

MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS MEETING

HELD AT 7:00 p.m. 30 November 1970 AT THE HOME OF GORDON L. BELNAP

ATTENDEES: Della A. Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Evelyn B. Galloway, Joy M. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap and Special Guest, Jimmy Parker. Helene K. Smith was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Della A. Belnap

President Gordon L. Belnap conducted, calling the meeting to order and welcoming everyone present. Joseph Francis Belnap and Wendell T. Belnap were absent. Brother Jimmy Parker, the American genealogist hired by the Belnap Family, was introduced.

Minutes of the last meeting held 30 September 1970 were read and approved. President Gordon asked Brother Parker how best the Family can continue with their research in America. Brother Parker reviewed all he has done from the beginning since Dr. W. Dean Belnap first approached him. He has documented all the Family records that were originally given to him with primary sources. He has checked the 1790 census index of the New England States and found all the Belnaps living at that time and started from there. He checked the Barbour Collection in the Connecticut vital records which are microfilmed records by Lucious A. and Lucious B. Barbour of town and church records in Connecticut. He also checked the Charles Hale Collection of newspapers and cemeteries. The Vermont vital records were checked finding 200 or more through 1870. He said the only multiple source you can use is on the direct line. In Maine he found Jeremy Belnap and family only, who was a minister. Brother Parker explained the records submission service and why it came about - so that single names can have temple work done without waiting for whole families.

At the insistence of President Gordon, Brother Parker recommended a good solid evaluation be made of all research before any more is done in order to know what is done and what is left to be done.

Brother Parker said there are 39 couples of Belnap women married to different surnames all in Vermont. He suggested the Family assign members to get children of these families from Vermont vital records. He also suggested that the Family publish a Family Genealogy in book form, but to be sure it is well-documented and well-organized.

To sum things up Gordon made the motion that we have an evaluation made of what we have done. Della seconded the motion. Brother Parker said it would take him approximately two months to accomplish this.

Another motion that Brother Parker prepare family group sheets of what he has found and send them back to the Family so we can tie material together was made. Richard seconded the motion.

Brother Parker left at 9:00 p.m. He stated that at the present time he does not need funds, as he is still using money from an agreement with Dr. Dean Belnap.

The next meeting was set for some time in the Spring.

CLOSING PRAYER: Joy M. Belnap

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap