

**GILBERT BELNAP FAMILIES GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
D/B/A BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION  
OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2021**

A meeting of the Officers and Family Representatives of Gilbert Belnap Families Genealogical Association, a Utah non-profit corporation d/b/a Belnap Family Organization (the “Organization”), was held on April 25, 2021. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m., Mountain Time, via web and teleconference.

- 1. ROLL CALL.** The following Officers were present at the meeting: Kirk Belnap (President), Julie Moselle (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Brent Belnap (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) and Matt Purcell (Secretary).

The following Family Representatives were present at the meeting:

- Gilbert Rosel: None
- Reuben: Raymond VanderDoes
- Joseph: None
- Martha Jane: Julie Moselle and Neil Nelson
- Hyrum: Glen Tolman
- Augustus Weber: Loanne Bartholomew
- Vinson Knight: None
- Amasa: None
- Adaline Lorinda: None
- Mary Louisa: None
- Lola Almira: Diana Schultz
- William James: Pat Sanderson
- Oliver: Ashley Belnap
- Francis Marion: Kirk Belnap and Kerry Belnap
- Isadora Estella: None

- 2. OPENING PRAYER.** Loanne Bartholomew offered an opening prayer.

- 3. UPDATE FROM BFO PRESIDENT.** Kirk Belnap first welcomed Kerry Belnap as a new Family Representative for Francis Marion. Kirk then further articulated the Officers’ vision for the BFO in years to come. While the reunion will always be a priority and a good way for descendants to connect face-to-face, the key to the BFO is engagement—which is most likely to occur online. As such, our focus should be on engaging with all ages of descendants via online platforms, including the BFO website, Facebook, Instagram, and future popular sites.

Additionally, Kirk noted that Julie Moselle is working to establish a youth group dedicated to youth outreach and engagement. Recently, Julie met with Christopher Belnap and discussed several suggestions for the youth group. Julie will report more details of that discussion with the Officers.

Kirk asked the Officers and Family Representatives to give further thought to several upcoming commemorative dates, including the following:

- 200 years in 2021 (1821) since of Henrietta (September 1) and Gilbert (December 22)
- 180 years in 2022 (1842) since Gilbert's baptism (September 11, 1842)
- 200 years in 2024 (1844) since the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum
- 200 years in 2026 (1846) since the departure of the Saints from Nauvoo

#### **4. REPORT FROM FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES.**

- Gilbert Rosel: No business to address
  - Reuben: No business to address
  - Joseph: No business to address
  - Martha Jane: No business to address
  - Hyrum: Glen Tolman and Brent Belnap reported on the success of calling branch representatives to assist the Family Representative with (1) identifying descendants and (2) updating contact information. These are the two primary responsibilities of Family Representatives and breaking it down by branch has increased results.
  - Augustus Weber: Loanne Bartholomew reported that she is looking for a replacement as Family Representative and to follow Hyrum's model of branch representatives for each of Augustus Weber's nine children that reached adulthood.
  - Vinson Knight: No business to address
  - Amasa: No business to address
  - Adaline Lorinda: No business to address
  - Mary Louisa: No business to address
  - Lola Almira: Diana Schultz asked about information gathering, e.g., what should we gather and how to do it. Brent Belnap responded that we recently completed training on this item and that he can discuss further with Diana if needed.
  - William James: Pat Sanderson told Brent that she had further updates to the William James line that she will send to him separately.
  - Oliver: Ashley Belnap informed the Officers and Family Representatives that she will be asking her sister, Heidi, to assist her with contacting descendants. Ashley will continue with making videos related to Belnap family history.
  - Francis Marion: Kirk Belnap and Kerry Belnap provided an update on their efforts to identify descendants and to obtain their contact information. They have asked Shauna Hansen to assist.
  - Isadora Estella: No business to address
- 5. 2022 FAMILY REUNION.** Time did not permit a detailed discussion of the 2022 family reunion, but Kirk asked for suggestions from Family Representatives at the next meeting.
- 6. SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION.** Matt Purcell led a discussion on the timing and content of social media posts. The Officers recently completed a trial over the past two months with multiple posts on Facebook and Instagram. It was unanimously determined to

continue with posts, albeit more frequently. Weekly posts were encouraged, including content from Gilbert Belnap's ancestors (William Brewster, American Revolution participants), Gilbert Belnap's children, living descendants, and other content. Matt Purcell will form a small subcommittee with Julie Moselle and Ashley Belnap to discuss other content, such as posts from BFO members regarding overcoming challenges.

7. **WEBMASTER DISCUSSION.** Brent Belnap led a short discussion on web content. Ashley Belnap committed to completing additional videos with help from Kirk Belnap and others on a script.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the Officers and Family Representatives, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.