

# 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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## 2016 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION HELD IN EDEN

A gathering of the *Belnap Family Organization* (BFO) was held in Eden, Utah with record crowds. Not since 1923 had the numbers reached this high. This year it is recorded that 373 descendants of Gilbert Belnap and his two wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henrietta McBride Belnap attended the event. The success of uniting family members, who may not have seen each other for years, presenting a solid foundation of history and expressing their love for their



**Keynote Speaker Elder Carl B Cook  
(William James)**  
(Photo by Sara Carter Collier)

ancestors, makes the reunions very rewarding.

It was a beautiful summer day and nearly 400 members of the Belnap Family showed up for the biennial gathering on 13 August 2016. Keynote speaker at reunion was Elder Carl B. Cook, a descendant of Gilbert's son William James Belnap, and a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.<sup>1</sup> A fine BBQ lunch was provided by the BFO Reunion Committee and musician Ryan Shupe performed to the near record crowd at the Eden, Utah Stake Center. There were plenty of activities this

<sup>1</sup> Audio file is available at [www.belnapfamily.org](http://www.belnapfamily.org)



2016 Belnap Family Reunion gathering in Eden, Utah



(Photos by Sara Carter Collier)



year with games for the kids, door prizes, family displays and meeting of old and new cousins. Following the reunion, meetings of individual families was commenced. It appears that the 2016 BFO reunion was a very successful gathering, and special thanks must go to the family organization and committees.

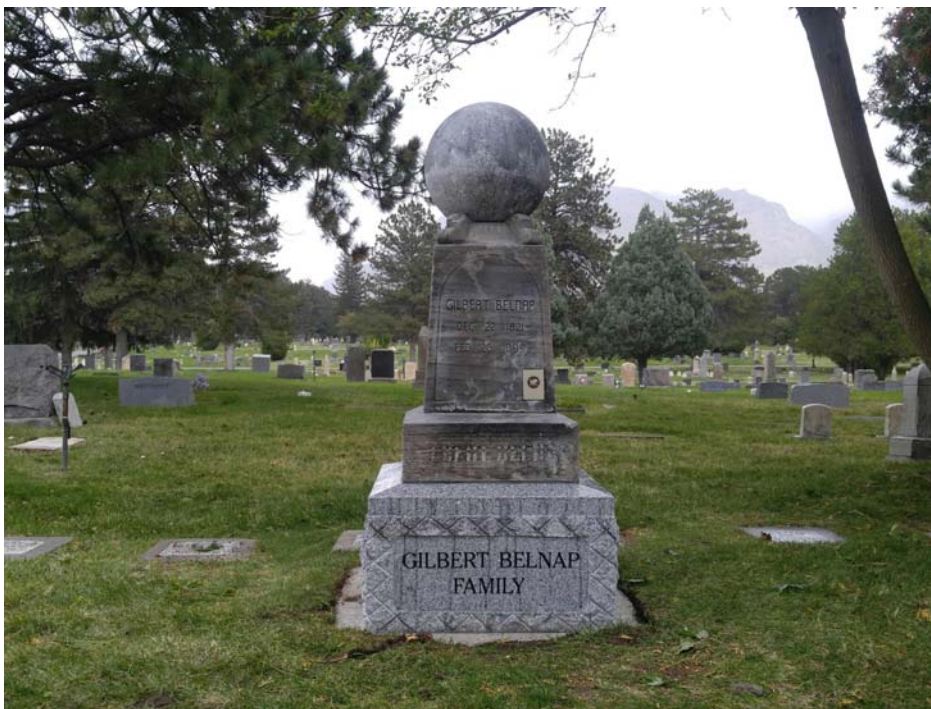
### REDEDICATION OF THE GILBERT BELNAP FAMILY PLOT

The Gilbert Belnap Family Monument and Family Burial Plot in the Ogden City Cemetery was rededicated on Saturday, 22 July 2017, at 5:00 p.m. A special memorial service was held at the Gilbert Belnap Family Plot, located on the east side of 1st Avenue in the far northwest corner of the cemetery. A new base was laid, replacing the older granite structure. The memorial service, which included brief remarks, recognition of the 11 family members buried there, and a dedicatory prayer of the graves completed the service. A cemetery walking tour immediately

following the service making stops at other family plots of Gilbert's children, namely, Gilbert Rosel, Joseph, Hyrum, Vinson K., and Oliver Belnap.

There are eleven persons buried in the Gilbert Belnap Family Plot in Ogden City Cemetery. The following are those buried in this location (listed in order of burial):

- Annetta McBride (16 Apr 1851, probably in Iowa – 26 Nov 1852, Utah) Daughter of Henrietta McBride; sealed to Gilbert Belnap. Died age 1½ years.
- Abigail Mead McBride (29 Jan 1770, Nine Partners, Dutchess, New York – 12 Mar 1854, Ogden, Weber, Utah) Grandmother of both Adaline Knight and Henrietta McBride. Arrived in Utah in 1847 with the Edward Hunter-Jacob Foutz Company; one of the oldest persons to make the Pioneer trek in the first year of the Mormon migration. Died age 84.
- Volney Belnap (17 Feb 1862, Ogden, Weber, Utah – 14 Mar 1862, Ogden, Weber, Utah) Second of two sons born to Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight.
  - Gilbert Levi Hammon (16 Nov 1870, Hooper, Weber, Utah – 16 Nov 1870, Hooper, Weber, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight; first child of 15 born to Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon.
  - Byram Rosel Hammon (21 Dec 1871, South Hooper, Davis, Utah – 21 Dec 1871, South Hooper, Davis, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight; second child of 15 born to Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon. Died age 1 day.

