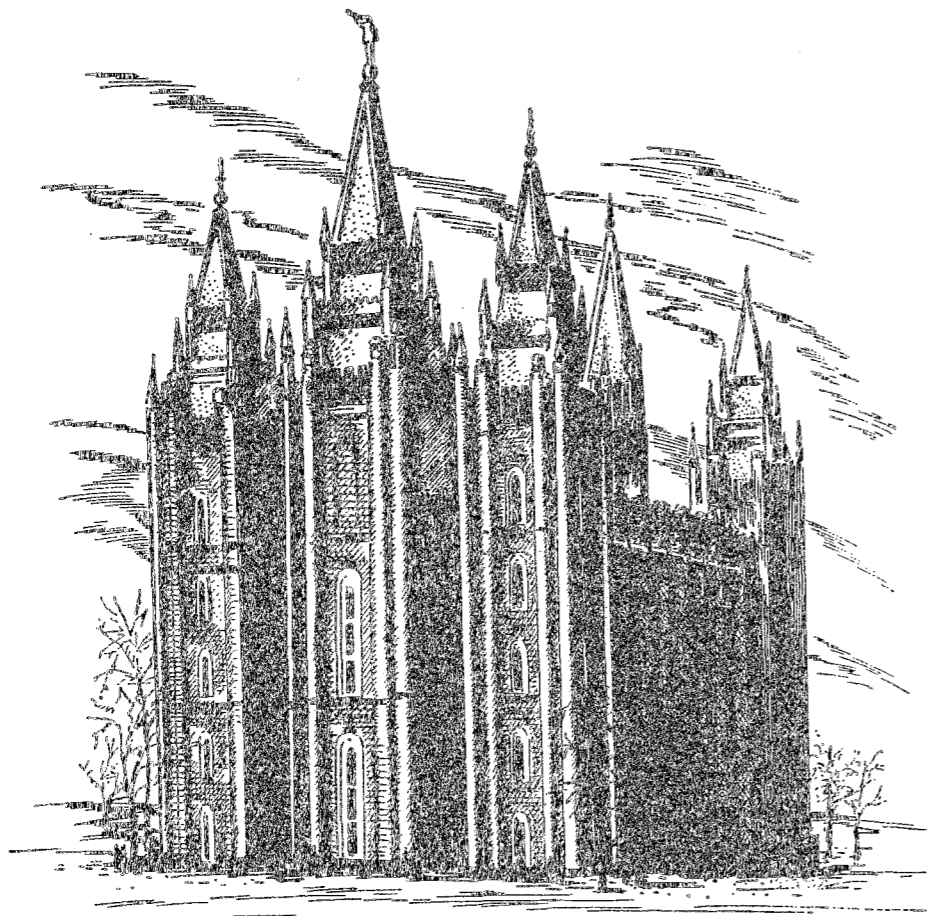


*Belnap Family Crier*  
*Love, Unity, Solidarity.*



*To Love and to Cherish for*  
*Time and Eternity*

TO THE BELNAP FAMILY:

Apparently never before in this dispensation has there been so much stress laid upon the priesthood of the Church to take the leadership in genealogy work as at present. For some reason the brethren of the priesthood as a group have not been made to feel that they should be the ones, individually and collectively, to see that genealogy work is promoted in every family throughout the Church.

It is heartening, indeed to see what leadership can do in a family such as yours. I am acquainted with the excellent articles of incorporation and by laws prepared by your family leadership. Along with similar documents they have served as guidelines for the family organization program outlined in Supplement C of the Church Genealogical Instruction Manual. I commend most heartily the outline of your plans as well as your organization and this very timely document of your great family genealogy.

It seems to be very significant that simultaneously with this urge in genealogy research and temple work that there should be launched the great importance of family solidarity among the living. This, likewise, is being promoted as is the family night by the priesthood and relief society with home teachers to give assistance as needed. Your past publications as well as future publications of the prospectus should be a valuable help to parents in not only formulating a Book of Remembrance as a family project with their children, but give a wealth of faith promoting experiences as a supplement to their family home evening programs. It is hoped that all of you as well as the entire Church will see the significance of the great prophecy of Malachi, that the hearts of the children shall be turned to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to their children. Certainly this family home night with instruction to parents should give greater significance to Malachi's prophecy. It is hoped that your family will likewise take the initiative in the family home night program that fathers and mothers with their children will be drawn toward each other as well as the living here would be drawn toward their progenitors who have gone before. It is my hope that additional members of your large family will be drawn into this worthy effort to supplement the labors of the several now participating, that they too may realize the blessings of vicarious saviorship.

May the assurance of life beyond this spur you to greater endeavors to work singly and unitedly that the greatest possible good may result from your efforts. Ever praying the blessings of the Lord upon you, I am sincerely and faithfully yours,

*Howard W. Hunter*  
Howard W. Hunter, President  
Genealogical Society



Dear Relatives:

It is indeed a pleasure to send you greetings in this new issue of the "BELNAP FAMILY CRIER". I hope this is a significant event in your life in that it will stimulate you to seek knowledge of your ancestors and appreciate the inheritance that is ours.

Also, seeking after our dead is one of the great responsibilities that the Lord has placed upon us. As a family we can be proud of what has been done. If we all meet our responsibility much more can be accomplished. We, too, can be proud of our accomplishments.

As a family we have, in 3 years, spent \$700 for research in England. We have the best English genealogist there is, Brother Frank Smith, of the Salt Lake Genealogical Society. We have gathered many names, out of which we hope to find direct ancestors before 1500 A.D. This research is tedious and expensive. We feel it is worthwhile to finish this project. What is found of benefit to the family will be published in this paper.

The Family Organization has 15 family representatives who are descendants of Gilbert Belnap. He arrived in Utah 15 September 1850. I challenge each member of the family to see that his representative is anxious and willing to work. It is through them that your branch of the family will grow.

We are in contact with other Belnap families in the United States and Canada. Each are contributing to the knowledge of this prominent family. All information is placed in the "Family Files" in Ogden, Utah, for preservation. These files are for the use of the members of the Belnap Family.

I wish to thank all those who have worked hard to obtain the material in the "Family Files", helped in research and those who made this paper possible. This is your organization. If it succeeds, it is because of your faith, good works and financial assistance.

Sincerely yours,

*Della A. Belnap*

Della A. Belnap  
President

Dear Living Relatives:

I am very lonely tonight and my heart is sad. Won't you please help us. My mother is Hannah Belknap, born about 1634 of Lynn, Essex, Mass. My father is Christopher Osgood, born 1643, Ipswich, Essex, Mass. I had 3 brothers and 2 sisters. My name is Dorthy. I was born 4 July 1671 at Ipswich, Essex, Mass. I married Mr. O. Annis. Some dear sisters were baptized for me in 1902, did my endowments in 1926 and sealed me to my parents in 1925. God bless them. Now, won't you please find my husband's name and our dear children. We want to become a family again and be able to progress in our Father's Kingdom. We can't do this work for ourselves, so if you will help us we will help all we can. God bless you and please do our temple work. Waiting, Dorthy

Surely the Lord has blessed the Belnap Family beyond measure both as a family and individuals. We must therefore be willing to do all we can for our kindred dead both in research and temple work, and take our family to the temple. Let's keep our records up to date, (from the D. & C. 128:14): "as the records on earth which are truly made out so also are the records in Heaven."

