



Belnap Family Organization
Family Representatives Training

Part 7:

*“Gathering and Sharing Photos,
Stories, and Other Historical
Records”*

Part 7 Training Outline

- Belnap Family Organization “Histories and Documents”
- “The Vision”: For What Purpose?

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.

GILBERT BELNAP (1821–1899)

Gathered here is the most comprehensive repository of materials on the life of Utah Pioneer **Gilbert Belnap**. Click on the links below to access biographical and historical information by or about Gilbert Belnap:

Autobiographical Writings

- [Gilbert Belnap Autobiography, 1821-1856, Family Genealogy and Personal Notes; Church History Library, MS 1633 folder 1](#) (PDF; color; large file)
 - [Transcription, Church History Library, MS 1633 folder 2](#) (transcription of autobiography portion only; captioned "Private Journal of Gilbert Belnap"; typed by Olive C. Belnap [Jenson]; donated by Flora Belnap in behalf of Hyrum Belnap) (PDF; color; large file)
 - [Transcription, BYU Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library](#) [[TO COME](#)]
 - [Gilbert Belnap Salmon River Mission Journal, 1855-1857; Church History Library, MS 14683](#) (PDF; b/w)
 - [Transcription](#) [[TO COME](#)]
 - [Gilbert Belnap Notebook, 1866-1867; Church History Library, MS 3931](#) [[TO COME](#)]
 - ["An Autobiography of Gilbert Belnap," n.d.; Church History Library, MS 5957](#) (brief one-page document, later retyped on two pages, with brief accounts of experiences of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, Martha McBride Knight, Rizpah Knight Gibbons, Andrew Smith Gibbons, and others, including Joseph Smith and Brigham young; apparently recorded by J. Smith Gibbons; note that tone of the document does not appear to be in Gilbert's voice)
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Biographies and Related Materials

