



Belnap Family Crier

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“Love, Unity, Solidarity “
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Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God (D&C 109:8).

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The younger members of the family will be given a free sheriff badge, and there will be family displays, a white elephant gift sale, and hot dogs and hamburgers. But don't you forget the *Lagoon* rides for those thrill seeking individuals.

Lagoon History

In 1886, The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad built a resort on the shores of the Great Salt Lake. It was called Lake Park. Through the years, the lake level became drastically low until Lake Park was so far from the lake it had to close following the 1895 season. Simon A. Bamberger, who was building a

Belnap Family Reunion

The 103rd gathering of the *Belnap Family Organization* under the direction of current President Florence Ilene Ward will be held in Farmington, Utah at historic *Lagoon*, on August 9, 2008. The reunion will feature Wes Cox dressed in period costume as our ancestor Sheriff Gilbert Belnap, a white elephant gift sale, a historic talk by Wes Cox regarding Gilbert's role as Sheriff of Weber County, and Brent Belnap will present material regarding the family's web site, www.Belnapfamily.org.



railroad line from Salt Lake City to Ogden, Utah, was Vice President of Lake Park. He wanted more passenger traffic on his line so he bought most of the original Lake Park buildings and moved them about 3 miles west near Farmington, Utah. It was named Lagoon for the body of water located on the original 40 acres.

Lagoon opened in 1896 and included; *Bowling, Elegant Dancing Pavilion, Fine Music, A Shady Bowery and Good Restaurants*. In 1899, *Shoot-The-Chutes*, the park's first thrill ride, was added. In 1900 guests began row boating and swimming in Lagoon Lake.



Slowly more rides were added such as the authentic *Herschell-Spillman Carousel* and the *Roller Coaster*. *A child could have a good time for 25 cents per day.*¹

After the end of the 1953 season a fire broke out and destroyed much of the park. It was quickly rebuilt the next year and began to surpass the popularity of its main rival, *Saltair*. Many rides were restored, rebuilt or replaced along with a few new rides. In 1956, *Mother Gooseland*, featuring rides just for kids, was added between the *Midway* and the *Swimming Pool*.

The turn-of-the-century style *Opera House Square* opened in 1968 and featured several plays. In 1972, Lagoon expanded east with an old west town complete with old-fashioned buildings and a miniature railroad that circled the town. Later, Lagoon acquired a collection of historic buildings and artifacts which were added to the town. They also built a Log Flume and the town became Pioneer Village in 1976. The famous *million gallon* swimming pool with *water fit to drink* closed after its 50th year in 1987. It made way for the \$5.5 Million Lagoon-A-Beach which was completed in 1989. In 1995, the Sky Coaster towered over the North Midway and marked the beginning of what would become the X-Venture Zone. Other rides were added and continue to be added in the years to follow.

In 2004, the old Mother Goose Land was redecorated and named *Kiddieland*.²

A unique feature of this park was the individual vine-covered latticed picnic shelters. Upon arrival each family placed their picnic basket on the table and the children dispersed in every



¹ Roy, Our Home Town 1873-1918

² Utah Collections Multimedia Encyclopedia

*direction.*³

Sawbridgeworth's St. Mary's Church

About 25 miles from London lay a historic parish church situated in a small town of about 8000 inhabitants. The *Church of St. Mary's*, in the parish of Sawbridgeworth, County of Hertford, stands today as a reminder of those ancient families of Hertfordshire that desired the area's beauty and quaintness. Today the ancient *Brass Rubbings* and *Wall Monuments* still decorate the church's walls, just as they did in the 15th century.



Great St. Mary's, as it is called today, was built from flint stone and mortar on a parcel of land believed to date from the 11th century. At the base of the tower is a *Pudding Stone*, which indicates that this site had previously been an ancient pagan site of worship, later converted to Christianity.

The original church dates to the Norman days, with parts of the current buildings walls, and interior dating from the 1400's. It was here in this parish church, that the ancestor, Abraham Beltoft, alias Belknap, was

baptized in 1589 and through his courage and in the face of the unknown migrated to America and became the pioneer patriarch of our Belnap Family.

As one enters the large wooden door leading into the church. A foot long iron key used to unlock the ancient lock, dating to the 15th century, is still used today. This door is the same door that allowed Bennett and Grace Beltoft, to carry their infant Abraham into the Church's nave.



The solid oak construction, with wood likely grown locally in Hatfield Forest, which is reinforced with wrought ironwork and hand made hinges.



Inside the church stands the ancient walls of the nave, the ancient pews, and the 14th century octagonal font.

Today the font is worn and patched together, but like Abraham, countless generations of local inhabitants have begun their Christian journey with the water that rested in this vessel.

³ Roy, Our Home Town 1873-1918



The octagonal font where Abraham was baptized in 1589

Where it All Began

About 40 ears ago, as a teenager, still attending high school; I was visiting our local public library and ran across a biographical dictionary of early settlers to America. Among those listed was the following; *Abraham Belknap, Lynn 1643*.

This name intrigued me. I knew very little of my ancestry, except that I had a Belnap in my pedigree. I sat and pondered this name and wondered if this man was related to me and if so how. I found myself going to the library time after time and always looking at this same book.

This was the beginning of a dramatic change in my life and for the first year spent much of my free time at the local Family History Library reviewing documents that would prove my connection with Abraham. As time went on and my interest continued I sought out new information. In 1976 I

attended a Hammon Family Reunion in Uintah, Utah and from connections made there made contact with Della Belnap, the historian for the Belnap Family Organization. Through her assistance and on



Della Belnap

numerous other meetings, Della shared the Belnap Family Collection with me. Through her I was able to gain the knowledge needed to trace my ancestry back to my original goal, Abraham Belknap.

Today's modern approach, DNA, computers, the internet and millions of people involved in extracting and publishing records, would have made this task last only a few weeks or months, let alone 40 years, but the constant gazing at those Belnap names, the dates, the history, these ancestors became apart of me, apart of my history, and allowed me a greater understanding of doing research.

As my research continued year after year I found myself gathering pictures and documents, and finally writing the histories that would further help to memorialize them. Today the documents collected by the Belnap Family are held by Steven Belnap, Della's nephew, who is the historian for the Belnap Family Organization. Many of the documents are over a hundred and fifty years old and were handed down from Gilbert Belnap to his son Hyrum. Brent Belnap, past president of the Belnap Family Organization, has kindly placed many of those

documents, histories and pictures on the internet for others to view.

As a historian myself, I urge all of you to view the documents, get to know your ancestors, make them a part of your life, the legacy of your children and grandchildren. It is a rich history, a history of pioneers and adventurers that should intrigue even the most curious.

You can view Brent's files at www.Belnapfamily.org.

Abraham Belknap

Abraham Belknap was the son of Bennet Beltoft, alias Belknap, and his wife Grace Adam. Abraham was baptized at St. Mary's Parish Church (see article above), Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England, on the 10th of March 1589/90.



The town of Sawbridgeworth today

While the names of his parents were void from the parish book, Abraham was later mentioned in 1594, in the will of his grandfather, Richard Beltoft,

calling him his *Godchild*. The will reads:

Item I Geve to Abraham Beltofte sonne to Bennett Beltoft my Godchilde Tenne shillings to be paide him wthin one yeere next after my decease.

In the 14 April 1623 will of Bennett Beltoft, Abraham is once again mentioned as Bennett's son, receiving much of Bennett's land and tenement.