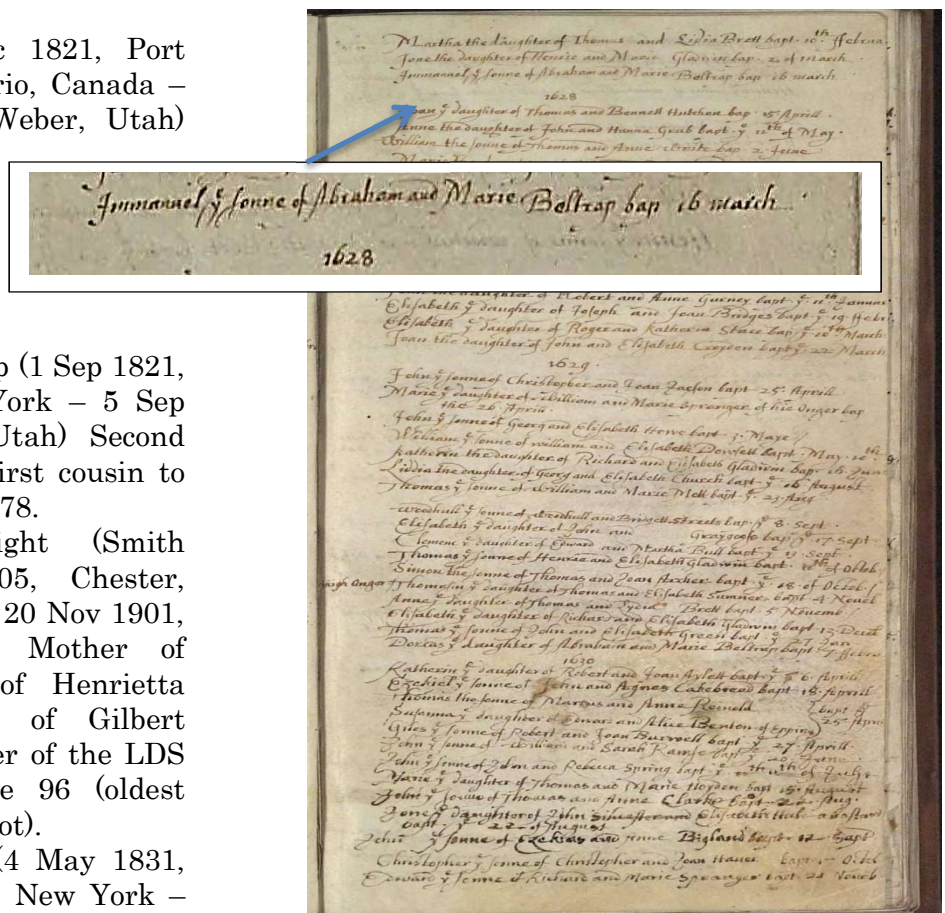


- John Francis Stoddard (5 Mar 1879, Hooper, Weber, Utah – 8 Nov 1879, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Henrietta McBride; second child of 12 born to Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard. Died age 8 months.
- Gilbert Roy Belnap (11 Jan 1882, Hooper, Weber, Utah – 24 Feb 1882, Utah) Grandson of Gilbert Belnap and Henrietta McBride; second child of 11 born to Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson. Died age 1½ months.
- Gilbert Belnap (22 Dec 1821, Port Hope, New Castle, Ontario, Canada – 26 Feb 1899, Hooper, Weber, Utah) Progenitor of the Belnap family in Utah. First Ogden City Cemetery sexton; attended first burial (1851). Died age 77.
- Henrietta McBride Belnap (1 Sep 1821, York, Livingston, New York – 5 Sep 1899, Hooper, Weber, Utah) Second wife of Gilbert Belnap; first cousin to Adaline Knight. Died age 78.
- Martha McBride Knight (Smith Kimball) (17 Mar 1805, Chester, Washington, New York – 20 Nov 1901, Hooper, Weber, Utah) Mother of Adaline Knight; aunt of Henrietta McBride; mother-in-law of Gilbert Belnap. Founding member of the LDS Relief Society. Died age 96 (oldest person buried in family plot).
- Adaline Knight Belnap (4 May 1831, Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York – 10 June 1919, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah) First wife of Gilbert Belnap; first cousin to Henrietta McBride. Died age 88.

### SAMUEL BELKNAP

Our Belnap (Belknap) history can be satisfactorily traced back at least 150 years before our immigrant ancestors, Abraham

Belknap and his son Samuel Belknap made treacherous journey to America. Leaving their native England, Abraham, his wife Mary (Stallion) and their sons Samuel, Joseph, John, and possible a young daughter named Dorcas, made the journey across the Atlantic in a ship 1/10th the size of the passenger liners of today. Their prosperity continued to grow as they settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, receiving new lands on which to grow crops, learning trades and gaining a respect for the right of others, all in an effort to create new opportunity for their prosperity.



Samuel Belknap was likely born in the days just prior to 16 March 1627/8, the day he was christened.<sup>2</sup> A successful childbirth was an event to be celebrated. A woman giving birth would be attended, not only by a midwife, but also by her close women friends and relations.

<sup>2</sup> Christenings generally took place on the next Sunday following a birth.



After the child was born and taken care of, the new mother and her female companions would enjoy a special meal provided by the husband. The Belknap's in England were a middle class, Abraham owned land and farmed, owned livestock, and he was well within his means to provide for his family. Samuel was their 4th child and 4th son, but the three previous children had all died, so a real celebration would have been in order.

On Sunday, 16th March 1627/8<sup>3</sup> Samuel was baptized, the christenings marked the child's entry into the Christian community, and or holy day after birth in front of the whole congregation. The mother, still recovering, was rarely present. In the approved Church of England service, the father's only role was to arrange for the baptism. The infant was usually brought to church by the midwife and attended by three godparents, two of the child's same gender. It was a godparent who normally gave the child a Christian name, and promised to oversee its religious education. Christening parties were equally famous for the food as for their drink. Neighbors often baked cakes and pies to contribute as well. The conversation was generally light gossip. Women generally talked about "labours and child-beds," children and nurses, and household servants, and of preserving, and such like discourses.