In the words of the Prophet John Taylor, "God will hold us responsible for every person we might have saved had we done our duty." Won't you join us in this vast program of research and temple work. This is one way where you may become a Savior on Mount Zion. There are many like Dorthy. Please help her now and send your findings to the undersigned.

I bear you my testimony that many people are anxiously waiting for us to do their work for them. I had the honor of feeling the joy of a family being united while doing sealings in the Idaho Falls Temple. I know the Lord will bless us if we will put forth the effort and do the best we can. If you don't have names to search for we will send you some. "Ask and you shall receive."

Your Cousin,

*J. F. Belnap*

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY HISTORIAN

BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

The next general reunion of the Belnap Family will be held in 1968. The time, date, and place for this event has not yet been set, but will be shortly.

If any of the separate family organizations have set any time, date or place, please communicate with H. Austin Belnap, 2035 South 13th East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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FAMILY HISTORY

As members of God's Kingdom, we are charged to keep records. Of course this means we should have documentary evidence to support our birth, blessing, baptism, priesthood, endowment and marriage. The record of our death we leave to our children. Most of us could produce this kind of information, but this alone would make a rather dull account of our probation. It is not sufficient. To make our lives more meaningful and to leave a more complete account of our lives, we are urged to write family histories.

In the spirit of a sentimental moment we make elaborate plans to do this, but for most of us it never gets done. Let each of us devise a simple method of keeping our personal history, and let us be consistent in following our plan. The best approach is a journal in which we make at least weekly entries. Another idea is to write a chapter of our history at least once a year. Designate a time when you will take an hour or two and review the events of your family for the year, and send us a copy for our files.

After this is on the way, consider the interesting events of the lives of your parents and grandparents. Choose the person best able to recount their history, and preserve for posterity the written record of their lives.

Let us unite as a family and teach the world how proud we are of our heritage by the simple technique of record keeping (by this we mean family histories).

Dear Kinsfolk:

Instead of writing the usual formal statements of a historical article about the first Belnap Pioneers of the Great Salt Lake Valley, let us think in terms of Memory Pictures of them. We have already written about the time and place of their birth, etc. Why not think of their looks and other contacts with us? What has caused us to remember them personally?

Please relive with me a few of the "pictures" that remain in my mind. I think of Grandfather Belnap as a rather tall, alert, stately figure with keen sparkling eyes, white hair, white beard. When he came to visit us, he drove into the back yard, partially turned around with his horses facing east. Then he quickly climbed out of the wagon, securely fastened the horses, assisted the others out and came forward to the back door. What joy it was to see him and his family!

I remember Grandmother Adeline Belnap, whose name I carry with pride. I recall her beautiful white natural-wavy hair, which used to be dark like her eyes. She was short-waisted and not very tall. Her hands showed the hard work and the loving care which she had given to both the sick and the well. Yes, they knew the cuddling of dozens of new babies, too. Her dress was modest but attractive. I shall never forget her understanding smile. Neither shall I forget her little hand satchel and the little black book full of ladies' names and dates. None of us should ever touch either of these, which were always sitting ready in the wide window sill in the living room.

Although she was not one of the first three, I remember Aunt Henrietta. She was taller, rather quiet and so very modest and sweet. I didn't know her as well as I knew Grandmother Adeline, but she was always spoken of with kind words at our home.

Then there was Uncle Gil (Gilbert R.) who lived near us for awhile. He was the Sheriff. He had sandy hair and talked little. He acted as though he paid no attention to those around him, but his keen mind registered every little detail. Once Father helped him hunt in the hills by Hot Springs for a man who had escaped from the Court House Jail. I was fascinated by Father's stories of his adventures.

It has been a great pleasure to recall the "living pictures" of the first three Belnaps who entered the Great Salt Lake Valley.

Devotedly,  
Marion Adeline Belnap Kerr  
Historian

MESSAGE TO THE 1966 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

by W. Dean Belnap, M. D. \*

(Talk given to the General Assembly at the Belnap Bi-Annual Family Reunion held in Shelley, Idaho, 20 August 1966.)

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to present to the Gilbert Belnap Family Organization my thoughts and sentiments regarding the important work of genealogy and exaltation for our kindred loved ones. The large numbers in attendance today at the Family Reunion recall to my mind the words of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the Lord, found in the 113th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants. The Prophet Joseph Smith devotes the entire Section to a series of questions regarding the writings of the Prophet Isaiah, and the Lord in turn answers these questions. The Prophet Joseph asked, "What is meant by the command in Isaiah, 52nd Chapter, 1st Verse, which saith, 'Put on thy strength, O Zion.' And what people had Isaiah reference to?" The Lord answers, he had reference to those whom God should call in the last days who should hold the power of the priesthood to bring again Zion and the redemption of Israel. And to put on her strength is to put on the authority of the priesthood which she, Zion, has a right to by lineage.

Certainly, this large gathering of priesthood and their families represents the strength of Zion, for we know we have the right to the priesthood by the choice lineage to which we belong. What a choice heritage we have! I am certain that if Gilbert Belnap and his descendants who have passed on to the other side of the veil, had the opportunity of viewing us today, which well they may have, they would perhaps look upon themselves as did the Prophet Joseph Smith in referring to his own father, and in referring to the role that each and every one of us have as fathers in the Kingdom, "When we see the role of the ancient patriarchs from Adam on down and the restoration of that line of authority in this dispensation, we get a glimpse of each of our roles in being patriarchs unto our own families. For the Kingdom of God is organized after family lines and people after death will be organized in family capacities. The resurrection from the dead restores man to life with all of his bodily mental powers and faculties, and consequently associates him with family, friends and kindred, as one of the necessary links of the chain which connects the great and royal family of Heaven and earth in one eternal bond of kindred affection and association. The order of God's government, both in time and in eternity is patriarchal, that is, it is fatherly government. Each father who is raised from the dead and made a partaker of the celestial glory in its fullness will hold lawful jurisdiction over his own children, and over all the families that sprang from them to all generations, forever and ever."

I certainly look with gratitude to my great grandfather, Gilbert Belnap, and to my grandfather, Oliver Belnap, for the choice heritage with which they have endowed me, and to my father living and present here today, Wilford Belnap, whom I look upon as being the patriarch of my family. Yes, we belong to a choice lineage, a choice genealogy, which extends in both directions of time, past as well as future. The heritage which they have left us must in turn be passed on to our children.

The Prophet Joseph Smith expanding on this principle of priesthood heritage, in reference to our posterity, tells us in the 86th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants, "Therefore, thus saith the Lord unto you, with whom the Priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers, for you are lawful heirs according to the flesh and have been hid from the world with Christ in God. Therefore your life and the Priesthood hath remained and must need remain through you and your lineage until the restoration of all things spoken by the mouths of all the Holy Prophets since the world began."

What a choice assignment we have in the Belnap Family Organization, and yes, what a sacred commitment has been given us by the Lord that we perpetuate this Priesthood through our particular lineage until the Savior comes the second time.

But we have a vast throng of spirits who have preceded our original convert, Gilbert Belnap. President Brigham Young gives us insight in terms of our responsibility pertaining to these ancestral spirits. "Joseph then showed me the pattern and how they were in the beginning. This I cannot describe but I saw it and I saw where the Priesthood had been taken from the earth, and how each family must be joined together that there would be a perfect chain from Father Adam to his latest posterity." Each of us in the Belnap Family Organization as Priesthood bearers and wives have been given the sacred assignment by the Lord of seeing that there is an inseparable link of the present generation back to the earliest ancestor and that we provide for future posterity similar blessings as a result of our faithfulness.

