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# Belnap Family Crier

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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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## Belnap Family Organization Letter

*The following is an email sent last year in order to get further information on the descendants of Gilbert Belnap.*

*Dear BFO Officers, Family Reps, Advisory Board Members, and other interested relatives:*

*As many of you know, we've struggled for years as a family organization to find a way to keep on top of our constantly growing membership, which is automatic for all descendants of Gilbert Belnap. Frankly, the task has grown almost too large...most branches of the family no longer have a clear idea how many descendants they have or where/how to contact them. We currently have somewhere around 1,000 mailing addresses---a number that has held steady for around a decade---for over 10,000 descendants, and we seem to be falling further behind.*

*On recent BFO conference calls, we've discussed moving away from the current address updating/tracking system, which is fairly manually intensive and relies largely on post office changes of address or relatively infrequent updates submitted by family reps, to a more user/member-based and technologically up-to-date system, where family reps and individual descendants can update contact information directly.*

*We've also grown increasingly comfortable with disseminating reunion announcements and other news via e-mail rather than snail mail.*

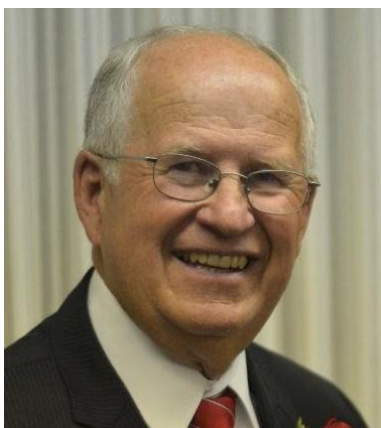
*Interim steps to make our membership database more current have included creating a Facebook group page for the BFO and the creation of an Excel template for family reps to use in capturing and formatting e-mails and mailing addresses. To date, these efforts have yielded only limited result with only about 125 Facebook group members and a trickle of e-mail address updates from family reps.*

#### **Family Members-**

***PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS or contact your family representative if you are not able to receive emails, or you are not able to provide your email addresses.***

### **Belnap Family Organization News**

On August 15, 2010, immediately following the general reunion of the Belnap Family Organization, Jim Marriott was elected as the new



**Jim Marriott was elected President of the Belnap Family Organization**

president, replacing Wes Cox. All other officers and family representatives will remain the same through 2012.

Two new family representatives were also added to the BFO roster: Raymond VanderDoes for the Reuben Belnap line and Sam and Ben Reeves for the Martha Jane Belnap Hammon line, replacing the late Glenda Hammon Guinn.

***A complete list of family representatives can be found at the end of this document.***

### **104<sup>th</sup> Belnap Family Reunion**

Approximately 200 of members of the Gilbert Belnap family attended the 104<sup>th</sup> Belnap Family Reunion in Eden, Utah, with approximately 50 attended the Ogden City Cemetery Tour and evening's get together.

It was reported that all of Gilbert Belnap children and his wives were represented at the reunion this year.

Among the attendees of the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dixon and their son Nicholas, from London, England. They received the award for the *family coming the furthest* and presented a history of Belnap Family of England, descendants of one Belnap (Belknap), who did not join the family in America.



**The Dixon's  
(Brent Belnap Photo)**

Other speakers at the reunion included Audrey Hobson presenting a brief history of Henrietta McBride Belnap and Irene Belnap Anderson giving a brief history of the life of Adaline Knight Belnap.

Other events included class presentations as follows: *Pioneer Cooking*, presented by Edith and Florence Ward, *Gilbert Belnap, Lawman*, presented by BFO President Wes Cox, *Gilbert Belnap's Mission to Lemhi* by Jim Marriott and a class on the *Latest Information on the BFO Website* presented by Brent Belnap. Ben and Edith Reeves also presented information on *Making Corrections in New Family Search*.

### Ogden City Cemetery Tour



A special tour of the Ogden City Cemetery was presented on Friday evening August 13, 2010 by Ray VanderDoes, a descendant of Gilbert Belnap through his son Reuben. About 50 descendants showed up for the evening presentation, followed by a hot dog and marshmallow roast at a local park.

Five sites in the Ogden City Cemetery were visited by the various family members. "Site A" the site of four generations of Belnap and McBrides, including Gilbert Belnap, wives Henrietta and Adaline, a son of Francis Marion Belnap, two infant children of Martha and Levi B Hammon, Martha McBride Knight, mother of Adaline and Abigail Mead McBride, grandmother to both Adaline and Henrietta. The remaining sites included both children and grandchildren of Gilbert:

Here is a partial listing for Belnap Family burials in the Ogden City Cemetery

Gilbert Belnap  
Adaline Knight Belnap  
Henrietta McBride Belnap

Abigail Mead McBride  
Martha McBride Knight

#### Children and their wives

Volney Belnap  
Hyrum Belnap  
Anna C. Bluth Belnap  
Christiana Rasmussen Belnap  
Joseph Belnap  
Manerva Belnap  
Gilbert Rosel Belnap (Gilbert and Adaline)  
Annetta McBride (Henrietta)  
Vinson Knight Belnap  
Oliver Belnap

#### Grandchildren

Gilbert Roy Belnap (Francis Marion)  
John Francis Stoddard (Isadora)



Byram Rosel (Martha Jane)  
 Joseph H Belnap (Joseph)  
 Flora Belnap (Hyrum)  
 Della Belnap (Hyrum)  
 Laura Belnap (Hyrum)  
 Hyrum Adolphus (Hyrum)  
 Olive C Belnap Jenson (Hyrum)  
 G. Riley Belnap (Joseph)  
 Sarah Belnap Eldridge (Gilbert Rosel)  
 H. Earl Belnap (Hyrum)  
 Adaline (Vinson Knight)  
 Mary Belnap (Vinson)  
 Rita Belnap Schonwandt (Vinson)  
 Daniel Glenn Hammon (Martha Jane)  
 Ethel Hammon McEntire (Martha Jane)  
 Betsy Robena Hammon Greenwell (Martha Jane)  
 Sarah Elizabeth Belnap Eldredge (Gilbert Rosel)  
 Gilbert Martin Belnap (Gilbert Rosel)  
 Weltha Belnap Marriott (Gilbert Rosel)  
 Maud Belnap Kimball (Gilbert Rosel)  
 Ethel Beamy Belnap Garner (Reuben)  
 Joseph Howard Belnap (Joseph)

### Quilt Donation in the Church News



Each square of this quilt was made by a member  
 of the ward and presented to Adaline Knight  
 Belnap for her 25th year anniversary as  
 President of the Relief Society

(Brent Belnap Photograph)

Adaline/Martha McBride quilt top was  
 donated to the church museum and will be  
 on display. The quilt has been with the  
 descendants of the Adaline Lorinda Belnap  
 Lowe family and was inspected by the  
 textile conservation experts of the LDS  
 Church and placed in the church historical  
 center.

### 105<sup>th</sup> Belnap Family Reunion

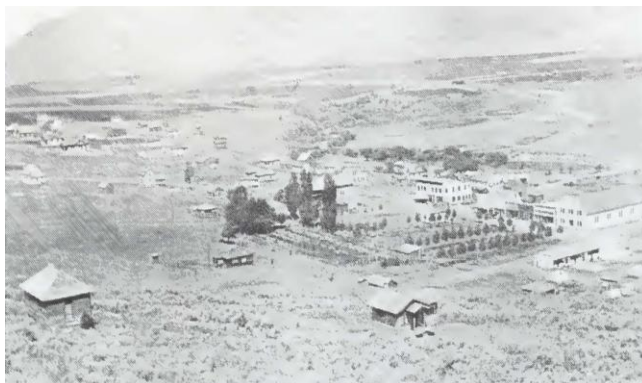
The 105<sup>th</sup> Belnap Family Reunion is set to  
 take place this year on August 11, 2012.  
 This year the reunion will take place in  
 Lava Hot Springs.

### Brief History of Lava Hot Springs

The Lava Hot Springs area was once part of  
 the original Fort Hall reservation, the  
 springs and land were part of a treaty  
 agreement between the Indians and the  
 United States Government during the late  
 1800's. The federal government purchased  
 the springs and land, approximately 178  
 acres including the springs.

Traders and trappers came to the area  
 about 1812 with trappers such as Wilson  
 Hunt arriving in the early to mid-1800's  
 and later trading post was established  
 about one mile from the current business  
 district of Lava Hot Springs by Bob  
 Dempsey, another local trapper. Dempsey  
 befriended the local Lemhi Tribe of  
 American Indians on the reservation and  
 later married the chief's daughter.

