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## The "Crier" Returns

The *Belnap Family Crier*, for many years the official "voice" of the Belnap Family Organization, is back! After a thirteen-year absence, the "Crier," as it was once more familiarly known, has returned again as an integral part of a reconstituted Belnap Family Organization.

In August 1993 the Belnap Family Organization mailed out flyers to as many descendants of Gilbert Belnap as could be found, announcing the return of the *Crier*. The response to the new *Crier* has been far greater than anticipated. It appears that several hundred copies of the 1993 *Crier* will have been printed and sent out by the end of 1993.

In years past, the *Crier* was sent to every known adult descendant of Gilbert Belnap, whether or not it had been paid for. However, the tremendous expense in printing and mailing the *Crier* precludes such generosity today; the new *Crier* is being sent only to those who have pre-paid for it.

The 1993 *Crier* marks the twentieth issue of the *Crier*. The first issue appeared thirty years ago, in 1963, and was printed on one side of one legal-size sheet of paper. Beginning with the 1967 issue, the *Crier's* contents were significantly enlarged. Disseminated to as many of Gilbert Belnap's descendants as could be located, each *Crier* issue contained a gold mine of genealogical data, together with interesting stories and pictures, copies of old letters, updates on family members, and reunion announcements. Professionally printed and distributed in mailings that eventually reached over 1,000 homes, the *Crier* was published annually until 1980.

Although the format of the 1993 *Crier* is slightly different from prior editions, its informational value remains unchanged. Through the pages of the *Crier*, genealogical data, historical information, news, and announcements are widely available once more to all interested persons.

The Belnap Family Organization hopes that the new *Crier* will once again serve to coordinate the family history research efforts of Gilbert Belnap's many descendants and unite them in a deeper under-

standing and appreciation of their great heritage.

## 1992 Belnap Family "Re-Acquainting Reunion"

Of Gilbert Belnap's thousands of living descendants scattered around the world today, well over two hundred gathered on Saturday, August 8, 1992 in the Cultural Hall at the Hooper 1st Ward in Hooper, Utah--the largest gathering of Gilbert Belnap

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descendants in twelve years. Attendance at the 1992 "Re-Acquainting Reunion" compared favorably with all previous Belnap family reunions (except for the "last" family reunion held in Huntsville, Utah in 1980, at which as many as a thousand descendants attended).

Many family members at the 1980 Reunion, sad to see the reunions ending "for good," had expressed the desire for another "big" family reunion to be held exactly 10 years later, but 1990 came and went without anything being done. The drive behind the 1992 Reunion began in July 1991, when Brent J. Belnap sent a letter to several former Belnap Family Organization officers ascertaining interest in gathering once more.

Eventually, a group of family members from various branches of the family decided to forge ahead with another reunion in 1992, not knowing beforehand if anyone would come. An address list, based on the Family Organization address list from over a decade before, was updated and reunion notices sent out to as many descendants of Gilbert and his wives as could be located.

As plans began to take shape in 1991 for another family reunion, some family members were guardedly skeptical that there would be any interest to meet once again on such a large scale. However, attendance at the 1992 Reunion proved otherwise.

Descendants of most of Gilbert's 15 children who lived to adulthood gathered in Hooper, site of the old Belnap family home, coming from places as far away as Florida, Oklahoma, New York, Arizona, and California. Many others who had less distance to travel came from numerous points throughout Utah and Idaho.

Of Gilbert Belnap's 160 grandchildren, 15 of whom at the time of the reunion were believed to be still living, four attended the reunion: Gladys B. Carwin, daughter of Hyrum; Flora B. Dotson and Henrietta B. McNeely, daughters of Oliver; and Voletta B. Blanch, daughter of Francis Marion. Past Presidents in attendance included H. Austin Belnap, Richard D. Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, and Max G. Belnap.

Registration for the 1992 Reunion began at 9:30 a.m. Each person who registered was given a ticket for door prize drawings held later in the day. Programs outlining the day's events were distributed, along with several handouts, including updated family group sheets on Gilbert Belnap and his wives.

The "business meeting" segment of the reunion began at 10:00 a.m. Interesting reports were presented by Jeane E. Burton, Bruce E. Belnap, Steven A. Belnap, Brent J. Belnap, and Flora B. Dotson. Prayers were offered by Hal R. Belnap and Florence Ilene Ward.

Many family members brought items to the reunion for display, including cherished photos and

photo albums, books of remembrance, large portraits, and new family publications. Other items on display included a large ancestry wall chart that had been prepared for the 1980 Reunion, old *Criers* and other Belnap Family Organization publications, Belnap Family Organization family group sheet records, and a Belnap coat-of-arms.

Items for sale, all of which were offered at cost, included reprint photos of Gilbert Belnap, his wives, and his children, and copies of death certificates of each child of Gilbert for whom a death certificate exists.

A computer was set up in a corner of the Cultural Hall, where Brian L. Belnap copied onto computer disks genealogical information containing the ancestry of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride for all interested family members. The information was for anyone with a genealogical computer package compatible with the LDS Personal Ancestral File software.



*Gilbert's Descendants Gather At 1992 Reunion*

Specially produced for the 1992 Reunion was "A Belnap Family Guide To Weber County, Utah," a 25-page guide to 77 places of historic interest to the Belnap family in Weber County, Utah. The "Guide," one of the more popular items made available at the reunion, contained interesting and concise descriptions of each historical site, and also included a table of contents, maps, and a comprehensive index.

Periodically during the morning meeting, door prizes were awarded to persons meeting certain criteria, including those who had travelled the farthest and least distances, the oldest and youngest persons in attendance, etc. The "grand prize," a copy of the LDS Personal Ancestral File computer software, went to Joyce Cox of Bountiful, Utah, whose husband is a descendant of Gilbert Belnap's son Reuben.

Near the end of the morning meeting, an open discussion was held to determine the answer to the question: "Where do we go from here?" The general sentiment of everyone in attendance was in



favor of renewing the Belnap Family Organization.

After the morning meeting, family members gathered for lunch and games in the Hooper Stake Park. Many visited for several more hours, while others got in their cars and visited a number of sites of family interest listed in the "Guide."

### Belnap Family Organization Reconstituted

At the Belnap Family Reunion held in August 1992, the unanimous decision was made by those present at the morning business meeting to reconstitute the Belnap Family Organization. Brent J. Belnap was nominated to chair an organizational meeting, which was held immediately after the morning session of the reunion in a room in the Hooper Ward for all interested family members.

During the organizational meeting, the decision was made to appoint new officers and family representatives to serve until the next reunion. The new officers are:

<i>President</i>	Brent J. Belnap, 235 East 95th Street, #28J, New York, New York 10128, (212) 289-2289
<i>1st Vice Pres.</i>	Francis A. (Bud) Belnap, 2360 North 2350 East, Layton, Utah 84040, (801) 546-6756
<i>2nd Vice Pres.</i>	Bruce E. Belnap, 1640 Picardy Circle, Clearwater, Florida 33515, (813) 446-8031
<i>3rd Vice Pres.</i>	Florence Ilene Ward, 517 Laurel, Mill Hollow Road, Rexburg, Idaho 83440, (208) 356-6444
<i>Secretary</i>	Kim Belnap Baer, 1004 West Albuquerque Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74011, (918) 455-6970
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mark A. Evans, 1300 East 550 South, Spanish Fork, Utah 84660, (801) 798-2488
<i>Historians</i>	Steven A Belnap, 1592 Oakcrest Drive, Ogden, Utah 84403, (801) 392-6186; Brent J. Belnap (address above)

The names and addresses of the new Family Representatives are listed further below.