The fact that Abraham was raised on land owned by his father, in a time when land was reserved for the upper class, would give way to a proposal that the Belknaps were of a refined family. Further facts that there is simply written evidence of this family would also support some credence to an aristocratic pedigree, maybe a descendant of Sir Robert Belknappe, who served as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas during the reigns of King Edward III and Richard II, and whose family is known to have held land at Sawbridgeworth.

On 28 October 1617 at St. Mary's Church in Latton, in Essex, England, Abraham married Mary Stallion, daughter of Thomas Stallion, alias Butler, and Mary Dalton.

Abraham was of Latton in 1624 as he is mentioned there in a indictment and trail against Emmanuel Norrington⁴. At the same trial he is mentioned as *Abraham Belknap of Loughton*

⁴ Essex Records Office

(*Latton*), apparently resuming the original spelling of the name Belknap, from Beltoft, following the death of his father.



St. Mary's Church, Latton, Essex

During the October 20, 1624 indictment and subsequent trial, Emmanuel Norrington is accused of stealing *seven white sheep worth five shillings each* from Abraham and was subsequently found guilty. Norrington was also found guilty on several other accounts of stealing farm animals from a variety of other local residence. Abraham is also referred to as Abraham Bellnap, husbandman, is one addition indictment covering these accusations.

Remaining in Essex, Abraham and Mary began to raise their family, a family which would soon number seven children, but many of them would not live to see adulthood. Their children were christened in nearby St. Andrews's Church, at North Weald Bassett.

Children

1. *Abraham Belknap, prob. son buried at Netteswell, Co. Essex England, 6 Dec 1620*

2. *Abraham Belknap, b. ca 1622; mentioned in the will of his grandfather Bennet Beltoft 14 Apr 1623, prob died young, although he may have gone to New England with his parents.*

3. *David Belknap, buried 2 March 1624/25*

4. *Immanuel "Samuel" Belknap, b. c 1627/1628, baptized 16 March 1627/28; m. bef 1653 to Sarah Jones, dau of Robert and Elizabeth of Hingham MA. His son Abraham was the ancestor of our Belnap family.*

5. *Dorcas, baptized 7 Feb 1629/30, died young*

6. *Joseph Belknap baptized 12 May 1633; resided Boston MA*

7. *John Belknap, baptized 10 May 1635.*

8. *Hannah Belknap, b. abt 1639/40, d. 21 Nov 1679; m. 6 Dec 1663 Christopher Osgood. She was the only known child of Abraham's to be born after his arrival to America and his subsequent settlement in Lynn, Massachusetts.*



Church of North Weald Bassett

Abraham emigrated to America about the year 1635 and settled near present day Lynn, Massachusetts. When the town of Lynn was divided among the citizens in 1638 Abraham received a grant of 40 acres of land, which he had added to before his death in the fall of 1643.

His will and inventory were written 6 Feb 1643/4, however no will survives today. His inventory stands alone to give us a view of his life, and the living conditions in Lynn during the 17th century.

Among his possessions recorded in his inventory was a house and five acres of land, two acres of planting land, two acres of salt marsh, six acres of salt marsh at Fox Hill and 30 acres *at the village*.

Estate of Abraham Belknap of Lynn⁵

*Will of Abram Belknap sworn to, 20 : 12 : 1643.
Salem*

*Inventory of estate of Abraham Belknap of
Lynn, who
deceased the beginning of the 7 mo. 1643,
taken by William Tilton and Edward Tomlins,
16: 12: 1643:*

4 yewes, 51i. ; 2 wethers, Hi. 6s. 8d. ; 7 yerlinge calves, 31i. 10d. ; 2 cowes and calves, 81i. 10s. ; 2 yerlinge calves, 31i. 15s. ; 4 yow gotes, Hi. 6s. 8d. ; 1 kidd, 4s. ; 1 sow and piggs, Hi. ; 4 shottes, Hi. 10s. ; the houses and 5 akres of land, 71i. ; 2 akers of planting Land, Hi. 10s. ; 2 akers salt marsh, Hi. ; 6 akers salt marsh at fox hill, 21i ; 30 akers at the village, 21i; 1 braspitt, 10s. ; 1 iron cettle, 6s. 8d. ; 1 brascettle, 3s. 4d. ; 3 ould skilletts, 3s. ; 1 friing pan, 1s. ; pot hookes and pot hangers, 2s. 6d. ; 1 spitt, 1s. lid. ; 7 pewtor platters, 14s. ; 1 bras pestill & mortar, 2s. 6d. ; 1 candle stick and dripping pan, 2s. ; 1 ould warming pan, 3s. 4d. ; 1 payre of tongs, 1s. ; 1 payre andirons, 2s. ; 1 table, Ss. ; 1 Chyer, 2s. 6d. ; 1 chest, 1 box, 4s. ; 1 chest, 1s. ; 2 flock beds, 1 bo ulster, 13s. id. ; 1 f ether bed & boulster, Hi. ; 3 coverlet tes, Hi. 6s. 8d. ; 4 blankits, 13s. 4d. ; 3 pillowes, 6s. ; 3 prs. sheetes, Hi. ; 1 sheete, 2s. fid. ; 2 payre pillow beres, 6s. ; 2 table clothes, 4s. ; 1 doos. of napkins, 3s. ; ould iron, 4 wedges, 4s. ; 1 ould ax, 1s. ; 1 ould hatchett, 8d. • 1 mattock, 1s. 6d. ; total, 531i. 10s. 3d.

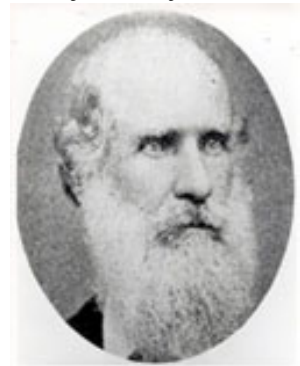
*Signed by Mary (her mark)
Belknapp.*

*The estate owed Joseph Armytage, Francis Ingalls, Goodman Phillippes, Rich. Howton, Tho. Lughton, Ed Farington, Jerard Spencer, Mr. Kinge and John Person,
amounting to 51i. 13s. 3d.*

Three Generations of the Weber County Sheriff's

On August 4, 1851, an election was held in Weber County. Benjamin F. Cummings was elected the first Sheriff of the county.

Cummings was also a Captain in the Weber County Militia, and was one of



**Benjamin Cummings,
First Sheriff of Weber**

the
missionaries

joining Gilbert

Belnap during the Fort Lemhi Mission. In the years to follow other Sheriff's would be elected and among them stands three of the Belnap family, three generations elected to this position, a father, son and grandson.

Many settlers during this period of time lived on a city lot in Ogden and had additional acreage to farm in outlying areas surrounding Ogden City. In 1854, the population of Ogden was approximately 150 families. The U. S. Census of 1850 lists the population of Weber County at 1,141 people and by 1860, the population of Weber County was 1,807.

⁵ Quarterly Court Records, vol. 2, page 150.

The Weber County Sheriff's Office had its beginnings in 1852 when probate judge Isaac Clark of the Weber County Court appointed Benjamin Cummings to the office of County Sheriff. The city marshal, of which Gilbert Belnap would become and the sheriff worked closely with the city and county courts to enforce the laws.

During the 1860s, Weber County continued to grow with additional commerce and industry. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law and the population of Weber County in 1870 had increased to 7,358. The increase was tied to the coming of the railroad.