The area which is now Lava Hot Springs  
 was originally called Dempsey. In 1855  
 Gilbert Belnap travelled with missionaries



Early photograph of Lava Hot Springs

to establish Fort Lemhi and camped at Big Springs near the Portneuf River. Whether Gilbert enjoyed the relaxation of the hot springs is doubtful, but since the early days various native Indian tribes sought the soothing nature of the hot mineral springs. Members of the Nez Perce, Paiute, Shoshoni, Bannock, Crow and Flathead tribes all shared the area around the hot mineral waters in relative peace.<sup>1</sup>

Settlers and gold-seeking travelers on the way to Oregon and California passed near Lava. In 1849 a group led by Benoni Hudspeth and John Meyers left the usual route at Soda Springs and created "Hudspeth's Cutoff" traveling west and south rejoining the California Trail at Raft River. Wagon trails are still visible in the nearby hills. Some dust-caked travelers were fortunate enough to soak their weary bones in the relaxing hot springs.<sup>2</sup>

In 1882 the Oregon Short Line passed through Lava. The coming of the railroad opened the land and brought workers and jobs along with homesteaders to the area and a homesteader named John T. Hall arrived in 1904 and decided to develop the natural hot springs into a health spa. Dempsey was officially changed to Lava Hot Springs Village on July 24, 1915.<sup>3</sup>

*In the 1920's Lava became a destination resort drawing people to enjoy the pools and facilities. Bathing facilities included an enclosed Natatorium (swimming pool), an open-air pool, a Sanitarium with 2 pools –*

*ladies/gentlemen, mud bath, and Spa Plunge with a "Water Toboggan."<sup>4</sup>*

There are many things to do and see while attending the Belnap Family Reunion. Here is a list of some of the popular things to do:

Play in the Olympic Swimming Complex with an outdoor Olympic Pool and Water Slides.

or

Rock Climbing Wall and Diving in the indoor aquatic center.

or

Relax in the World Famous Natural Hot Springs. 430 East Main St., Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208) 776-5221

Baker Ranch Wagon Rides, 11716 S Dempsey Rd Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208) 776-5684

Mountain Mayhem Adventure provides rentals tubes, Mountain Bikes, skateboards. 155 E. Main St., Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208) 776-5000

Caribou Highlands Golf Course. 1750 Gibson Ln. Grace, ID 83241 (208) 425-3233

Lava Zipline Adventures, Zipline Tours  
Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208) 589-4441

Dempsey Ridge Golf Course, 9898 E. Merrick Rd. Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246, (208) 776-5048

City of Lava Parks, 155 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246- Pavilions, tennis, basketball, baseball, badminton, volleyball, horseshoes.

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<sup>1</sup> *History of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho: Our Valley*, by Fay K. Byington, 1989.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid

Andrus Ranch Recreation, 6948 E Old Oregon Trail Rd. Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208)776-5113-Horse Back Riding and Trail Rides, Bottle Feeding Lambs and Calves. Cattle Drives, Roundups and Brandings, Sheep Shearing Dutch Oven Cook-Outs and Campfire Sing-Alongs.

Gator Tubing and Mini Golf, 254 E Main Street. Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 (208) 776-5668. Tube the Portneuf River on our tough tubes. Mini Golf course.

South Bannock County Museum, 110 E Main, Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 - History of Lava and South Bannock County. Admission is free.

Portneuf Rapids Tubes, Grassy Area Near Olympic Swimming Complex, Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246, (208) 251-1446

Enjoy you time at the Belnap Family Reunion!

### Belnap Family Members in the News

*The Utah Commission on Volunteers* and office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor strives to improve communities through service and volunteering. The Commission released its 2011 Recognition Award's list and presented the participants with its award. Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell stated that he was; *honored to recognize and celebrate the outstanding efforts of all volunteers and congratulate this year's recipients. The Utah State Volunteer Serve Awards showcase some of Utah's best volunteers.*

The Lieutenant Governor's 2011 Utah Volunteer Recognition Award was given out

on April 19, 2011. Among the recipients this year was a Gilbert Belnap descendant, Lisa Hammon. Lisa is an AmeriCorps VISTA member at United Way of Utah County and she *has truly exemplified the spirit of volunteering. Lisa engages volunteers, non profit administrators and her peers with enthusiasm that is energizing and contagious.*<sup>5</sup>

*Lisa's efforts have influenced literally hundreds of volunteers and have significantly impacted our organization's capacity to serve those volunteers.*<sup>6</sup>

One of Lisa's projects last year at the United Way of Utah County was planning and executing a countywide Summer of Service program in 2010. Through the program her youth totaled 468 service hours. Another major



project was establishing a volunteer system for the Sub-for Santa and Angel Tree Program. Over 625 community members were able to volunteer and 5,663 children were sponsors with help from the system.

*Lisa has a way with volunteers that make them feel appreciated and valued and she always takes time to talk with the kids who serve with her. Lisa's legacy of service will continue to influence those with whom she taught and served.*<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> 2011 Utah Volunteer Recognition & Award Banquet program.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

<sup>7</sup> Ibid

The event was held in Salt Lake City and Lisa was presented the award by Lt. Governor Bell. The award itself was a beautiful little statuette.

While there are many outstanding volunteers in the communities across the United States and in the world in which many volunteers take an active role, its pleasing to see a member of the Belnap Family be so active in her community and to receive state-wide recognition for her efforts, as humble as she may be.

Lisa is a native Californian living in Provo, Utah. She is the fourth great granddaughter of Gilbert and Adaline Belnap, through their daughter Martha Jane Belnap Hammon.

### **Patterson named Interim President of Nevada State College**

The Nevada State College Regents selected a new president of Nevada State College in April 2012. Bart Patterson was selected as the new president of Nevada State College in Henderson, after serving briefly as its interim president.



*We found somebody who we believe is going to be super for our college,* Andy Kuniyuki, the associate dean of the school of liberal

arts and sciences, told the Board of Regents on Monday.

Soon after, the board gave Patterson the job, there were smiles, and even applause reported Richard Lake in his Las Vegas Review article.

Although he does not have a Ph.D., he has a juris doctorate, having earned his law degree from Duke University in 1987 with honors and has been working in the higher education system since joining them as general counsel in 2001. He later served as vice chancellor of administrative and legal affairs, and then taught part time at the college.

While Patterson served as interim president, a search was launched to fill the spot with a traditional president with an academic background, but despite his lack of an academic background, the advisory committee, the faculty, alumni, and community members, all with a stake in what goes on at the college overwhelmingly favored Patterson.

Bart is the son of Audrey Patterson Hobson and Stanley James Patterson and the great grandson of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Sabina Robinson.

### **The Last Days in Nauvoo Gilbert and Adeline's Nauvoo Endowments**

During the finals months in Nauvoo the residence there were compelled to receive their temple endowments.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> The endowments and its place in the spiritual lives of the Latter-day Saints, consisted of washing and anointing, followed by instructions and covenants setting forth a pattern or figurative model for life. Bancroft in his works describes the endowments in

Ever since the death of Joseph Smith, life in Nauvoo was becoming more and more uncertain. It had only been eight years since many of the settlers had been forced from their homes in Missouri and the leaders of the mainstream Church were not willing to be forced from their homes again, at least not without obtaining the promised spiritual protections they would have by obtaining their endowments.

These days were also a particular busy time for Gilbert and Adaline. Not only were they in shock following the death of their leader Joseph Smith, but a temple had to be built, labor supplied, and meetings held in preparation for the exodus from Nauvoo. During the last months Gilbert and Adaline spent in Nauvoo, they would court, marry and receive their endowments, the later performed in the newly constructed temple and prepare themselves for a new life outside of their beautiful Nauvoo.

On October 3, 1840, a general conference of the Mormon Church was held in Nauvoo.

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the 19th century as *occupying usually about 8 hours (although by February 6, 1846 the length of time could be from 1 and 1/2 hour to 5 hours or more). The men pass through the veil first and once all the men are in, through the veil each woman is passed through by her husband, if she has one or by another brethren is she has not husband and once all the ceremony concluded were led to the Celestial Room.*

During the meeting the Church approved plans to build a temple in Nauvoo. Since their days in Kirtland ordinances had been performed in the “House of the Lord,” there, but the forced exodus from Kirtland, left the Nauvoo Saints without a temple to receive their ordinances and they had little opportunity to build one in Missouri before they were forced at gunpoint to flee.