### 1994 Belnap Family Reunion

All descendants of Gilbert Belnap are invited to attend the 1994 Belnap Family Reunion, scheduled for **Saturday, August 13, 1994**. The 1994 Reunion will mark the *90th anniversary* of the first Belnap Family Reunion, and will be the *30th Belnap Family*

*Reunion* ever held!

As an ongoing rule of thumb, the Belnap Family Organization has decided to reserve *the second Saturday in August on even-numbered years* as the date of future family reunions. The 1994 Reunion promises to be both interesting and entertaining. Further details as to the exact time and place of the reunion will be announced at a later date.

All sub-family organizations are invited to hold their 1994 reunions with the larger Belnap Family Reunion. However, should such sub-family organizations desire to meet separately, they are requested to schedule their reunions on a date other than August 13, 1994.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the 1994 Reunion. In particular, interested persons are needed in such areas as entertainment, food, setup, cleanup, etc. The work is easy and the rewards are great! If you would like to help, please contact Bud Belnap, 2360 North 2350 East, Layton, Utah 84040, (801) 546-6756.



### Belnap Family Reunions A "Long Tradition"

According to records of the Belnap Family Organization, the first Belnap Family Reunion for all descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his wives Adaline Knight and Henrietta McBride was held on Wednesday, October 5, 1904 in Hooper, Utah, 5 years after Gilbert Belnap had passed away. The next family reunion was not held until 1923. That reunion was followed by a series of sporadically held reunions during the years of the Great Depression and World War II. Beginning in 1946, reunions were held every two years on even-numbered years, until 1980.

Records of the Belnap Family Organization show that Belnap Family Reunions have been held in each of the following years: 1904, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1930, 1932, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980 and 1992.

The longest gaps in which a reunion was not held were between 1904-1923 (19 years), 1980-1992



(12 years), and 1932-1939 (7 years). The 1992 Reunion was the 29th Belnap Family Reunion and the 11th such reunion held in Hooper.

### Treasurer's Ledger

At the 1992 Reunion the Belnap Family Organization took in \$955.25 through dues, donations, and sales of various items, and spent \$957.25. Dues, of course, were entirely voluntary and all items for sale were offered at cost. Not knowing in advance who, if anyone, would come to the reunion, the Family Organization was extremely fortunate to just about break even—exactly \$2.00 short—with the generous donation of certain supplies from several individuals!

Donations to the Family Organization help pay for printing, mailing, and reunions. They also help pay for further family history research. To receive the *Crier* for 1994 or to make a donation, please forward your payment with the enclosed order form to the Belnap Family Organization, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403.



### Family Historian's Corner

"No one, not even a descendant of Gilbert Belnap, should think that his or her genealogy work is 'done.'" That statement, expressed by the new Belnap Family Organization President, Brent J. Belnap, has never been more true. While a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished since Gilbert Belnap began gathering genealogical information on his ancestors while serving a mission in the Eastern United States in 1874-75, every ancestral line going back beyond Gilbert Belnap and each of his wives



requires further research, not to mention the need for thorough documentation of the vast amount of research already performed.

In addition, even though LDS Temple ordinance work has been performed for most of the direct line ancestors of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride, "tons" still remains to be done, particularly on other Belnap/Belknap relatives. Certainly no Gilbert Belnap descendant is justified in thinking "everything" has been accomplished.

To further facilitate the work, the Belnap Family Organization is organizing family history research committees. By uniting persons researching

topics of mutual interest, such committees would coordinate research and documentation on specific individuals, family groups, and important family lines. Such committees could also correct information previously submitted to the LDS Ancestral File. As our new Family Organization President has said, "Through a collaborative effort, all family members will reap the rewards from the labors of a few, thereby greatly reducing the incredible potential for needless duplication of effort and expense."

Research committees are needed for the following lines: Richmond, Bowerman, Mead, McBride, Knight, Dickinson/Wood, Ayers, and the English Belknaps/Beltofts. Additional research is also needed on the families of Rosel Belnap, Jesse Belnap (born 1760), and Jesse Belknap (born 1739).

To help move this tremendous work along, why not join one or several of the committees mentioned above? Alternatively, you could pick another family line or individual family grouping and become an "expert" on it and inform the Family Organization of your findings.

As with most worthwhile things in life, desire counts more than experience. If you would like to serve on a research committee, please contact the Belnap Family Organization, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403.

### Memorial Tribute to Della Augusta Belnap

Della Augusta Belnap, daughter of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth, passed away on June 7, 1993 in Ogden, Weber, Utah at the age of 85. She was born September 11, 1907 in Ogden and lived her entire life there, except during the years 1929-1931, when she served an LDS mission to the Northwestern States.

Della served the Belnap Family Organization faithfully in many capacities. Besides serving as Belnap Family Genealogist for many years, Della also served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President.

Family history research was Della's life. Continuing the work begun by her father Hyrum, she spent countless hours working on her genealogy books, keeping not only her own but also the Belnap Family Organization records complete. Her name and address are known all over the world and are on file in numerous LDS Family History Centers and genealogical libraries.

In 1950, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Gilbert Belnap's arrival in Utah, the book Centennial Issue In Honor Of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap 1850-1950 was published by the Belnap Family Organization. Della was instrumental in compiling the stories and histories of Gilbert Belnap, his wives, and their 17 children for this book and for the second



and third supplements, which were published in 1952 and 1956, respectively. She also contributed extensively to past issues of the *Crier*.

Della also performed a considerable amount of research on her mother's Swedish and German ancestry, which she eventually published in a book entitled *Our Bluth Family, 1570-1975*. Part of her Bluth research was later cited in *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*, volume 191.

Every Belnap, anywhere in the world, is deeply indebted to Della for her untiring efforts to move our family history work forward. With all of the research and temple work she had done throughout her lifetime, one can only imagine the reunion she had on the other side with family, friends, and the thousands of people whose names she had submitted for work to be done who were waiting to greet her and to thank her.

The legacy of Della Belnap is that the work she performed continues on. How blessed we are as a family to have had her in our lives.



*Della A. Belnap--March 18, 1965*

### **LDS Church Home To Early Belnap Papers**

Family members interested in viewing several items of historical significance from our family's

past may wish to visit the LDS Church Historical Department in Salt Lake City.

For example, in the LDS Church Historical Department is an original journal of Gilbert Belnap containing Gilbert's life story from the time of his birth in Canada until he was serving as a missionary in the Salmon River Mission in 1856. (This journal has been reprinted in *Centennial Issue In Honor Of Utah Pioneer Gilbert Belnap 1850-1950*, compiled by Della A. Belnap, and in *Heritage With Honor*, compiled by W. Dean Belnap.) At the back of the journal is genealogical data, some of which is in the handwriting of his son Hyrum Belnap, that has never been reprinted in full. This data is a prime source for research documentation. Gilbert Belnap's journal is available under call number MS 1633.