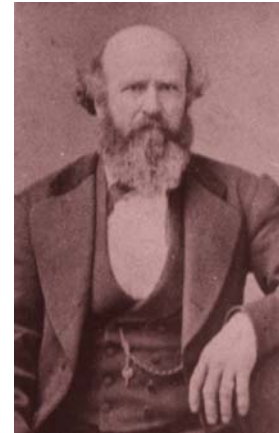
The Weber County Sheriff's Office is an accredited law enforcement organization. Our mission is to protect life and property through professional and innovative services. This is accomplished in partnership with citizens and communities within Weber County

Today Weber County consists of 661 square miles and lying between the Great Salt Lake and the beautiful Wasatch Mountains, Weber County. When Gilbert reached the valley in 1852 the county was immense.

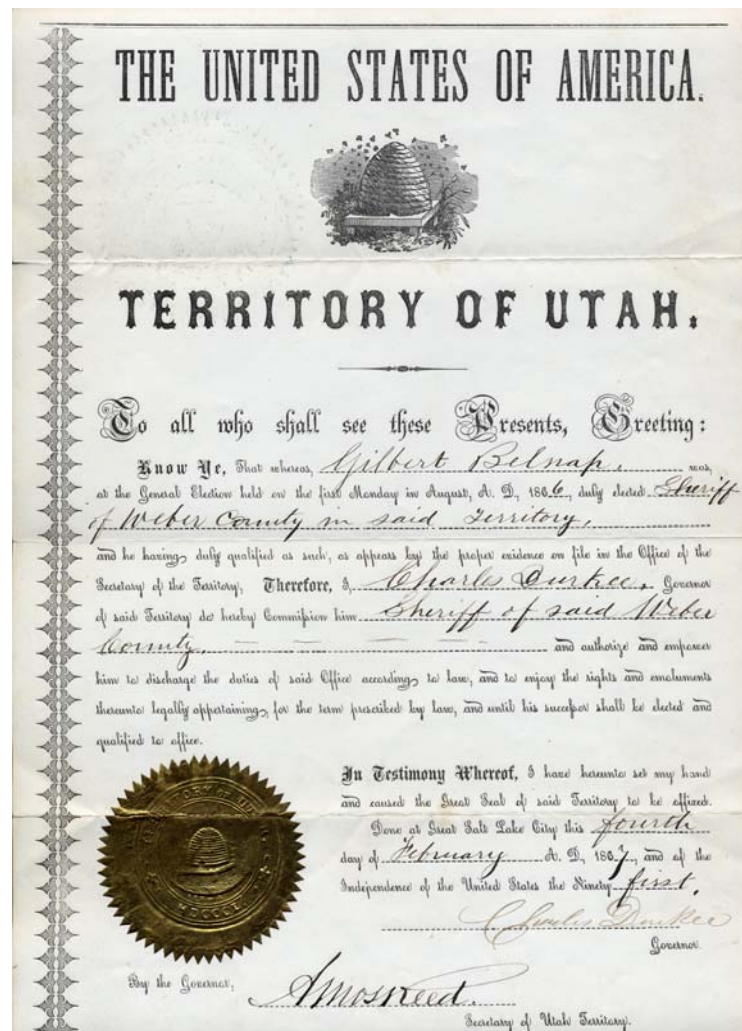
The 42nd parallel, the southern boundary of the Oregon Territory, current southern boundary of Oregon and Idaho, became the northern boundary of Weber County and was also the northern boundary of Utah Territory. The western boundary of Utah Territory was the Sierra Nevada in California, which also became the

western boundary of Weber County.

By 1855 the boundaries were changed, defining Davis County in 1855, Box Elder County in 1862 and by 1866 a piece of Morgan County.



Gilbert took his first commission dated November 5, 1862 as *Sheriff of Weber County* and took his oath of office on April 16, 1863. He served as the county Sheriff until 1870, and would go on



to serve the county as assessor, tax collector, census taker and selectman.

Gilbert Rosel Belnap

Gilbert Rosel Belnap, Gilbert's eldest son, was elected sheriff of Weber County in 1884 and served 14 years in that position. For some years prior, Gilbert had served the Hooper town constable.

Gilbert R. Belnap

Who, if the signs read aright, will be the next sheriff of Weber county, is too well and favorably known among the citizens of Weber county to need commendation. However, it should be said that the people will make no mistake in electing him for their sheriff. He is thoroughly honest, capable and worthy. During his incumbency as sheriff he proved to be an efficient, shrewd and



courageous officer. He is and always has been an avowed advocate of the free coinage of silver, and has always maintained strict economy in the work of his office.

The people of Weber county can have no hesitancy in supporting with their votes a man like Gilbert R. Belnap. With him their property and lives will be in safe hands. THE STANDARD can commend to the people of Weber county the next sheriff, Gilbert R. Belnap.

As sheriff Gilbert Rosel was involved in arresting a variety of criminals, including train robbers, gamblers, and other law-breakers. Gilbert Belnap was paid \$80 a month and had to furnish and feed his own horse and equipment. One of his most famous arrests was that of Joseph Nay and E. K. Fisher, who had robbed a Denver and Rio Grande train in September 1889 and were captured in an Ogden City pool hall. When they were captured, Gilbert noted that they had enough *dynamite cartridges* on them to *blowup the building*.

Amasa M. Hammon

The third generation of the Belnap Family to serve as Weber County Sheriff was elected in November 1930 election. Amasa Hammon, son of Levi Byram Hammon and Martha Jane Belnap, and the grandson of Gilbert Belnap, took office in 1931.

Amasa grew up in Weber and Davis County. In 1894 his father removed from So. Hooper onto land he owned in Roy. This once barren land is today a growing housing development. He

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1894 his father removed from So. Hooper onto land he owned in Roy. In Hooper and Roy he attended public

schools, and completed his education

with two years in the Weber Stake Academy. In November 1924 was elected to serve as one of the board of county commissioner of Weber County, a position his father had once held. He served for four years on the board, being released on January 1929. In 1929 Amasa took up public relations work for the Utah Power & Light Company and acted in this capacity until he was elected sheriff of Weber County in November, 1930.

During 1929 and 1930 he served, under appointment by Governor Dern, as a member of the State Fair Board, and on 13 April 1931, the governor appointed him a member of the Identification Board of Utah. He was a member of the National and State Sheriff's Association, organizing the first Ogden Pioneer days Celebration in 1935,

During his tenure as sheriff, Amasa Hammon fought to uphold those laws which made those accountable for selling alcohol to minors responsible



Amasa Hammon

under the law. He warned bars and saloons that this would be a priority in his tenure, to cite and arrest those responsible. Amasa served in his position as Sheriff with distinction until 1934.

From the days of the rugged west to the days of prohibition, these three sheriffs's earned distinction as being sheriffs that the citizens of Weber County could rely on to uphold the value of the people and upholds the laws which they swore to do. Together they served as Sheriff of the County for 26 years.

