



Belnap Family Organization
Family Representatives Training

Part 3:

“What Information Do I Gather?”

Part 3 Training Outline

- Genealogical Information: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burials, etc.
- Contact Information: Emails, Mobile Phone Numbers
- Historical Information: Photos, Stories, Letters, Documents, etc.



Q: What's the best way to spread information?

A: Tell someone it's a secret.

Q: What's the best way to keep information secret?

A: Put it in a handbook.

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.


Genealogical Information



- Full Name (including maiden surname)
 - *Example: Brent Jay Belnap*
- Birth Date and Place (in "genealogy format")
 - *Example: 4 Nov 1961; Ogden, Weber, Utah*
- Marriage Date and Place
 - *Example: 7 Sep 1991; Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah*
- Death Date and Place
- Burial Date and Place
- LDS Ordinance Data (when available)
- Spouse Information (including names of spouse's parents)

“But Doesn’t FamilySearch Already
Have All of This Information?”



NO! And Not By A Long Shot!

- FamilySearch is building the human family tree for the *primary purpose of linking families through Temple ordinances*
- FamilySearch does not confirm the accuracy of submitted information
- FamilySearch does not verify relationships
- FamilySearch contains many errors and has incomplete information
- FamilySearch does not arbitrate between correct and incorrect information
- FamilySearch does not allow posting of “deep” or extensive added content
- FamilySearch does not allow viewing records of living persons unless *you* created the record
- FamilySearch does not support locating living descendants
- FamilySearch does not coordinate research among living descendants
- FamilySearch limits communication capability among descendants

 **Mary Wood Dickinson**
1703-1759 • MN2D-8V7
Rowley, Essex County, Province of ...
Children

 **Jesse Belnap**
1719-1818 • LHC8-5P6
Marriage: 1759
Connecticut, British Colonial A...
 **Eunice**
1741-1774 • MF1X-CV8
Children

 + Add Father
 + Add Mother


 **Jesse Belnap**
1710-1854 • LL98-R4H
Marriage: 28 Apr 1779
Redding, Fairfield, Connecticut, Un...
 **Eunice Hall**
1762-1849 • L21P-SB3
Children

 **Rosel Belnap**
1789-1832 • LZDL-MS3
Marriage: 1804
Whitby, Durham, Ontario, Canada
 **Jane Richmond**
1782-1833 • LZTV-LHC
Children

 **Sylvester Richmond**
1737-1813 • LKKM-FX5
Marriage: 8 June 1770
Poughkeepsie, Dutchess, New Yor...
 **Jane Bowerman**
1750-1827 • LCXL-J56
Children

 + Add Father
 + Add Mother

 **Dr. Rodolphus Knight**
1768-1809 • 2W7D-GMG
Marriage: 11 November 1797
Conway, Franklin, Massachuse...
 **Rizpah Lee**
1776-1853 • LCJZ-HXM
Children

 **Vinson Knight**
1794-1842 • LLQF-6V6
Marriage: 6 July 1826
New York, United States
 **Martha McBride**
1805-1901 • KWJY-F33
Children

 **Rev. Daniel McBride**
1766-1823 • LBDF-4M4
Marriage: 1787
Stillwater, Saratoga, New York, Un...
 **Abigail Mead-McBride**
1770-1854 • KWV9-4Y1
Children

Why Family Organizations Are Unique

Family organizations, including ancestral family organizations such as the Belnap Family Organization, play a unique role in:

- Uniting descendants
- Preserving and sharing family history information
- Undertaking special projects
- Pooling financial resources and talent
- Sponsoring and conducting research
- Ensuring the accuracy of and correcting information submitted to FamilySearch.org
- Encouraging descendants to learn about their ancestors
- Instilling a deeper appreciation of shared heritage
- Strengthening family ties among the living—and the dead



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LATTER DAY SAINT ANCESTRAL FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

WELCOME

Latter Day Saint Ancestral Families Association (LDSAFA) is a free registration, publication and support consortium for LDS Ancestral Family Organizations (AFOs) that have historical connections to members of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#). An Ancestral Family Organization (AFO) is larger than a parent or grandparent family and includes the descendants of a common ancestral couple. LDSAFA encourages the continuation of LDS AFOs through freely registering, publicizing and supporting their genealogical and historical activities. In fact LDSAFA can be considered a free "one-stop-shop" for locating links and information about LDS AFOs.