Other interesting materials are to be found under the Marion Adaline Belnap Kerr Collection. Prior to her death in 1972, Marion A. Belnap Kerr, former Belnap Family Organization Historian from 1939 to 1968, donated a large amount of material on the Belnap, Knight, and McBride families to the LDS Historical Department for permanent preservation. Among the items donated were personal papers belonging to Gilbert Belnap and his son Hyrum Belnap. These materials are available under call number MS 916.

Another interesting item is a notebook once belonging to Gilbert Belnap containing miscellaneous notations apparently made during the years 1866 and 1867. It is available under call number MS 3931.

The personal and genealogical papers of Flora Belnap, daughter of Hyrum Belnap, are available under call number MS 2906. These papers contain interesting genealogical research notes and correspondence.

The LDS Church Historical Department also has materials on Vinson Knight, Martha McBride Knight, Reuben McBride, and other relatives.

Family members interested in viewing these items must go to the Archives section of the LDS Church Historical Department, located on the second floor of the east wing of the LDS Church Office Building. It will be necessary to fill out an application form prior to obtaining access to these items.

### **Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall Headstones Quickly Wearing Away**

In 1968, the *Crier* published photographs of the headstones of Gilbert Belnap's paternal grandparents, Jesse and Eunice Hall Belnap, who were buried in the Phillips Cemetery in Northeast, Erie, Pennsylvania. The photographs, taken 6 August 1967, show the headstones at that time to be upright and clearly legible.

In September 1991, Brent J. Belnap visited



the Phillips Cemetery. Located today immediately north and west of Interstate 90 exit 12 (the last exit before the Pennsylvania/New York border) on a small hill, the Phillips Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall, together with others of their posterity, are buried near the crest of the hill.

Next to the headstone of Jesse Belnap was a small American flag, in honor of Jesse's role as an artificer in the American Revolution. Jesse's headstone was still upright, but it had weathered badly. The headstone of Eunice Hall, Gilbert Belnap's paternal grandmother, had fallen and was almost completely illegible. Other headstones of Jesse Belnap's family located close by, including those of several aunts and uncles of Gilbert Belnap, had suffered similar or worse fates—at least one headstone was broken and others had sunk deeply into the ground.



*Jesse Belnap Headstone--September 1991*

A comparison of the headstones as they appeared in 1967 with their condition 24 years later indicates that, at the present rate of deterioration, the headstones will probably be completely illegible in another 10 to 15 years. The Belnap Family Organization officers believe it would be a fitting project for all interested descendants of Gilbert Belnap to restore the headstones of Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall, and at the same time create a suitable memorial to Revolutionary War veteran Jesse Belnap.

Family members desiring to contribute to a restoration fund for the headstones of Gilbert Belnap's grandparents are encouraged to send their tax-deductible donations to the Belnap Family Organization--Headstone Restoration Fund, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403. Other known living descendants of Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall may also be contacted for additional donations. The

Family Organization is seeking suggested donations of \$40 from 100 people for this project. Of course, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

### **John McBride Belnap--Family Hero Not Forgotten**

Soon after beginning their epic journey across the Great Plains from Winter Quarters to the Great Basin, Utah Pioneers Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap buried their second child, a son, in an unmarked grave somewhere near the confluence of Salt Creek and the Platte River. According to Gilbert Belnap, this son, John McBride Belnap, who was born 11 May 1849 in Fremont County, Iowa, took ill during the evening of 22 June 1850 with a plague sweeping the immigrant camp and died in the latter part of the night. Gilbert's wife Adaline recorded that the boy's body was placed inside her husband's toolbox.

Following John McBride Belnap's death, Gilbert's young family, now reduced to three--himself, his first wife, and their three-year-old son Gilbert Rosel--continued westward, arriving in the Salt Lake Valley on September 17, 1850.

Today, of the 17 children born to Gilbert Belnap and his two wives, John McBride Belnap is the only child without a headstone or marker. (Volney Belnap, the other son of Gilbert who died in childhood, is buried in the Ogden City Cemetery; a headstone marks his place of burial.) Although John McBride Belnap didn't live to adulthood and leave behind posterity, his story is an integral part of our family's history. He alone among Gilbert Belnap's immediate family paid the ultimate sacrifice during the family's migration to the West.

The Belnap Family Organization officers deem it a worthwhile project to erect a memorial marker on behalf of John McBride Belnap near his place of burial. In connection therewith, the Mormon Trails Association has been contacted for assistance in identifying as precisely as possible the route of this variant of the historic Mormon Trail and, hopefully, the probable campsite of the Pioneers near Salt Creek and the Platte River. (The burial site is located somewhere near present-day Ashland, Saunders, Nebraska; Ashland is just off Interstate 80 between Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska.)

Completion of this project is planned to coincide either with the sesquicentennial celebration in 1997 of the original Mormon Trail or with the sesquicentennial in 2000 of Gilbert Belnap's journey to Utah. Family members desiring to contribute to this worthwhile project are encouraged to send their tax-deductible donations to the Belnap Family Organization--John McBride Belnap Memorial Fund, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403. The Family Organization is seeking suggested donations of \$40

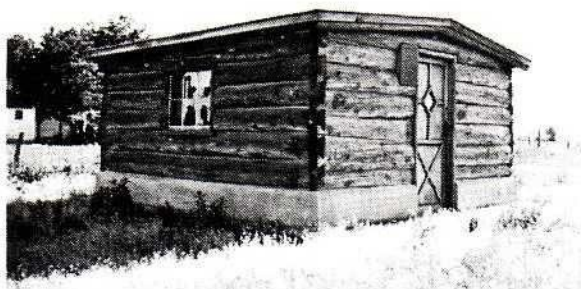


from 100 people for this project. Of course, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

### Restoration of Gilbert Rosel Belnap Home

In 1868, after 18 years as one of Ogden, Utah's earliest and more notable residents, Gilbert Belnap moved his growing family from Ogden to Hooper, Utah. Gilbert's oldest son, Gilbert Rosel Belnap, had married the previous year, on 30 November 1867, to Sarah Jane Cole. In 1869, the same year the Transcontinental Railroad was completed at Promontory Point, Utah, Gilbert R. Belnap and his new wife built a log home in Hooper. Della A. Belnap records that this home was located along 5900 West at about 4990 South in Hooper.

Seventy years later, in 1939, the logs from this early Hooper home, now one of the oldest surviving residences in Weber County, were moved by members of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, who were assisted by townsfolk of Hooper, to the southeast corner of the Hooper LDS Meetinghouse grounds. (This chapel, located at 5601 South 6100 West, presently houses the Hooper 1st, 3rd, and 8th Wards; it has been the site of many Belnap Family Reunions.)



*Gilbert R. Belnap Home--1950  
Photo Believed Taken By Della A. Belnap*

Through the efforts of the DUP, the cabin was repaired, the logs oiled, and a cobblestone chimney built on the outside of the building, and the cabin was placed on a cement base. A plaque was placed on the home which read: "Pioneer Cabin built in 1869, and rebuilt in 1939 by the Daughters of Pioneers, Camp U and V, Hooper, Utah. Captains Effie Fowler and Sarah Wadsworth. Dedicated October 29, 1939." Hunter, Milton R. Beneath Ben Lomond's Peak: A History of Weber County 1824-1900. Salt Lake City: Publishers Press, 1966, p. 584. (A photo of the cabin, presumably taken shortly after its restoration and reprinted therein, shows curtains in the window, the DUP plaque located to the right and immediately around the corner from the doorway, and a white picket gate in front of the

door. Incorrectly, the cabin in that work is identified as the home of "Joseph Belnap," a brother of Gilbert R. Belnap.)

Apparently, the home didn't stay put for long. A pun-filled newspaper article in 1953 gave a brief history of the home and noted the unusual dilemma as to where to place it:

*Hooper's pioneer cabin has come at last to its final resting place--in the Hooper cemetery.*

*Daughters of Pioneers Camps V and U have been successful in finding a spot on which they can leave the cabin which they had built several years ago.*

*The cabin was made of logs taken from the first log house built in Hooper and placed on the church ground to house pioneer relics of the town.*

*When the new First Ward chapel was nearing completion, the cabin had to be moved, because it was in the way.*

*After considerable controversy over a new location, the "homeless" structure was placed on the grass at the cemetery, near the parking area.*

*A good many of the townfolks objected to the new location and some even threatened some rather drastic action.*

*So finally the problem cabin was moved again--to a less conspicuous position, in the northeast section of the cemetery.*

*Here it will be restored and preserved as a memorial to the town's pioneers.*

Parker, Grace. "Cabin Comes To Final Rest--In The Cemetery At Hooper." Ogden Standard-Examiner, 1 October 1953. Accompanying the article was a photo of the home, with the following caption: "At Rest--This pioneer cabin in Hooper put a new twist on the usual story. Without a 'home' of its own, and juggled around from place to place, it finally came to rest in the Hooper cemetery."

Evidently, the home was not permanently housed in the Hooper Cemetery. Some time later, it was moved to the property of George Ellis Belnap at 5882 West 5100 South, where it remained until the mid-1980s. (George Ellis Belnap was the son of Francis Marion Belnap, who was a brother of Gilbert R. Belnap.)

In 1976 the *Crier* published photographs of the home in an article seeking funds to restore it once more. At that time, the home was leaning heavily to one side. The project was suspended following the disbanding of the Belnap Family Organization.

In the mid-1980s, the home was dismantled and placed in storage by descendants of George Ellis Belnap. The roof boards, which were probably not original to the home anyway, were discarded, although the logs were marked in hopes of eventual



restoration.

This historic home is at present awaiting restoration. Meanwhile, the family of George Ellis Belnap is performing a service for all Belnaps in preserving what remains of this historic home.



*Gilbert R. Belnap Home--1976  
Photo Taken By Gordon L. Belnap*

In May 1993 Brent J. Belnap met with Ruth M. White, director of the Weber County DUP Museum, on other family history matters. During the course of their visit, the Gilbert R. Belnap home was mentioned. Mrs. White, on behalf of the DUP Museum, suggested that the Belnap family restore and donate the home to the museum; in return, the DUP Museum would provide a spot for the home on the museum grounds.

The DUP Museum, located in Ogden immediately west of the Ogden Temple, would be a fitting location for the placement of the Gilbert R. Belnap home. Already on the grounds of the museum is the Miles Goodyear cabin, the oldest standing home in Utah. (The Goodyear cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.)

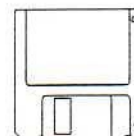
Much work is needed to restore the home. The logs are heavily weathered and have turned black with age. Proper restoration would require treatment of the logs, the pouring of a cement base, and the erection of a metal internal structural framework around which the logs would be stacked. The entire structure would then be covered by a metal, open-air pavilion to protect it from further weathering.

The Belnap Family Organization is seeking contributions to help restore this pioneer-era home of Gilbert R. Belnap. Family members desiring to contribute to a restoration fund for this historic home are encouraged to send their tax-deductible donations to the Belnap Family Organization--Belnap Cabin Restoration Fund, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403. The Family Organization is seeking suggested donations of \$50 from 400 people for this project. Of course, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, the Family Organization is seeking the whereabouts of the original 1939 DUP plaque, as well as further information about the history of the home's construction, its inhabitants, its dedication in 1939, and its various locations over the years.

### Family's Genealogy on Computer

At the 1992 Reunion, Florence Ilene Ward, a descendant of Gilbert Belnap through his son Amasa, made available on computer diskette the genealogical data on the ancestry of each of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride to all interested family members. Each computer disk, for use with LDS Personal Ancestral File (PAF) software version 2.2 (DOS), was sold at cost and represented literally hundreds of hours Ilene spent keying in the data.



Disseminating genealogical information via computer disk marked a first for the Belnap Family Organization. This method is an efficient and low-cost way for everyone with a computer to reap the latest research benefits.

As is often the case with ongoing genealogical research, however, some of the information on the computer disks was incorrect or incomplete. Since the 1992 Reunion, several corrections and additions have been made.

Disks containing **Release 2** of the Belnap Family Organization computerized genealogy will be available at the 1994 Reunion, at cost. (Such disks are only compatible with PAF Version 2.2 for DOS.) Persons bringing their own DOS-formatted computer disks to the 1994 Reunion may obtain the updates *free of charge*.

Meanwhile, those who purchased **Release 1** at the 1992 Reunion are *strongly* encouraged to check the data against their own research and inform the Belnap Family Organization as soon as possible of any corrections and/or additions, so that the next version may be as up-to-date as possible.

Corrections will continue to be made to the computerized genealogy in the future; as our family's records become more perfected, we anticipate future Releases.

### LDS Ancestral File Needs Correction

A large portion (although not all) of the ancestry of Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, and Henrietta McBride is presently available on computer at LDS Family History Centers through the "Ancestral File," a computerized genealogy database comprised of data submitted by persons from around the



world. The LDS Family History Department, which periodically updates the Ancestral File, does not verify the data submitted for inclusion in the Ancestral File.

As a result, some of the information on the Belnap family in the Ancestral File is erroneous or incomplete. Such errors and omissions appear to have originated from well-intentioned persons who did not take time to fully document or proofread their submissions. Thus, once-discredited errors have reappeared and new errors have crept in. With time, these errors, unless corrected, will become accepted as fact. Once erroneous information is submitted to the Ancestral File or becomes widely disseminated, it is difficult to correct.

One of the goals of the Belnap Family Organization is to ensure that the information in the Ancestral File is as correct as possible. The Belnap Family Organization is therefore seeking volunteers to submit on behalf of the Family Organization updated information to the Ancestral File and then verify that such corrections are made to future releases of the Ancestral File. Interested persons desiring to assist with this project should contact a Family Organization officer.

