

The 1958 Belnap Reunion

The 1958 Belnap Reunion held at the 2nd Ward Chapel in Hooper, Utah Aug. 23 1958, commenced by everyone enjoying their lunches on tables in the Amusement Hall. The blessing on the food was given by Augustus A. Belnap.

After the meal the families assembled for a program. First on the program was a cornet solo by Dennis Belnap.

President Elmer Belnap then welcomed all present, and reminded them that this was a "Know Your Relative Reunion". To carry out this theme Elmer and wife Viola had gone to a great deal of trouble to make a wall chart of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his wives Adaline and Henrietta.

President Belnap reminded the young ones present that the afflictions of the old are only temporary, and that we should love, honor and care for them.

Viola Belnap led the congregation in singing, Secret Prayer and Count Your Many Blessings. Jewel Furniss supplied the accompaniment.

The minutes were read by the Secretary Alpha Crow.

Arias Belnap, Treasurer read a financial report of the organization. He said he had also placed 2 copies of the History of the Gilbert Belnap family published by the Belnap organization in the Church Historians office.

The oldest grandchild of Gilbert Belnap present was Tirza Ross.

Listing each of the children of Gilbert Belnap and wives it was found that there were present 4 of Reuben's family, 9 from Joseph's family, Martha Jane 4, Hyrum 10, Augustus 10, Amasa, none, Adaline 9, Mary 3, Lola 5, William 12, Oliver 12, Francis 19 and Isadore 5. Making a total of 111 present.

Zeruah Lowe Thomson was asked to speak and she showed a quilt top pieced by hand by Martha McBride Knight mother of Adaline Belnap. It was made about 1891. Zeruah asked the opinion of those present as to where to place this quilt for public viewing. The general Relief Society or the Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum was suggested. The final decision was left up to Zeruah. She also read a poem written to Martha Knight in 1899. The author is unknown.

Historian Marion Belnap Kerr gave an outstanding report of the deaths, births marriages and accomplishments of the descendants of Gilbert Belnap. She also had the audience stand 1 minute in honor of those who have died.

Gilbert Marriot spoke next reminding us that we are not sending in the vital statistics of our families as we should.

Della Belnap brought with her a picture chart of the family for viewing and said she had the negatives and could have as many as wished made up for our own scrap books. She also has some of the Gilbert Belnap books to sell. Della reported the good work that Lillie Hale ~~done~~ in copying geneological information from microfilm.

Next was a few remarks by 1st Vice President, Aaron Ross.

Election of officers was next on the agenda. It was moved and seconded that the officers now in office remain for another 2 years. It was put to a vote and was unanimously in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned after Henry Belnap closed with Prayer.

A film showing of an earlier Reunion was shown to those who wished to remain .

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