There are no costs for LDS AFOs to register and participate in LDSAFA, and all LDSAFA members are entitled to use the LDSAFA Member Seal and receive free listing, publicity and news reports on matters pertaining to LDS AFOs. LDSAFA identifies resources, practices and activities that various LDS AFOs have found meaningful and successful for family members through the years, including information and links on AFO communications, websites, documents and photos, genealogies, histories, videos, technologies, organizational structures,



Contact Information

- ★ Email Address (best practice: "*an heir and a spare*")
- ★ Mobile Telephone Number
- Mailing Addresses are *no longer used* by BFO as a means of communication due to cost, but can be useful in order to confirm relationships in online people search databases
- Landline Telephone Numbers, in addition to providing a contact point, can help confirm relationships in online searches



“No One Is An Outsider”

“Descendants” of Gilbert, Adaline, and Henrietta include:

- In-law spouse(s)—“when you marry a person, you also marry the person’s family”
- Adopted children
- Sealed children
- Biological children—even if adopted by other parent(s)
- Former spouses (to the extent they wish to be contacted)

Best practice: *always* also strive to include names of spouse’s parents

“Gold Standard”

All information is accurate and current and includes everything that would appear on a Family Group Record for that family: full names, dates, places of every descendant and spouse—including full names of spouse’s parents—plus all LDS ordinance data where applicable



“Whatever Is Worth Doing . . .”

- We accept whatever information is shared
- Any and all information is appreciated—even if it is incomplete
- Our database has lots of missing information and obvious errors
- There is *lots* of low-hanging fruit waiting to be gathered

The Big Picture

Pedigree Chart Chart no. _____

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____

Mark boxes when and/or names are completed:

- Baptized
- Endowed
- Sealed to parents
- Sealed to spouse
- Family Group Record exists for this couple
- Children ordinances completed

1 Name _____

When born _____
Where _____

When married _____
Where _____

When died _____
Where _____

2 Name _____

When born _____
Where _____

When married _____
Where _____

When died _____
Where _____

3 Name _____

When born _____
Where _____

When married _____
Where _____

When died _____
Where _____

4 Name of no. 1 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

5 Name of no. 2 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

6 Name of no. 3 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

7 Name of no. 4 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

8 Name of no. 5 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

9 Name of no. 6 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

10 Name of no. 7 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

11 Name of no. 8 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

12 Name of no. 9 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

13 Name of no. 10 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

14 Name of no. 11 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

15 Name of no. 12 _____

Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

For name and address _____
Other born _____
When _____
Where _____

Other married _____
When _____
Where _____

Other died _____
When _____
Where _____

Telephone number _____
Date prepared _____

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Family Group Record Printing set page # 1 of 2 Page ____ of ____

Husband _____

Born (day-month-year) _____ Place _____ LDS ordinance dates _____ See other information _____

Chorded _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Decd _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Buried _____ Place _____ Sealed to parents _____

Married _____ Place _____ Sealed to spouse _____

Religious helper (convert or not) _____ Lds _____ Decision _____

Discipline member _____ Member _____ Decision _____

Conversion member _____ Member _____ Decision _____

Wife _____

Born (day-month-year) _____ Place _____ LDS ordinance dates _____ See other information _____

Chorded _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Decd _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Buried _____ Place _____ Sealed to parents _____

When born _____ Lds _____ Decision _____

Conversion member _____ Member _____ Decision _____

Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. _____ Lds ordinance dates _____ Temple _____

1 Sex _____

Given name _____ Lds _____ See other information _____

Born (day-month-year) _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Chorded _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Decd _____ Place _____ Sealed to parents _____

Spouse (convert or not) _____ Lds _____ Sealed to spouse _____

Married _____ Place _____ Sealed to spouse _____

2 Sex _____

Given name _____ Lds _____ See other information _____

Born (day-month-year) _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Chorded _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Decd _____ Place _____ Sealed to parents _____

Spouse (convert or not) _____ Lds _____ Sealed to spouse _____

Married _____ Place _____ Sealed to spouse _____

3 Sex _____

Given name _____ Lds _____ See other information _____

Born (day-month-year) _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Chorded _____ Place _____ Endowed _____

Decd _____ Place _____ Sealed to parents _____

Spouse (convert or not) _____ Lds _____ Sealed to spouse _____

Married _____ Place _____ Sealed to spouse _____

Use only one of the following options. The other you select applies to members of the same sex.

