-1996)



Les L. Hill
(1996-2000)



Don Hammon
(2000-2002)



Wes M. Belnap
(2002-2004)



Florence I. Ward
(2006-2008)



M. Wesley Cox
(2008-2010)



Jim Marriott
(2010-2014)



Diana Schultz
(2014-2018)

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)



John M. Wiser
(Mary Louisa)



Diana Schultz
(Lola Almira)



Pat Sanderson
(William James)



Ashley Belnap
(Oliver)



R. Kirk Belnap
(Francis Marion)



Hal Stoddard
(Isadora Estella)

BFO Additional Family Representatives



Sheila Moore
(Reuben)



Steven G. Belnap
(Joseph)



Jimmie Lee Guinn
(Martha Jane)



Brent J. Belnap
(Hyrum)



Joyce P. Hendricks
(Augustus Weber)



Dana Nottingham
(Vinson K.)



Florence Ward
(Amasa)

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(Adaline Lorinda)

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(Mary Louisa)



Cathy Holt
(Lola Almira)

[OPEN]
(William James)



Lynn Belnap
(Oliver)

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(Francis Marion)

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(Isadora Estella)



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Questions?