Joseph Smith had numerous revelations regarding temples and the sacred ordinances. He often instructed the other leaders of the church that only the spiritually minded would fully comprehend the temple ordinances and that they had to be revealed in the temple: *The communications I made to this council were of things spiritual, and to be*

*received only by the spiritual minded and there was nothing made known to these men but what will be made known to all the Saints of the last days, so soon as they are prepared to receive, and a proper place is prepared to communicate them, even to the weakest of the Saints; therefore let the Saints be diligent in building the Temple. A new temple became to absolute priority in the lives of the Saints of Nauvoo.<sup>9</sup>*

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<sup>9</sup> History of the Church



Work began quickly on a new design for a temple in Nauvoo. Within weeks work began on the temple structure with a temporary basement font being dedicated on 8 November 1841. On the same day Brigham Young baptized Reuben McBride in the new font for six deceased relatives.<sup>10</sup>

Construction on the remaining three floors of the structure speedily progressed; but without hesitation was halted with the death of Joseph Smith on 27 June 1844. For two weeks construction was at a standstill while the church contemplated a new leader. On July 8, 1844 under the *de facto* leadership of Brigham Young, the membership felt a new commitment to the completion of the temple,<sup>11</sup> their pending departure from the city had already been placed before them and the feelings that



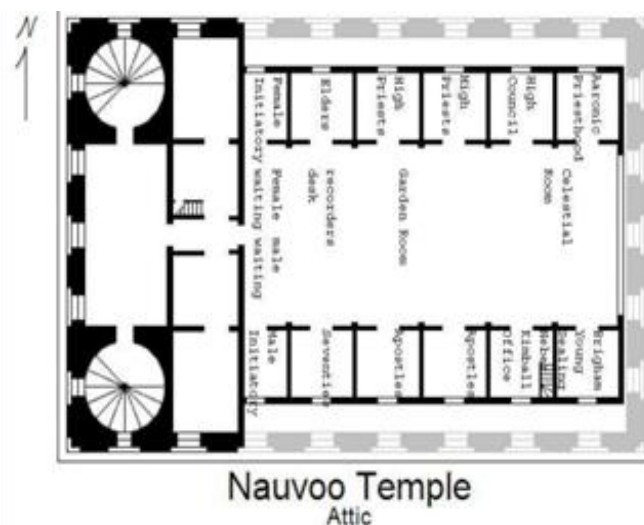
**Brigham Young, the *de facto* leader of the Church**

their work building this edifice must be done before their departure, as well as the chance to receive their sacred ordinance.

While general prosperity existed in Nauvoo during these months following the death of Joseph Smith, preparation for departure was clearly on their minds. Meetings were held on a regular basis to discuss and elect the Captains of the wagon trains, and discuss how many were prepared to leave at any given moment. But the general peace soon ended in the summer of 1845, when violence once again erupted in the communities surrounding Nauvoo.

As dissent continued to increase in the days surrounding the opening of the temple a final push to complete the temple was made and the washing and anointing that had been once been performed in Kirtland and in the early days of Nauvoo in the Red Brick Store would soon be resumed in the new structure.

On November 29, 1845, the first meeting was held in the temple's attic offices. It took over five years to complete the necessary elements of the temple to be able to realize their dreams. It was extreme hard work



<sup>10</sup> Baugh, Alexander L.; First Baptism in the Nauvoo Temple Font, BYU Studies.

<sup>11</sup> On September 9, 1844 a general council of the Church was convened and it was decided that 1500 men should be sent to explore "Northern California (actually the Salt Lake Valley). Many other meetings in the coming months were held detailing and electing the Captains of the Companies, and preparing supplies, selling property, and making all preparations, both spiritually and physically they could, waiting for that one final day when they would be forced to leave their city.

under very difficult times, but the moment was finally there. The following day the attic chambers were dedicated for use.<sup>12</sup>

On December 12, 1845 the general membership of the church began attending the temple. A week into the sessions Martha Knight, Gilbert future mother in law, presented herself at the temple for her washing and anointing and at 3 pm was received by Heber C. Kimball into the upper department.



Heber C. Kimball, who performed the marriage of Gilbert and Adaline and later married Adaline's mother, Martha McBride Knight

<sup>12</sup> The chambers of the attic were made up of twelve offices, six on the north and six on the south side of the building. The chambers measure 88 feet x 22 feet and painted white with carpeted floors and heated by two iron stoves. The rooms were 14 feet square except for two smaller offices at the west entrances. Each room had been numbered; those on the north were given even numbers and those on south given odd numbers. The council chambers were then separated into separate departments for administering the various stages of endowments ceremony. Being temporary rooms each department was separated by large canvas curtains hung from the ceiling. Potted plants were provided by Heber C and William Kimball to dress up the Garden of Eden. Tubs for washing and anointing were donated by Brigham Young and Heber C Kimball. The Celestial Room was decorated with donated and borrowed furnishings and Newel K Whitney and others. The Church's Bishop brought the veil to the temple on the morning of December 4, 1845, which was hung by Brigham Young.

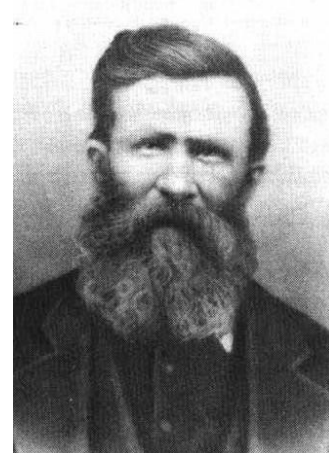
Gilbert meanwhile continued his pursuit of the young Adaline Knight and a day before his 23rd birthday, on Sunday 21st December 1845, in front of Heber C. Kimball,<sup>13</sup> Gilbert and Adaline were wed.

By this time hundreds per day had been were going through the temple and receiving their ordinances. When the day came for Gilbert and Adaline they must truly rejoiced. On Monday January 5, 1846, two months before their departure from Nauvoo, it was recorded that:

*...this was a pleasant morning and many persons were early at the temple to receive their washing and anointing's.*<sup>14</sup>

*President Brigham Young attended to the business of the day and at 8:45 am the Male Department washings and anointing's proceeded.*<sup>15</sup>

*At 10 minutes before 2 o'clock Gilbert and his brother in law, Andrew Smith Gibbons commenced with their washings and anointing in the male department by William Hyde*<sup>16</sup>



Andrew Smith Gibbons was married to Adaline's sister Rizpah.

<sup>13</sup> Heber C. Kimball earlier addressed a meeting at the temple regarding the necessity of women being subjection to their husbands. He presided over the temple that day in place of Brigham Young.

<sup>14</sup> William Clayton Diary, kept for Heber C. Kimball

<sup>15</sup> Ibid

<sup>16</sup> William Hyde born September 11, 1818, in the town of York, Livingston County, New York. He

*President Young again arose and spoke concerning the endowments of the Elders. Said that if they did not get them in the Temple, they should have them if they had to receive them in the wilderness, for the Devil could not cheat them out of them.*<sup>17</sup>

Gilbert's anointing by Levi W. Hancock<sup>18</sup>, Jacob Gates<sup>19</sup> and James Brown<sup>20</sup> concluded at 2:45pm.<sup>21</sup>

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served as a missionary to Maine and Australia, a member of the Mormon Battalion, as well as a prominent Church Leader, serving as Elder, Bishop and Patriarch. He died in Utah in 1874.

<sup>17</sup> William Clayton Journal kept for Heber C. Kimball.

<sup>18</sup> Levi W. Hancock was born 7 April 1803 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He joined the LDS Church in Kirtland, Ohio and served as a member of Zion's Camp. He wrote "My Peaceful Home" in 1837, a song used for the laying of the cornerstone at the Farr West Temple and joined the Latter Day Saints as they moved to Missouri, and then to Nauvoo, Illinois. He was a member of the Nauvoo Legion and the Nauvoo police force. In 1843 Hancock was made the chief musician in the Nauvoo Legion.

Hancock was one of the Church members in Missouri that sustained the truth of the Book of Commandments. He signed the testimony with a pencil and he also added the text "never to be erased", when "he saw that the others had signed with a pen."

In 1844 Hancock became a member of the Council of Fifty, and in 1846 joined the Mormon Battalion. In 1847 he traveled with the Mormon pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley. In Utah Territory, he became a member of the 1st Utah Territorial Legislature. He served a full-time mission for the Church attempting to grow cotton in southern Utah. Hancock helped settle Washington, Utah, and was ordained a church patriarch in 1872. He died at Washington, Utah.