The eternal nature of the kinship that we enjoy within the Belnap Family Organization can be likened very much to the experience of the Prophet Joseph Smith in his own family. He said on one occasion, "And again blessed of the Lord is my father and also my mother and my brothers and sisters, for they shall find redemption in the House of the Lord. And their offspring shall be a blessing, joy, and comfort to them. And blessed is my father for the hand of the Lord shall be over him, for he shall see the afflictions of his children pass away, and when his head

is fully ripe, he shall behold himself as an olive tree bowed down with much fruit. He shall stand in the midst of his posterity and when he is old and bowed down with years, he shall be called a Prince over them, and shall be numbered among those that hold the right of patriarchal priesthood, for he shall assemble together his posterity like unto Adam, and the assembly shall be an example to him of his glory yet to come."

As the Lord has told us "My work and My glory is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man", so is the glory of an individual directly proportionate to how many of his family number themselves in a lineage or posterity that can be accepted into the celestial realms. Although the great and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ has brought about universal salvation, we are told by the Christ that our exaltation is directly dependent upon our ability to duplicate his role of saviorship or our willingness to share with each other, not only the temporal, but the spiritual blessings of life in eternity. Our exaltive glory increases proportionate to the number of those whom we gather about us as family and kin. Great therefore is the responsibility to pass from generation to generation the role of the patriarchal family order. The Lord told Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price, "Behold I will lead thee by my hand and I will take to put upon thee my name, even the priesthood of thy Father and my power shall be over thee as it was with Noah so it shall be with thee. Through thy ministry, my name shall be known in the earth forever for I am thy God." And in response to this charge and challenge that was given him by the Lord, Abraham went on to tell us, "I sought for the blessings of the fathers and the right whereunto I should be ordained to administer the same and to possess a greater knowledge and desiring to receive instructions, I sought for mine appointment unto the priesthood according to the appointment of God unto the fathers concerning the seed."

"The Priesthood was conferred upon me from the fathers," Abraham continued, "it came down from the fathers from the beginning of time; yea, even from the beginning or before the foundations of the earth to the present time, even the right of the first-born on the first man who is Adam, our first father through the fathers unto me."

And so being children of Abraham, all of us continue to perpetuate the right of the priesthood which he received. And this is the meaning of the dispensation of the Gospel of Abraham which was restored to the Prophet Joseph Smith by Moses in the Kirtland Temple on April 3, 1836. The power of the priesthood whereby we as the united family of Israel, descendants of Abraham, heirs to the priesthood, bring about

sufficient accumulative sustaining power so that our elder brother, Jesus Christ, can consummate his work here in mortality.

During the course of his lifetime, President Heber J. Grant made the statement that a considerable and vast throng of individuals were needed to sustain the Savior in finishing his work here in mortality and the ushering in of the millenium reign. At the time of his administration, there was insufficient priesthood in terms of number, both here in mortality as well as in the spirit world for him to consummate his work, President Grant stated.

President Snow indicates that the "House of Israel was divinely established for a definite purpose. It was to give the God of Israel, who became the world's Redeemer of proper lineage through which to come, and a worthy medium whereby to promote his beneficent designs toward the human family. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is an Israelitish institution working and organizing its lineal descent from Joseph of Old through Ephraim, God's firstborn, the earliest branch of the Israelitish tree to bear fruit in modern times."

It appeared, however, that as this family of Israel came here into mortality, their numbers would be too few in order to bless all souls while in mortality with the opportunity of receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord knew of this shortage beforehand, and therefore strategically placed the House of Israel, both in terms of time and geography, whereby they could be most effective and flow like a gulf stream through the nations of time, touching the lives of all souls, if not here in mortality, most certainly in the life hereafter.

I had the great privilege recently of attending a solemn assembly in the temple with the First Presidency in a capacity of a member of the General Priesthood Committee of the Church. I would like to quote from President McKay regarding our specific responsibility. "The House of Israel has been concentrated over the many centuries since the time of Christ preponderantly in the countries of Northern Europe. The vast majority of Saints who have accepted the Gospel up to this point have come from the concentrations of the blood of Israel in the countries of Northern Europe. These areas have been the fountain from which the blood of Israel has gathered here in the tops of the mountains to construct temples and to bring to all of our loved ones, both here in mortality as well as those who have departed to the other side of the veil, the full exaltive blessings of the priesthood. We have been privileged to place the seals of the Melchizedek Priesthood upon the House of Israel binding

us together for time and eternity. The vast majority of our ancestors from the present day", President McKay stated, "back to the time of the Magna Carta, are willing and ready to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. Those individuals were willing", President McKay continued, "to come here into mortality, knowing full well that the gospel would not be present upon the earth, conscious of their sacrifice to endow us with a religious and political heritage that eventually culminated in the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the year 1830." He went on to state, "Many choice spirits came into the lineages that we know now as the House of Israel and into the lineages that have joined the Church, and has resulted in vast posterities" - a vast posterity of righteous members such as we have in the Belnap Family Organization.

We covenanted with those of our ancestral lines that if they would sacrifice by coming here in mortality at a time when the gospel was not present, so as to give us the heritage we now enjoy, as soon as was physically possible, we would do this work for them so as to no longer retard their eternal progression. President McKay indicated that our ancestral lines were just as choice and precious as were the early American leaders who, as spirits, waited upon President Wilford Woodruff in the year 1877 in the St. George Temple until he had done their vicarious temple ordinances.

I have thought a lot about President McKay's statement as I stood with my wife, Mary Elen, over the tomb of King John in the Cathedral of Worcester, England, two years ago, knowing that King John had signed the Magna Carta, and since his time, many documents that eventually ushered in the choice and great freedom that we now enjoy have been realized. I wondered to myself how many millions of souls were yet to partake of the privileges that you and I have enjoyed in the House of the Lord, and how many thousands of our own loved ones are in anticipation of the great blessings and events that we should desire to bring to them. For this reason, I highly commend the Family Organization for their very fine efforts; Sister Della Belnap and others who have involved themselves in genealogical activity. These individuals have given not only our loved ones a precious gift, but likewise, have bestowed upon us the potentialities for eternal life, for it has been made very clear to us by every prophet in this dispensation that we cannot achieve celestial life without involving ourselves and doing for our loved ones, this most precious and important work.