Miskin Factory Destroyed by Fire

Miskin Scraper Works is a company that manufactures earth-moving scrapers. It was started in 1917 by Arthur R. Miskin, son in law of Reuben and Luvina (Hammon) Belnap, in Ucon, Idaho. Today it the world's oldest manufacturer of scrapers for farm uses.⁶

On March 15, 2007 Idaho Falls, Idaho firefighters fought their largest fire in history as a Miskin Scraper factory on Sunnyside Road burned furiously. The fire started when a fan malfunctioned in a paint booth exhaust duct. It quickly spread outside to the roof, where it ignited the insulation and the vinyl roofing material. Then, fueled by high winds burned the entire roof down to the metal decking. The fire started at around 2:33 pm, immediately nearby employees discharged multiple fire extinguishers in attempts to control the blaze. Because the fire was

⁶<http://www.bonnevilleheritage.org/>

inside the air duct, it was very difficult to get to. The fan was still operating, and tended to blow away the fire extinguisher's chemicals. Once the fire reached the roof-top, there was no way to contain it. All employees were evacuated, with no injuries. Because the fire was mostly outside the building, on the rooftop, much of the contents of the building survived. Parts, sub-assemblies, jigs, and fixtures were cleaned and inspected very little inventory was harmed. The product lines from the destroyed building were quickly moved to other Miskin factories in the area, so there would be minimal interruption to workflow, and delivery of products to customers. Some of the fabricating machines were ruined, especially the sensitive computer controlled plasma cutters, and robotic welders with sophisticated electronics easily damaged by heat, smoke and water from the fire hoses. In the short-term parts once made on the destroyed machines will be out-sourced, to keep the product line going. The building was completely destroyed. It represented about 40% of Miskin's manufacturing space in the Idaho Falls area. The production lines immediately moved to other Miskin factories, and some welding stations began operating in their new location just 2 days after the fire. A new state-of-the art factory will be constructed, at the Ucon, ID manufacturing complex.

We feel very blessed that nobody was hurt or killed in this fire. As big as it was, and as fast as it spread, it is nothing short of a miracle, says Mark

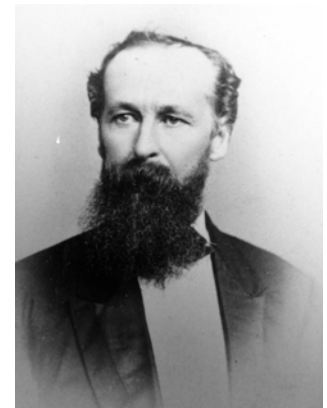
Miskin, President of the Miskin Company.

John Jacob Belnap

The story of the Civil War is one of heroes, fighting on both side for causes they felt just. Those heroes, often the lonely privates, who gave their life for their country, were often separated from the Generals, who were in command of those who would make that sacrifice.

This is a brief history of one of those privates, an infantryman, who at the onset of war was a teenager, caught up in political rhetoric and who by age 16 joined the Union Army under the newly elected Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln.

The history of the Union soldier John Jacob Belnap, referred to as *Johnny* by his father John Belnap, a grocer and resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the nephew of Gilbert Belnap.



John Belnap, father of John Jacob and brother of Gilbert Belnap

Johnny's life begins in the Province of Ontario, Canada. His father was engaged as a farmer and owned a farm on the outskirts of Toronto. He later traded his farm for lot in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was engaged as a grocer.

Johnny was born in the province of Ontario on April 16,

1845.⁷ By 1853

Johnny, his

younger brother

Ira, and

parents John and Susan Jane Belnap, migrated to Painesville, Ohio, on the southern shores of Lake Erie.



For the next three years Johnny would spend his days in Painesville, but trouble times were ahead for the family, as well as the county.

In 1856 his parents divorced and his father soon remarried Adaline Canfield. They moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where a grocery business was already established by John.⁸

Johnny's mother remained in Painesville and married an Englishman, Thomas B. Smith in 1858. He was a widower and had numerous young children still needing to be raised. Johnny and Ira moved to Grand Rapids and until 1859⁹ lived there with little uneventful news.

By 1859 John Belnap and his new wife were enlarging their family. For a growing family Johnny may have felt uneasy and resentful. The young boys moved back to Painesville and in with their mother. In 1860 Johnny and Ira

were members of the Thomas Smith household of Painesville.¹⁰

Johnny was just 16 when South Carolina succeeded from the Union and the years that followed would be the bloodiest in U.S. History.

You rejoice over the election of Abraham Lincoln, writes Gilbert to his brother John on 27 January 1861.

*From present appearance it may prove disastrous to the United States. Will not strife beget strife? Will the Southern States secede... Wait, brother! Wait a season and your rejoicing over Mister Lincoln's election may be turned into mourning.... wait until after the fourth of March next, and see what Old Abe will do for his country.*¹¹

The 4th of March came, Lincoln was sworn in as the 16th President of the United States. Lincoln's address to the nation was one of appeal for the preservation of the Union, threatened by the recent secession of seven Southern states opposed to the new leader's policy against the expansion of slavery.

*We are not enemies, but friends, states Lincoln. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle-field, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.*¹²

⁷ Letter from John Belnap to Gilbert Belnap dated 3 April 1859.

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ 1860 Census, Painesville, Ohio

¹¹ Gilbert to his brother John on 27 January 1861

¹² Except from 4 March 1861 Inaugural Address, National Archives.

One month later, Lincoln's refusal to surrender or evacuate Fort Sumter in South Carolina, prompted the Confederates to launch the first attack of the Civil War

At age 16 the young man Johnny, was encouraged to join the fight, encouraged by political views, or because of economical strife, we cannot be sure, but this young boy made his way to nearby Jefferson, Ohio, and enlisted for three years as a private in the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.¹³

Johnny was only 16, although his age was listed his age as 18. He was a farmer, but a mere 5' 4" in statue.¹⁴

Johnny joined the 29th Ohio Infantry, a regiment whose battle honors rank among the highest every achieved during the civil war. The regiment marched from their enlistment camp to Camp Chase, Ohio, December 25, 1861, and thence to Cumberland, Maryland on January 17, 1862.¹⁵ There had been a delay in their march do to the inadequate amount of supplies the regiment needed, and the extensive *borrowing* of supplies by other regiments, and in large part from the 29th.

By March 23, 1862 Johnny was with the 29th at Winchester, Virginia and on

June 9, 1862 had been taken prisoner at Port Republic, Virginia¹⁶

Johnny remained a prisoner of war, either at Belle Island or Andersonville, from June 9th until September 13, 1862 where he was finally paroled during a prisoner exchange at Aikens Landing, Virginia. Mistreatment of prisoners was common, and conditioned produced death and long term illness brought on by poor sanitations and malnutrition.

After his release as a prisoner of war, Johnny's regiment proceeded to Chancellorsville and was there for the impending battles of the famous battle on May 1, 2 and 3rd 1863. As the war raged on and the battles seemed to be never ending, death and illness was always present. On July 1, 2 and 3rd, 1863 the 29th Regiment had proceeded to engaged in heavy battles at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and soon drained of energy and ill from the effects of typhoid fever, Johnny was hospitalized at the General Hospital Central Park, New York City. He would remain hospitalized until November 6, 1863, when his health

¹³ Military records, John J. Belnap

¹⁴ Ibid

¹⁵ Organized at Camp Giddings near Jefferson and mustered in August 26, 1861, rising troops from Ashtabula, Summit, and Medina counties, under Commander: Capt. Wilbur F. Stevens of Ohio (1839-1894), Capt. Edward Hayes of Hartford, Ohio (1829-1899)

¹⁶ The Battle of Port Republic was fought on June 9, 1862, in Rockingham County, Virginia, as part of Confederate States Army Major General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's Campaign through the Shenandoah Valley during the American Civil War. Port Republic was a fierce contest between two equally determined foes and was the most costly battle fought by Jackson's Army of the Valley during its campaign.

must have been sufficient and his incarceration at the hospital feeling like a prison.

THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

The Ceremonies at Aiken's Landing, on James River—Horrible Treatment of Our Men by the Rebels—Names of Some of the Officers Released—Col. Corcoran to be Exchanged for Col. Hanson.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Aug. 10.

A gentleman who was at Aiken's Landing on Thursday, gives an interesting account of the exchange of prisoners at that point. Our vessels arrived there at one in the afternoon, and in the course of six hours delivered the 3,013 rebel prisoners to Commissioner ROBERT OULD. The United States prisoners had walked thirteen miles, and were in an almost famished condition, their food having been two small biscuits each for the entire day. They had suffered extremely for want of water, and it was only after the entreaty of Mr. OULD with the Colonel having charge of them, they were permitted in squads to quench their excessive thirst at a well. Capt. J. S. STEVENSON, of the Marine Artillery, connected with our boats, distributed food, and otherwise relieved their necessities. They remained over night at the landing, Mr. AIKEN, the proprietor of the plantation, furnishing them straw on which to sleep. Early the next day they were taken on board our transports. Mr. OULD acknowledged the rebel prisoners had been better treated by the United States authorities than our own men at Richmond, and certainly the contrast between the two parties furnished proof of this fact.

The exchange has been completed so far as concerns private soldiers lately confined in Richmond and vicinity, and some time this week the arrangement for the exchange of officers is expected to be consummated. An order has been issued calling upon all officers who are on parole to report their names, rank and address to the Adjutant-General, that arrangements may be made for their exchange.

The following named officers have been exchanged, and may at once enter upon duty:

Col. Kenney, 1st Maryland, 1st Inf.	Lieut. Lay, 3d Inf.
Lieut. Col. Hoffman, 8th Capt. Gibbs, 3d Cav.	
L. S. Infanterie.	Capt. Stevenson, 3d Cav.
Maj. Clitz, 12th Inf.	Capt. Potter, 3d Cav.
Maj. Dwight, 2d Mass.	Lieut. Plummer, 7th Inf.
Capt. Wallace, 1st Inf.	Lieut. Hancock, 7th Inf.
Capt. Rowan, 3d Inf.	Lieut. Ryan, 7th Inf.
Capt. Hookins, 3d Inf.	Capt. Jordan, 8th Inf.
Lieut. Steiner, 3d Inf.	Lieut. McNally, 3d Cav.
Lieut. Van Horn, 3d Inf.	Lieut. Clessy, 3d Cav.

Col. Corcoran will be exchanged for Col. Hanson.

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That day he *absented* himself from of his confinement and left the hospital only to be brought back that night *drunk*. He was placed in the guardhouse and that evening, while in the guardhouse, drunk and belligerent, Johnny set fire to two blankets *with the intent to burn the guard house* in

which he was confined and therefore endangering lives and *willfully and maliciously burn and destroy two blankets the property of the U.S. Government.*¹⁷

His trial for these offences may never have taken place as he was to report for general court martial on April 6, 1864, but was reported sick at the hospital in Ringold, Georgia, following a battle at that place. He continued to engage the enemy with the 29th until they reached Pine Knob, Georgia.

*He never once wrote home that he feared he was going to be wounded. He was in four or five different battles this spring. His captain wrote me that they were under fire four days steady.*¹⁸

At Pine Knob, an intense battle ensued and Johnny was wounded on June 15, 1864. Three days later, en route to the hospital near Chattanooga, Tennessee, John Jacob Belnap, private in the Union Army, died from wounds received in battle. He received an honorable discharge the 11th of August 1864 and *was buried in the National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tenn. He had only three months more to serve.*¹⁹

The Union soldiers who fought for their belief were just, they fought and died for freedom and equality; they are heroes no doubt.

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¹⁷ Military papers of John J Belnap

¹⁸ Letter dated July 17, 1864 from John Belnap, Grand Rapids to his brother Gilbert.

¹⁹ Ibid

In Memoriam

Since the publication of the 2006 CRIER, the following deaths have been received by the Belnap Family Organization through December 31, 2007. To have your family's vital statistics printed in the future issues of the CRIER, please contact your Family Representative, CRIER Editor or email to dhfw80d@hotmail.com

In a special tribute to those that past in 2008, we have lost two members of the Belnap Family whose dedication to the Belnap Family Organization should not remain silent. One past president and one family representative have recently passed away.

Dorothy Greenwell Harper

.....past away on May 28, 2008. Dorothy was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of



Latter Day Saints where she served for over 20 years as West Weber Ward Accompanist/chorister. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and had dedicated herself for over 30 years to the family members of the Greenwell Family and the Belnap Family, service in the later as Martha Jane Belnap Hammon Family

Representative. Dorothy was always there when help was needed and consistently gained assistance to the Belnap family members getting members of the talented Greenwell family to perform or supply a wagon for children's rides.

Max Gilbert Belnap

... past president of the *Belnap Family Organization* past way on April 27, 2008. Max was born October 5, 1924 in Hooper, Weber, Utah, the son of John Marion and Zina Hattie Taylor Belnap. He was the great grandson of Gilbert and Heneritta McBride Belnap.



Max grew up on the family farm in Hooper, reared and educated in his earlier years there. He attended Weber High School, graduating in 1943 and served in World War II as a technical sergeant in Korea. For many years he taught industrial arts at Clearfield, High School, and during his tenure acquired his Masters Degree from San Jose State. He retired in 1984 after 22 years of teaching.

Of the many important callings in his life, LDS Missionary, Soldier, teacher and serving as President of the Belnap

Family Organization from 1978 to 1980.

KIZZIAH ANNA BELNAP TRACY

(#3 child of Reuben and Ella Catherine Messick Belnap, #1 child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 24 October 2005 in Rigby, Madison, Idaho. Buried 28 October 2005 in Lana Cemetery, Lana, Bonneville, Idaho.

LOLA ESTELLA MISKIN HARRIS HILL GOODENOUGH

(#3 child of Arthur Richard and Luvina Vilate Belnap Miskin, #4 child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 26 March 2004 in Stevensville, Ravalli, Montana. Buried 1 April 2004 in Ucon Cemetery, Ucon, Bonneville, Idaho.

BERNICE COX SLY (#4 child of Edward and Polly Estella Belnap Cox #6 child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 19 March 2005 in St. George, Washington, Utah. Buried 25 March 2005 in San Jacinto Valley Cemetery, San Jacinto, Riverside, California.

JOSEPH ALFRED SLY (husband of Bernice Cox Sly, see above) died 9 March 2003 in Hemet, Riverside, California. Buried 17 March 2003 in San Jacinto Valley Cemetery, San Jacinto, Riverside, California.

ELDON REUBEN COX (#6 child of Edward and Polly Estella Belnap Cox, #6 child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 11 May 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 16 May 2006 in Utah Veterans Memorial Park, Camp Williams, Bluffdale, Utah.

ELVA MYRLE STONE COX (wife of Eldon Reuben Cox, see above) died 18 December 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 22 December 2006 in Utah Veterans Memorial Park, Camp Williams, Bluffdale, Utah.