Religious turmoil persisted in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century England. There were those Christians that were attempting to reform the Anglican

Church, trying to force the church to purge their Catholic practices. The King, being Anglican, opposed this Puritan movement and put economic and political pressure on any of the Calvinistic worshipers. This forced many Puritans to abandon their homeland. During the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century there were approximately 21,000 English immigrants who would rush to America, but not all of those immigrants were supporters of the Puritans and their movement. There is nothing in the records to indicate that Abraham Belknap was anything but a follower of the Anglican Church and religious

reasons were not the deciding factor to come to America. This can be seen from the town where he Abraham settled, Lynn,

Massachusetts. Lynn remained an Anglican society, at least at first, where many of the Puritans came, few stayed for long periods of time. Many of the Puritan residents of Lynn would attend church in Salem or

Newbury, where Calvinistic views were dominant.<sup>4</sup>

The ships from England to America took four to six weeks to cross the Atlantic. Their crossing was perilous, with high seas and strong Atlantic storms. Most ships made the journey with few casualties. Samuel was a mere boy of eight or nine when the family boarded the ship and sailed the Atlantic, landing in the Massachusetts Bay Colony about 1635. Samuel's father Abraham his family in Lynn, Essex, Massachusetts that



**St. Andrew's Church, North Weald Basset  
where Samuel Belknap was christened.**

<sup>3</sup> Church Records of North Weald-Basset, Essex, England

<sup>4</sup> History of Lynn, Massachusetts

same year<sup>5</sup> where his sons Samuel, Joseph and John were raised to manhood. There is no trace of his sister Dorcas and brother John died at a young age. A daughter Hannah was born in Lynn 1639. To the young boys the journey must have been a true adventure; running the decks of the ship, watching the waves crash against the hull of the ship, rocking it from side to side. Upon landing their adventure continued; new land to sow and harvest, both hostile and peaceful Native Americans, wild animals, and undisturbed wilderness would all create a true adventure.



**Lynn, Massachusetts—Abraham's home lot was north of the Common near "T. Loughton's" property**

Settlements in the 1630's were thinly dispersed around the colony. Towns and villages organized around a common area, a town center. Families lived close to town, but would have lands outside the village. Those families who resided outside the town were prone to attack by hostile natives. The Pequot War in 1636-1638 and subsequent hostilities

were often in the news during their first year in Lynn and stress was commonplace, but few in Lynn had any calamitous events to cause any real fear, where the native rose up against the settlers, towns would come together to ward off any danger.

In 1637 Abraham received 40 acres by the proprietors of Lynn,<sup>6</sup> with his house lot near the Common and north of Thomas Loughton's [Laughton] farm.<sup>7</sup> Abraham had additional lands, a salt marsh, and meadow outside the town center, but close enough to avoid and real danger.<sup>8</sup> It was here that Samuel would spend his first years, probably until his father's death in 1643, and thereafter to care for his mother and younger siblings. He likely remained until age 17 when he may have been apprenticed out to learn a trade.

If Samuel was bound out as an apprentice it is not known, but must be assumed. Samuel learned the craft of a joiner, a skilled craft and boys were frequently bound as apprentices, during which they lived with their master's family and learned a craft. Most apprenticeships ran seven years and by law, apprentices were not supposed to gain their freedom until the age of twenty-four, which in Samuel case would have been 1651/2, the same year Samuel was married to Sara Jones. The majority of the boys therefore began their apprenticeships around seventeen and this date follows the death of Samuel's father in 1643. At the end, they were often given new clothes and a set of tools. This would mark their entry into the world of wage-earners. Overall, Massachusetts Bay Colony settlers were able to maintain a comfortable living for themselves and assure some measure of economic success for their children. Samuel was no doubt successful at his trade, being

<sup>5</sup> History of Lynn, Essex, Massachusetts states he was there in 1635, but we know Abraham was still living in North Weald in May of 1635 when his son John Belknap was christened, so he would have traveled after the 10th of May 1635.

<sup>6</sup> This may be further proof that Abraham came in the year 1635. Proprietors normally distributed land after a resident had lived in the community and contributed there for two years.

<sup>7</sup> Essex Deeds, 14 April 1671.

<sup>8</sup> Essex Deeds



able to purchase land and houses in numerous locales.

Most settlers lived in circumstances similar to their neighbors and if one colonist was more prosperous than the rest, this prosperity was likely to manifest itself in a greater amount of land rather than a more ostentatious way of life. Both the community's spiritual outlook and the material conditions experienced by the first generation in New England fostered a uniquely communal and stable way of life.<sup>9</sup>

Lynn, Massachusetts was founded in 1629, by mostly English immigrants that were not religious enthusiasts or pilgrims who fled from religious persecution in England.<sup>10</sup> They were substantial, law abiding, loyal English tradesmen, of that staunch middle class that was the backbone of England.<sup>11</sup> The first church in Lynn was led by Reverend Stephen Bachiler, who by all means was a practicing Puritan. Coming direct from the Church in England, the belief was likely that he held true to their beliefs, however after a short period of time the proprietors of Lynn forced him out of town replacing him with a likely more conservative minister. The inhabitants of Lynn were not all of the same when it came to religion. The Reverend Bachiler had many followers and likely converted more. Following his rather quick departure from town, the inhabitants would disagree with the Church of England's position of issues and were held accountable in court.<sup>12</sup> Some residence even belonged to the church in Salem, which was of more Calvinistic beliefs, much more so than Lynn would allow. For Samuel the idea of Puritanism must have been his belief as he belonged to the Salem Congregation from 1653 to 1672, prior to moving to Haverhill,

and about 1652 was living among Puritan refugees from Lynn in Easthampton, Long Island.

On June 12, 1640, nine [Puritan](#) families departed Lynn and landed at what is now known as Southampton, Long Island, New York. Eight men, one woman and one boy, made the journey, landing their ship at Conscience Point, in Southampton, some migrating to nearby East Hampton. There they obtained land from the indigenous Shinnecock Nation. Three years later, the village was 43 families strong, so many coming from Lynn that Lynn was sparsely populated by the 1650s.<sup>13</sup>

By 1651 or 1652 Samuel joined the settlement at Easthampton. By then Samuel was an experienced joiner, and the community desperately needed skilled craftsman for its continued growth. In 1653 Samuel received 2 ½ acres of land, bounded by Robert Bond and Richard Brookes.<sup>14</sup> By 1654 he possessed 13 acres there, and paid a "charge" to the meeting house of over 49 shillings, "his proportion due according to his shares."<sup>15</sup> By late 1653 Samuel likely had already migrated back to Massachusetts where in August 1653 his wife gave birth to a daughter, Mary, who was born 17 June 1653.<sup>16</sup> Subsequent children born through 1667 as well as land records in Salem and in Essex County, shows that Samuel and Sara remained in Salem at least until the year 1667.