For as Wilford Woodruff has indicated, the morning of the First Resurrection cannot commence until all the souls worthy of receiving its fruits have been given the higher exaltive ordinances of the Gospel. I am most certain that we would find many of our loved ones in the same situation as did the Prophet Joseph Smith with his brother, Alvin, who perceived him in his vision of the celestial kingdom, and wondered at the same; because Alvin Smith had died before the gospel was restored. "How can this thing be?" the Prophet asked, and the Lord answered, "Had Alvin lived here in mortality while the gospel was upon the earth, he would have received it and lived valiantly to the cause of truth and righteousness." I am certain the same applies to those who are on our lineages, and we cannot justifiably claim exaltive blessings of the First Resurrection without at the same time providing the same potentiality for those who have given us the choice heritage that we now so preciously revere. We have a responsibility, not only to our direct ancestral lines, which now in many cases extend back into the early centuries of European and British history, but likewise to their collateral descendants as well. It appears that all of the Belnaps in America stem from one common emigrant ancestor, Abraham Belknap. He was a choice person among many choice peoples. He resided in the Parish of Sawbridgeworth in Hertfordshire, England. We have since come to learn that most of the Pilgrim Fathers and those who affiliated with them in later companies, came from Sawbridgeworth. For the vast posterity he now has in America, I am certain that he looks to us, being one of many choice and privileged families of the House of Israel, to bring exaltive blessings of the gospel to all of his posterity. Not only must we be energetically applied to extracting all of the Belnaps by surname and by direct relationship in Great Britain, but similarly those descendants of Abraham Belknap here in America. The task may seem monumental, but I am certain with the combined cooperation, prayer and fasting, of those within the family organization, that the Lord will provide the ways and means whereby we might be blessed to accomplish this work.

If some of you find difficulty in joining us in this most worthy effort we would admonish you to look upon the words of President John Taylor, as he recalls, "I remember Joseph Smith speaking to me upwards of 30 years ago, says he, Brother Taylor, you have received the Holy Ghost. Now follow the teachings and instructions. You have received your anointings of the Spirit of the Lord, and that spirit will lead you into all truth, and bring things past to your remembrance, and will show you things to

come. Sometimes it may lead you in a manner that may be contrary, almost, to your judgment, as it had with this great principle of exaltation for your kindred dead. Never mind, follow its teachings, and if you do so, by and by it will become in you a principle of personal revelation."

Those of us who have tasted the joyous fruits of involvement in vicarious saviorship on Mt. Zion would like to share our testimony with you that we know this work is true, that it has made the veil thin, and that it has given us a conscious awareness of the great joy that can only come by realizing one has done for others that which they cannot do for themselves, as the Savior has done for us that which we could not do for ourselves.

May the Lord's blessings be with each and everyone of you and collectively with all of us as a family organization, that we might continue the unity we have enjoyed in the past, and expand to even greater heights of patriarchal kinship, affection, and relationship. May we share together the blessings of eternal life is my humble prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Dr. Belnap is the son of Wilford and Louise Belnap, who was the son of Oliver and Margaret A. Manning Belnap, who was the second child of Gilbert and Henrietta McBride Belnap.



## RECORD OF BELMAP OR BELKNAP FAMILY

The history of Orange County, New York contains the following by E. M. Bittenber: "The Belknap family, or Belknappe as the name was originally written, is of Norman origin and can be traced back to the time of William the Conqueror who fought at Hastings. Preserved in Battle Abby, 52 miles Southeast of London, England is the famous Roll of Battle Abby with the names of the leaders of Norman invasion."

Families of this name were to be found at early dates in the English counties of Kent, Warwick, Hertford, Sussex, and London. Some of the families mentioned were Sir Robert Belknap of County Kent before 1377, Joan Bealknap, who was Maid of Honor to the Queen in 1422, Phillip Belknap, Mayor of Canterbury, who died 1457, and Symon Belknap of Kent and Essex Counties about the same time.

It seems at the time of Bennet Belknap there was a mixup in the spelling of the name. According to "English Ancestry of the American Belknap", Bennet Belknap's will was listed under the name of Bennet Beltoft. His will, proved 15 June 1624 by his widow, Grace, and his son, Josias, in the Commissary Court of London for Essex and Hert, was entered in the Probate Act Book for 1623-1626 under the name of Belknapp, while it appeared in the Calender of Wills under the name Beltoft, which is the form used in the Will. These facts were brought to the attention of the authorities of Somerset House, and both in the Calenders and in the Probate Act Book, the entry has been made to read "Belknap, otherwise Beltoft". Because of this, some have put Beltoft wherever Belknap appeared or vice-versa.

The beginning of our Belknap record starts in Sawbridgeworth, Herts, England, 1558-1709. However, according to Bank's "Topographical Dist. of English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650", Abraham Belknap, wife Mary and sons, of Lynn, Mass., came here from Epping, England about 1635. In 1638 Abraham Belknap had a grant of land in America.

## KNIGHT RECORD

The earliest member of our Knight line we have to date is Richard Knight who emigrated from England. According to Pope's "Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire", Richard Knight was a proprietor of Hampton in June 1640. He contracted in August following to build and keep a mill at the landing place. "History of Hampton", Dow p. 23: "He sold his house, mill, and lands in 1645. The Court ordered Jos. Armetage to hold goods in his hands of Richard Knight, late of Hampton, now of Rhode Island, and give account thereof to the Court."

So it appears this is the same Richard Knight found in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1648 Marrying Sarah Rogers, daughter of James and Mary Rogers. He bought land from James Rogers, the deed dated 16 January 1648. Re-

corded 5 September 1671.

Under date 9 February 1649 he left the property to his wife and heirs - the last statement reads, "And this have I done, to AVOID STRIFE BECAUSE MY SON IN OLD ENGLAND, shall have nothing to do here in nor have any right to any land of mine in New England." This indicates he had been married in England before coming to America. He died in 1680 and Sarah died in 1685.

## RICHMOND FAMILY, BY JOSHUA BAILEY RICHMOND

The Richmonds were also known to accompany William the Conqueror to England. It is said Roaldous Nussard de Richmond was one of the most powerful leaders of this group. They held land in Demesne, Deddington, Chilworth, Oxfordshire, Stainbury, and Gloucestershire. The name appears among the wealthy and the land owners.

Thomas de Richmond assumed the name of Webb upon his marriage about 1430, and Quartered the Webb Arms. He lived at Draycott, Wiltshire, England. This probably explains the Alias Webb later on in the Richmond line.

The earliest emigrant to America was John Richmond, born 1594. He came from Ashton-Keynes, Wiltshire, England about 1635. He engaged in the trading business at Saco, Maine. Records show he was at this place 7 March 1636. He purchased property in Taunton, Mass. in 1637. Undoubtedly, he was married before he came to this country. He was away from Taunton much of his life; through the records he is known to have been at Newport and other places, but returned to Taunton and died there 20 March 1664 at the age of 70.

## MCBRIDE FAMILY, NATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

This surname was found in many parts of Ireland, notably in the north. The name probably originated in County Mayo in the 16th Century. It was common in Soigo, Leitrim and Donegal. Little is known of our line of McBrides, only that they came from Ireland, some say Belfast.

## HISTORY OF THE FAMILY NAME

By Hyrum Belnap \*

Among these people who first planted their feet upon American soil were Abraham Belknappe, his wife, Mary, four sons and one daughter. I have learned through research and travel that we are descendants of this family. Some of the Belknap families I have met spell the name as "Belknap", others spell it "Belnap", and still others spell it "Bealknap". Each and every one of them who have kept records claim to have come from some one of these four brothers above mentioned.

History pertaining to different spelling of the name of Belnap is this: Shortly after the death of Abraham Belknappe in September, 1643, his children discarded one P and the E, leaving it spelled Belknap. Gilbert Belnap, my father, went East in 1873-4 and visited his relatives in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. Upon his return he told this story: that there were two brothers living in the New England States that desired a distinction between their families. One lived up in the northern part of the New England States. The other one, who left the K out of the spelling making it Belnap, was Jesse Belnap who was born in Hebron, Conn. August 31, 1760. He joined the revolutionary army at Hebron, Conn. in 1777, and in 1779, and while the army was camped in Redin, Conn. he married a resident girl there by the name of Eunice Hall. He was released from the army in 1780. Later he moved to Western New York and then to Northeast Erie, Pa. This information is on file at Washington, D.C. in affidavits made by himself and others and was filed in 1832. He died in Northeast Erie, Pa. when 94 years old.