It is hoped that, in the not-to-distant future, any descendant of Gilbert Belnap will be able to go to any LDS Family History Center anywhere in the world and obtain genealogical information on his or her ancestry that is both accurate *and* complete (as far as is presently known) for a record "worthy of all acceptance" (D&C 128:24).

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### The Salt Lake Temple Centennial

April 6, 1993 marked the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. Members of Gilbert Belnap's family have been involved in the history of the Salt Lake Temple at least since its dedication, if not before.

At least one of Gilbert's children, Hyrum Belnap, attended the dedicatory services of the Salt Lake Temple, along with two of his daughters, Laura and Flora Belnap. Flora later recalled:

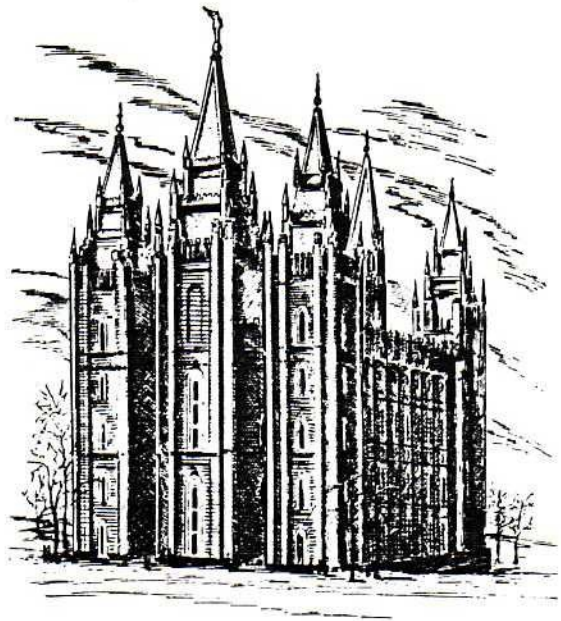
*Attending the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, when I was 8 years old, stands out in my mind as one of the most eventful happenings in my whole life. Father took my twin sister, Laura, and me. At first I thought my throat was too sore to go, but mother said to take a lemon along to sip on and I'd be alright. How glad I am that I did go, because on that day in the dedication service while President Wilford Woodruff was giving the dedicatory prayer I heard heavenly music.*

"Special Help Comes to Widows and Their Orphans." Deseret News, 8 November 1950.

Since its dedication, many of Gilbert Belnap's descendants have received their endowments or have been sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. One of Gilbert Belnap's children, Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear, was endowed and married in the Salt Lake Temple on 8 August 1900 to David William Coolbear. However, the first descendant of Gilbert Belnap who participated in living ordinances in the Salt Lake Temple appears to have been Mae Lucetta Stoddard, a granddaughter of Gilbert through Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard, who was endowed and married in the Salt Lake Temple on 10 January 1894 to Samuel Dial--less than one year after the Temple was dedicated.

Ordinance work for a significant number of our *deceased* Belnap, Knight, and McBride ancestors has been performed in the Salt Lake Temple. Temple work for some of Gilbert Belnap's Belknap ancestors was performed in the Salt Lake Temple at least as early as 1898.

Persons with additional stories on the Belnap family's associations with the Salt Lake Temple are encouraged to submit them to the Belnap Family Organization.



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### Belnap Family Publications Still Available

#### *Heritage With Honor*

A limited number of copies of Heritage With Honor are still available. Compiled by W. Dean Belnap, past President of the Belnap Family Organization, each copy sells for \$40, which includes shipping. Please send your order and payment to W. Dean Belnap, 1046 Sunset Drive, Kaysville, Utah



84037, (801) 544-4644.

### *Hooper, Land of Beautiful Sunsets*

A few copies are still available of John M. Belnap's book, *Hooper, Land of Beautiful Sunsets*, which mentions many of the contributions of Gilbert Belnap's descendants in Hooper's history. The price for each book is \$4.75. Copies may be obtained through any of the children of John M. Belnap. For further information, contact Max G. Belnap, 3655 Tyler Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84403, (801) 393-6954.

### **Gilbert Belnap Not The Only Early LDS Convert In His Family**

Gilbert Belnap was not the only member of his extended family who was converted to the LDS Church in its earliest days. Orphaned at an early age, Gilbert Belnap left Canada, where he had been born, and eventually made his way to Ohio, where he first encountered the LDS Church in 1839. He eventually joined the LDS Church in September 1842. Although none of his immediate family members joined the Church during their lifetimes, Gilbert had at least three first cousins who did.

On Gilbert's father's side, one of his first cousins, Mary Belnap Paine, joined the Church in 1841. Mary was the daughter of Ansel Belnap, who was the brother of Gilbert's father, Rosel Belnap. Mary and Gilbert were both born in the same location in Canada, she being five years older. Mary married Samuel Langdon Paine, Jr.; they were sealed in the Nauvoo Temple 23 January 1846. Mary did not emigrate to Utah; she is reported to have died at Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa on 5 February 1868, the mother of five children.

On his mother's side, Gilbert had two first cousins (two daughters of David Richmond, brother of Gilbert's mother Jane Richmond) who joined the Church and eventually emigrated to Utah. They were Jane Richmond, who married Nathan Staker, and Ann Richmond, who is believed to have married Franklin Judson Davis. It is unknown at the present time if Gilbert ever knew these cousins, and, if he did, whether he knew they had joined the Church and had also moved to Utah. (In the early part of this century, members of the Belnap and Richmond families met in Salt Lake City to coordinate family history and temple work.)

Over the past 163 years, other Belnap/Belknap relatives have converted to the LDS Church, including: Charlene Belknap Taylor, who, with her convert husband Richard B. Taylor, is an avid genealogist, and Estelle Canfield Belknap Coll, a granddaughter of Gilbert Belnap's brother John (i.e., our Gilbert Belnap is her great uncle). Numerous other

descendants of Abraham Belknap, the first Belknap in America, have joined the Church, following the path blazed by Gilbert Belnap, the first LDS Belnap in this dispensation. Many of them today look to the Belnap Family Organization for assistance in discovering their heritage and are grateful for the tremendous amount of work the Belnap Family Organization has shouldered over many years.

### **Gilbert's Remaining Grandchildren**

Of Gilbert Belnap's 160 grandchildren, 12 were still living as of September 30, 1993. The oldest, David Evan Belnap, son of Amasa, is 97 years old. The youngest, Vyrl Coolbear Baker, daughter of Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear, is 73 years old.

Ironically, Gilbert's firstborn grandchild, Sarah Elizabeth Belnap Eldredge, died on January 1, 1920. Her funeral was held January 3, 1920, the same day Gilbert's last born grandchild, Vyrl Coolbear Baker (mentioned above), was born. Thus, Gilbert Belnap's very first grandchild had lived her entire life before his last grandchild had yet been born!

Below is a breakdown of the total grandchildren through each branch of the family and the number still living:

	<u>Living</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gilbert Rosel	0 out of 6	
John McBride	<i>died young</i>	
Reuben	0 out of 9	
Joseph	0 out of 12	
Martha Jane	0 out of 15	
Hyrum through his wife:		
Christiana	0 out of 7	
Anna	3 out of 7	
Augustus Weber	1 out of 11	
Volney	<i>died young</i>	
Vinson Knight	0 out of 6	
Amasa through his wife:		
Lillian	1 out of 4	
Julia	0 out of 7	
Adaline Lorinda	0 out of 9	
Mary Louisa	1 out of 9	
Lola Almira	2 out of 9	
William James	0 out of 14	
Oliver through his wife:		
Margaret	0 out of 6	
Emily	0 out of 1	
Anna	3 out of 5	
Francis Marion	1 out of 11	
Isadora Estella	0 out of 12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 out of 160</b>	



### What's In A Name?

Of Gilbert's 160 grandchildren, 86, or 53.75%, were female and 74, or 46.25%, were male. Of the 74 boys, 10, or 13.5%, bore the name Gilbert, either as a first name or a middle name. Of the 86 girls, 9, or 10.5%, bore the name Adaline and 3, or 3.5%, bore the name Henrietta, either as first or middle names. Each of Gilbert's 15 children who lived to have children of his or her own named at least one child (either as a first or middle name) after one (or more) of his or her parents.

### Descendant Multiplication Table

Below is a table showing, as can best be presently determined, (i) the total number of descendants of Gilbert Belnap by generation, (ii) the number still living in each generation, (iii) the years in which the first and last members of each generation were born, and (iv) the years in which the first and last members of each generation died. The table does not include spouses who married into the family, but does include all known natural-born children as well as known adopted and/or sealed children. The total number of persons born beyond the fourth generation are estimates only.

Generation	Total Born	# Still Living	First Born	First Died	Last Born	Last Died
1st (Gilbert)	1	0	1821	1899	-	-
2nd (children)	17	0	1847	1850	1874	1950
3rd (grand)	160	12	1870	1870	1920	○
4th (great)	811	400?	1889	1890	1960	○
5th (2nd great)	3,000	+	1910	+	*	○
6th (3rd great)	5,000	+	1932	+	*	○
7th (4th great)	750	+	1954?	+	*	○
8th (5th great)	100	+	1976?	+	*	○

TOTAL = Over 9,000 Descendants of Gilbert Belnap

+ Insufficient data available at present.

\* The "last born" in this generation has yet to be born.

○ Persons in this generation level are still living.

The above table discloses several interesting items of information. For example, if Gilbert Belnap is your great great grandfather (i.e., if you are in the 5th generation level), you have approximately 3,000 third cousins who are also descended from Gilbert Belnap! (That figure would not include the many other third cousins you have who descend from your seven other sets of great great grandparents; however, since the Belnap family is so large, you may likely have more "Belnap" third cousins than third cousins from your other family lines.) Knowing which generation level you fall under, you can determine whether you are one of the older or younger ones in your generation by seeing when the first and last persons in your generation were born.

While it is now impossible for the second and third generations to become any larger, the fourth generation is also probably permanently "closed," since the youngest living member of the third generation who could have more children to add to the fourth generation is now 73! The fifth generation is nearing its maximum size, although members of the fourth generation continue to bear more children.

At present, there are at least six generations of Gilbert Belnap's descendants concurrently living. Several factors account for this tremendous generational "spread":

First, Gilbert Belnap had a large number of children born over a long period of time. As a result, the number of years in each generation level between the births of the "first born" and the "last born" has increased over time--in each generation, the first child's last-born child is born many years before the last child's last-born child. Gilbert Belnap's children were born over a period of 27 years; his grandchildren were born over a period of 50 years; his great grandchildren were born over a period of 71 years; and his great great grandchildren have already been born over a period of 83 years! Gilbert's oldest children were having children of their own before his youngest children were even born--i.e., his youngest daughter was an aunt several times over on her birthday! By the time his last grandchild was born, Gilbert Belnap already had great great grandchildren (i.e., one of Gilbert's grandchildren was already a grandparent by the time Gilbert had his last grandchild!).

Second, the remarkable increase in longevity enlarges the generational "spread." Earlier generations are living longer even as later generations are appearing or increasing in size. For the first six generations, a new generation of descendants began approximately every 22 years. If they haven't already begun to do so, Gilbert Belnap's grandchildren's grandchildren will soon start having grandchildren of their own! As persons in each generation have children over a wider time span, the number of years in each generation between the "first born" date and the "last died" date increases. Gilbert Belnap lived to be 77 years old. There were 103 years between the birth date of his firstborn child and the death date of his last child to die. There have already been 123 years elapse between the birth date of his firstborn grandchild until the present.

Over time, several factors have worked and will probably continue to work against the generational "spread" increasing even more quickly:

First, today's families, on average, are not as large as those of earlier generations. For example, the chart demonstrates the declining size of families over the last 150 years. Gilbert Belnap (who had two wives simultaneously) had 17 children.



His 15 children who lived to adulthood had an average of 10.7 children each (three of Gilbert's sons had more than one wife--one, Hyrum, practiced polygamy and two, Amasa and Oliver, married again). Each of his grandchildren (including those who died young as well as those who lived to child-bearing age but did not have any children) had an average of 5.1 children. With smaller families, the potential time gap between the births of the oldest and youngest in each generation decreases.

Second, assuming Gilbert Belnap's descendants reflect the U.S. population as a whole, they are not only having fewer children today, but they are also having them within a narrower time span. People are marrying and having their first child at an older age (teenage pregnancy notwithstanding), and, desiring smaller families, they are not bearing children as far into their middle-aged years.

Unfortunately, the numbers found on the above table, particularly after the 4th generation, are incomplete, because some descendants of Gilbert Belnap are now "lost"--i.e., we no longer have contact with some branches of the family. As more information continues to come in from the new family representatives, we will update this chart. Hopefully, over time, we will gain a more accurate picture of the tremendous size of this tremendous family!

### Spencer W. Kimball Was Also A Belnap

Gilbert Belnap and Spencer W. Kimball, 12th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were distantly related. Spencer W. Kimball was the 4th great grandson of Ebenezer Belnap and Hannah Ayer, who were also Gilbert Belnap's 3rd great grandparents. Ebenezer's daughter Abiah Belnap married Jonathan Roberts. Abiah's daughter, Meribah Roberts, married James Kimball, Spencer W. Kimball's great great grandfather. Gilbert Belnap and Spencer W. Kimball were, therefore, 4th cousins once removed. In addition, Spencer W. Kimball's grandfather, Heber C. Kimball, and Gilbert Belnap were 3rd cousins once removed.

With the above information, it is easy to determine your own relationship to Spencer W. Kimball. If, for example, Gilbert Belnap was your great grandfather, Spencer W. Kimball would have been your 5th cousin twice removed. If Gilbert Belnap was your great great grandfather, President Kimball would have been your 5th cousin three times removed. For every succeeding generation you are from Gilbert Belnap, you are President Kimball's 5th cousin plus one more generation removed.

Although Gilbert Belnap most certainly did not know during his lifetime that he was distantly related to Heber C. Kimball (the Gilbert Belnap line

had not yet been researched that far back in Gilbert's day), it is interesting to note that Gilbert's mother-in-law, Martha McBride Knight, was married to Heber C. Kimball on 26 January 1846 in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois. (For further information, see A Noble Son: Spencer W. Kimball. Salt Lake City: Institute of Family Research, Inc., 1979, pp. 44-45, 90.)