Samuel was a tradesman and none were more useful to a growing town than the carpenter and joiner. While the business of the colonial carpenter was to cut and join timber and board into sturdy wooden homes and shops, it was the joiner, a specialization of carpentry, who would finish interiors by joining together pieces of wood and might work on door and window frames and staircases and even

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<sup>9</sup> Virginia DeJohn's; *New England's Generation: The Great Migration and the Formation of Society and Culture in the Seventeenth Century*. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

<sup>10</sup> Annals of Lynn

<sup>11</sup> Great Migration, 1629-1640

<sup>12</sup> Essex Court Records

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<sup>13</sup> History of Lynn, Massachusetts

<sup>14</sup> History of Easthampton, Long Island

<sup>15</sup> Ibid

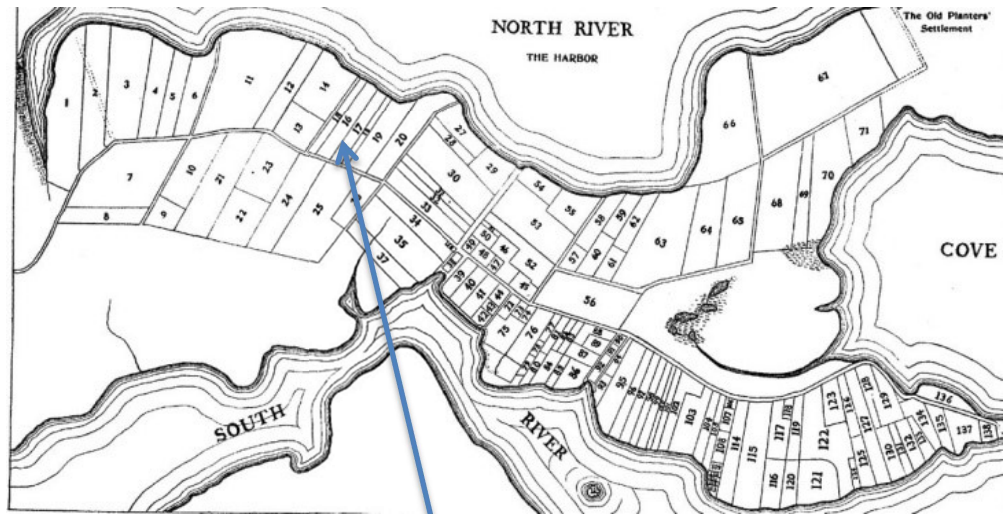
<sup>16</sup> Salem, Massachusetts Birth Records

furniture for the house or building. By 1700 a joiner was often referred to as a cabinet maker. Their usual tools may include a lathe, axes, saw, awls, and chisels. Everything made by hand. Homes needed cabinets, furniture, doors and windows, and it was the Samuel, who would have had the skills necessary to do this work.

By 1661 Samuel and Sara had a house in Salem, his land lying between the present Essex St., near the corner of Beckford St., and the North River.<sup>17</sup> Part of this land was sold off on 20 Feb. 1665 [1665/6] as follows:

*Samuel Belknap of Salem, joyner, with the consent of Sara his wife, in consideration of £3 conveys to Edward Gaskyn of Salem, ship carpenter, land contayning 10 Poale<sup>18</sup>, 2 Poale broad next streets, to run backward north 5 Pole & south 5 Poale & in bredth 2 Pole in ye Towne of Salem, bounded with the streete, land of Philip Cromwell to ye east & the land of me ye sd. Samuell Belknap to ye north & west.<sup>19</sup> Ten years later he is recorded living at nearby Malden, in Middlesex.<sup>20</sup>*

While in Malden in 1671 Samuel continued his work as a joiner. There is no indication of either deed records or proprietor's records that he had a home or parcel there. In 1671 Samuel and his brother Joseph Belnap, who by then was living in Boston, and practicing his trade as a glover, sold their share of their



Samuel owned lot 16 in Salem Massachusetts. The land lied between Essex and the North River on Beckford St.

father's home site in Lynn, to neighbor Thomas Laughton, Sr. One can assume his mother had no further claim on the property and likely passed away a short time before, allowing three living sibling, Samuel, Joseph and Hannah, the beneficiaries. The deed presented was likewise signed by their sister Hannah Belnap, the only other child of Abraham and Mary who has been found in adulthood.

Joseph and Samuel sold their thirds of a parcell of land .... part of an house lott formerly Abraham Rednap's<sup>21</sup> [sic] his house lot and father of Joseph and Samuel. The Rednaps were neighbors of Abraham Belknap and came from London to Lynn in 1631.<sup>22</sup> The next year Samuel next relocated his family to Haverhill, Massachusetts, where he owned considerable land and took the oath of

<sup>17</sup> History of Salem, Vol. I, page 313.

Lot 16 of the Salem Town Lot contained approximately one acre of land

<sup>18</sup> One acre was equal to 160 poles (poales)

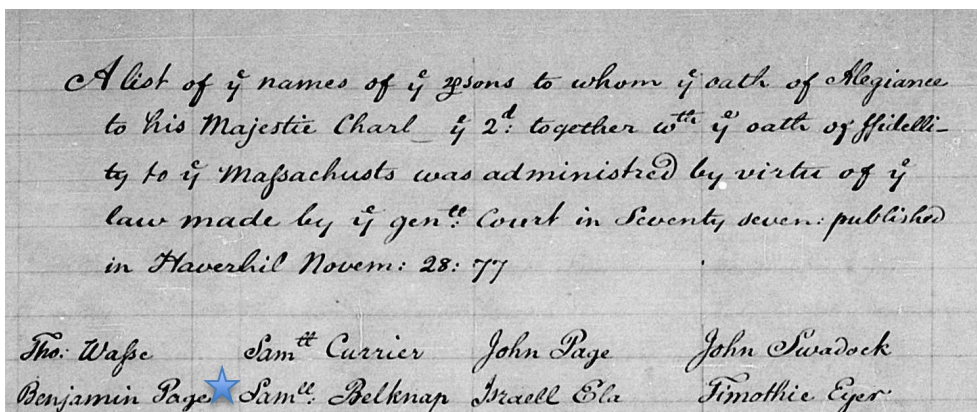
<sup>19</sup> Samuel sold two small pieces of land to Gaskyn, one a "L" shaped piece of property and the piece listed. Essex Deeds, vol. 2, p. 117

<sup>20</sup> Essex Deeds

<sup>21</sup> The clerk evidently wrote Belknap instead of Redknap on two other occasions in the court records of Salem.