In 1908 I visited Hebron, Conn. looking up records and found that the court house had burned down 50 years before. Then I went to Washington, D.C. in order to find Great-Grandfather Jesse Belnap's parents' names from his enlistment papers in the revolutionary army in 1777. They, too, advised me that the Capitol was burned in 1812 by the enemy and they could do nothing for me. I returned to Hartford, Conn. and found the will of one Samuel Belnap who married Mary (Wood) Dickson July 9, 1723, the following children's names:

Mary Belknap, born March 3, 1724

Simeon Belknap, born June 7, 1726

Job Belknap, born October 29, 1728

Samuel Belknap, born May 15, 1734

Abel Belknap, born September 15, 1736

Jesse Belknap, born April 9, 1739, at Somers, Conn.

The records show that this Jesse only received some personal property as his share of the estate.

I traced this Jesse into Castleton, Vermont where he was chosen town clerk, whose duty it was to record all births, deaths, and marriages. Here I found his own records in the hands of Judge Clark. Jesse Belknap records that he came there from Conn. in 1771. In his own handwriting he records the following: My wife, Eunice, died July 25, 1774. My oldest daughter Bette, by my wife Eunice, died September 17, 1777. My third daughter Olive, by my wife Eunice, died September 25, 1777. Judge Clark said, "There must have been some contagious disease here taking so many at the same time." Jesse Belknap then married one Deborah Hathaway and he records: Ruth, from my wife Deborah, was born November 21, 1782. My second son, Jesse, was born May 21, 1784. My third son, Augustus, was born June 29, 1787, etc. I employed a historian in Hartford, Conn. and he later informed me that Somers and Hebron are a few miles apart, and from the research that he made, that Jesse Belknap, born in Somers in 1739, was the father of Jesse Belnap, born August 31, 1760. That the son of Jesse Belknap from the second wife, Deborah Hathaway, born 1784, and the son from the first wife, Eunice, born in Hebron, Conn. August 31, 1760, are the two brothers that made a distinction in their names by the Hebron Jesse leaving the "K" from the spelling of the Belknap name.

The Newburgh Record written in 1875 informs us that the American Belnaps can be satisfactorily traced back to Sir Robert Belknappe who was Chief Justice in England in 1375. I was in London in 1913 looking over the records. They disclosed that the Belknapes came down to England with the Normans in 1066 when William the Conqueror overpowered that land.

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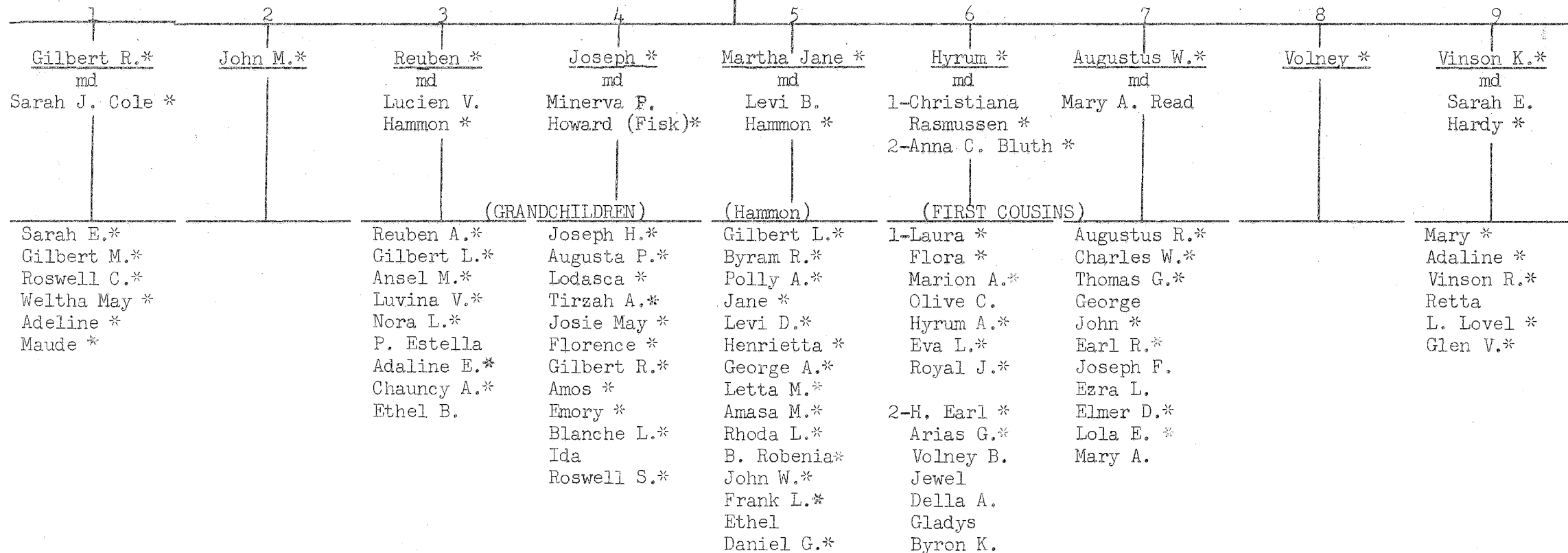
\* Hyrum Belnap is the 6th child of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap.

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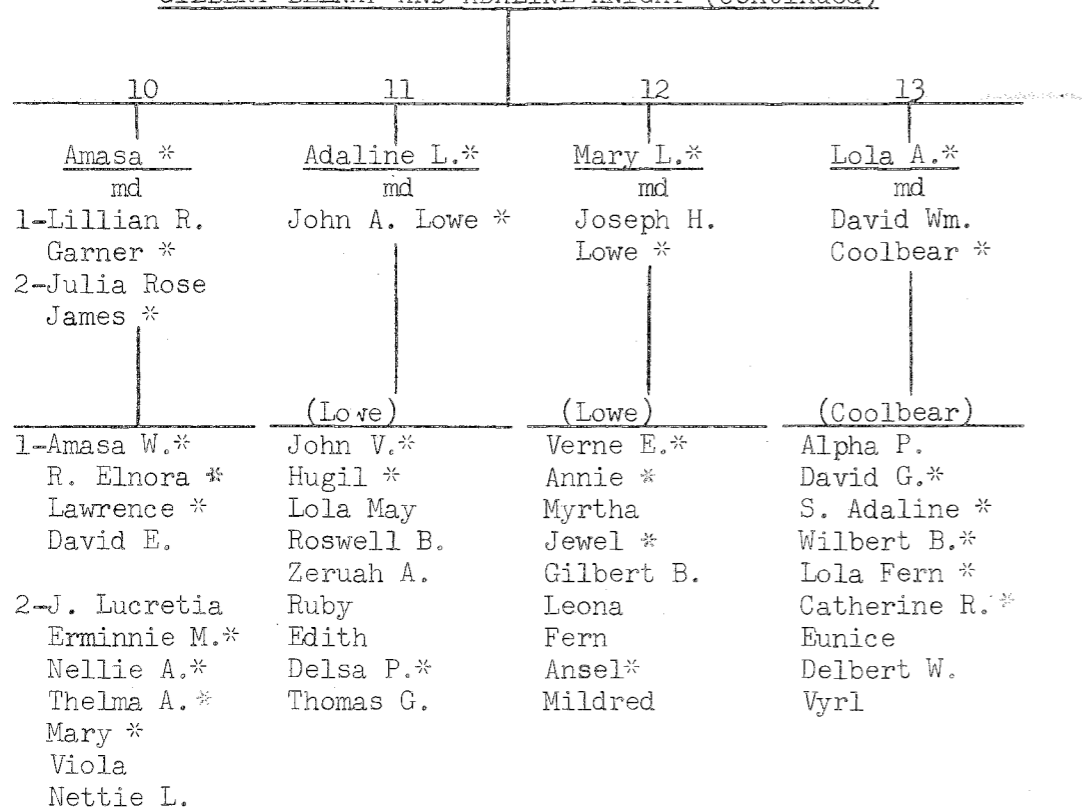
# PIONEERS