<sup>19</sup> Jacob Gates, one of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies from 1862 to 1892, was born May 9, 1811, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He served a mission in Sangamon county, Illinois.

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In the fall of 1836 Elder Gates moved to Caldwell County, Missouri., a distance of about fifty miles, where he was ordained a Seventy under the hands of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon,. In the autumn of 1847 he came to Utah and in 1849 he was embarked on the Maine for England to serve a full time mission

He was appointed to the First Council of Seventies while on his mission and was ordained one of the members of the First Council of Seventies.

While living in St. George, Washington County, he served as a member of the county court for several years. He was also elected a member of the house of representatives of the legislative assembly of the Territory to represent the district composed of the counties of Washington and Kane

Elder Gates died at his residence in Provo, Utah county, Utah, April 14, 1892

<sup>20</sup> James Brown Jr. was born 30 September 1801, at Rowan County, North Carolina. He settled in Brown County, Illinois and after two years moved across the county line into Adams County. James became the Justice of the Peace in Adams County and was firm, but sympathetic, a trait which made him very popular in the area.

In the spring of 1838, after the Mormons were expelled from the state of Missouri, many of them began to settle in in western Illinois. James attended one of their meetings at Dunkard and heard Jacob Foutz and David Evans preach the restored gospel. After the meeting he said, "Gentlemen, if that is the doctrine which the Mormons teach, I want you to come and preach in my house." The meeting was held two weeks later when Jacob Foutz and Tarleton Lewis came to preach. Soon after, in June 1838, James was baptized.

James was ordained an Elder and went on a mission to Illinois and the surrounding territory. He preached the gospel and collected funds for the Nauvoo Temple which was under construction.

James was called to serve three short-term missions for the Church. The first was the Mississippi, where he had good success. He organized a branch of the church at Monroe, Mississippi. His next mission was



Levi W. Hancock



James Brown



William Hyde



Jacob Gates

**The four men responsible for doing Gilbert's  
washing and anointment.**

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James was made Captain of Company C of the Mormon Battalion. They marched 1100 miles to Santa Fe where he marched the sick Pueblo, Colorado, eventually marching to Salt Lake City, five days after Brigham Young arrived.

He settled in Ogden, Utah across from where the temple is located and here died on his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday, 30 September 1863.

<sup>22</sup> William Clayton Journal kept for Heber C. Kimball.

Likewise in the female department *the washing and anointing commenced at 10 minutes to 2.* <sup>23</sup>

Adaline, joined with her sister Rizpah, were washed by Nancy Haven Rockwood<sup>24</sup> and anointed by Nancy Winchester.<sup>25</sup>



**Rizpah Knight Gibbons,  
Adaline's Sister**

<sup>23</sup> Ibid

<sup>24</sup> Born Nancy Haven on June 13, 1805 in Holliston, Massachusetts, Nancy married Albert Perry Rockwood. She settled in Salt Lake City, coming to Utah in 1848. She died there on January 23, 1876.

<sup>25</sup> Nancy was born August 10, 1828 in Erie County Pennsylvania. She was the only daughter of Stephen and Nancy Winchester. When Nancy was four-years-old the Winchesters were visited in Erie by two Mormon missionaries, John F. Boynton and Evan M. Greene. Nancy's parents and older brother, Benjamin, were soon baptized and the following year, the Winchesters moved to Kirtland, Ohio to be near others who shared their faith.

By 1842 the Winchesters had spent time in Missouri and were now settled in Nauvoo, living in the "third ward." In May of that year, Nancy joined the Female Relief Society where she served on committees with the charter *to search out the poor and suffering...*

Nancy's marriage to Joseph Smith is undocumented, although according to Mormon Church Historian Andrew Jenson, Nancy married Joseph sometime before his death in June of 1844. Nancy would have been fourteen or fifteen years old.

A few months after Joseph Smith's death, Nancy and another six of Joseph's wives married Heber C. Kimball. Since the temple had not been completed when Nancy married Joseph, she was re-sealed to him in 1846 in the near complete, but dedicated, Nauvoo temple. Her husband *for time*, Heber C. Kimball stood proxy for Joseph Smith in this sealing.



They completed their ceremony at 18 minutes past 3.<sup>26</sup>

*At 27 minutes past 3, at the ringing of the bell, we commenced receiving into the lower and middle departments and at 5 pm commenced receiving into the upper department;*

Gilbert crossed through with the guidance of John Taylor and Adaline by Gilbert, and John Taylor. Gilbert and Adaline ended their days session at 30 minutes past 6.<sup>27</sup>



LDS President  
John Taylor

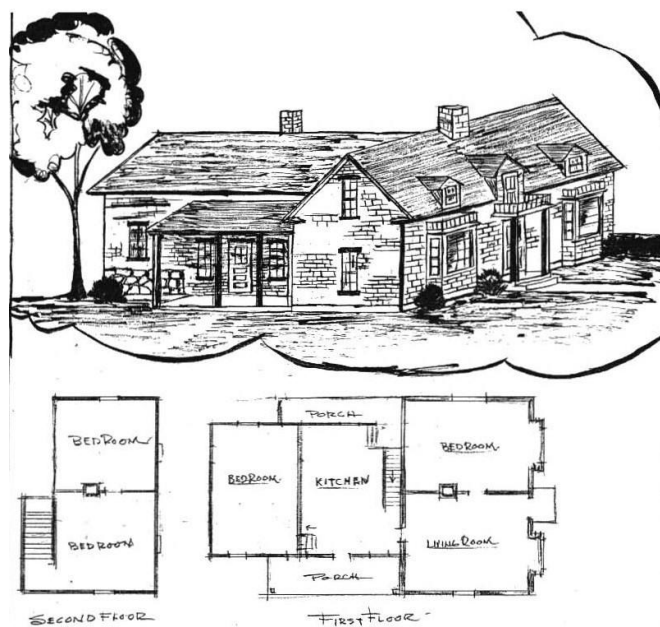
Following the Nauvoo Temple's dedication on 10 December 1845, hundreds went through the temple ceremonies day by day. By 8 February 1846 the Church had succeeded in providing ordinance work for over 5000 men and women. The temple had represented a place of refuge and safety for the faithful members during the last two months since its completion. They Saints had endured many hardships since the early days and now with their new spiritual guidance they could depart their city with their new spiritual direction.

On 4 February 1846, in the heart of a Midwestern winter, so cold and bitter that

the Mississippi River had frozen over, the Latter-day Saints left their Nauvoo homes and temple and marched quietly down the street, a street which came to be known as the *Street of Tears*, crossing the frozen Mississippi River and headed west towards a new promised land.

### From the Archives

Gilbert Belnap's last home in Hooper is depicted in this drawing by grandchildren Arias Guy and Volney Belnap. The home was located where the Hooper 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward building is now. The accompanying picture shows five members of the Belnap Family standing on the front porch of the home.

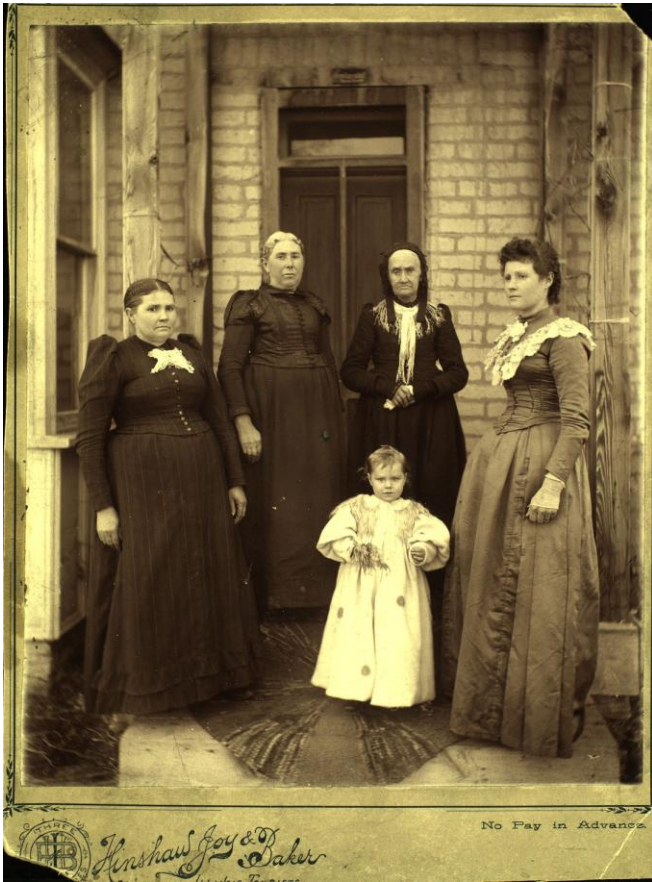



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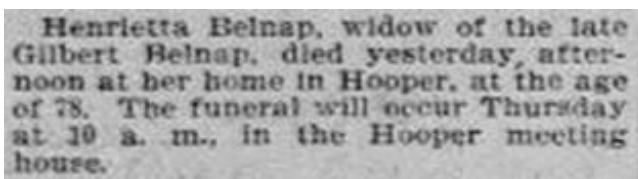
Nancy immigrated to Utah in 1849 and died on March 17, 1876 in Salt Lake City.

