

August 25, 1962
Snow Basin, Utah
Gelande Lodge

Minutes of the business meeting of the Belnap Family Organization held Aug. 25, 1962. Meeting was held at the Gelande Lodge, located in the Snow Basin Ski Area, seventeen miles east of Ogden.

President Volney B. Belnap called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. The following officers were present, Volney B. Belnap, President, Aaron B. Ross, Vice Pres., Wilford Belnap Vice Pres., Alpha Crow, Sec., Arias G. Belnap, Treas. Marion B. Kerr, , Historian, Gilbert Marriott, Genealogist and Della Belnap, Researcher.

The meeting was called to consider any matters pertaining to the organization. There was a good attendance present. A family representative was present for all fifteen children of Gilbert Belnap, except the family of Rueben Balnap.

The first order of Business was a report given by Gilbert Marriott on the progress of one phase of our genealogy work. He reported that the officers, earlier in the year, had assigned him to get out a record of the ascending and descending lines of the Belnap family. This record to be so organized, in book form, that it could be placed in genealogy libraries where ever the family organization would want them.

He reported the organization suggested they be placed in libraries at Logan, Utah, Pocatella and Idaho Falls, and Boise, in Idaho. He said a similar record was already in the Salt Lake Library of the L. D. S. Church. He also reported he had made copies of the necessary sheets to complete one book but did not have it put together as yet. He had been assisted by Wilford Belnap and Rex Lindsay.

The purpose of these records and having them placed in libraries would be to expedite research work so that those living in the area of the above cities could have ready access to the records.

After a short discussion it was moved his work to date be accepted and that it be completed as soon as possible.

It was also reported that members of the family of Amos Belnap, of Boise, Idaho, had prepared a somewhat similar group of sheets and had brought them to the reunion to be sold at \$3.00 per set to any one who desired them for their own records.

After a discussion it was agreed that all of these sheets that were not sold, the family organization would purchase them for \$1.50 per set.

The next order of business was the presentation of a resolution by Wilford Belnap. Wilford felt the membership of the Family Organization had grown too large for the officers to keep in contact with individual members. He felt the families, of Gilbert Belnaps, fifteen children should form their own family organization and tie it into the central group. Wilford then presented the following resolution to the group.

(Copy of the resolution attached to this sheet)

The resolution was accepted by the vote of those present.

All members were then requested, before leaving this reunion today, that they meet in family groups and name one member to represent their family as a member of the board of directors as specified in the By-Laws of the family organization.

They were then notified that ballots had been prepared, by the election committee, and each person who registered would be issued a ballot. After voting the ballots to be placed in the ballot box on the main hall and the announcement of the election of officers would take place at the close of the afternoon program.

Henry Belnap then explained a plan of having the name of Gilbert Belnap, our first pioneer, to enter the Salt Lake Valley, placed on a bronze plate located in the Memorial Theater building, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

It was requested that all those interested leave a contribution with Treasurer, Arias G. Belnap. All money donated was to be turned over to Henry Belnap to be used for the above purpose.

Next order of business was the report of the Treasurer, Arias G. Belnap, as follows:

(See attached report)

Report was approved by all present.

Adjournment at 12:00 noon.

An election by ballot was held. The nominations presented by the Committee were as follows:

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| <p>For President</p> <p>Gordon L. Belnap
 Ronald F. Belnap
 Jim Marriott</p> | <p>For Vice President</p> <p>Frank L. Hammon
 Lorenzo Belnap</p> |
| <p>For 2nd Vice President</p> <p>Herman Stoker
 Max Belnap</p> | <p>For 3rd Vice President</p> <p>Flora Dotson
 Voletta Blanche</p> |
| <p>For Secretary and Treasurer</p> <p>Wendell T. Belnap
 Artella Luthy</p> | |

Results of Election

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| President | Gordon L. Belnap |
| 1st Vice President | Lorenzo Belnap |
| 2nd Vice President | Herman Stoker Max Belnap |
| 3rd Vice President | Flora Dotson |
| Secretary & Treas. | Artella Luthy |

Delegates chosen at the Reunion

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| Gilbert R. Belnap family | Maud Kimbal |
| Reuben Belnap family | Amos Belnap |
| Martha Jane Belnap Hammon family | Ethel B. McEntire |
| Hyrum Belnap family | Knight B. Kerr |
| Augustus Belnap family | Augustus R. Belnap |
| Vinson Knight family | Vinson Knight Belnap |
| Amasa Belnap family | Edith Machen Ward |
| Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe Family | Zeruah Thomson |
| Mary Belnap Lowe family | Jewel L. VanOrdon |
| Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear Family | Alpha Crow |
| William James Belnap family | |
| Oliver Belnap family | Vere Belnap |
| Francis Belnap family | Voletta Blanche |
| Isadore Estella Belnap Stoddard family | Jennie Copley |
| Joseph Belnap family | Amos Belnap |

Alpha Crow
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RESOLUTION BY WILFORD BELNAP

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION TO GENERATE GREATER INTEREST, AFFORD INCREASED ACTIVITY AND MORE FULLY PROMOTE THE PURPOSES OF THE PATRIARCHIAL ORDER.