<sup>22</sup> Several other errors were made with respect to Joseph Redknap being listed as Joseph Belknap in court records. One account states Joseph Belknap confounded appeared before the Court for denying the sinful nature of infant baptism Joseph Redknap had adjoining property to Abraham Belknap his son Thomas Laughton Jr. married Sarah, the daughter of Joseph Redknap.

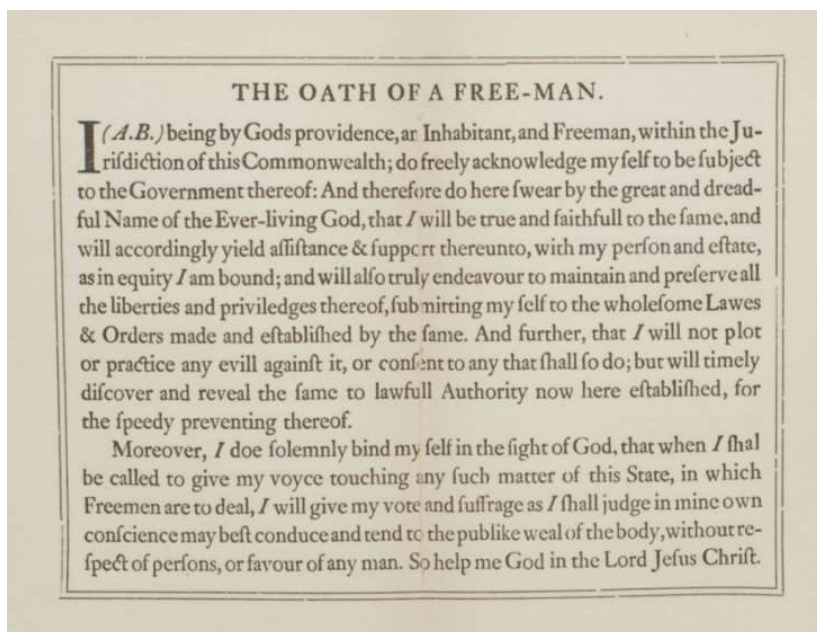




allegiance 28 Nov. 1677, and would remain there for the remainder of his life.

have passed away on 11 November 1701, although no record can be found.

the 21 November 1695 Samuel gifted 50 acres of his 100 acre parcel to his son Abraham. Abraham at the time as a turner<sup>23</sup> living in Redding, Middlesex, Massachusetts.<sup>24</sup> The following October 16th, Samuel sold an additional 27 acres, with buildings to his youngest son, Ebenezer. He is said to



For nearly 25 years Samuel remained in Haverhill. Sara unfortunately died on 18 April 1689, leaving Samuel without his companion. Among his living children, only son Ebenezer and daughter Sarah, who had married Nathaniel Singletary remained in Haverhill, Samuel remained a skilled craftsman, which no doubt gave him the ability to own considerable land in Haverhill. The land was sufficient for raising stock and farm. Salt marshes and fresh water were abundant on this land, which amounted to over 100 acres.

Samuel made a good life for his family, raised six children, two others having died young. On

Samuel and Sarah had eight children:

- 1) Mary, was born 17 August 1653 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts.<sup>25</sup> She likely died before 1655.
- 2) Sarah, born in 1655, probably in Salem, Massachusetts. Married Nathaniel Singletary in Haverhill, 22 December 1673. She resided in Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- 3) Mary, born 14 October 1656 in Salem, Massachusetts.<sup>26</sup> Probably died young.
- 4) Abram [Abraham], who was born 4 June 1660 in Salem, Essex Massachusetts,<sup>27</sup> He received the bulk of his father's land in Haverhill as a gift, but resided in Redding and Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 5) Samuel, born 1 May 1662 in Salem, Massachusetts.<sup>28</sup>
- 6) Ebenezer, born about December 1667 in Salem, Massachusetts. He married

<sup>23</sup> A lathe worker

<sup>24</sup> Essex County Deeds

<sup>25</sup> Born 17th day of the 6th month 1653 (OS Calendar). Salem Birth Records.

<sup>26</sup> Born the 14th day of the 86th month 1656 (OS Calendar). Salem Birth Records.

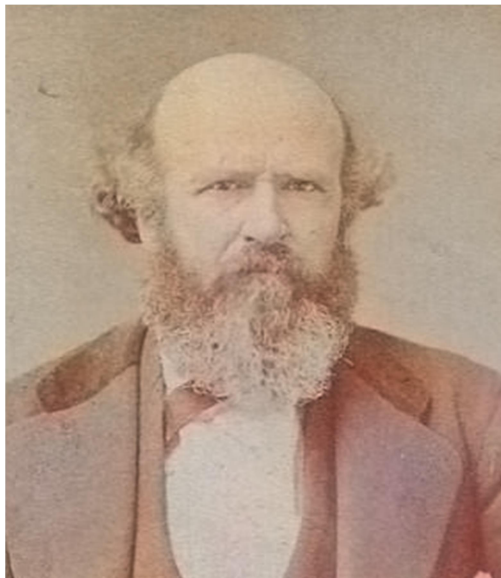
<sup>27</sup> Born the 4th day of the 4th month (OS calendar). Salem Birth Records.

<sup>28</sup> Born the 1st day of the 3rd month 1662 (OS Calendar). Salem Birth Records.