NORMA BARKER CARN (#4 child of William Franklin Barker and Ethel Beamy Belnap Barker Elder Garner Belnap #9 child of Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon Belnap) died 23 December 2005 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 28 December 2005 in Elysian Burial Gardens, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

GORDON LEE GILL (#3 child of George Peter and Wanda Johnson Gill, #3 child of Benjamin Albin and Augusta Permelia Belnap Johnson, #2 child of Joseph and Minerva Permelia Howard (Fisk) Belnap) died 21 August 2006 in

Bountiful, Davis, Utah. Buried 25 August 2006 in Utah Veterans Memorial Park, Camp Williams, Bluffdale, Utah.

BEATRICE MARY BROWNSON STOKER

(wife of Ellis Allen Stoker, #11 child of Lorenzo and Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker, #3 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 17 March 2007 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Entombed 22 March 2007 in The Good Shephard Abbey Mausoleum, Washington Heights Memorial Park, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

NORMA PAULINE JAMES BARTONEK (#1 child of Albert and Leona Pearl Stoker James, #2 child of Lorenzo and Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker, #3 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 26 December 2007 in South Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 5 January 2008 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

ERNEST MILTON KENDRICK (husband of Karen Gay Bartonek Kendrick, #2 child of Cloyd Ogden and Norma Pauline James Bartonek, see above) died 22 August 2005 in South Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 27 August 2005 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

VERN MATTHEW BOWCUTT (husband of Helen Stoker James Bowcutt, #6 child of Albert and Leona Pearl Stoker James, #2 child of Lorenzo and Polly Adaline Hammon Stoker, #3 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 21 January 2007 in Orem, Utah, Utah. Buried 25 January 2007 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

NORMA NORENE BAKER NOBLITT

HOLLEY (#8 child of William Nathan and Jane Hammon Baker, #4 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 22 August 2007 in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. Buried 1 September 2007 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

PERRY JOAN HOLLEY WRIGHT MOYES (#1 child of John Perry and Norma Norene Baker Noblitt Holley, see above) died 8 December 2006 in Lava Hot Springs, Bannock, Idaho. Cremated.

ARLAND HAMMON (#2 child of Wallace Derlin and Delores Merrie Hamblin Hammon, #1 child of Levi Derliin Hammon and Emma Hawkswood Hammon Clark, #5 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon)

died 10 November 2007 in Clearfield, Davis, Utah. Buried 13 November 2007 in Kaysville City Cemetery, Kaysville, Davis, Utah.

HOMER DEE WHITTIER (husband of Ora Stoker Whittier, #1 child of Herman Deloss and Minnie Ora Child Stoker, #1 child of Jesse Stoker and Lettie Matilda Hammon Stoker Taylor, #8 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 20 March 2007 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Buried 30 March 2007 in Ammon Cemetery, Ammon, Bonneville, Idaho.

MAX ALLEN REEVES (husband of Ruth Venable Reeves, #1 child of Marvin Charles and Matilda Jane Stoker Venable, #2 child of Jesse Stoker and Lettie Matilda Hammon Stoker Taylor, #8 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 27 July 2006 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Buried 2 August 2006 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

WARREN CHARLES LUDLOW (#3 child of Kimball Dee and Rosann Wiberg Ludlow, #5 child of Dean Phyllips and Beverly Venable Wiberg, #3 child of Marvin Charles and Matilda Jane Stoker Venable, #2 child of Jesse Stoker and Lettie Matilda Hammon Stoker Taylor, #8 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 19 June 2007 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Buried 23 June 2007 in Syracuse City Cemetery, Syracuse, Davis, Utah.

WILMA "BILLIE" HAMMON KAP (#5 child of Amasa Marion and Edith Ann Hobson Hammon, #9 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 10 January 2006 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 11 January 2006 in Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

RUTH HAMMON OWEN (#9 child of Amasa Marion and Edith Ann Hobson Hammon, #9 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 3 May 2007 in West Haven, Weber, Utah. Buried 9 May 2007 in Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch Cemetery, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

CHARLES DELBERT OWEN (husband of Ruth Hammon Owen, see above) died 22 December 2006 in West Haven, Weber, Utah. Buried 29 December 2006 in Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch Cemetery, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

JAMES MATTHEW BERTAGNOLLI (husband of Shelly Rundquist Bertagnolli, #6 child of Donald Lamar and Myrla Hammon Rundquist, #8 child of Amasa Marion and Edith Ann Hobson Hammon, #9 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 23 February 2006 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Buried 27 February 2006 in Roy City Stoker Memorial Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

NANCY DRUE HAMMON BOWERS (#4 child of Amasa Marion and Doris Adele Butterfield Hammon, Jr., #3 child of Amasa Marion and Edith Ann Hobson Hammon, #9 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 16 October 2005 in Boise, Ada, Idaho. Cremated.

VEE LAVAR TAYLOR (#6 child of Alex Ursel and Rhoda Luann Hammon Taylor, #10 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 3 September 2006 in Logan, Cache, Utah. Buried 9 September 2006 in Grace, Caribou, Idaho.

LARAIN GREENWELL DECKER (#2 child of Lewis Hammon and Una Cottle Greenwell, #6 child of Lancelot and Betsy Robena Hammon Greenwell, #11 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 27 June 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 3 July 2006 in West Weber Cemetery, West Weber, Weber, Utah.

KAREN ELIZABETH DOWNS CRITCHLOW JONES (#4 child of Blaine Yeaman Downs and Darlene McEntire Downs Ives, #5 child of Horace Alexander and Ethel Hammon McEntire, #14 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 6 September 2007 in Newton, Cache, Utah. Buried 10 September 2007 in Ben Lomand/North Ogden City Cemetery, North Ogden, Weber, Utah.

SHARON GAY HAMMON DRAAYER BELL (#2 child of Daniel Glen and Virginia Slater Hammon, #15 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 10 November 2007 in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona. Buried 21 November 2007 in Little Georgetown cemetery, The Plains, Fauquier, Virginia.

CONNIE JEAN DRAAYER BISH (#2 child of Adrian Draayer, Jr. and Sharon Gay Hammon Draayer Bell, #2 child Daniel Glen and Virginia Slater Hammon, #15 child of Levi Byram and Martha Jane Belnap Hammon) died 14 October 2005 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake,

Utah. Buried 18 October 2005 in Bountiful City Cemetery, Bountiful, Davis, Utah.

ALEX KENDALL GEE (#2 child of Kendall Erickson and Carinne Marie Nichols Gee, #2 child of Randall Jarvis and Janet Erickson Gee, #2 child of Eldred Hilmar and Lois Ruth Belnap Erickson, #2 child of Arias GUy and Mabel Harris Belnap, #2 child of Hyrum and Anna Constantia Bluth Belnap) died 26 May 2007 in Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska. Buried 31 May 2007 in Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska.

COLLEEN MARIE POLLOCK BELNAP (wife of Gary Fred Belnap, #1 child of Byron Knight and Hedy Schindler *Belnap* #7 child of Hyrum and Anna Constantia Bluth Belnap) died 8 June 2007 in South Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 11 June 2007 in Murray City Cemetery, Murray, Salt Lake, Utah.

MARTELL ANDERSON BELNAP (#5 child of Augustus Ruben and Olena Nettie Anderson Belnap, #1 child of Augustus Weber and Mary Read Belnap) died 25 October 2006 in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas. Buried 28 October 2006 in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas.

