

REUNION AUG. 18, 1956 at LAVA HOT SPRINGS, IDAHO

The various families brought their lunch and ate dinner together in the park next to the Community Building. The lunch started at 12 noon. The organization served Soda Pop for the drinks.

The Program was held in the Community Building under the direction of Elmer Belnap. The opening prayer was by Augustus R. Belnap of Corvallis, Ore!  
Community singing conducted by Garth Belnap.

Piano Duet by Renee and Sandra Belnap, grandchildren of Lester Belnap.

Short stories by Mrs. Luvina B. Miskin of Ucon, Idaho.

Welcome address by Pres. Lester Belnap

Piano Solo by Renee Dotson, daughter of Flora B. Dotson.

Report by Marion B. Kerr, Historian.

She reports that the members of the families are failing to send her information about their families. Most of the material she had collected was from the news papers. She then reported on Births, Marriages and other activities of the Belnaps. She asked for one minute of silence in honor of those who had left our midst since the last Reunion. They were; H. Earl Belnap of Sparks, Nevada, the son of Hyrum and Anna B. Belnap. Flora Belnap of Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of Hyrum and Christiana R. Belnap. Amasa Belnap Jr. of Arco, Idaho, the son of Amasa and Lillian Belnap. Aunt Julia Rosabell Belnap Barney ( known as Rose) the 2nd wife of Amasa Belnap Sr. Laurie Evans, infant daughter of Mildred Belnap and Edwin Evans of Salt Lake City, Utah. Gladys W. Stoddard

Solo by Arlo Belnap

A recorded scene was given with members of the audience playing the parts in pantomime. The scene portrayed the parting of Augustus Belnap and his wife when they were leaving Hooper, Utah to make their home in Idaho. The second scene was grand father Gilbert Belnap and his wives Adaline and Henerietta wishing Peace to their decendants. The song was "Peace we leave with you."

Alpha C. Crow represented her mother, Lola B. Coolbear, who wrote a letter to her brother Augustus in prose. The singing on the record was by Mrs. Viola Belnap, Norma , Arlo Belnap and the reading was by Mrs. Viola Belnap.

Those called from the audience were Mrs; Jewel B. Furniss, Arlo Belnap, Frank Belnap, Mrs. Flora B. Dotson and Bernice Wilde.

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#### BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting was conducted by 1st Vice Pres. Volney B. Belnap.

He read from the "By-Laws" the purpose of the organization; "It is to perpetuate the names and achievements of the men and women who bear the name of Belnap, by preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a library of historical and genealogical matter, securing unprinted manuscripts, photographs, and all such data as shall aid in perfecting a record of the strong character, pure life, and heroic deeds of the Belnap's by holding a yearly reunion, by reviewing the lives of the Belnap's and teaching their descendants and the citizens of our country the lesson of faith, courage, and patriotism, and by creating a spirit of fellowship among their posterity!" This is what they have tried to do since the present officers were elected in 1946. He reported on the material and manuscripts that had been collected and placed in the Family Files.

He reported that the 3rd and last edition to the book "Gilbert Belnap and Family" had been completed in time for this reunion. This edition was the stories of Gilbert Belnap's children and their companions. The cost of this edition will be \$2.50 a book.

Report given by Gilbert Marriott on the record books collected for the living and the dead and the display that had been arranged of books and pictures.

Minutes were read by Secretary Della A. Belnap.

New Officers were voted in. The new officers are Pres. Elmer D. Belnap of Idaho Falls, Idaho. 1st Vice Pres. Dr. Aaron Belnap Ross of Ogden, Utah. 2nd Vice Pres. Garth Belnap of Moreland, Idaho. Secty and Treasure Mrs. Alpha C. Crow of Salt Lake City, Utah. Historian, Mrs. Marion B. Kerr of Salt Lake City.

Elmer D. Belnap was asked to give a few remarks to close the Reunion. Mrs. Anna Belnap, wife of Oliver Belnap, and the last living member of the children of Gilbert Belnap, was presented with the 3rd Edition of the Family Book of Gilbert Belnap, wives and children and their companions.

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