Hannah Ayer in Haverhill and was the 3rd great grandfather of Gilbert Belnap. Ebenezer lived in Haverhill, from his childhood until his death in 1762. He was both a husbandman, and like his father a joiner.

- 7) Joseph, said to have been born about 25 March 1672 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He died there 28 August 1672.<sup>29</sup>
- 8) Patience, born in Haverhill, Massachusetts 17 September 1675. She was living as of 21 November 1695.

### GILBERT BELNAP, MASTER MASON THE THE FREEMASONS<sup>30</sup> OF NAUVOO



Conspiracy theories proliferate with regards to the Freemasons of Nauvoo, Illinois. By 1841, European immigrants were moving into Nauvoo by the thousands. The growing Mormon population in Nauvoo soon reached 10,000 inhabitants. Like in Kirtland, and

more so in Missouri, the Mormon's neighbor saw an increasing threat to their own way of life, politically, economically and religiously. This was especially true in the small community of Warsaw, Illinois where it has been written, nearly 100 members of the Freemason fraternity, many with blackened faces to hide their identity, were involved in the assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. The opposition of Freemasons towards other Freemasons was a treasonous event with the order, but proof was never substantiated and punishment never befell the Warsaw Freemasons.

The Freemasons in Nauvoo began their meetings late in 1841, Gilbert Belnap did not migrate from Kirtland, until June of 1844, where he befriended the Prophet Joseph Smith<sup>31</sup> and many others in the hierarchy of the Mormon Church, and like them, became a brother in the fraternal order of Freemasons, and a Master Mason.

With the growth of the church and Nauvoo in particular, distrust grew among many. Joseph Smith became strongly attached to the Freemason ideology maybe as an idea to show loyalty and create lasting friendships towards him and the church and even the fraternity members living outside Nauvoo. But even the fraternity could not assure Joseph of loyalty, by 1842 many Freemasons and other Nauvoo residents would become disenfranchised with Joseph and with the Church's denial of spiritual marriage and polygamy.

Initially organizing a lodge would succeed in its goal for Joseph, but it would also create a great amount of friction.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Haverhill town records

<sup>30</sup> Freemasonry or Masonry consists of fraternal organizations that trace their origins to the local fraternities of stonemasons, which from the end of the fourteenth century

<sup>31</sup> Gilbert Belnap journal

<sup>32</sup> Some believe that Jonas was willing to follow this course because he envisioned the growing Mormon vote supporting his own political ambitions (see Nauvoo Politics). Although the action may have endeared him to some Latter-day Saints (HC 4:565-66), it antagonized other Masons.



In the early summer of 1841 when Mormon Freemasons, Hyrum Smith, Lucius Scovil George Miller and John C Bennett, all Nauvoo residents, all who had joined the Freemasons in their pre-Mormon days, sent a communication to Bodley Lodge in Quincy, Illinois. In the communication they were requesting a sponsorship for the establishment of a Freemason Lodge in Nauvoo. They were politely denied. With their denial in hand, they went to the Grandmaster of Illinois, Abraham Jonas,<sup>33</sup> who without a sponsor Lodge on the 15th of October 1841 granted Nauvoo a *special dispensation to organize*.<sup>34</sup> George Miller, was to be the first Master of the new lodge, with Lucius N. Scovil appointed junior mason and John D. Parker was appointed first Senior Mason.



Abraham Jonas

<sup>33</sup> Abraham Jonas was born September 12, 1801, in Exeter, England and died June 8, 1864. He was the first permanent Jewish resident in Quincy, Illinois and a one time member of the Illinois and Kentucky State Legislature, a leading lawyer, and a valued friend of Abraham Lincoln.

In 1836 he moved to Columbus in Adams County, Illinois, to operate another general store. Within two years he moved to Quincy, Illinois opening a carriage business and studying law in Orville Browning's office. He then organized the Grand Masonic Lodge of Illinois in 1840 and was elected Grand Master. In 1842 he was elected as a Whig to the state legislature. Jonas arranged the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debate in Quincy, and aided Lincoln in his candidacy. It was his law partner Henry Asbury who suggested Lincoln's candidacy in front of a group of local Republicans.

Abraham Jonas was noted as one of the greatest orators himself in the area. He was elected Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1843. Lincoln appointed Jonas postmaster of Quincy in 1861 until his death in 1864.

<sup>34</sup> see Hogans; Founders of the Nauvoo Lodge

On 15 March 1842 the Nauvoo Lodge was installed by Grandmaster Jonas. Jonas published an account of the installation the Columbia Advocate, which read; *Never in my life did I witness a better dressed or more orderly and well-behaved assemblage*.<sup>35</sup> During the installation ceremonies, which were held in the grove near the temple site, Joseph Smith officiated as Grand Chaplain.<sup>36</sup> That evening, with the Masons assembled in his office; the Prophet received the first degree of Freemasonry and was immediately raised to Apprentice, then Fellow Craft and Master Mason, all I the same day. With a Lodge established Nauvoo Masons immediately commenced

weekly early morning meetings, in order to handle the nearly 300 early applications for membership.

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<sup>35</sup> History of Joseph Smith

<sup>36</sup> Joseph Smith Journal; I officiated as Grand Chaplain at the installation of the Nauvoo Lodge of Freemasons at the Grove near the Temple. Grand Master Jonas, of Columbus, being present, a large number of people assembled for the occasion. The day was exceedingly fine; all things were done in order. In the evening I received the first degree in Freemasonry in Nauvoo Lodge, assembled in my general business office