<sup>26</sup> William Clayton Journal kept for Heber C. Kimball

<sup>27</sup> William Clayton Diary kept for Heber C. Kimball



**Five Generations of the Belnap Family standing on the front porch of the Hooper Home.**



**Obituary of Henrietta McBride Belnap as it appears in the Deseret Evening News, 6 September 1899 (page 7)**

### **Gilbert Belnap's Last Grandchild**

Vyrl Coolbear Baker the last living grandchild of Gilbert Belnap, passed away on October 15, 2011. Vyrl has the distinction of being the last of the 167<sup>th</sup>

grandchildren born to Gilbert Belnap. She was born 20 year after her grandfather's death in 1899.



Vyrl was born on January 5, 1920 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of David William and Lola Almira (Belnap) Coolbear. She endured many hardships in her life, was a bright and vivacious artist and loving mother and wife. Vyrl was an active member of the LDS Church and served in many positions during her years attending. Her autobiographical sketch is included in the following pages.

*God knew when he sent me upon this Earth that I would need many trials to make me strong. At the very beginning of life I was given a small handicap, but with it a beautiful blessing. I was born with several birthmarks and an ugly growth over my right eye. My mother took me to many doctors to see if anything could be done.*

*The doctors shook their heads in vain, but one said he might be able to kill the growth so it wouldn't get any larger. I underwent many painful treatments that killed the growth but still left an ugly mark upon my face. Mother and Father didn't give up though, they took my name to the Temple where I was blessed with a promise that by the time I was old enough to be proud of my looks, the mark would be gone. The promise was answered. I grew up with the knowledge that no matter what would happen from then on, God would always be at my side. I guess it was meant for me to swim in the "Stream of Life" by myself, for*

*when I was 17 months old, God sent for my Mother to come home to Heaven. My two oldest sisters, Alpha and Adaline took care of me along with my older brothers and sisters, for I was the youngest of nine children. This was a real hardship for them, for they even had to take me along on their "dates." It couldn't have been much fun for I was becoming quite spoiled. This couldn't last, of course, for they had a life of their own. When I was five years old, both my older sisters were married.*

*From then on, I just grew up. I had to learn to care for myself. I was happy though. Haven't you heard of the "freedom of childhood"? Not many children have the true freedom that I had. I was free to wander over the hills and pastures that surrounded our home. I had only one law to obey. "Be home for the nine o'clock curfew."*

*I had a vivid imagination and a curious nature. My wanderings took me as far as the nearest mountains, but I was safe for God guided me when I became lost. He took care of me the times I went wading in the streams in the middle of the night, so no harm befell me. He helped me to get to shore when my raft sank in the middle of the lake and I was all alone and couldn't swim. He saved me when I ate a lunch of castor beans and poisoned myself, for I recovered. He saved me again when I rolled down the roof of our house and held to a nail to keep from falling off. He was always there as the years followed. He saw me safely through one escapade after another. The only unhappiness I felt was the taunts from the other children about my dirty clothes and disfigured eye. A life like this though, can't last forever. I needed to become a lady, for I was growing up fast. I was 14 when my Father remarried and I with my brother and two sisters went to*

*live in our new "Step-Mother's" home. She gave me good food and made me lovely clothes. She taught me good manners and how to sew. It was too hard for her, for she was not young, nor was she in good health. At the age of 15, I went to live with my sister, Alpha. In the three years that I stayed with Alien and Alpha, they taught me with patience and understanding, the things most girls learn in the process of just growing up. At the age of 16 I had many jobs to help me through high school. I did house work and baby sitting. I worked in the school cafeteria and book store. I worked in Kresses and in an ice cream parlor. After school I washed windows and desks. At this time I was very popular with the young people and proud of my looks, for true to my blessing, the disfigurement upon my face had slowly disappeared.*

*Just before I graduated from high school, my father sent me to Rolling Hills California to take a job as a "house maid" on Doctor Snow's estate. To finish my schooling, I had to send my last two months of school work back and forth through the mail. With the cooperation of my school teachers, I was able to graduate from high school.*

*I went back to Salt Lake City at the age of 18, to marry the boy from just two houses away from where I had lived. We had met at a Mutual dance at Whittier Ward. His name was LeRoy Edward Baker. He was a handsome young man of the age of 21, with clear blue eyes and dark curly hair. He was an expert dancer, and we loved to dance together. We carried this recreation all through our married life. Enjoying "Popular Ballroom," "Square and Round" dancing. While I was in California, Roy had courted me through the mail. He always called me "his lemon" for I had sent him a huge one*

*through the mail and had told him I was the next one coming home. We were married in the Salt Lake Temple by Nicholes G. Smith on September 30th, 1938. At the time of our marriage my husband was a truck driver. He later became a diesel mechanic. I felt my marriage was the beginning of all the things I had been searching for during my youth.*

*During our first year of marriage we were blessed with a beautiful baby boy. He had black hair and hazel blue eyes. Of course, he was our pride and joy. We loved to watch his daily progress. Ronald loved to explore the neighborhood too, and kept me constantly running after him. He was to become my greatest help when my husband was away. He later became skilled in sports, enjoying his motorcycle, snowmobile, boating, water siding, fishing and hunting. He became expert at archery and won many awards in this field. He was good in mechanics, cement work, and carpentry.*

*My husband and I bought the old family homestead from my Father. It seemed wonderful to have a home of our very own after having rented houses for 1½ years. We spent most of our time repairing the place. My husband showed many skills in improving our home. We did all our own work, working side by side in all the things, for the thing my husband and I had most in common was a love for our home.*

*Three years after our first baby, our second baby was born. She was lovely with blue eyes and the whitest hair you ever saw. We named her Virginia Vyrl. She followed me everywhere, helping me with the housework. She was a child one could always depend on. She took life very*

*seriously. Virginia was very studious and loved to read and was blessed with many creative talents. She uses these creative talents to great advantage in her home and has become an artist in her own right.*

*Roy and I belonged to the American Motorcycle Club. We spent many hours riding in relay races, hill climbing, and mud runs, and traveled in large groups of riders, across the country roads. We even took our children along in a side car we fastened to the side of the motorcycle.*

*At this time our country was at war. My husband was called into the Army Infantry. It was a lonely time for me and my children. We kept ourselves busy working on the house while he was away. My husband had started to build rooms in the upstairs before he left, because we needed the space, and to keep myself occupied, I decided to finish them myself. I put in walls, door frames, baseboards, laid linoleum, papered walls and painted woodwork. I learned to be a "Jack of All Trades." Ronald ran constant errands and held the boards in place for me to nail.*

*Finally, the day arrived when the war was over. After my husband was back home safe and sound, life went on as before, and we were again blessed with a new baby boy we named Lawrence Blaine. He was a tiny baby with hazel eyes and brown hair, but he soon grew and became his father's greatest helper in the many building projects we found in remodeling our home. He too became a "Jack of All Trades", gaining much of his practice and skill by dismantling and reassembling such household items as the TV, Stereo, Freezer, etc., of course, when mom and dad were out of the house. He is especially accomplished in electronics, mechanics, and masonry*



work. During his service in the Army, he won awards in riflémanship.

Fourteen months after Larry was born, we had a baby girl that we named Kathleen Mary. She was a beautiful, good natured baby with light brown hair and blue eyes. She has always been an independent, responsible person, adept in doing many things. She became very outstanding in her scholastic achievements. She has enjoyed an outstanding secretarial career, holding many responsible positions. Kathleen, too, has been blessed with many creative talents which she cultivates and uses to advantage in her home.

