

Outline of Jesse Belknap b. 1739 at Somers, Conn.

1. Jesse Belknap, the son of Samuel Belknap and Mary Dickinson, born at Somers, Conn. Bapt. 15 Apr 1739 at Somers Congregational Church.
2. He was in the French and Indian War, 4th Co. Capt John Patterson,. Ensign pay Sept 15 to Dec 5, 1762. and Major in 1762. Jesse Belknap's name appears in the 7th Co. of Capt Noah Grant of Windsor, Conn. Apr 9 to Dec 9, 1756.

Fist Regiment Col. P. Lymon, from Apr 1 to Nov. 6, 1758

Jesse B. enlisted Apr 14 to Sept 2 and Sept 3 enlisted as Sargeant to Dec 14 in the 5th Co. Edward Barnard. appointed Serg. & Major Mar 15 to Sept 14, 1762.

- 3 In 1771 Jesse, age 32yrs old, moved to Castleton, Vermont from Conn. and became very active in the community.
4. In 1771 Jesse Belknap settled about one and one half mile west of the village on the farm where Clark Stevens lived recently, another record says, Jesse lived one mile and a half mile east of the village on & etc.

Also mentions "his son Jesse lived near him, on Merlin Clark place."  
(Which son Jesse ?)

In the deed from Jesse to son Augustine his property is discribed, states the land lying on the main road from Castleton Meeting house to Rutland & etc.

5. Jesse Belknap became the 1st Justice of Peace in Castleton, Vt.
6. Jesse attended Dorset Convention on 24 July 1776. At the convention it was agreed to join the common defence of United States against the hostilities of the British Fleet.
7. Mar 1777 Castleton was organized as a town with Jesse Belknap as the first town clerk.
8. As town clerk, Jesse records in his own hand writing;  
"My wife Eunice died 25, July 1774"  
(The recording of the death of his wife revealed her first name. no marriage record has been found. Also reveals the names of some of the children)  
  
"My eldest daughter Bette by Eunice, d. 17 Sept 1777.  
His third daughter ~~Emilia~~ Clive by my wife Eunice d. 25 Sept 1777  
( This shows that Jesse had at least 3 daughters by his wife Eunice, no name found for the 2nd daughter.)

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- 9 Jesse Belknap served in the Revolution in Capt. Samuel Robinson. In the afternoon of Aug. 15, 1777, hearing the news that the British were coming to Bennington, 45 miles south, with the help of neighbors, they moulded bullets of all the available lead and family pewter, also gathered a goodly supply of powder, and started on horse back for Bennington. Arriving in the rain, and enlisting at 2:30 A.M. on the Memorial day of the Battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777. In the morning, he heard Col. John Stark utter the immortal expression; "There are the red coats, and they are ours, or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow."
- 10 Jesse was a private in Capt. Robinson's roll, and re-enlisting in Ephraim Euell's company, Col. Warren's Regiment, May 16, 1779, scouting for the security of the Frontiers. Was discharged Dec. 3, the same year.
- 11 Being quartered at Bennington a few days after the battle, he stayed at the home of Simeon Hathaway, who was also a Revolutionary soldier. A lieutenant, becoming acquainted with his fair daughter, Deborah. (old family letter) He married her the following year.  
( The marriage of Jesse and Deborah would be in 1780 and not in 1776 as we have it.
- 11 Jan. 1, 1781 Jesse was appointed on a committee to employ a Rev. to preach the gospel to the settlers, mostly from Conn.
- 12 In 1784 Jesse Belknap joined the Congregational Church.
- 13 In the town of Castleton, records Jesse Belknap again records "Puth from my wife Deborah was born Nov. 21, 1782.  
Born 21 May 1784 the second son Jesse by his wife Deborah.  
My third son Augustine. born June 29, 1789 by his wife Deborah.  
  
( from the above; my 2nd son Jesse indicates that he had another son. This 1st son would have to be by his wife Eunice. It also could indicate that he had 2 sons and both were named Jesse. It is possible that each wife wanted her first son to be named after their father. )
- Olive's birth is not found, but in the deed of her grandfather, Simeon Hathaway she is mentioned. Also the deed that Clive, a sister to Augustine, in Middleburg, Genese, N.Y. was Aug. 10, 1827. Clive deeds all of the land received from her grand father S. Hathaway to her brothers and sister by her mother Deborah Hathaway.
- 14 Jesse Belknap on Feb. 4, 1818 deeds his farm in Castleton to his son Augustine. This is the last time Jesse is mentioned. This could indicate he died shortly after that time.

Myrum Belnap reports on his finding in 1908.

Went to Castleton, Vt. Aug 1908 and saw the records kept by Jesse Belnap. Went over these records with Judge Clark.

Went to Rutland, Vt. court house and looked at the records there.

Went to Colchester, New London, Vt. the county seat, they should have the records of Hebron, between 1741 to 1771. Found no record of Jesse Belnap.

"All the circumstantial evidence that I could obtain within 50 miles of Hartford, Conn, the capitol, pointed to the fact that Jesse of Somers b.1739, was the father of Jesse Belnap b. 1760, of Hebron, Conn. by his first wife Eunice before he moved to Castleton, Vt. in 1771."

( The records of Hebron were burned some 50 yrs. before his visit. Also the Capitol in Wash. D. C. were burned in the War of 1812.)