GERTRUDE (TRUDY) FRITZSCHE BELNAP (wife of Reid Mitchell Belnap, #2 child of Earl Read and Myrtle Esther Shirley Belnap, #6 child of Augustus Weber and Mary Read Belnap) died 19 December 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 27 December 2006 in Holladay Memorial Park, Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah.

VINSON K. BELNAP (#3 child of Lovel and Elizabeth Lilian (Lillie) Hobbs Belnap, #5 child of Vinson Knight and Sarah Emily Hardy Belnap) died 21 March 2007 in Bountiful, Davis, Utah. Buried 24 March 2007 in Washington Heights Memorial Park, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

VELMA LILLIAN ARAVE BELNAP (wife of Vinson K. Belnap, see above) died 14 March 2007 in Bountiful, Davis, Utah. Buried 17 March 2007 in Washington Heights Memorial Park, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

MARY WILLIAMS THORNTON (#3 child of Heber Charles and Lola Mary Lowe Williams, #3 child of John Alexander and Adaline Lorinda Belnap Lowe) died 16 January 2007 in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 20 January 2007 in Redwood Memorial Estates Cemetery, West Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah.

BLAINE GRANT HASTINGS (#3 child of Eugene Grant and Mary Smith

Hastings, #2 child of John and Verne Eliza Lowe Smith, #1 child of Joseph Heber and Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe) died 1 December 2005 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 6 December 2005 in Valley View Memorial Park, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

JOSEPH DAVID COOLBEAR (#1 Child of Fred Ivan Coolbear and Annie Lowe Coolbear Flitton, #2 child of Joseph Heber and Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe) died 7 April 2007 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 10 April 2007 in Larkin Sunset Gardens, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

CLAUDETTE COOLBEAR STEVENS (#1 child of Joseph David and Velma Louise Miller Coolbear, see above) died 6 November 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 9 November 2006 in Redwood Memorial Estates Cemetery, West Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah.

NAOMI NIELSEN MORROW COOLBEAR (wife of Dallas Barnard Coolbear, #4 child of Fred Ivan Coolbear and Annie Lowe Coolbear Flitton, #2 child of Joseph Heber and Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe) died 6 October 2007 in Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah. Buried 10 October 2007 in Brigham City Cemetery, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah.

VERNETTA JONES VAN ORDEN (wife of ArIon Lowe Van Orden, #2 child of Merlln Thatcher and Jewel Lowe Van Orden, #4 child of Joseph Heber and Mary Louisa Belnap Lowe) died 6 December 2006 in Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah. Buried 11 December 2006 in Smithfield City Cemetery, Smithfield, Cache, Utah.

LAWANNA MARY WILBURN RICKS (#2 child of Christopher Mack and Jean Adaline Horrmon Wilburn, #1 child of Phares Thomas and Sylvia Adaline Coolbear Hormon, #2 child of David William and Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear) died 3 May 2006 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 10 May 2006 in Elysian Burial Gardens, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

HAROLD RILEY JOHNSON (husband of Lola Ann Heaps Johnson, #1 child of Rulon Albert and Lola Fern Coolbear Heaps, #5 child of David William and Lola Almira Belnap Coolbear) died 27 December 2005 in Fairview, Sanpete, Utah. Buried 2 January 2006 in Orem City Cemetery, Orem, Utah, Utah.

FAITH DIXIE BELNAP JENSEN GROSS (#4 child of Henry and Ida Loveland Belnap, #5 child of William James and Eliza Ann Watts Belnap) died 6 January 2006 in

Bend, Deschutes, Oregon. Buried 11 January 2006 in Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, California.

WAYNE WILFORD BELNAP (#11 child of Oliver Mead and Jael Lavern Hatch Belnap, #1 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 26 December 2007 in Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho. Buried 29 December 2007 in Rupert Cemetery, Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho.

JOSEPH OLIVER BELNAP (#1 child of Albert Mead and Gladys Williams Belnap, #1 child of Oliver Mead and Jael Lavern Hatch Belnap, #1 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 17 February 2006 in Centerville, Davis, Utah. Buried 20 February 2006 in Centerville City Cemetery, Centerville, Davis, Utah.

MARGARET RUTH BELNAP REESE (#2 child of Henry William and Priscilla Cooper Belnap, #2 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 13 September 2006 in Corvallis, Benton, Oregon. Buried 23 September 2006 in Corvallis, Benton, Oregon.

THELMA BENSON MCQUEEN (#3 child of Mathias Julius and Margaret Belnap Benson, #3 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 27 August 2005 in Santa Ana, Orange, California. Buried 31 August 2005 in Santa Ana Cemetery, Santa Ana, Orange, California.

VELMA BINGHAM BELNAP (wife of Garth Ronald Belnap, #3 child of Lester and Crystal Vere Ellsworth Belnap, #4 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 2 October 2006 in Henderson, Clark, Nevada. Buried 9 October 2006 in Moreland City Cemetery, Moreland, Bingham, Idaho.

ROBERTA LEATHAM LINDSAY (wife of Rex B. Lindsay, #1 child of James Russell and Hazel Belnap Lindsay, #6 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 15 December 2005 in Bountiful, Davis, Utah. Buried 22 December 2005 in Bountiful City Cemetery, Bountiful, Davis, Utah.

MARK LINDSAY (#4 child of James Russell and Hazel Belnap Lindsay, #6 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 19 January 2007 in Hooper, Weber, Utah. Buried 24 January 2007 in Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.

LUCILLE JEWELL BELNAP (wife of Wendell Taylor Belnap, #1 child of

John Marion and Zina Hattie Taylor Belnap, #3 child Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 28 August 2005 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Buried 3 September 2005 in Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.

MARILYN LEDA AUSTIN BELNAP (wife of Veloy Hall Belnap, #7 child of George Ellis and Mabel Hall Belnap, #6 child of Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 26 July 2006 in Garland, Box Elder, Utah. Buried 29 July 2006 in Garland Cemetery, Garland, Box Elder, Utah.

FAUNT ELWYN MONTGOMERY (husband of Beth Belnap Fowers Montgomery, #4 child of Joseph Paul and Christel Fern Belnap Fowers, #8 child of Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 11 April 2006 in Clearfield, Davis, Utah. Buried 20 April 2006 in West Point Cemetery, West Point, Davis, Utah.

TODD MONTGOMERY GIBBS (#2 child of Richard Charles and Connie Montgomery Gibbs, #1 child of Faunt Elwyn and Beth Belnap Fowers Montgomery, see above) died 6 July 2005 in Riverside, Riverside, California. Buried 15 July 2005 in West Point Cemetery, West Point, Davis, Utah.

GREG BELNAP CLARY (#1 child of Glenn Thomas Clary and Joyce Belnap Clary Truex, #3 child of Lorenzo and Vera Wilcox Belnap, #7 child of Francis Marion and Lillis Subina Robinson Belnap) died 30 August 2005 in Hooper, Weber, Utah. Buried 3 September 2005 in Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.

HELEN OLIVE FROERER STODDARD (wife of Earl Seymour Stoddard, #12 child of John Francis and Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard) died 21 October 2006 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Buried 26 October 2006 in Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.