I spent many hours through the years teaching different types of dancing in the Mutual, Primary, and at home. I helped in the Stake, teaching the "All Girl Dancers" at the different wards for the Spring Festival. I taught the cub scouts and spent many hours making posters and scenery for Road Shows. I also spend time block teaching for the Relief Society and have sung in the choir.

At this time, Mother Baker came to live with us for six months before she was to pass away.

The children grew and my youngest was five when I decided to study Art. A talent God gave me from my birth. I studied under Lynn Fausett for four years. Learning the skills of making painting mediums, varnishes, and preparing masonite boards to paint on. From his wife I learned how to make, and wood carve beautiful picture frames. She also taught me to antique and gold leaf them.

I was able to teach classes in my home from the beginning, both in painting and frame making. In time my classes grew until I had to rent a large room outside my home.

My husband was placed in as Superintendent of the Sunday School and I was given a job teaching the three year. I found I could use my "art" in teaching the children. I learned to love them and taught them for five years.

When I had been painting 11 months, I won my first prize in a Utah State Art Show. I also sold my first painting. This was one of the biggest thrills I have had in my life. I now have paintings from coast to coast, and have received many awards. The most gratifying was when I won in a Peoples Choice Contest, 7 weeks in a row, running with three times as many votes as my nearest contender. A picture of my painting was in all the newspapers.

My art led us into a new life. We traveled in our trailer, looking for scenes to paint, seeing many beautiful and interesting places. My husband took pictures which I later painted.

We had many other hobbies such as raising tropical fish, birds, and plants. We spent time with our boys snowmobiling, water siding, swimming, and boating. We always had cats and dogs, but we still found time to study music. I learned a little bit about playing the Guitar and piano.

I was called as "Work Director" for the Relief Society. I taught all kinds of sewing and crafts. I loved this work, which lead me into many types of creative art.

My daughter Kathleen and I took classes in sculpture. This was successful for both of us. On my first three pieces of sculpture I won 1st prize, a Special Award, and the Grand Prize and the Silver Bowl Award. My daughter took the second prize. This took place at the State of Utah Garden Festival.

*I had many Art Shows, the largest was held on the 4th floor of the Auerbach's Company Building. I had 30 paintings and 20 ceramics and sculpture on display.*

*Roy and I still gave as much time as we could to our home. This was still our biggest love. We had continued to remodel and decorate our home and yard all through our marriage, until we had made every inch through the house and yard beautiful.*

*I pray that God will always be with me and my family. In all we endeavor to do until the day when it is time to leave this Earth. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### **Special Tribute to Joy Belnap**

*In a special tribute to one member of the Belnap Family Organization that passed in 2012 a short biography is presented.*

*Gladys Joy Belnap passed away on June 1, 2012 in Washington Terrace, Utah, she was 79*

*The Belnap Family Organization, as well as the many who knew Joy, who had for over*

*forty years served as the secretary or treasurer of the BFO, and was very often the first person encountered when attending a Belnap Family Reunion. Her contributions to the organization were enormous and she will be missed by all those who knew her.*



*Joy loved serving with and getting to know so many wonderful members of our family and although she was not a direct descendant of our Belnap pioneer ancestors, she considered herself to be a member of the family in every way.*

*Joy, as she was known all her life, was born November 11, 1932, in Ogden to Leslie Gale McArthur and LaVern Hastings McArthur. She was educated in Ogden City schools, graduating from Ogden High School in 1950. She attended Weber College and was affiliated with Chanodo Sorority. She married Gordon Leslie Belnap on July 11, 1952, in the Logan LDS Temple. They were divorced June 3, 2003 after 50 years together.*

*Joy was a stenographer at the former Naval Supply Depot in Clearfield while her husband served with the Army in Korea. They resided in Salt Lake City for two years, then moved to California for three years, living in Walnut Creek and San Leandro. They returned in 1959 to Ogden. She worked for many years as company secretary for her husband's businesses.*

*An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints her entire life, Joy served in all auxiliary organizations, including as Relief Society president of the Ogden 74th (Forest Green) Ward and on the Relief Society boards of the Weber Heights and Burch Creek Stakes. She had been a faithful visiting teacher since 1959 and for many years worked with the Family Record Extraction Program of the Church. She was an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, serving as recording secretary for Weber County Far South Company and in various positions with Camp Sego Lily Far South Center Company. She served as president of the*

*Ogden Lady Lions Club and supported other charitable causes. Joy was actively involved in family history, serving as secretary and treasurer of the Belnap Family Organization for several decades.*



### Thomas Butler

<sup>28</sup>Thomas Butler alias Stallon, as he was later known, was the great grandfather of our immigrant ancestor Mary Stallion Belknap, wife of Abraham Belknap. The recent discovery of his *commonplace book* <sup>29</sup> has shed some light on what would normally be an unnoticed figure in post medieval England.



Thomas Butler was born at midnight the 30th of January 1500.<sup>30</sup> Of his parents he

did not record, but his will in 1559 mentions his brother John Stallon and it is likely he is also related to William Butler of Harlow, who was in charge of the Chancery there<sup>31</sup> as well as Sir William Howe (prob. Hoo) the vicar at Harlow during the 16<sup>th</sup> century and witness to Thomas's will in 1559.

It is assumed that by birth he was named Butler as early writing in his book refer to him as such. The later name change to Stallion but his ancestry continues to be a mystery. The Butler<sup>32</sup> surname was prominent in London and Essex during medieval times, with the Dukes of Ormond and the prominent le Boetler Family having some notoriety. Perhaps more research will uncover the mystery of the name in the coming years, or perhaps another of Thomas Butler's written works will be discovered and lead us to this perplexing answer.

Thomas is called a *provincial merchant*, who sold woolen cloth, and dealt selling, grain. He was a traveler, likely as a merchant, with keen interests in astrology, medicine, weather and even cartography, unusual hobbies during this period in history. He was a man of some wealth, having a tenant farm and drapery shop

<sup>28</sup> His personal mark is a stylized rendition of the initials T.S.B or Thomas Stallon-Butler.

<sup>29</sup> A book in which passages of text of importance and reference to the owner is written.

<sup>30</sup> Commonplace book of Thomas Butler. There are two entries in his commonplace book for his birth, one bearing the date of 30 January 1500 and the other the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1500, "being born at 12 o'clock at night."

<sup>31</sup> William Butler was born about 1488 reporting his age as 60 years old, in 1548.

<sup>32</sup> Thomas Butler, was later addressed as Thomas Butler alias Stallon. Just why the family name was changed to Stallon (Stallion) would be a challenge in itself. Many reasons for using alias existed during the 15th and 16th Century, when surnames were just coming into being, but inheritance, or taking a step parents surname, were a couple of the reasons. To identify himself in the Manor Court records, it was necessary to use both surnames until the name was established, which by the 1630's was established as Stallion, all descendants bearing this surname.

in Bromley,<sup>33</sup> a house in Harlow called Harlowes, tenants at Parkland and Moor, a cottage in the woods, as well as a residence in London. From his writings it also apparent that he had a good formal education, being beyond the usual reading and writing skill level of many ordinary craftsman, but if university taught or not it is not known.<sup>34</sup>

Drapery was a prosperous business during the sixteenth century and Thomas appears to have made a good living, allowing him to pursue various intellectual interests, including astrology, astronomy, and medicine. Among his scientific instruments he was known to own was; a *quadrant*, a *great astrolabe*, that went to hang over the sphere in the hall and a little clock called *anemometer*.<sup>35</sup>



Thomas Butler's Mape off Ynglonnd (circa 1547-1554)

<sup>33</sup> Bromley was located in the parish of Latton, but very near the town of Harlow (now Old Harlow). The exact size of his farm is not yet been determined.

<sup>34</sup> Yeomen and craftsmen were often able to read and write. Below the yeomen were the tenant farmers who leased their land from the rich. There were also wage laborers who were often illiterate and very poor.

Besides the links to astrology, his commonplace book also contains notes regarding his business interest, including

<sup>35</sup> Will of Thomas Stallon alias Butler, 5 August 1556



measurements, rents from his fields, and prices for various commodities such as wheat, peas, herring, salmon, oil and honey. There are prices of commodities which he was known to sell or purchase as well as a 16th century map<sup>36</sup> of England attributed to Thomas himself, as designated by a *cartouche* bearing his name below the drawing (see previous page).

*All things considered, the nature and range of material in Butler's commonplace book capture the distinctive lifestyle, interests and the working concerns of this man, a sixteenth-century draper, such as maps, weather, distances and prices of commodities.*<sup>37</sup>

Of interest to some is the relationship that Thomas's commonplace book contains connecting him to some of London's elite scientists, mapmakers and astrologers, such as Thomas Gemini<sup>38</sup> and Leonard Digges,<sup>39</sup> works he often quoted. It is likely

<sup>36</sup> The map in Thomas' commonplace book, which occupies two facing folios, measures 18 x 26 centimeters and is drawn chiefly in black ink, with occasional red ink highlights and a small amount of coloring (blue green and tan).

<sup>37</sup> Birkholz, Daniel; Thomas Butlers *Mape off Ynglonnd*.

<sup>38</sup> Thomas Gemini (c.1510-62) was a foreign engraver, printer and mathematical instrument maker living in London. In his engraving work he produced maps, portraits and book illustrations, and was favored by the English monarchs, producing astrolabes for both Edward VI (1552) and Elizabeth (1559). He also advertised his ability to supply all of the instruments discussed in Leonard Digges's *Tectonicon* of 1556.

<sup>39</sup> Leonard Digges (c.1515–c.1559) was a well-known English mathematician and surveyor, credited with the invention of the theodolite, and a great popularizer of science through his writings in English on surveying, cartography, and military engineering. Notes written by Thomas Digges in the publication of the book *Pantometria* in 1570 contain descriptions of how Leonard Digges made



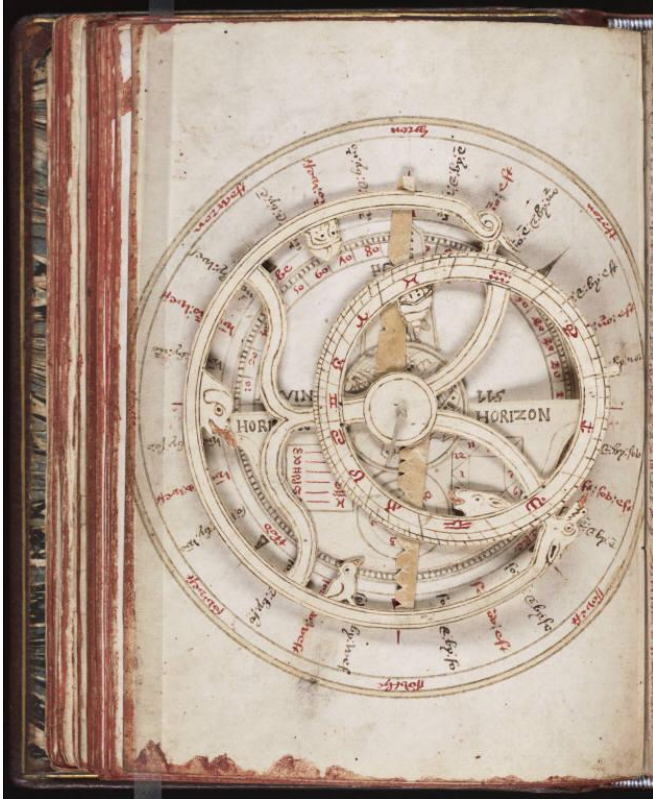
**A Gemini Astrolabe in the British Museum**

he was a frequent visitor in the Blackfriar shop of Gemini when he would visit London. Perhaps it was a Gemini astrolabe

use of a "proportional glass" to view distant objects and people. Some, such as astronomer and historian Colin Ronan, claim this describes a reflecting or refracting telescope built between 1540 and 1559. Leonard Digges published *A General Prognostication* published in 1553, which became a best-seller as it contained a perpetual calendar, collections of weather lore and a wealth of astronomical material, until then largely only obtainable through books published in Latin or Greek.

In 1554, Leonard Digges took part in an unsuccessful rebellion led by the Protestant Sir Thomas Wyatt against England's new Catholic Queen Mary who took over the throne in 1553 from her father Henry VIII. Digges was condemned to death, but escaped capital punishment, instead forfeiting all his estates.

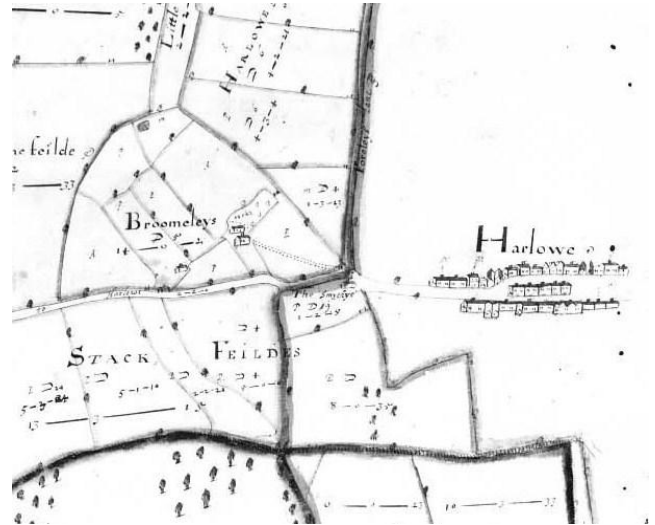
that Thomas leaves to his son John in his will.



One page from Thomas Butler's commonplace book;  
a vellum working model of an astrolabe

Religion too was changing during the time of Thomas Butler. His *commonplace book* is fairly void of the subject, but his association with men like Leonard Digges, Sir William Howe, and others, as well as his *embedded social life* in Harlow, indicates that his thoughts would have strongly sided with the new protestant movement. Records are also lacking in St. Mary's and St. Hugh's Church of Harlow, a church he occasionally would have attended. Early records from this church were stolen in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and never recovered. These vestry minutes and other church books, could have possibly shed some further details on Thomas's religious affairs.

Further evidential support for the Church of England can be found in his will, making bequeaths to the poor of Harlow and Latton Parishes, and for the maintenance of the road between the two parishes and for the maintenance of the parish song books.<sup>40</sup>



A 17<sup>th</sup> century map of Latton showing the location of  
Thomas Butler's farm at Bromley

Thomas Butler died in late 1556, but apparently failed to mention his *commonplace book* in his will. It is quite logical to think this volume may have been contained in his London residence, likely *in the chest* that was inherited by his son John Stallion.

Thomas Butler's *commonplace book* is unique among the Tudor commonplace books discovered thus far. Personal writings in these books appear to be common, however maps, astrology, medicine and science were new to the Renaissance period and not often read by the average Englishman, nor well understood. The fact that Thomas had such an understanding and a keen interest in

medicine, herbs, and astrology, makes him a true renaissance man.

Thomas wrote his will on the fifth of August 1556 he likely died a short time following. A transcription of his will follows:

*In the name of God, Amen, the fifth day of August in the year of our lord God 1556, I Thomas Stallon alias Butler of Harlow in the county of Essex & Diocese of London, whole of mind & of perfect memory, thanks be to almighty God, I do ordain and make this my last testament & last will I manner & form following. First, I bequeath my soul unto almighty God, my creator & to our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgin & to all the blessed company of heaven and my bodies to be buried within the church yard of Harlow aforesaid. Item, I bequeath unto John my eldest son my chest standing in London and that which is in it, my little clock called a[n]e[m]ometer, my great written book with a boarded cover that Isaac wrote, my quadrant & a great astrolabe that was wont to hang over the sphere in the hall & twenty marks in ready money to be delivered unto him by the hands of mine executrix within one year next after my decease. Also I bequeath unto my said son, his executors & assigns the lease of the moor and the Park Land lying in the parish of Latton, he to enjoy it immediately after the*

*decease of Elizabeth my wife. Moreover, I bequeath unto my said son [and] his heirs a house in Harlow aforesaid called Harlowes with all & singular the appurtenances, he to enjoy it immediately after the decease of my said wife. Item, I bequeath unto my son Thomas my press, my jack, my shears, my cutting board, my clock, my joined chest in the shop and a box of iron & twenty marks in money to be delivered unto him by the hands of my executrix within one year after my decease. Also, I bequeath unto my said son Thomas, his executors & assigns immediately after the decease of my said wife, the lease of Brome Lees in the said parish of Latton. Item, I give & bequeath to Alice my daughter a great chest in the chamber, a little coffer with two bottoms, a brazen mortar & twenty marks in money or money's worth, a feather bed with that which belongeth thereto and also honest apparel for a chamber at her mother's appointment, to be delivered unto her by hands of mine executrix within two years next after my decease or else at the day of her marriage. And if it fortune any of my said*