*Any resemblance?*

### Richmond Family Riches

Gilbert Belnap's mother, Jane Richmond, is believed by some to descend through one of England's most illustrious families. In 1897, a Richmond descendant, Joshua Bailey Richmond, published a two-volume set on the Richmond family, entitled The Richmond Family, 1594-1896, and Pre-American Ancestors, 1040-1594, complete with a Richmond coat-of-arms and numerous reprints of interesting documents relating to the Richmond family in England and America.

(Hard-bound reprints on acid-free paper of this seminal work on the Richmond family are available through University Microfilms International, Books on Demand (800) 521-0600. A less expensive way to learn of the interesting stories about our Richmond ancestors would be to order this book on microfilm through any LDS Family History Center. Jane Richmond, mother of Gilbert Belnap and daughter of Sylvester Richmond and Jane Bowerman, is found on page 68.)

Richmond relatives researching the Richmond line have questioned parts of the Richmond genealogy found in this work. Persons having additional or corrected information on the Richmond family are encouraged to contact the Belnap Family Organization, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403.

### McBride Items In Old Utah Territorial Capitol

Utah's former territorial capitol, a red sand-



stone structure located in Fillmore, Millard County, Utah is home to several interesting items that once belonged to Henrietta McBride's uncle and Martha McBride Knight's brother, Reuben McBride. The historic building, located on Center Street between Main and 1st West, was designed by Truman O. Angell as one wing of a Greek cross plan, to be topped by a Moorish dome at the crossing. Only one wing was finished, in 1855. It served the Utah territorial legislature of 1855-1856, after which the seat of government for the Utah Territory was moved north to Great Salt Lake City.

Located on the east side of the historic legislative chamber is a marble-top table once owned by Reuben McBride. Elsewhere on display in the building are large photographs of Reuben and Mary Ann Anderson McBride.

Other items of interest to the McBride family may also be on display there. Any interested family member who visits Utah's former territorial capitol is encouraged to search for additional items and inform the Belnap Family Organization, c/o 815 32nd Street, Ogden, Utah 84403.

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#### McBride and Mead Research Available On Microfilm

A veritable treasure house of genealogical material on the McBride and Mead families, compiled over several decades by the family's long-time expert on those family lines, Flora B. Dotson (granddaughter of Gilbert Belnap through his son Oliver), has been microfilmed by the Family History Library and is available through any LDS Family History Center under FHL #1,035,547, item 3.

This material is, in essence, a series of analyses setting forth the results and conclusions of Flora's years of research, primarily on the family's Mead ancestry. Through her research, Flora has clarified much of the confusion surrounding the exact lines of the Mead family through whom we descend. Along with a written analysis on key persons and family groups, Flora has included documented family group sheets and copies of important source information, including a copy of Gideon Mead's will and a copy of Nehemiah Mead's Family Bible record.

This material is of interest to all descendants of Gilbert Belnap, since both of Gilbert Belnap's wives, Adaline Knight and Henrietta McBride, share common McBride and Mead ancestry. Although Flora is no longer actively researching these lines, her research results are now available to all interested family members.

As with any thorough genealogical research, Flora's analyses have raised additional questions that have yet to be answered. Persons interested in continuing Flora's research are invited to share their

results with the Belnap Family Organization.

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#### Knight Family Books In Progress

Don Hammon, a descendant of Gilbert Belnap through his daughter Martha Jane, is presently working on a history on Vinson Knight, father of Adaline Knight and uncle to Henrietta McBride, as well as on another work entitled The Descendants of Samuel and Betsey Knight, which is to include all known descendants of Samuel Knight and Betsey Elderkin, paternal grandparents of Vinson Knight. Don has traveled through portions of the eastern United States in search of Knight family headstones, homesteads, and records. He plans to have both books completed by the August 1994 Belnap Family Reunion.

All descendants of Samuel Knight through Adaline Knight and Gilbert Belnap who wish to be included in the above-referenced work are encouraged to send their family group sheets (in hardcopy or in PAF's GEDCOM format) to Don Hammon at 3100 Capitol Avenue, #C, Fremont, California 94538. Material may also be faxed to Don at (510) 795-1598.

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#### Belnaps In Indonesia

W. Dean Belnap, past Belnap Family Organization President, and his wife have recently returned from an 18-month LDS mission in Indonesia. In an article appearing in the Church News on the impact of the Church in Asia, the service rendered by Elder and Sister Belnap was highly praised:

*About 10 years ago the government [of Indonesia] decided not to allow North American missionaries in the country, and since then members have carried the load themselves, Elder Brough said.*

*A year ago, Dr. Dean and Sister Elan [Elen] Belnap were granted long-term visas by the medical school in Jakarta. They have been serving a humanitarian mission in the country and have had dramatic success, Elder Carmack said.*

*"They are training local leaders, increasing the visibility of the Church and assisting with the missionary program," he noted. "I have never seen a missionary couple have greater impact, both with Church and national leaders." About 4,500 members live in Indonesia in 20 Church units.*

Sheffield, Sheridan R. "Asia Area: Welcome Mat is Out in Several Countries." Church News, 19 June



1993, pp. 3-4. (See related article: "Church Progress in Asia." *Ensign*, September 1993, pp. 74-75.) Dean also served as First Counselor in the Singapore Mission Presidency. Dean and Elen Belnap returned to their home in Utah in August 1993.

#### Statement By Mary Belnap Lowe



The following statement was made by Mary B. Lowe, daughter of Gilbert Belnap, on May 15, 1941 at the home of her daughter, Annie Lowe Flitton, in Wilson, Utah. Flora Belnap, daughter of Hyrum Belnap, arranged the statement. Some minor modifications have been made regarding punctuation, etc., to the version of the statement reproduced here:

*At my brother Vinson's home, in Ogden, Utah January 31, 1919, my husband, Joseph H. Lowe, my daughters, Jewel and Myrtha, and I were talking about incidents in my father's (Gilbert Belnap's) life. Vinson went over to his desk and got out a clipping from a newspaper that my mother, Adaline Knight Belnap, had found in my grandmother Martha McBride Knight's trunk, that father made out of the wagon box in which she traveled across the Plains to Utah in 1850. In this trunk were many valuable papers, which no one was permitted to see until after her death on November 20, 1901, when my mother, Adaline, sorted over the papers and distributed them as follows:*

*To Gilbert Rosel Belnap, all the old photographs father had collected on his genealogical tour in 1874-75 of all his ancestors that he could*

*collect on the Belnap line.*

*To Augustus Weber Belnap, the broadaxe which was purchased for crossing the Plains and used until his death.*

*To Hyrum Belnap, my mother gave my father's journal and some genealogical records and papers pertaining to genealogy for him to continue the research my father started.*

*To Joseph Belnap, she gave the proclamation, published in Kirtland, Ohio, with the printed signatures of Edward Partridge as Bishop and Vinson Knight and Shadrach Roundy as counselors to him. Joseph framed it and it hung on his wall for some time. It was yellow with age and about the size of the present letter head.*

*To Vinson Knight Belnap, an old book, called "The Seer," which was published in England, other copies of which were recalled by the Church, but father failed to return his, as he said "There are too many truths in that book"; also, a clipping from a newspaper naming Gilbert Belnap, my father, as one of the body guards of Joseph Smith.*

Family members with further information concerning the above-mentioned items are encouraged to contact the Belnap Family Organization.