WHEREAS, the descendants of Gilbert Belnap now number thousands and divergent interests have scattered many families to all parts of the world, direct contact by the central organization has become unwieldy:

AND WHEREAS, equal representation of all family units is necessary to promote the intent of the Belnap Society, (a) by co-ordination and compiling of acceptable records, (b) unify research and tabulation by operating through a central clearing house, (c) establish research material in libraries convenient to families where feasible, (d) organize member-families under the names of the children of Gilbert Belnap with full complement of officers and committees as set up in the parent society, (d) provide adequate dues and research funds to effect genealogical motivation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That member families be organized as set forth above.
2. That times and places of meeting shall be set to avoid conflict with the central society.
3. Family members shall appoint a representative who may be a member of the genealogical, research, and temple committee; who shall be a delegate to the central society or other member units, where pertinent business is involved.
4. It shall be the duty of the representatives to collaborate with the central executive committee to promote the purposes and business of the overall organization. Delegates shall have power to legislate; act as clearing-house agents, nominate elective and other officers of the parent society, and confirm same by majority vote as need arises.
5. When families hold reunions, singly or in groups, where important matters pertaining to all are considered, exchange of representatives should be encouraged both by family and parent society.
6. Training classes and work groups, especially for the youth, should be set up as a permanent program, under supervision of competent directors; to expand research and temple work, compile personal and family histories, promote executive ability to further the general program of the Belnap Society.
7. To effect the terms and conditions proposed herein, the president of the parent society shall appoint a committee to study the Constitution and By-Laws of the Belnap Society and adapt the same to harmonize herewith and conform generally with the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mr. President, I recommend the adoption of this resolution.

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Treasurer's report as of August 20, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash balance in First Security Bank at Ogden as of August 16, 1960		\$459.91
Family dues received -- at the 1960 reunion		81.00
July & August 1962		20.00
Books sold - \$35.00; \$6.40; \$16.00		57.40
Pictures sold		10.00
Interest received since last reunion \$6.52, \$8.15, \$6.87, \$9.26		30.80
Total receipts		<u>\$659.11</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Since Aug. 16, 1960

Reunion (1960) expense			
Mimeo sheets	\$5.41		
Soft drinks	12.00		
Hall rent	<u>15.00</u>	\$32.41	
Printing pictures		2.90	
Flowers -- Elmer Belnap funeral		10.00	
Genealogical supplies & work			
Gilbert Marriott -- ZCMI	\$33.14		
Gilbert Marriott	<u>60.00</u>	93.14	\$138.45
Balance in cash in First Security Bank Aug. 20, 1962			<u>\$520.66</u>

Other assets with Della Belnap

48 Complete books Gilbert Belnap Centennial Edition
10 1st supplement edition
30 2nd supplement edition

Miscellaneous pedigree chart pictures

Arias G. Belnap, Treasurer

Afternoon meeting of the 1962 Reunion

Conducted by President Volney Belnap. Prayer by Knight B. Kerr.

Greetings by the President. He asked who was the oldest one present and found it to be William O. Belnap and Mead Belnap was the next oldest.

Elma Ross conducted community singing. Songs used were, We are the Belnaps. The Week Day Song. Three Blind Mice.

The singing was accompanied by Darlene Belnap on the accordion,

Gilbert Marriott reported that the Master set of records would sell for \$30.00 and the Direct line set for \$3.00. Individual sheets for five cents.

Wilford Belnap read the Resolution proposing the expansion of the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization for the benefit of those not at the morning meeting.

A skit was next presented by the B. West Belnap family.

Marie Belnap read the 13 Articles of No. Faith.

A quartet from the Lowell Knight family consisting of Gay, Ross, Rube and Val, sang three numbers; The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Mamma I Gave Away the Baby. and Sing Along.

Historian Marion B. Kerr read some interesting clippings collected the last 2 years on the doings of the Belnaps.

Bonnie Ross and Alta Lowe then gave a tumbling act.

The boys quartet then sang Just Whistle and Doing What He Oughter.

Next on the program; a talk by Lorenzo Belnap. He told of early history Grandfather Gilbert Belnap showing his self reliance, moral virtue and stick-to-it-iveness.

Dr. Dean Belnap gave two comic readings.

The results of the election were read. Closing prayer by Walter B. Kerr.

There were 234 persons present at the reunion.