## GILBERT BELNAP AND ADALINE KNIGHT

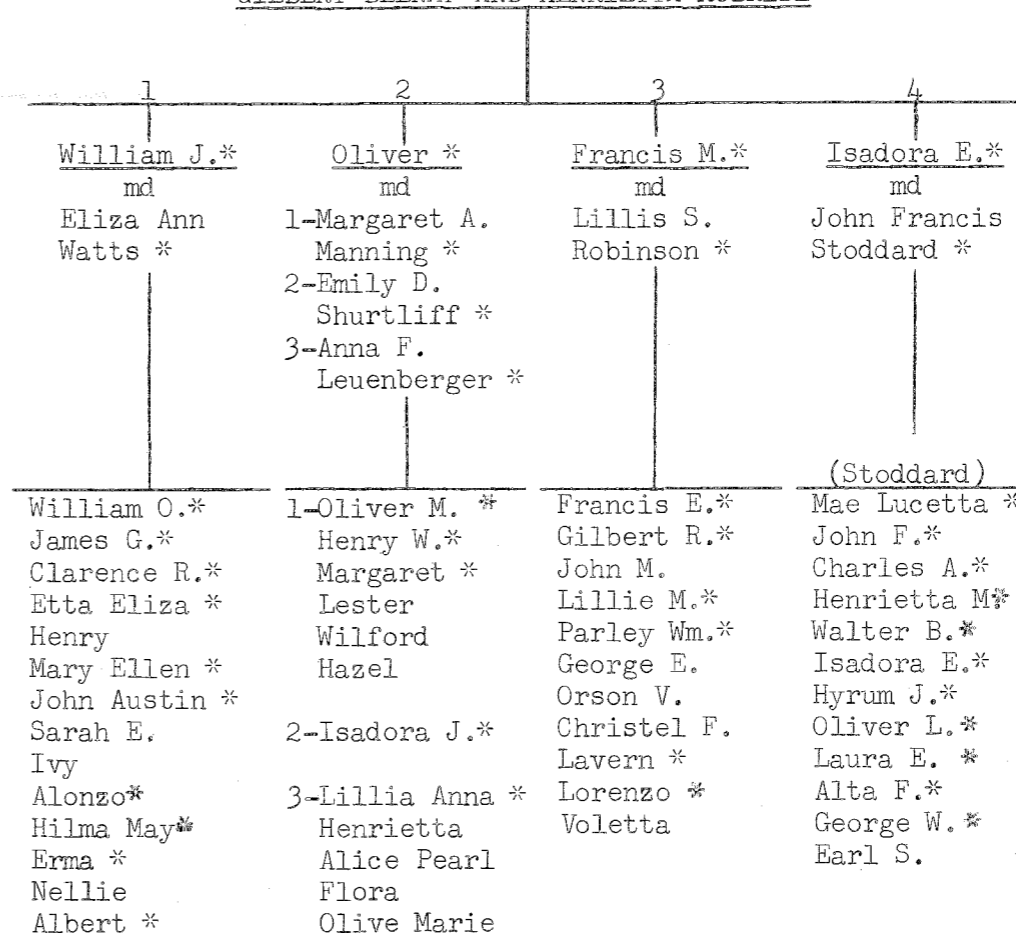


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GILBERT BELNAP AND ADALINE KNIGHT (continued)

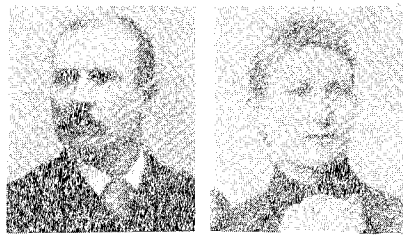
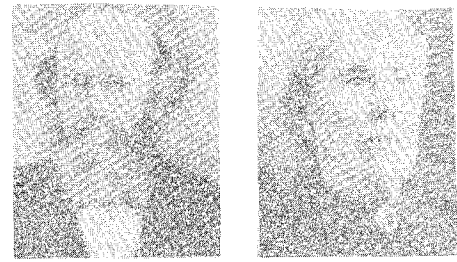


GILBERT BELNAP AND HENRIETTA MCBRIDE

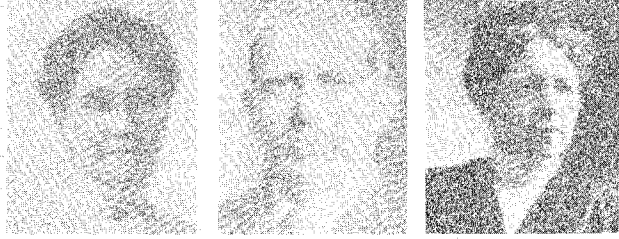


**HUSBAND** Gilbert Belnap  
 Birth 22 Dec 1821  
 Place Port Hope, New Castle, Ontario, Canada  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married 21 Dec 1845  
 Place Nauvoo, Ill  
 Death 26 Feb 1899 Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Burial Feb 1899 Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Father Rosel Belnap  
 Mother\* Jame Richmond  
 Other Wives (if any) 2. Henrietta McBride

**WIFE** Adaline Knight  
 Birth 4 May 1831  
 Place Ferrysburg, Cataragus, New York  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death 10 June 1919 Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Burial June 1919 Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Father Vinson Knight  
 Mother\* Martha McBride  
 Other Hus. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where was information obtained? Gilbert and Hyrum Belnap Ref  
 \*List complete maiden name for all females.



