

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 p.m. 30 SEPTEMBER 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Joseph Francis Belnap and wife, Mabel, Richard D. Belnap, Della A. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Wendell T. Belnap, Joy M. Belnap and Gordon L. Belnap. Helene K. Smith was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Richard D. Belnap

The new president, Gordon L. Belnap called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Minutes of the last meeting held 17 June 1970 and the Reunion held 27 June 1970 were read and approved.

Gordon discussed the Family Crier - rather to continue or discontinue sending the Crier to those who have never paid for it. Frank suggested enclosing an envelope for payment at the same time as the Crier is sent, thereby encouraging response. All present felt the newsletter was very enjoyable and informative for the Family. Richard made the motion to continue as now outlined and Evelyn Galloway seconded the motion.

Gordon assigned Frank to continue researching for areas and things that have the name Belnap. Gordon assigned Richard to research all Belnaps who have been ministers or preachers and report on them for the Crier.

Richard read a letter from Dr. W. Dean Belnap dated 21 August 1970 regarding the Royal College of Arms. The Belnaps did have a Coat of Arms, but it has not been registered with the Royal College of Arms.

Gordon discussed the past reunion and asked for suggestions to help improve for the next one. Richard stated that the workshop was too long. Della commented that the committees were not organized early enough and were not ready to start on time. Frank felt the program was too long. Gordon suggested that the workshop and program might be held together next time instead of holding two different meetings. Joy felt that by having the registration table and the collection of money held in two different places it would ease the bottleneck at the door. The next reunion will be planned for Idaho. Flora B. Dotsun will find a suitable location.

At 7:00 p.m. Brother Frank Smith, the professional genealogist hired by the Family for research in England, arrived and was introduced to the group. He reviewed the Belnap line beginning with Henry and Elizabeth Beltoft. He said that up to 150 years ago there was no accepted spelling of names. People just spelled like it sounded. There are so many different dialects in England that there are so many different spellings of the same name. He explained names found in 1561 (10 generations back from Della) and also stated that record-keeping didn't start until 1538. He also discussed the line of Grace Adam. He brought out the fact that Stallion alias Butler found on some of our records could mean illegitimacy or it could have been used to establish one person from another with the same name in the same area. This one was married to Joan Delow in 1567. He also explained that the wives' names are equally as important as the husbands' names.

Our direct line including wives is our most important obligation. An additional privilege is to collect those living in the United States who could be related, but only if we don't neglect the direct line.

Brother Smith was asked to prepare an index of 1969 of the number of Belnaps, including births, deaths and marriages, now living in England so it may be published in the Crier.

At the present time we have a \$195 deficit to Brother Smith. He was given the go-ahead to continue research in Essex and Hertfordshire and the Family will see that he gets a check for more money to continue research. He was excused at 8:25 p.m. leaving us all very much more informed.

Gordon read the financial report as of 1 January 1970 through to July. Wendell reported from July when he went in as treasurer to the present time. We have \$770.47 on hand. (See following pages.)

Reminders will have to be sent to those who have not paid for the Crier. Gordon suggested the price of the Crier be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 in order to meet costs. Wendell made the motion to this effect and Frank seconded it.

Richard was asked to set up a similar meeting as tonight with Brother Jimmy Parker, the professional genealogist hired by the Family for research in the United States. This meeting to be held either the last week in November or the first week of December, depending upon Brother Parker's schedule.

Frank made the motion that the Family guarantee \$1,000 per year for genealogical research to be collected through payment of the Crier. All officers to be responsible for this amount by contacting those who have not paid and seeing that it is collected. Richard seconded the motion. A vote of those present: 5 yes, 1 abstention.

Wendell was asked to mail a \$200 check to Frank Smith right away and state that another \$200 would follow soon.

CLOSING PRAYER: Joseph Francis Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Joy M. Belnap

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Balance	June 25, 1970	- - - - -	\$575.71
	Cash on hand	\$ 61.47	
	Savings	514.24	

INCOME:

Reunion 1970	\$314.50	
Pictures, packets, & Research	173.50	
Criers	141.00	
Interest 6/30/70	5.01	
July deposits for Crier	9.00	
August deposits	8.00	
	<u>Sub-total</u>	336.51
Total Balance fwd and income		<u>\$912.22</u>

EXPENSES:

Reunion		
Supplies for reunion (Della)	37.97	
Door Prizes (Austin)	30.29	
Hall and Park Rent	10.00	
Ice Cream and Punch	49.90	
Plastic & Film (Gordon)	13.59	
Total Disbursed	<u>141.75</u>	
Balance on hand 30 Sep 1970		<u>\$770.47</u>
Savings	519.25	
Checking	241.22	
Della	10.00	

TREASURER'S Report Sep 30, 1970

Wendell T. Belnap