- Option 1 - Family File** Send all names to the Family File.
- Option 2 - Temple File** Send all names to any temple, and assign people to an approved ordinance.
- Option 3 - Ancestral File** Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.

See name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Date prepared _____

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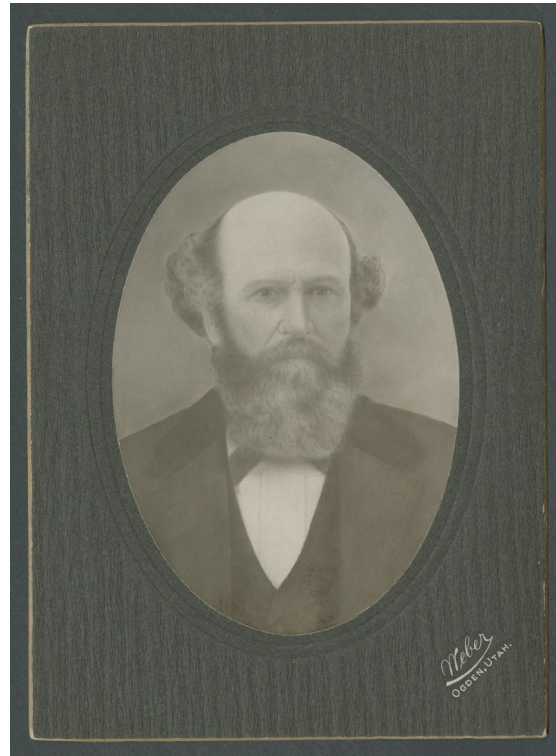


Putting "Flesh" on "Dry Bones"

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Fort Luke Oregon February
Wednesday 18/7

Dear Mother this evening I will bring my scribbles
open that you may know that you are not forgotten
by me. It is useless for me to weary you with long
letters or say how bad I want to see you or give you
some kind of bygone days. It suffices it to say that I
am well. And believe me when I say that I wish
that peace and health to be your happy lot.
I hope you have the man of your own and that you are
contented and happy with your lot. I think I shall
have enough to do me until such time as I shall
return home. I wish I could say that I was content when
out here but I am not. Did I know that my family
was in comfortable circumstances perhaps I should feel
better than I do. but I know that they are not and
were I in heaven I expect I should feel after your willow
to be shut up from the world for six months at a time
is like some day. I am in some prison.
The winter here has been very mild and we are making
preparations for spring. I had the good good
the Indian trader that came here last Monday.
Write to me the first opportunity. This winter has been
well spent in writing the history of my life which
to me is interesting to read. for the last two weeks
I have been making letters. Whether I can still



I determined purpose to complete that night
structure, I then returned back to the
Mansion and after a short conversation with
the man before who afterwards came to be
none other than our doctor Redwell. to
my great satisfaction I saw Pettigill and
five others about to enter the house. And
after a hearty at my old friend's hand. I was
introduced to the prophet whose mild and
penetrating glance denoted great depth of
penetration and extensive forethought.
While standing before his penetrating gaze
which seemed to read the very inmost recesses
of my heart. A thousand thoughts passed
through my mind. Had I been permitted
by the great author of my being to behold
with my natural eyes when millions had
been without the sight. A prophet of
the living God when millions had been without
the sight. And to grasp his hand in
mine was a blessing that early days I did
not expect to enjoy. I seemed to be

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TERRITORY OF UTAH.

Do all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye, that whereas William H. Wells was
at the General Election held on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1862, duly elected Sheriff
of Wilder County
and he having duly qualified as such, as appears by the proper evidence on file in the Office of the
Secretary of the Territory, Therefore, I, Edwin Higgins Governor
of said Territory do hereby Commission him Sheriff of said Wilder County
and authorize and empower
him to discharge the duties of said Office according to law, and to enjoy the rights and emoluments
thereunto legally appertaining, for the term prescribed by law, and until his successor shall be elected and
qualified to office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of said Territory to be affixed
Given at Great Salt Lake City this Seventy fifth
day of February A. D. 1864, and of the
Independence of the United States the Ninety Third.

Edwin Higgins
Governor

By the Governor, Edwin Higgins
Secretary of Utah Territory.

Historical 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 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.

Case Study: Gathering Information

Questions?