#### We're Searching For The Past With An Eye To The Future--Can You Help?

The Belnap Family Organization is dedicated to preserving and sharing information on our family's past for the benefit of all descendants of Gilbert Belnap. In particular, the Family Organization is trying to locate and preserve the following items:

- Old letters to or from Gilbert Belnap, Adaline Knight, or Henrietta McBride, or to or from their respective parents, siblings, or children.
- A complete transcript of the funeral service for Henrietta McBride Belnap.
- Completed/published life stories or histories on any of the children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap (other than the brief histories appearing in *Heritage With Honor*).
- Belnap Family Reunion notices and newspaper announcements prior to 1970.
- Old family temple record books.
- Newspaper/magazine articles, birth announcements, wedding announcements, obituaries, programs, brochures, etc., mentioning Gilbert Belnap's descendants.
- Copies of family newsletters, etc., for sub-family organizations below the Gilbert Belnap level.



- Family heirlooms, photographs, articles of clothing, or manufactured items once belonging to Gilbert Belnap, his wives, or his children.

If you know the whereabouts of any of the above items, please contact the Belnap Family Organization. Although original items would be greatly appreciated and carefully preserved, photocopies, reprints, or photographs of items would suffice.

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### Belnap Family Vital Statistics

Since the 1992 Reunion, the following vital statistics on descendants of Gilbert Belnap have been received by the Belnap Family Organization:

#### Deaths

Della Augusta Belnap (#5 child of Hyrum and Anna Constantia Bluth Belnap) died 7 June 1993 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 11 June 1993 in Ogden City Cemetery. (See "Memorial Tribute" in this issue.)

Nettie LaRene (Pat) Belnap Hickam Letts (#7 child of Amasa and Julia Rosabell James Belnap) died 8 March 1993 in Parker, La Paz, Arizona. Per her wishes, she was cremated and her ashes scattered near her family cabin in Hanna, Duchesne, Utah.

Information is included here only as it is received. To have your family's vital statistics, such as marriages and deaths, printed in future issues of the *Crier*, please contact your Family Representative.

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### Family Gatherings Update

Although Belnap Family Organization Reunions stopped between 1980 and 1992, various branches of Gilbert Belnap's posterity have continued to meet. If your branch of the family has recently held a reunion or is planning to hold one during 1994, please let the *Crier* know about it! We'll help you get the word out. Here are some of the reunions that have been held or which are planned.

#### *Augustus Ruben Belnap Family Reunion*

A reunion for all descendants of Augustus Ruben Belnap, son of Augustus Weber Belnap and grandson of Gilbert Belnap, and his wife Olena Nettie Anderson was held in August 1992 in Boise, Idaho.

#### *David Evan Belnap Family Reunion*

A reunion and party for all descendants of

David Evan Belnap, the oldest living grandson of Gilbert Belnap through his son Amasa Belnap, was held on Sunday, July 4, 1993 in La Grande, Oregon.

#### *Lester Belnap Family Reunion*

A reunion for all descendants of Lester Belnap, son of Oliver Belnap and grandson of Gilbert Belnap, and his wife Vere Ellsworth was held on Saturday, July 31, 1993 in Moreland, Idaho.

#### *Martha Jane Belnap Hammon Family Reunion*

A reunion for all descendants of Martha Jane Belnap Hammon, daughter of Gilbert Belnap, and her husband Levi Byram Hammon is planned for the summer of 1994.

#### *Reuben Belnap Family Reunion*

A reunion for all descendants of Reuben Belnap, son of Gilbert Belnap, and his wife Lucien Vilate Hammon is planned for the summer of 1994.

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### New Family Representatives

The Family Representatives for each branch of the family are indicated below, along with interesting news items among the branches. Family Representatives have the responsibility of compiling information on the descendants of Gilbert through their respective branches of the family. To help them in their work, please send them family group sheets on your family to the relevant address indicated below.

#### Gilbert Rosel

There is at present no Family Representative for this branch of the family. Anyone interested in serving is invited to contact the Belnap Family Organization.

#### Reuben

The Family Representative is Les Hill, P.O. Box 298, Sugar City, Idaho 83448, (208) 356-0538.

#### Joseph

The Family Representative is A. Kay Belnap, 1312 Tetonia Drive, Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 342-2877.

#### Martha Jane

The Family Representatives are Glenda Hammon Guinn, 5863 South 2325 West, Roy, Utah 84067, (801) 825-5507, and Dorothy G. Harper, 3700 West 1400 South, Ogden, Utah 84401, (801) 731-6373.



**Hyrum**

The Family Representatives are Diane Evans Kimball, 8836 South 1275 East, Sandy, Utah 84094, (801) 565-8254, and Jeane Erickson Burton, 1669 North 1400 West, Provo, Utah 84601, (801) 377-9335.

**Augustus Weber**

The Family Representatives are Karen Kynaston, 4070 Bristol Street, Boise, Idaho 83704, (208) 322-1653, and Donna B. Lewis, 3976 Pine Tree Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124, (801) 277-0410.

**Vinson Knight**

The Family Representative is Richard D. Belnap, 282 North 300 West, Bountiful, Utah 84010, (801) 295-4898.

**Amasa**

The Family Representative is Edith M. Ward, 1422 East 81st St. North, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, (208) 524-4871.

**Adaline Lorinda**

The Family Representative is Marilyn Lee, 1640 Artistic Circle, Bountiful, Utah 84010, (801) 292-4893.

**Mary Louisa**

The Family Representative is Benon Palmer Whyte, 188 East 2050 South, #A-1, Bountiful, Utah 84010, (801) 298-2833.

**Lola Almira**

The Family Representative is Lois Goodman, 10246 South 1280 East, Sandy, Utah 84070, (801) 571-2413.

**William James**

The Family Representative is Verla Belnap Lusk, 2462 North 1000 East, Sugar City, Idaho 83448, (208) 356-6295.

**Oliver**

The Family Representatives are Wallace J. Belnap, 2311 East Glencove Circle, Mesa, Arizona 85213, (602) 834-4000; LaRue Willis, 1360 East 2100 North, Logan, Utah 84321, (801) 752-7830; and Sonja Benson Kelsey, 570 East 400 South, Clearfield, Utah 84015, (801) 825-5508.

**Francis Marion**

The Family Representative is Bud Belnap, 2360 North 2350 East, Layton, Utah 84040, (801) 546-6756.

**Isadora Estella**

The Family Representative is Glenn Stod-

dard, 150 North Quincy, Ogden, Utah 84404, (801) 393-3985.

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**Those Musical Belnaps**

Audrey Patterson, of the musically talented George Ellis Belnap family, sang with a choir from Idaho at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 1990.

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