

MINUETS OF BELNAP REUNION 1964

The Bi-Annual Reunion commenced at 9:30 A.m. at Gelandi Lodge Snow Basin, Ogden, Utah. The events began with rides part way up of Mt. Ogden on the Ski Lift. Bob Belnap had a truck to take others that cared to go from the top of the ski lift to the top of Mt. Ogden, there were 12 who ventured all the way.

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Aug. 22, 1964

The morning meeting was in the form of a work shop. The opening prayer was given by Flora Dotson. Della Belnap gave a sketch of the first Belnap known in history.

In England our people were known as "Sir _____ Belknapp"- nobility and royalty.

In 1635 our family emigrated from Hertfordshire, England, landing above Boston and settling in Massachusetts. Arland grant furnishes this information. Gradually they have spread out over almost the far corners of the United States and also located in Eastern Canada. Our Jessie Belnap was in the Revolutionary War.

In 1750 Jonathan Belnap freed his colored slave, being one of the first to offer this. In 1770 a large group of the family settled in Newburg, New York. There is still a bridge there called Belnap ^{Bridge}. Also the Daughters of the American Revolution have preserved Isaac Belnap's house there.

From New York the Belnap's moved to Pennsylvania and finally into Ohio. Gilbert Belnap came out west with the pioneers, and arrived in Utah the 15 of September 1850. The first winter he dug, a dug out in the hill near where Della now lives, later building a home.

Gilbert Belnap wasn't the first Belnap to come west. Earlier Belnap's settled in Eugene, Oregon., and there is a Belnap town No 1 and No.2. The name Belknapp is given to a town in Illinois also one in Ohio. There is one named Belknapp in Vermont also.

In Ogden there is a Belnap plat and there is a street called Belnap Circle.

Della also showed her Book of Remembrance.

The next on the program was Merle Belnap and she showed her very complete and interesting Book of Remembrance. After her Jewel Van Orden showed a chart on the Beltoff original form of the name Belnap.

The first Beltoff was in ~~Austria~~ ^{England}. Bel means beautiful, and toft means hill, or the people of the beautiful hill. In the 1400 they moved to France. There the name was changed to Belknoll. Bell meaning beautiful and noll meaning hill. At the time the Hugenotts were being persecuted these people went to England. The name there being changed to Blknappe, but meaning the same as above. It was 1635 when they came to America, and settled in Massachusetts. The p and the e were left off the name and became Belnap. It was Jesse in the family who left of the k, and thus it was as we now spell it, Belnap.

This chart was prepared by Charlene Belnap and Richard B Taylor, of California, shows fifteen generations of the Belnap family for a five hundred year period. Reprints of this chart can be had for \$10.00. The chart starts with John Beltoff of ~~Austria~~ ^{England} and connects with Jessie Belnap.

Last on the program was Flora Dotson who took a few minutes to explain the quiz contest that was to be conducted during the lunch hour.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

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At. 2:00 P.M. ^{President} Gordon Belnap called the business meeting to order.
Vonley Belnap Opened with prayer.
Lorenzo Belnap Presented the new By-Laws for approval and mentioned the items the organization had for sale to expedite everyone in the research on the Belnap Line.
Max G. Belnap asked to be excused because he was in Calif.
The Oldest living decendent present was Francis Eugene Belnap 84 years old.
The 2nd oldest decendent present was Tirzia Belnap Ross 83 years old.

Vonley Belnap & Lester Belnap two of the past presidents were also present.

Dr. Dean Belnap asked that he be excused as he was in England.

A Skit based on the Life of Francis Eugene Belnap was presented in the theme of The Time Machine. Then Francis gave a few comments.

A Contest was held for the children under 15, on answers about their ancestry. Also a similar contest was held for adults. The winner of the Childrens contest, was Jenie Belnap. the winners of the adults. contest were, Bonnie Belnap & Phillip G. Wheelwright, The prizes in both contests was a Code of Arms.

The count of various items and dues collected is:

81 rides on Ski Lift	\$ 81.00
Books, Pictures & Etc.	\$ 131.43
Dues Collected	\$ 123.00
16 large gen. packets @ 7.00 ea	\$ 112.00
11 small " " @ 3.00 ea	\$ 33.00
37 Code of Arms. @ 2.00 ea	\$ 78.00
Bal on hand at beg. of reunion	\$ 1.45
New Bal for new Officers	\$ 559.88

The election for new Organization Officers was held with the following results:

President: Lorenzo Belnap
1st Vice Pres. Ronald Belnap
2nd Vice Pres. Keith Belnap
3rd Vice Pres. Flora Dotson
Sec. & treas. La Rue Willis
Treasurer Artella Luthy
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.
Lester Belnap closed with prayer.

Artella Luthy