1st Child Gilbert Rosel Belnap  
 Birth 8 Jan 1847  
 Place Winter Quarters, Neb  
 Married to Sarah Jane Cole  
 Married 30 Nov 1867  
 Place Salt Lake City, Utah  
 died 25 Jan 1929



2. 6th Child Hyrum Belnap  
 Birth 24 Mar 1858  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to 2. Anna C. Bluth 1. Christiana  
 Married 7 Feb 1888 20 Sept 1863  
 Place Logan, Cache, Utah  
 died 18 Sept 1938

2. 2nd Child John McBride Belnap  
 Birth 11 May 1849  
 Place Fremont, Iowa  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 died 22 June 1850

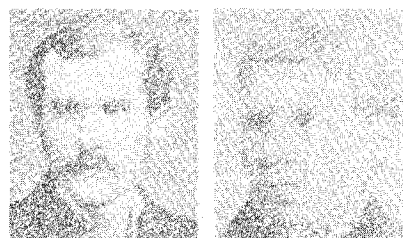


7th Child Augustus Weber Belnap  
 Birth 25 Mar 1860  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Mary Ann Read  
 Married 21 Apr 1886  
 Place Logan, Cache, Utah  
 died 15 Mar 1948



3rd Child Benben Belnap  
 Birth 14 June 1851  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Lucien V. Hammon  
 Married Salt Lake City, Utah 11 Jan 1870  
 Place Salt Lake City, Utah  
 died 20 Oct 1923

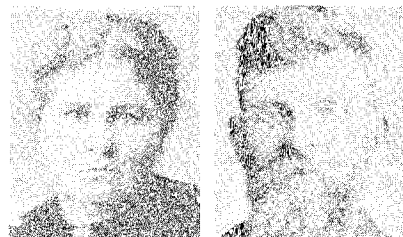
8th Child Volney Belnap  
 Birth 17 Feb 1862  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 died 14 Mar 1862



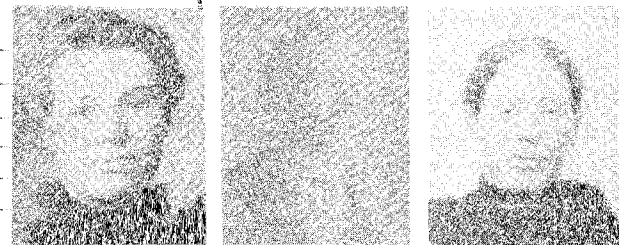
4th Child Joseph Belnap  
 Birth 26 Jan 1853  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Minerva P. Howard (Fisk)  
 Married 26 Apr 1875  
 Place Salt Lake City, Utah  
 died 1 Apr 1922



9th Child Vinson Knight Belnap  
 Birth 26 June 1863  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Sarah Emily Hardy  
 Married 20 Oct 1886  
 Place Logan, Cache, Utah  
 died 23 Apr 1920



5th Child Martha Jane Belnap  
 Birth 17 Sept 1855  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Levi Byron Hammon  
 Married 11 Jan 1870  
 Place Salt Lake City, Utah  
 died 21 Mar 1923



10th Child Amasa Belnap  
 Birth 22 June 1866  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to 1. Lillian Rose Garner 2 Julia R. Jones  
 Married 20 Oct 1886 11 Dec 1901  
 Place Logan, Cache, Utah  
 died. 28 Apr 1929

FAMILY PORTRAIT

**HUSBAND**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Hus. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_

\*List complete maiden name for all females.

Cont. Gilbert and Adaline's Children

FAMILY PORTRAIT



11th  
 Child Adaline Lorinda Belnap  
 Birth 2 Aug 1868  
 Place Ogden, Weber Utah  
 Married to John A. Lowe  
 Married 18 Nov 1891  
 Place Logan Cache, Utah  
 died 9 June 1934



Child Lola Almira Belnap  
 Birth 5 June 1874  
 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Married to David William Conlhear  
 Married Salt Lake City, Utah 8 Aug 1900  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 died 14 June 1921



12.  
 Child Mary Louisa Belnap  
 Birth 11 Dec 1870  
 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Joseph H. Lowe  
 Married 18 Dec 1889  
 Place Logan, Cache Utah  
 died 2 May 1950

**7th Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**8th Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**9th Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**4th Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**5th Child**

Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

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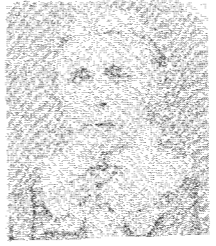
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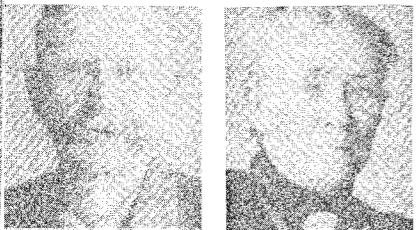
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 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death 26 Feb 1899 Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Burial 1899 Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Father Rosel Belnap  
 Mother\* Jane Richmond  
 Other Wives 1. Adaline Knight  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_



**WIFE** Henrietta McBride  
 Birth 1 Sept. 1821  
 Place York, Livingston, New York  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death 5 Sept. 1899 Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 Burial Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Father James McBride  
 Mother\* Betsy Mead  
 Other Hus. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where was information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*List complete maiden name for all females.



**1st Child** William James Belnap  
 Birth 31 Aug 1853  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Eliza Ann Watts  
 Married 22 Dec 1873  
 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah  
 died 20 Dec 1932



**2nd Child** Cliver Belnap  
 Birth 21 Sept. 1855  
 Place Springville, Utah  
 Married to L. Margaret Ann Manning 2. See below  
 Married 6 Jan 1881  
 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah  
 died 30 Mar 1929



**3rd Child** Francis Marion Belnap  
 Birth 5 June 1857  
 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah  
 Married to Lillis Subina Robinson  
 Married 26 Dec 1878  
 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah  
 died 15 Dec 1932



**4th Child** Isadora Estella Belnap  
 Birth 31 Oct 1860  
 Place Farmington, Davis, Utah  
 Married to John Francis Stoddard  
 Married 16 Aug 1876  
 Place Salt Lake City, Utah



**2. wife**  
 Emily Desire Shurtliff  
 md. 31 Jul 1895



**3. wife**  
 Anna B. Leuenberger  
 md. 6 Jun 1901

**5th Child** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**7th Child** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**8th Child** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**9th Child** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Child** md 2, Emily Desire Shurtliff  
 Birth md 3, Anna Barbara Leuenberger.  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

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**10th Child** \_\_\_\_\_  
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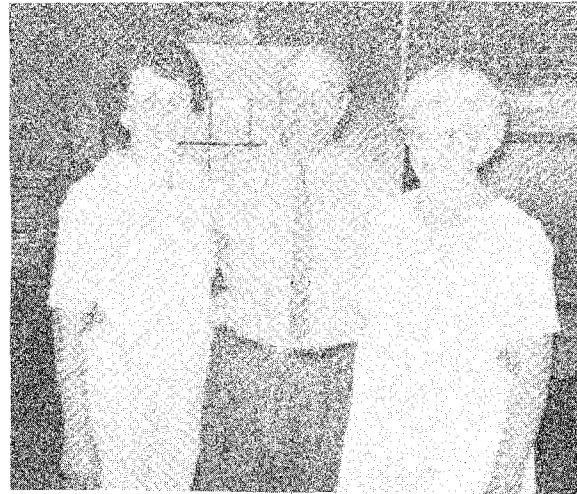
BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION REUNION

SNOW BASIN (17 miles East of Ogden, Utah)

August 22, 1964



Henry Belnap, Salt Lake City, Utah;  
Lester Belnap, Moreland, Idaho; and  
Arias G. Belnap, Salt Lake City, Utah



Artella Luthy, Ogden, Utah, Secretary of  
Family Organization; Lorenzo Belnap, Hooper,  
Utah, Vice-P. of Family Organization; and  
Zeruah L. Thomson, Logan, Utah (Artella's mother)



Edith and Francis Eugene Belnap, Idaho  
Falls, Idaho. He was oldest living  
grandchild at 1964 reunion. A sketch  
"This Is Your Life" was given. (Note:  
Francis E. Belnap died in 1965.)