*children to die before the time appointed that they should receive their portions, I will then that his or their part or parts shall be equally distributed among the rest of my children being alive. Item, I bequeath unto John Awnewell of Cobowne in Kent for that I owe unto him 40s. Item, I bequeath to the amending of the highway between Harlow church and Latton church 20s. to be bestowed by mine executrix within one year next after my decease. Item, I bequeath unto the poor people of Harlow & to the maintenance of the song books & other necessities in the said church, over & besides the charges which heretofore I have been at in the said church, £3 to be delivered by my executors unto the church wardens within one year next after my decease, to be distributed and dispose according to their discretions. Item, I bequeath into the poor folk with the parish of Latton & to the maintenance of the song books & other necessities in the said church 40s. to be delivered by my executrix unto the church wardens of that parish within one year next after my decease. Item, I bequeath unto Alice Stallon my son's daughter five marks to be delivered unto her at 18 years of age. Item, I bequeath unto my brother John Stallon a coat, a doublet & a pair of hosen of the best. Item, I bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife the lease of Bromelees, the moor and park land aforesaid, to occupy and enjoy during her life time, provided always if it fortune the said Elizabeth my wife to marry with any man, I will then that the said*

*leases shall remain unto my sons as is above appointed immediately after her marriage, anything therein to the contrary notwithstanding. All the rest of my goods, moveable and immovable, unbequeathed over and besides, my debts paid and my said bequests performed, I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I ordain & make my sole executrix to see this my will performed, my debts paid and my funerals discharged. And also I ordain & make William Somner of Harlow the elder & Thomas Genyns of Harlow aforesaid the overseers of this my last will and testament & I give either of them for their pains 6s. 8d. These being witnesses: Sir William How, vicar of Harlow aforesaid, Robert Gladwin, William Somner the elder, Thomas Genyns, Robert Steven & others.<sup>42</sup>*



<sup>42</sup> Essex Record Office D/AMR 1/55

Thomas Butler alias Stallon was born at midnight 30/31 January 1500. He lived in Latton and Harlow, Essex, and likely was born in Essex, England. In 1523 he married Elizabeth, which he recorded in his *commonplace book*, “a Saturday,” but not the entire date. He records the following children<sup>43</sup>, only three lived to maturity:

1. Hary, c. 1523. d.y.
2. Jhon, born 13 November 1524 Married Agnes Lived at Clavering, Essex, England.
3. John, c. 1526 d.y.
4. Thomas, born 30 January 1528. Died in Latton 1590. Married Joan Delow 24 April 1567 in Littlebury, Essex, England.
5. Alice, born 26 August 1532. Married Thomas Knight.

### In Memoriam

Since the publication of the 2010 CRIER, the following deaths have been received by the Belnap Family Organization through July 31, 2012. 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@gmail.com](mailto:dhfw80d@gmail.com).

#### Gilbert Rosel Belnap

None Reported

#### Reuben Belnap

KYLE LAMAR BELNAP (#4 child of LaMar Gilbert Belnap and Flora Parker, # 1 child of Reuben Augustus Belnap and Clara May Pope, # 1 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon, # 3 child of Gilbert

Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 4 May 2011.

LAMAR GILBERT BELNAP (#1 child of Gilbert Augustus Belnap and Rosetta Nalder, #1 child of Reuben Augustus Belnap and Clara May Pope, #1 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon, #3 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 21 December 2011. He was interned in the Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch in South Ogden, Weber, Utah, on 27 December 2011.

EVELYN BARKER GALLOWAY (#1 child of Ethel Beamy Belnap and William Franklin Barker, #9 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon, #3 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 21 February 2011. She is buried 23 February 2011 in the Ogden City, Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

#### Joseph Belnap

None Reported

#### Martha Jane Belnap

None Reported

#### Hyrum Belnap

SHARON ANDERSON BELNAP (wife of Donald E. Belnap, # 4 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mable Harris, # 2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight), died 28 August 2010.

MARVIN HOGGAN (husband of Ruth Ellen Belnap, #2 child of Hyrum Adolphus Belnap and #5 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christina Rasmussen, # 6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 1 December 2010 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. He was buried 6 December 2010 Washington Heights Memorial Park, South Ogden, Weber, Utah

<sup>43</sup> Thomas lists his children in this order, but the exact order of the children who died young are unknown.



RUTH ELLEN BELNAP HOGGAN (#2 child of Hyrum Adolphus Belnap, #5 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christina Rasmussen, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 17 May 2012 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. She was buried 22 May 2012 at Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park, Washington Terrace, Utah.

HELENA MARIE DANIELSEN BELNAP (wife of Ralph Arias Belnap, #1 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, #2 son of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 8 June 2011 in DeKalb, Illinois. She was buried 16 June 2011 in Walnut Hills Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

GERALDINE SMITH BELNAP ( wife of Norman Blaine Belnap, #4 child of Volney Bryan Belnap and Rose Marie West, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 12 September 2011 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. She was buried 17 September 2011 in the Wasatch Lawn Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah.

GLADYS JOY MCARTHUR BELNAP, ( former spouse of Gordon Leslie Belnap, #5 son of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 1 June 2012 in Washington Terrace, Weber, Utah. She was buried 7 June 2011 in the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah.

LOIS RUTH BELNAP ERICKSON, (#2 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 27 October 2011. She was buried 2 November 2011 in the Ben

Lomond Cemetery, North Ogden, Weber, Utah.

HELEN MAE FADDIS BELNAP (wife of Robert Volney Belnap, #1 child of Volney Bryan Belnap and Rose Marie West, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 4 September 2011 in McCall, Valley, Idaho., She was buried 10 September 2011 in the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

RANDALL JARVIS GEE (husband of Janet Erickson, #2 child of Lois Ruth Belnap and Eldred Hilmar Erickson, #2 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna C. Bluth, #6 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 4 August 2011 in Avon, Lorain, Ohio. He was buried 12 August 2011 in Coe Ridge Cemetery, North Olmsted, Cuyahoga, Ohio

#### Augustus Weber Belnap

REID MITCHELL BELNAP (#2 child Earl Read Belnap and Myrtle Esther Shirley, #6 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read, #7 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 6 April 2012 Holladay, Utah. Buried Holladay Memorial Park, 12 April 2012.

VIOLA BELNAP COLLARD STUART (#1 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, #4 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read, #7 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) died 3 March 2012 in Blackfoot, Idaho. She was buried in the Grove City Cemetery.

#### Oliver Belnap

MARY ELEN BENNETT BELNAP ( wife of Wilford Dean Belnap, #1 child of Wilford Belnap and Ebba Louise Oscarson, #5 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning, #2 child of Gilbert Belnap and Henrietta McBride) died 2 October 2010.

She was buried 7 October 2010 in Bountiful Memorial Park, Bountiful, Davis, Utah.

BOYD BINGHAM BELNAP (#4 child of Lester and Crystal Vere Ellsworth Belnap, #4 child of Oliver and Margaret Ann Manning Belnap) died 8 April 2009 in Moreland, Bingham, Idaho. Buried 15 April 2009 in Moreland City Cemetery, Moreland, Idaho.

Adaline Lorinda Belnap

None Reported

Lorinda Belnap

None Reported

Lola Almira Belnap

BERNARD J. MYERS (husband of Vyril Coolbear, #9 child of David William Coolbear and Lola Belnap, #13 Child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) passed away on 13 November 2011. He was buried 17 November 2011 at Redwood Memorial Cemetery, West Jordan, Utah.

VRYL COOLBEAR BAKER MYERS ( # 9 child of David William Coolbear and Lola Belnap, # 13 child of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight) passed away 15 October 2011 in South Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. She was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake, Utah on 18 October 2011.

EDWIN ALLEN CROW (#2 child of Alpha Pearl Coolbear and Allen Spencer Crow, # 1 child of Lola Belnap and David William Coolbear, #13 child Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight passed away on 22 March 2012 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. He was buried in the Valley View Memorial Park, Salt Lake City, Salk Lake, Utah on 27 March 2012.

Francis Marion Belnap

CHARLES J. McDONALD (husband of Vola Hall Belnap, #4 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lilis Sabina Robinson, #3 child of Gilbert Belnap and Heneritta McBride) died 3 April 2012 in Richmond, Virginia. He was buried in the Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Richmond, Virginia.

William James Belnap

None Reported

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CALVIN NATHANIEL DAVIDSON (husband of Eliza Beth Belnap ) died 6 April 2010 in Montpelier, Bear Lake, Idaho. Buried 9 April in Montpelier City Cemetery, Bear Lake, Idaho

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