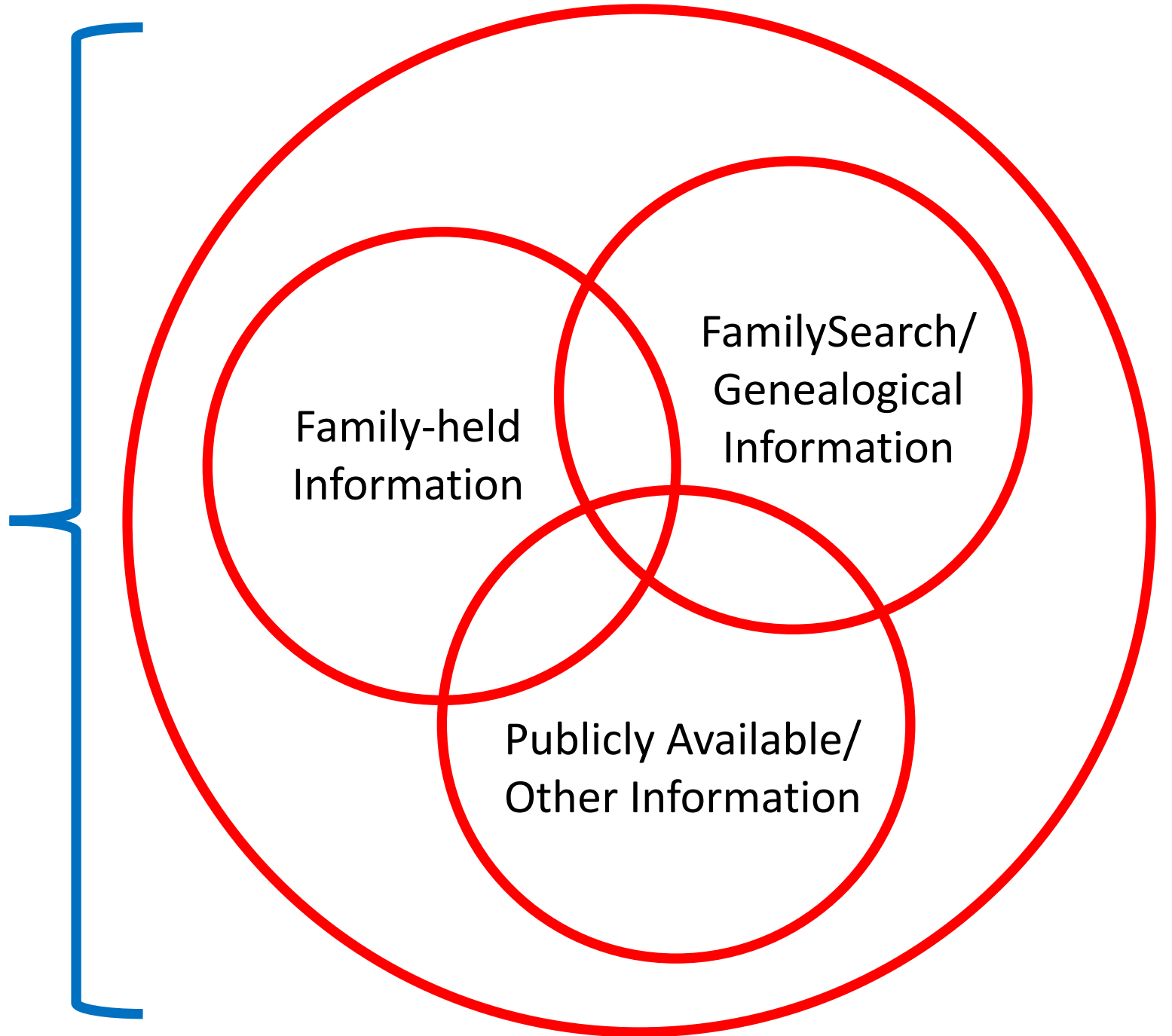
- [Centennial History in Honor of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap, 1850-1950 \(including 1952 and 1956 Supplements\)](#)
 - [Belnap, W. Dean. *Heritage With Honor: Genealogy and History of the Ancestry and Descendants of Gilbert Belnap \(1821 – 1899\)* \(1974\)](#)
 - [Belnap, Brent J. "Life Story of Gilbert Belnap" \(1996\) \(prepared for SUP book\)](#)
 - ["Gilbert Belnap," *Conquerors of the West: Stalwart Mormon Pioneers*, vol. 1 \(National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, 1999\), pp. 229-31](#)
 - [Cox, Wesley M. "Gilbert Belnap: Lawman" \(prepared for 2008 Belnap Family Reunion; revised version, dated 19 Nov 2008\)](#)
 - [Cox, M. Wesley. "Twenty-five Days" \(prepared for 2018 Belnap Family Reunion; revised version 6, 2018\)](#)
 - [Jenson, Andrew. "Gilbert Belnap." *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, vol. II, pp. 747-48 \(1914\)](#)
 - [transcription](#)
 - [Marion Adaline Belnap Kerr Collection, Church History Library, MS 916](#)
 - [Gilbert Belnap papers, 1852-1897, Church History Library, MS 317](#) [[TO COME](#)]
 - [Kerr Family Collection \(register\), Weber State University](#)
 - [Esshom, Frank. *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah* \(1913\), pp. 221-22, 748-49 \(PDF; large file\)](#)
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Record Books

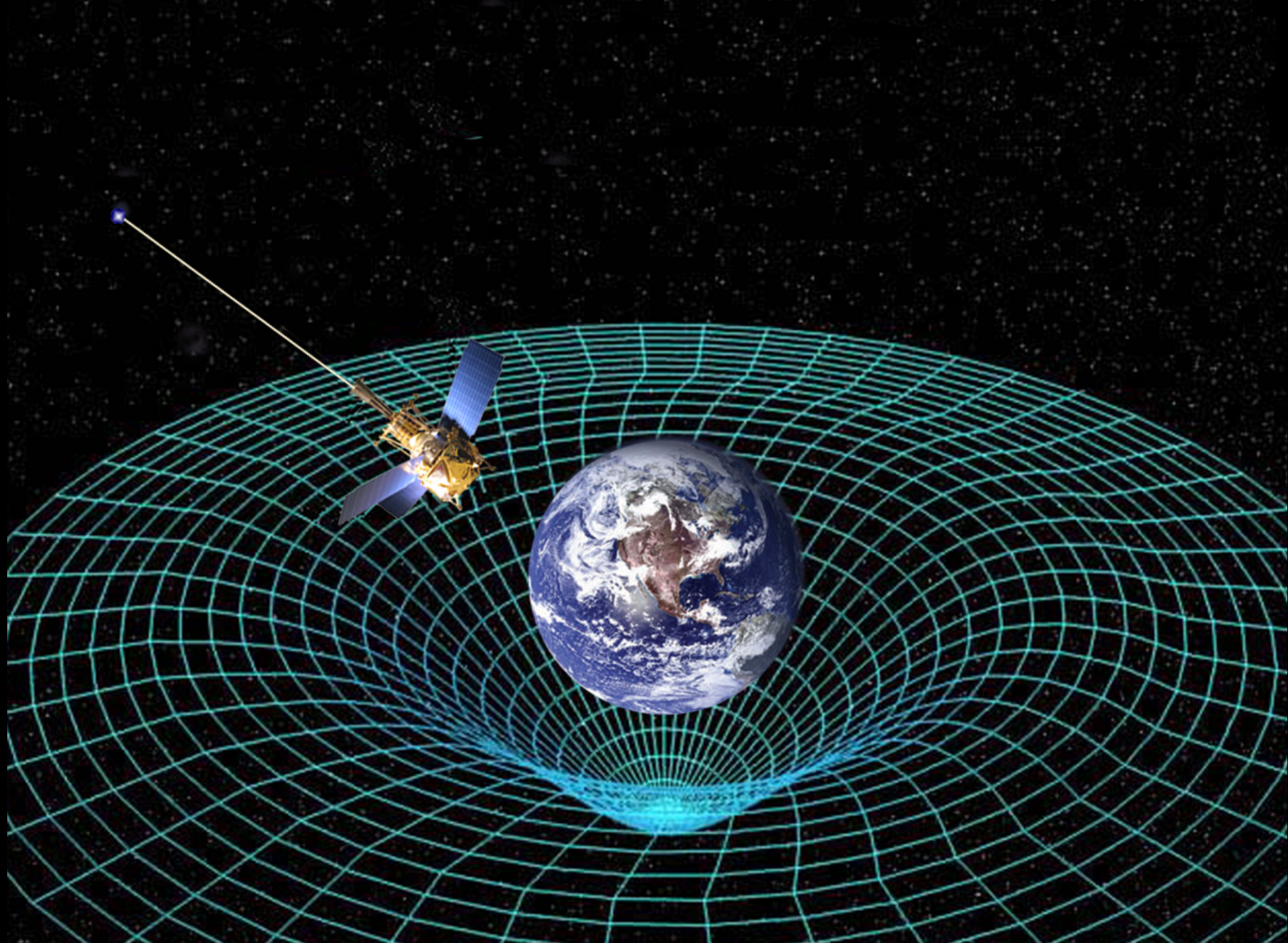
- [Account Book of Vinson Knight, later used by Gilbert Belnap, 1836-1874; Church History Library, MS 8124](#) (CHL description: Volume was used as a daybook for businesses in Kirtland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Illinois, and then as Gilbert Belnap's personal account book. Volume was first used in Kirtland as the H. Smith & Co. store daybook, July-November 1836. Transactions were mostly recorded by Joseph C. Kingsbury, with a few recorded by Newel K. Whitney, Oliver Cowdery, Reynolds Cahoon, and Vinson Knight. Includes entries reflecting purchases by Joseph Smith. Daybook entries were transferred to the store's ledger, see MS 3437 1. In Nauvoo, Illinois, volume was used as the Granger & Haws store daybook, November 1839-April 1840, recorded by Vinson Knight. It was then used as the Sylvester B. Stoddard tin shop daybook, September 1841-January 1842, also recorded by Vinson Knight. Both daybooks include accounts with Joseph Smith. The remainder of volume was used by Gilbert Belnap, Vinson Knight's son-in-law, to record his writings, letters, Belnap family genealogy, and financial accounts. Accounts kept by Belnap include labor record for emigration company captained by Belnap at Cutler's Park, August-September 1846; and accounts for

- **Joseph Belnap (1853-1922)**
 - Joseph Howard Belnap (1876-1940)
 - Jedediah Grant Belnap, Sr. (1902-1978)
 - Howard Knight Belnap (1904-1985)
 - Margaret Belnap (1907-1925) *[no issue]*
 - Jean Minerva Belnap (1908-1993)
 - Augusta Permelia Belnap (1877-1917)
 - Lodasca Belnap (1879-1930)
 - Tirzah Adaline Belnap (1881-1969)
 - Josie May Belnap (1883-1964)
 - Florence Belnap (1885-1930)
 - Gilbert Riley Belnap (1887-1889) *[no issue]*
 - Amos Belnap (1889-1966)
 - Emory Belnap (1891-1961)
 - Blanche LaVern Belnap (1894-1926)
 - Ida Belnap (1898-1989)
 - Roswell Stanton Belnap (1900-1961)

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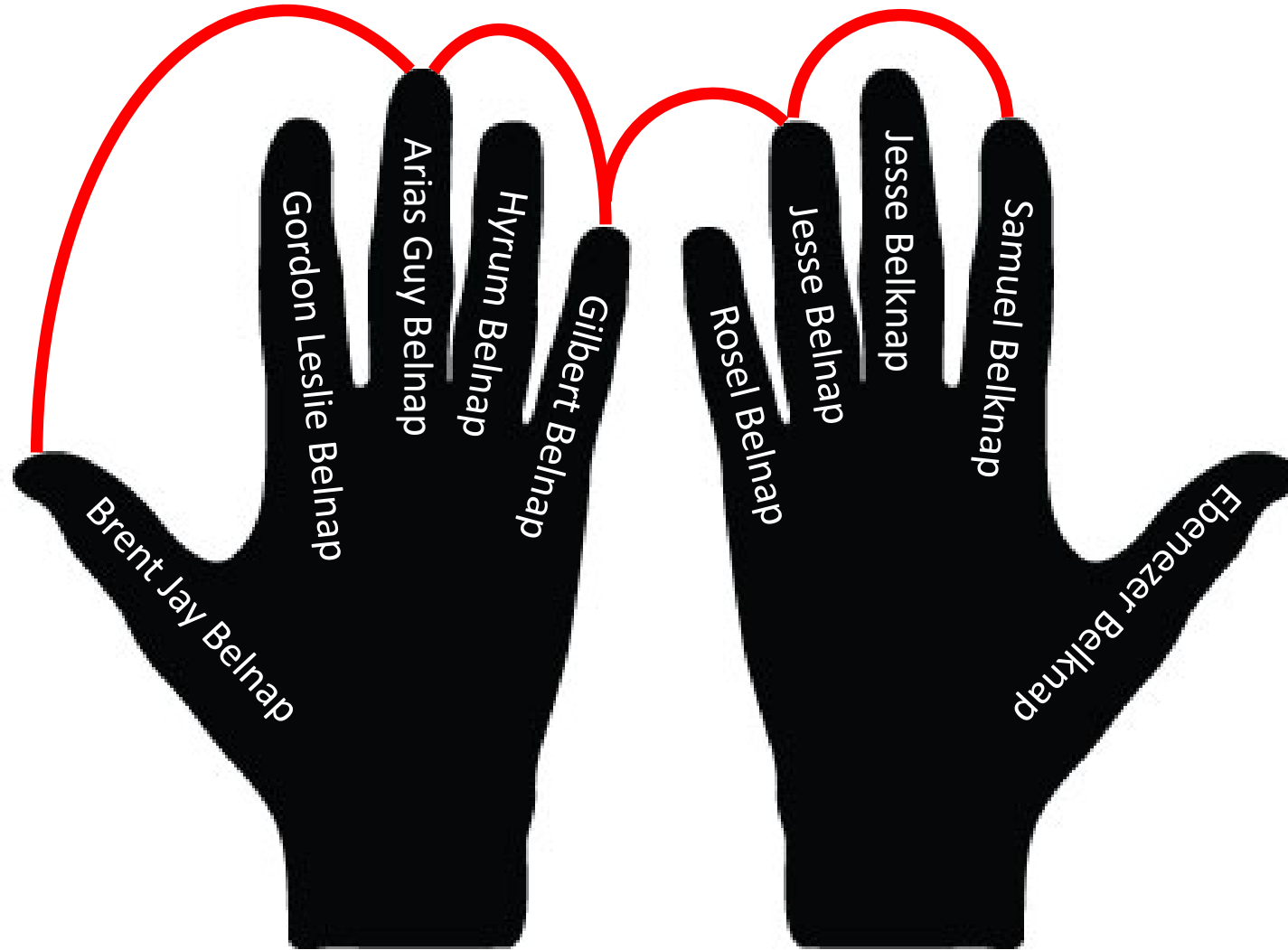


For What Purpose?





“Hand Genealogy”



“Hand Genealogy”

16 Generations

“Belknap” to “Belnap”

“Beltoft” to “Belknap”



“Hand Genealogy”

Gen 4—8 individuals: most recent Old World emigrant

Gen 5—16 individuals: most recent Mormon Pioneer ancestors

Gen 7—64 individuals: earliest Mormon Pioneer ancestors

Gen 8—128 individuals: earliest Church convert

Gen 10—512 individuals: most recent known self-relationship

Gen 30—536,870,912 individuals: more than the entire estimated world population in 1000 A.D.

Gen 34—8.59 billion individuals: more than the current world population

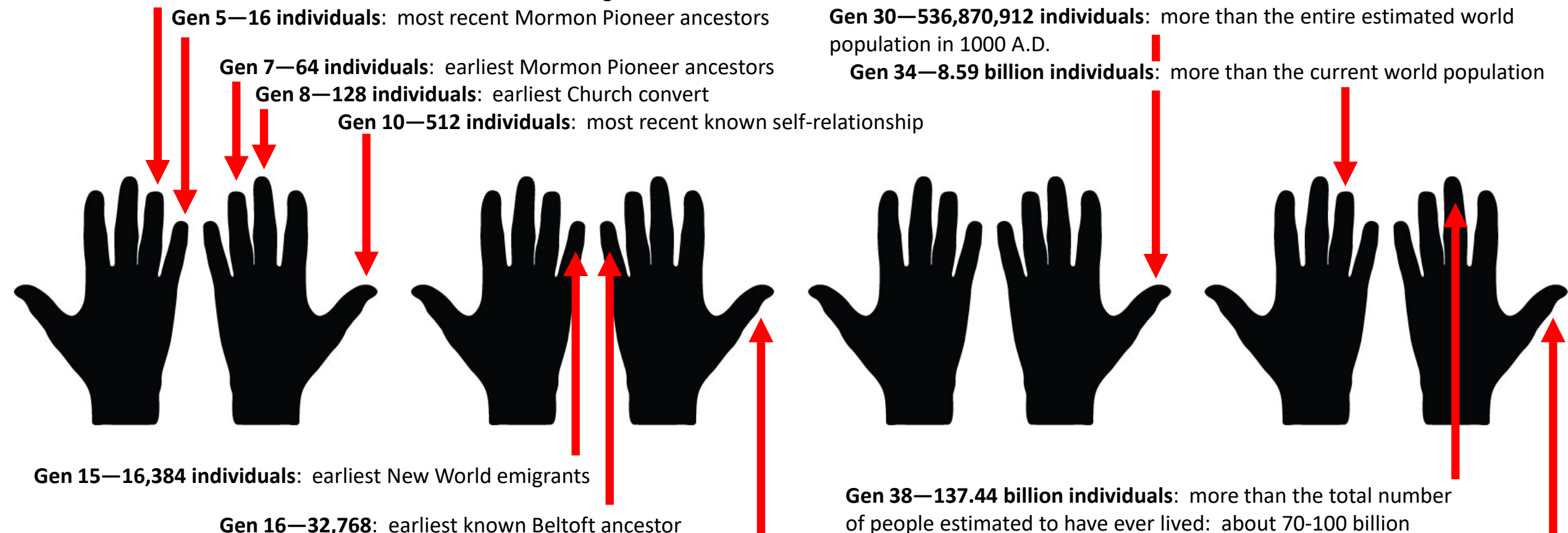
Gen 15—16,384 individuals: earliest New World emigrants

Gen 16—32,768: earliest known Beltoft ancestor

Gen 20—524,288 individuals: large % duplicates

Gen 38—137.44 billion individuals: more than the total number of people estimated to have ever lived: about 70-100 billion

Gen 40—549.76 billion individuals: more than the number of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy (between 200-400 billion stars)



Love, Unity, Solidarity

“The Belnap Family Organization exists to capture and tell the story of the lives of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride, their ancestors, and their descendants, for the benefit of current and future generations.”

“The lack of emotional security of our American young people is due, I believe, to their isolation from the larger family unit. No two people – no mere father and mother – as I have often said, are enough to provide emotional security for a child. He needs to feel himself one in a world of kinfolk, persons of variety in age and temperament, and yet allied to himself by an indissoluble bond which he cannot break if he could, for nature has welded him into it before he was born.”



Pearl S. Buck

“It is important for us ... to cultivate in our own family a sense that we belong together eternally, that whatever changes outside our home, there are fundamental aspects of our relationship which will never change. We ought to encourage our children to know their relatives. We need to talk of them, make effort to correspond with them, visit them, join family organizations, etc.”



*President Spencer W. Kimball,
General Conference, October 1974*

“Let us, therefore, as a church and a people, and as Latter-day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness; and let us present in his holy temple, when it is finished, a book containing the records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptation.”

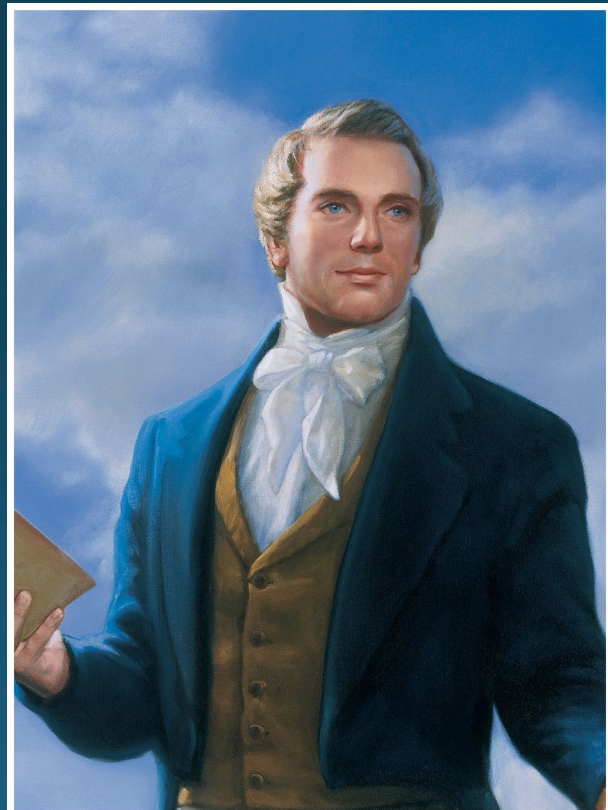
Doctrine and Covenants 128:24

“The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead.”

Joseph Smith, Jr.



“A man filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race.”



Joseph Smith, Jr.

Questions?