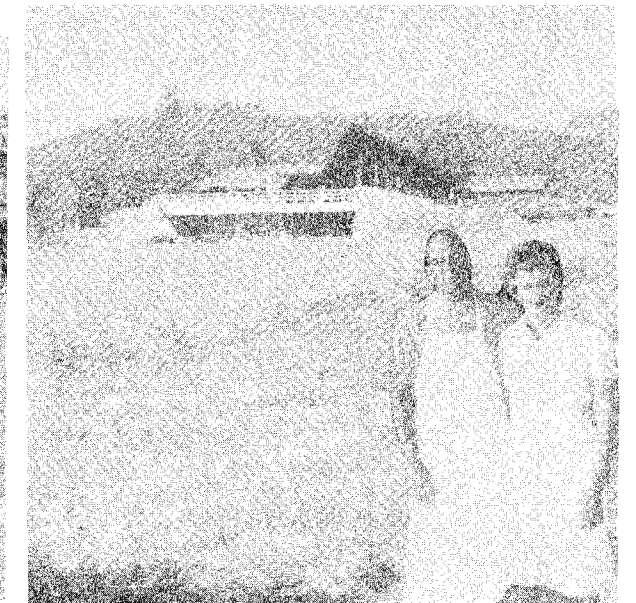
J. Francis Belnap, wife Mabel, Salem,  
Idaho, with children and grandchildren,  
Norma, Clyde Neibaur, Bonnie and James  
Parkins



Jean & Lois Erickson, Pleas-  
ant View, Utah; A.G. Belnap,  
SLC, Utah; Joy Belnap, Ogden,  
Utah; Mildred, Ted & Scott  
Evans, Denver, Colorado



Merlin T. VanOrden, Logan, Utah,  
daughter Gem and husband, John  
Huihui from Hawaii



Gelandi Lodge, Snow Basin,  
Dr. Aaron Ross and wife, Elma Belnap  
Ross, owners and cooks for the day

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION

REUNION SHELLEY, IDAHO

August 20, 1966



LaRue Belnap Willis, Logan, Utah,  
Secretary of Family Organization,  
registers David Evan Belnap, Ontario, Oregon

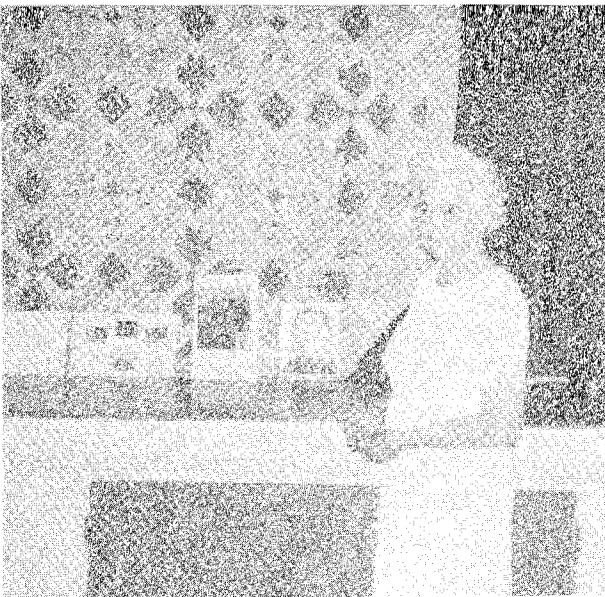


Velma Belnap, Moreland, Idaho,  
John Belnap, Hooper, Utah, and  
Dr. W. Dean Belnap, Bountiful, Utah



Family Officers:

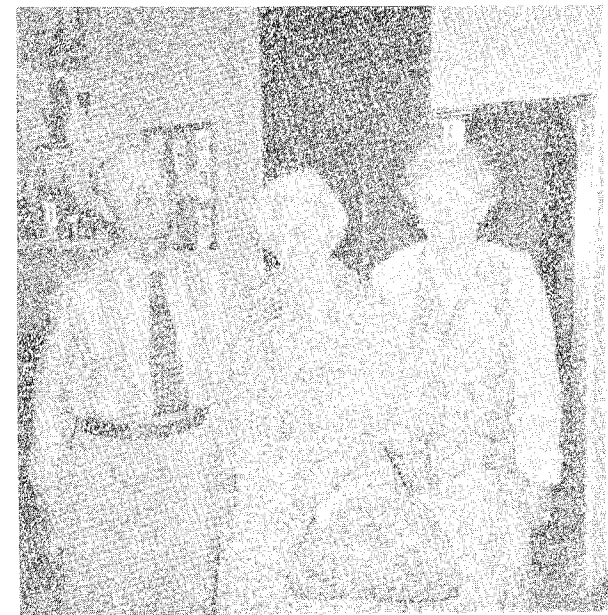
Pres. Lorenzo Belnap, Hooper, Utah,  
Vice-P. Flora Dotson, Pocatello, Idaho,  
Vice-P. Keith Belnap, Bountiful, Utah,  
Vice-P. Della Belnap, Ogden, Utah



Zeruah Lowe Thomson, Logan, Utah, showing  
grandmother Martha Knight's quilt and  
pictures displayed at reunion.



George Belnap, and wife, Laura Edith,  
and children, of Blackfoot, Idaho



Dial and wife, Jennie Dial Cobbley,  
of Shelley, Idaho (Editor note: not  
sure of names.)

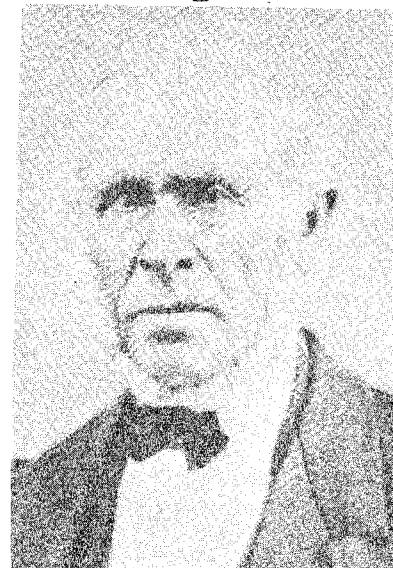
Reuben McBride First to be Baptized for Dead  
in Font of Nauvoo Temple. Church records  
show font dedicated Nov. 8, 1841. According to  
this letter Reuben was baptized same day  
as dedication, but not quite sure of year.

10<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup> Dear Sister Martha, I received  
your kind and welcome letter  
some time ago, but circumstances  
has been such that hindered me till  
now the subject you wrote upon  
is one of the greatest importance.  
the first work that I done for our  
Dead Relatives was done in Nauvoo  
I think in the fall of 42 but you know  
for you was there. Bro Joseph Smith  
made a bee and had the Font in the  
Temple filled with water from the  
well. He said he wished me to be  
Baptised in the Font before I went

back to Ohio we met Joseph, Spoke  
and the Font <sup>was</sup> Dedicated and he  
Joseph said Blessed is the first man  
Baptised in this Font. Brigham  
Young Baptised me. I was Baptised  
Six Times. Joseph took off his  
mantle and draped it around me  
took me in his Carriage and drove  
to your House He talked all the  
way going to your House and

Write as soon as you  
get this God Bless you  
Good Bye your Brother

Reuben McBride



Reuben McBride is the brother of Martha McBride Knight,  
who is the mother of Adaline Knight Belnap.  
He is also the brother of James McBride, who is the  
father of Henrietta McBride Belnap.

Arranged by:  
Della Dame Edmunds