ELEANOR RAE EVANS PATTERSON (wife of Frank Edgar Patterson, #7 child of Alexander Holdaway and Henrietta Mabel Stoddard Patterson, #4 child of John Francis and Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard) died 29 January 2006 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 2 February 2006 in Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

RAYMOND LEE PATTERSON (#2 child of Fred Lee and Marian Burton Patterson, #4 child of Alexander Holdaway and Henrietta

Francis and Isadora Estella Belnap Stoddard) died 8 February 2006 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Buried 11 February 2006 in Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch Cemetery, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

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Gilbert Belnap Lawman is a compilation of his existing lawman stories as Marshal of Ogden and Sheriff of Weber County which are well-read by many, but will provide some additional insights and will describe some of his law-related experiences not mentioned elsewhere. It is illustrated with pictures and presents a considerable amount of early Ogden history. It is presented in a clear front report cover and contains about 30 pages, and includes source references. It may be bought at the reunion for \$5 a copy.









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Nominee for BFO President

Wes Cox and his wife Bonnie Hurst Cox are not new to Belnap Reunions. They were the leaders of three Reuben Belnap reunions way back in the 50's and 60's and since with several reunions of Wes's parent's, Edward Cox and Polly Estella Belnap Cox. Estella was Reuben and Lucien Vilate Hammon's third daughter and was born in Wilford, Idaho. Wes remembers as a teenager of learning about Belnap family history from Della A. Belnap. Wes and Bonnie were both born in Ogden, graduated from Ogden High School, and attended Weber College. Wes and Bonnie are parents of five children: Lauralee Williams, James, Nathan, Steven, and Melonie Mirka. They are currently retired—Wes from Unisys, Inc. and Bonnie from Abbott Laboratory. As the family representative for Reuben, Wes has enjoyed working with the 2008 officers and family representatives of the *Belnap Family Organization*.








Family Group Record

Husband Gilbert Belnap			
Born	22 Dec 1821	Place Port Hope, New Castle District, Ontario, Canada	
Died	26 Feb 1899	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah	
Buried	Mar 1899	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Married	21 Dec 1845	Place Nauvoo, Hancock, IL	
Husband's father	Rosel Belnap		
Husband's mother	Jane Richmond		
Wife Adaline Knight			
Born	4 May 1831	Place Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York	
Died	10 Jun 1919	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	
Buried	15 Jun 1919	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Wife's father	Vinson Knight		
Wife's mother	Martha Mc Bride		
Children List each child in order of birth.			
M	Gilbert Rosel Belnap		
Born	8 Jan 1847	Place Winters Quarters, Douglas, Nebraska	
Died	25 Jan 1929	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Buried	27 Jan 1929	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Sarah Jane Cole		
Married	30 Nov 1867	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	
M	John McBride Belnap		
Born	11 May 1849	Place Fremont Co., Iowa	
Died	22 Jun 1850	Place Salt Creek, Ashland, Nebraska	
M	Reuben Belnap		
Born	14 Jun 1851	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Died	20 Oct 1923	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Buried	24 Oct 1923	Place Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Lucien Vilate Hammon		
Married	11 Jan 1870	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	
M	Joseph Belnap		
Born	26 Jan 1853	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Died	1 Apr 1922	Place Preston, Franklin, Idaho	
Buried	6 Apr 1922	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Minerva Permelia Howard (Fisk)		
Married	26 Apr 1875	Place Salt Lake, Salt Lake, Utah	
F	Martha Jane Belnap		
Born	17 Sep 1855	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Chr.	25 Sep 1855	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Died	21 Mar 1923	Place Roy, Weber, Utah	
Buried	23 Mar 1923	Place Roy Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Levi Byram Hammon		
Married	11 Jan 1870	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	
M	Hyrum Belnap		
Born	24 Mar 1858	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Died	18 Sep 1938	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Buried	21 Sep 1938	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Christina Rasmussen		
Married	20 Sep 1883	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	

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Husband Gilbert Belnap		
Wife Adaline Knight		
Children List each child in order of birth.		
7	M	Augustus Weber Belnap
	Born	25 Mar 1860 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Died	15 Mar 1948 Place Salem, Madison, Idaho
	Buried	17 Mar 1948 Place Wilford Cemetery, Wilford, Fremont, Idaho
	Spouse	Mary Read
	Married	21 Apr 1886 Place Logan, Cache, Utah
		
8	M	Volney Belnap
	Born	17 Feb 1862 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Died	14 Mar 1862 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Buried	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah
		
9	M	Vinson Knight Belnap
	Born	26 Jun 1863 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Died	23 Apr 1920 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Buried	25 Apr 1920 Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Spouse	Sarah Emily Hardy
	Married	20 Oct 1886 Place Logan, Cache, Utah
		
10	M	Amasa Belnap
	Born	22 Jun 1866 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Died	28 May 1929 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
	Buried	1 May 1929 Place Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah
	Spouse	Lillian Rosamond Garner
	Married	20 Oct 1886 Place Logan, Cache, Utah
		
11	F	Adaline Lorinda Belnap
	Born	1 Aug 1868 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah
	Died	9 Jun 1934 Place Franklin, Franklin, Idaho
	Buried	12 Jun 1934 Place Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Idaho
	Spouse	John Alexander Lowe
	Married	18 Nov 1891 Place Logan, Cache, Utah
		
12	F	Mary Louisa Belnap
	Born	11 Dec 1870 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah
	Died	2 May 1950 Place Smithfield, Cache, Utah
	Buried	6 May 1950 Place Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Idaho
	Spouse	Joseph Heber Lowe
	Married	18 Dec 1889 Place Logan, Cache, Utah
		
13	F	Lola Almira Belnap
	Born	5 Jun 1874 Place Hooper, Weber, Utah
	Died	14 Jun 1921 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
	Buried	16 Jun 1921 Place Wasatch Lawn Cemetery, Salt Lake, Utah
	Spouse	David William Coolbear
	Married	8 Aug 1900 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
		

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Born	22 Dec 1821	Place Port Hope, New Castle District, Ontario, Canada		
Died	26 Feb 1899	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Buried	Mar 1899	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah		
Married	26 Jan 1852	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah		
Husband's father	Rosel Belnap			
Husband's mother	Jane Richmond			
Wife Henrietta Mc Bride				
Born	1 Sep 1821	Place York, Livingston, New York		
Died	5 Sep 1899	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Buried	Sep 1899	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah		
Wife's father	James McBride			
Wife's mother	Betsy Mead			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
F	Annetta McBride Belnap			
Born	16 Apr 1851	Place Council Bluffs, Pottawattmie, Iowa		
Died	26 Nov 1852	Place		
Buried		Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah		
M	William James Belnap			
Born	31 Aug 1853	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah		
Died	20 Dec 1932	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Buried	23 Dec 1932	Place Hooper Cemetery, Weber, Utah		
Spouse	Eliza Ann Watts			
Married	22 Dec 1873	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah		
M	Oliver Belnap			
Born	20 Sep 1855	Place Springville, Utah, Utah		
Died	30 Mar 1929	Place St. George, Washington, Utah		
Buried	2 Apr 1929	Place Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah		
Spouse	Margaret Ann Manning			
Married	6 Jan 1881	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah		
M	Francis Marion Belnap			
Born	5 Jun 1857	Place Ogden, Weber, Utah		
Died	15 Dec 1932	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Buried	18 Dec 1932	Place Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Spouse	Lilis Sabina Robinson			
Married	26 Dec 1878	Place Hooper, Weber County, Utah		
F	Isadora Estella Belnap			
Born	31 Oct 1860	Place Farmington, Davis, Utah		
Died	3 Jan 1931	Place Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Buried	7 Jan 1931	Place Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah		
Spouse	John Francis Stoddard			
Married	14 Aug 1876	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA		