

THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

AUG. 19 and 20, 1960

On the evening of Aug. 19, 1960, at 7 o'clock members of the Belnap Family Organization attended a Temple Session in the Idaho Falls Temple. Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening.

Aug. 20, at 10.30 a.m., a business meeting and program was held. Elmer Belnap, President conducting. The opening song, Come Come Ye Saints, was led by Wanda Lou Belnap with Voletta Blanch at the piano. The opening prayer was by Garth Belnap. All joined in, singing The More We Get Together. Elmer Belnap welcomed all that were there, mentioning especially Arthur Miskin who was 84 years old. He also brought to our attention the names of a few who had passed away since the last reunion. Elmer estimated there must be more than 2200 Belnap descendants at the present time. He said his chart made for the last Reunion is 16 ft. long and only includes the grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap.

Next on the program was two violin solos by Julia Barnes. She played Smiling Through and Toyland.

Parley Belnap entertained us with a musical parody played on the Piano showing how the same piece played by different people can sound very different. As an encore he played Come Come Ye Saints, with variations.

Marion Kerr read a very interesting account of the Fort Lemhi - Salmon River Mission of Gilbert Balnap in 1855. At the time, he went on this mission his wife Adaline had four children and his wife Henrietta had one. Gilbert was set apart by Lorenzo Snow. While on this mission he was very ill and while recuperating he wrote the history of his life.

Next on the program was a history of the life of Ruben Belnap read by his Daughter Lovina B. Miskin. Ruben married early and lived a rugged life with many hardships and privations, and he showed a great strength of character.

Next on the agenda was election of officers for the coming two years. Ezra Balnap reported the results of the nominating committee as follows:

For President,	Volney Belnap
1st Vice President	Aaron Ross
2nd Vice President	Wilford Belnap
Secretary	Alpha Crow
Treasurer	Arias Belnap
Historian	Marion Kerr

All other officers are chosen by the board of directors. Other nominations were asked for from the floor but none were made. The officers read were then voted on and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved.

Della Balnap reported she had pictures and books for sale.

Gilbert ^{Marion}Belnap not present because of illness, sent some record sheets he had obnied by the Brunning and the Verifax methods, for people to look at and judge which would be the best method of copying the Belnap records for more widespread use and for sale to members of the family who would wish to buy a copy.

Marion Kerr wishes the families would send her more clippings. She is now indexing what she has.

Wilford Belnap who was not present sent in a resolution he wished read but because of the lateness of the hour it was not read.

Elmer expressed his enjoyment of his four years in office and said he had no regrets in turning the office over to Volney Belnap.

Marion Kerr suggested we show a vote of thanks for the work Elmer Belnap has accomplished. This was done. Volney then spoke a few words in acceptance and said he would do his best.

The closing prayer was by Lester Belnap, after which the meeting was adjourned for lunch. There were 85 present.

Members who paid dues;	Jewel Furniss	Adaline Horman
	Gladys Carwin	Volney Belnap
	Lester Belnap	Zeruah Thomson

David Evans Belnap
Lorenzo Belnap
Francis Belnap
Garth Belnap
Fern Fowers
Voletta Blanch
Arthur Miskin
Emma Lu Belnap
Della Belnap
Annie Flitton
Earl R. Belnap
Reid Belnap

Albert M. Belnap
Flora Dotson
Ezra Belnap
Gilbert Augustus Belnap
Helen Hart
John M. Belnap
Francis Eugene Belnap
J. F. Belnap
Elmer D. Belnap
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