

**GILBERT BELNAP FAMILIES GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
D/B/A BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION  
OFFICERS AND FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES  
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 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 August 8, 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: 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: None
- Joseph: None
- Martha Jane: Neil Nelson, Aime Child and Diana Gray
- Hyrum: Glen Tolman and Brent Belnap
- Augustus Weber: None
- Vinson Knight: None
- Amasa: Larry Julian
- Adaline Lorinda: None
- Mary Louisa: None
- Lola Almira: Aimee Moses
- William James: Pat Sanderson
- Oliver: Ashley Belnap
- Francis Marion: None
- Isadora Estella: None

- 2. OPENING PRAYER.** Pat Sanderson offered an opening prayer.

- 3. UPDATE FROM BFO PRESIDENT.** Brent Belnap, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, provided a brief overview of recent BFO news.

- The BFO currently has approximately 11,800 individuals in the BFO database. We think there are approximately 15,000 descendants of Gilbert Belnap, so we are still missing a few thousand. Family Representatives should continue sending to Brent Belnap updated information about their family branch.
- The BFO received two cash gifts at the end of last year. Additionally, Gordon Belnap, former BFO president, who died in June 2021, donated a large amount to the BFO. That money is deposited in an account with Wells Fargo. The gift provides that the principal amount of the gift will not be spent. We can spend the interest, but the principal will serve as an endowment for long-term operations.

- There are several ideas for how these gifts may be spent. One idea is for a definitive collection of the Belnap/Knight/McBride papers. Another idea is to replace the headstone of Jesse Belnap, Gilbert's grandfather who fought in the Revolutionary War. Jesse helped string a big chain across the Hudson near West Point which prevented the British from sailing up the Hudson River.

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

- Gilbert Rosel: No business to address
- Reuben: No business to address
- Joseph: No business to address
- Martha Jane: Aime Child noted that she is excited to work with the BFO.
- Hyrum: Glen Tolman has all the information from his cousins for the BFO Database and will send those on to Brent Belnap.
- Augustus Weber: No business to address.
- Vinson Knight: No business to address
- Amasa: Larry Julian asked how to submit new descendant information. Brent Belnap has an Excel spreadsheet that he will send to Larry that will have all the fields he would like Larry to compete. We need an additional Family Representative for the Amasa branch of the family.
- Adaline Lorinda: No business to address
- Mary Louisa: No business to address
- Lola Almira: Aimee Moses noted that she will send some family information to Brent Belnap for inclusion in the BFO Database.
- 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 she has nearly completed the video to commemorate Henrietta's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Francis Marion: No business to address.
- Isadora Estella: No business to address

**5. 2022 FAMILY REUNION.** Brent Belnap led a discussion on the 2022 BFO Family Reunion. Under the BFO bylaws, we hold a reunion the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August every other year. The next reunion is scheduled for August 13, 2022. Ashley Belnap asked whether it made sense to do it every 4 years. Various opinions were expressed and there was no resolution on the next reunion. One idea was to have a panel discussion of prominent Belnap family members discussion what it means to be a Belnap. Perhaps a prominent athlete, musician, businessperson, academic, etc.

**6. HENRIETTA MCBRIDE BELNAP'S 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.** Ashley Belnap led a discussion about a mini-fireside to be held on September 1, 2021 to commemorate Henrietta's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ashley is just finishing the short video that will be premiered at the fireside. She will work with Kirk Belnap on the logistical details and Matt Purcell will market the event on social media.

7. **CLOSING PRAYER.** Larry Julian offered the closing prayer.

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.