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As long-time rivals of Nauvoo for political and economic ascendancy, neighboring Masons feared and resisted Mormon domination of Freemasonry. Charging the Nauvoo Lodge with balloting for more than one applicant at a time, receiving applicants into the fraternity on the basis that they would reform in the future, and making Joseph Smith a Master Mason on sight, enemies forced an investigation in October 1843. Joseph Smith wrote in his journal on 30 October 1843: *Masons stopped work mostly*. The Grand Lodge summoned Nauvoo officials to Jacksonville, Illinois. Armed with pertinent books and papers, Lucius Scovil and Henry G. Sherwood answered the allegations. Though the examining committee reported that everything appeared to be in order, it expressed fear that there might be something wrong, and recommended a year's suspension. At this point, Grand Master Jonas, in an impassioned speech, declared that the books of the Nauvoo Lodge were the best-kept he had seen and stated his conviction that but for the fact that the Nauvoo Lodge was composed of Mormons, it would stand as the highest lodge in the state. A committee was appointed to make a thorough investigation in Nauvoo and

though the committee reported no wrongdoing, the Nauvoo Lodge was again suspended. The injunction was later removed, but the Nauvoo Lodge continued to lack the support from outside fellow Masons.<sup>38</sup>

On 15 April 1844, the Nauvoo Lodge dedicated its new Masonic Hall,<sup>39</sup> despite their continued suspension. The Nauvoo Lodge had been severed from the Grand Lodge and one Illinois Mason had been expelled from his



Lodge for just attending the dedication ceremony.<sup>40</sup> The Nauvoo Lodge continued its activities despite the setbacks from the Grand Lodge and in the newly built hall continued to hold weekly Freemason meetings. Applications for fellowship never waned because of the setbacks and on 26 August 1844 the lodge met and *pursuant to adjournment* Gilbert Belnap's application were accepted and he became an *Entered*

<sup>38</sup> Ibid

<sup>39</sup> Dedication of the Masonic Temple in Nauvoo was attended by 550 Masons from around the country.

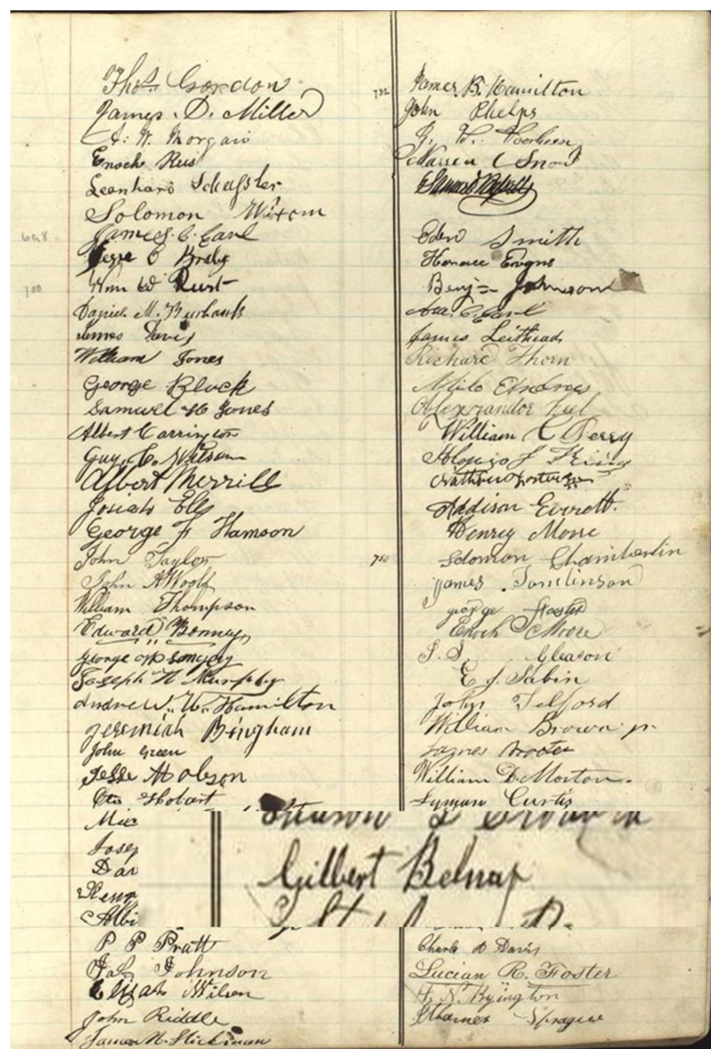
<sup>40</sup> Keeping a Secret, Freemasonry, Polygamy and the Nauvoo Relief Society, 1842-1844, J. of Mormon History.

<sup>37</sup> See Hogans; Founders of the Nauvoo Lodge.



*Apprentice*, an entry level placement.<sup>41</sup> The lodge was then called into adjournment until 31 August 1844 when Gilbert was *raised to Fellow Craft*. At the close of business the "Fellow Craft Lodge" adjourned, and almost immediately the Master Mason Lodge began their portion of the meeting. Once more Gilbert had been *properly vouched for* and was duly raised to *sublime degree of Master Mason*, which then required entering his signature on the By-Laws as well as paying the necessary fees for each level he had attained.<sup>42</sup> It was recorded that *Gilbert Belnap will pay in property, work or money*.<sup>43</sup> Meetings continued to be held in the Lodge and it was recorded Gilbert paid his quarterly dues at each interval. On 10 April 1845, Brigham Young advised Lucius Scovil to suspend the work of the Masons in Nauvoo, but some attended the meetings. Gilbert last payment was made to the Lodge on 16 March 1846, which could indicate when he left Nauvoo.

Many scholars who have looked carefully at the Nauvoo Masonic Lodge agree that it was more victim than villain. With widespread anti-Mormon feelings and the extensive hatred of Latter-day Saints by local rivals, and not irregularities or misconduct, caused the controversy with regard to the Masonic Lodge in Nauvoo.



Signature of Gilbert Belnap on signature sheet of  
Freemason By-Laws, signed 31 August 1844

<sup>41</sup> All Freemasons begin their journey in the craft by being progressively initiated, passed and raised into the three degrees of Craft. During these three rituals, the candidate is progressively taught the meanings of the Lodge symbols, and entrusted with grips, signs and words to signify to other Masons that he has been so initiated. The initiations are part allegory and part lecture, and revolve around the construction of the Temple of Solomon. The degrees are those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow craft and Master Mason.

<sup>42</sup> There was a \$5.00 fee for initiation, passing the process cost \$3.00 and each rising of level cost \$7.00. Quarterly dues were .25 cents. The raising required unanimous consent, which was rarely not granted.

<sup>43</sup> Nauvoo Lodge Journal of Accounts.

After leaving the Midwest for what was then the Utah Territory, most Latter-day Saints eventually ceased active involvement with Freemasonry, despite the fact that Lodges were chartered in Utah beginning in 1859. In 1925 Mormons were not accepted to the Utah Lodges.

The Freemasons of the Nauvoo Lodge numbered near 1500. The Lodge became so large that additional Lodges within Nauvoo were established all primarily Mormons. Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and Lorenzo Snow, the first five Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were Nauvoo Masons. Apostles, Bishops, farmers, and businessman all joined the Freemasons in Nauvoo, Gilbert was in acceptable company.

### **PIONEERING BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT HELPS PATIENT BEAT THE ODDS**

#### **Treatment in childhood allows man to lead productive life, find joy in work**

An article by [Marissa Harshman](#), Columbian Health Reporter, published August 7, 2017, The Columbian. (Reprinted with Permission)

**RIDGEFIELD** — By the time Danny Alder was 9 years old, he had already endured a cancer diagnosis and six years of off-and-on chemotherapy. He underwent radiation and experienced cardiac arrest and respiratory arrest — caused by the cancer-fighting drugs, but still had cancer.

Finally, out of options, his doctors recommended a procedure that was only being done in a few places in the world: bone marrow transplantation. The year was 1984 and, fortunately for the Alder family, Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center was pioneering the use of bone marrow transplants.

Still, the procedure was relatively uncommon. Danny was given a 20 to 30 percent chance of surviving the transplant.

"Danny flew through that," said Darlene Alder,

Danny's mom.

Danny returned to his family's Ridgefield home cancer-free.

Today, the 42-year-old has some side effects from the harsh drugs his young body was exposed to, but he's relatively healthy. With the help of special education classes, he graduated from Ridgefield High School in 1995. And, thanks to a job training program offered through special education, he got a job working at the Salmon Creek Albertsons store, where he recently celebrated 22 years of employment.

"He's a success of the community," said Francis Alder, Danny's dad. "The community helped him in a special way."

When Danny was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma — a cancer that originates in the white blood cells of the lymphatic system.

For about six years, Danny underwent multiple rounds of chemotherapy. Every time treatment stopped, Danny relapsed. His doctors said they had to do something different if they were to beat the cancer and told the family about bone marrow transplants.

"We didn't even know much about it," Darlene said.

Bone marrow is the soft tissue inside bones that produces blood-forming cells, which later mature into red blood cells, white blood cells or platelets. Cancer can interfere with that process. A bone marrow transplant replaces the unhealthy blood-forming cells with healthy ones.

"This was the last chance," Francis said. "It may not work, but there's nothing else left."

Danny's older brother, Brian, who was 11 at the time, was a close match and donated his healthy bone marrow. Danny spent a month in the hospital, followed by several months in a Seattle apartment with his mom. Finally, on Jan. 22, 1985, Danny and Darlene returned home. They were greeted by family members and friends, who tied hundreds of yellow ribbons to the fence and trees on the Alder property.

As a result of the chemotherapy and full-body radiation he received as a child, Danny experiences occasional seizures. His growth was stunted; hormone therapy helped him grow to 5 feet 6 inches.

Danny also has memory problems. He's good with repetition but struggles to remember most other things. For example, he has a hard time remembering how old he is, but he's quick to rattle off his birthdate.

Recently, Danny was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Doctors suspect it's the result of the radiation. Danny underwent surgery to have his thyroid removed Tuesday and will soon undergo treatment with radioactive isotopes.

Despite the lingering health issues, Francis and Darlene say they feel fortunate. Danny was one of 10 kids on his floor at the hospital to receive transplants in 1984. The Alders have stayed in touch with many of those families.

"He's the only one alive still," Francis said.

"He's in uncharted territory," he added.

Some independence

After graduating high school, Danny went to work as a courtesy clerk at Albertsons. He spends his days carrying full grocery bags out to customers' cars and retrieving shopping carts from the parking lot. He's become a staple at the Salmon Creek store, with customers greeting him by name and giving him gifts on holidays.

The job, Francis said, may not be a job other people would want. But for Danny, it's perfect.

"They know about my memory problem, and I can't do things as much as other people," Danny said.

But the job gives Danny, who lives with his parents, some independence and responsibility. He's reliable, a hard worker and he loves going to work, Francis said.

The job also gives Danny some financial independence. He uses the money he earns to buy his own clothes and souvenirs while on vacation, Darlene said.

The recent cancer diagnosis and surgery will keep Danny out of work for a while, but once he's well,

he'll be back at Albertsons greeting customers.

"That's part of his joy in life," Francis said, "to be able to help people."

Danny Alder of Ridgefield started working for Albertsons in 1995. He was connected with the employer through a work training program offered through his special education classes at Ridgefield High School.

Danny Alder of Ridgefield, a childhood cancer survivor, was recently honored for 22 years of employment at Albertsons. (End)

Danny Alder is the third great grandson of Gilbert Belnap and is the second child of [Darlene Alder](#) and [Francis Alder](#).

### New Mission President Called

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Eight new mission presidents and their wives have been called by the First Presidency. They will begin their service in July 2017. Among the group is a descendant of Gilbert Belnap Janelle Venable Berrett and her husband Anthony Edward Berrett from Indian Hills Ward, Salt Lake Monument Park Stake to Mexico Torreon Mission.

Anthony Edward Berrett, 59, and Janell Venable Berrett, six children, Indian Hills Ward, Salt Lake Monument Park Stake: México Torreón Mission, succeeding President J. Alejandro Ramos Rivera and Sister Rosario Fernández de Ramos. Brother and Sister Berrett currently serve in the Spain Barcelona Mission. Brother Berrett is a former bishop, stake mission president, ward executive secretary, high priests group leader and missionary in the Argentina Buenos Aires South Mission. Retired audit partner, KPMG. Born in Sausalito, California, to Ralph Edward Berrett and Aimee Haroldine Vincent Berrett. Sister Berrett is a former ward Relief Society, Young Women and Primary president, stake seminary supervisor, ward Primary music leader and seminary teacher.

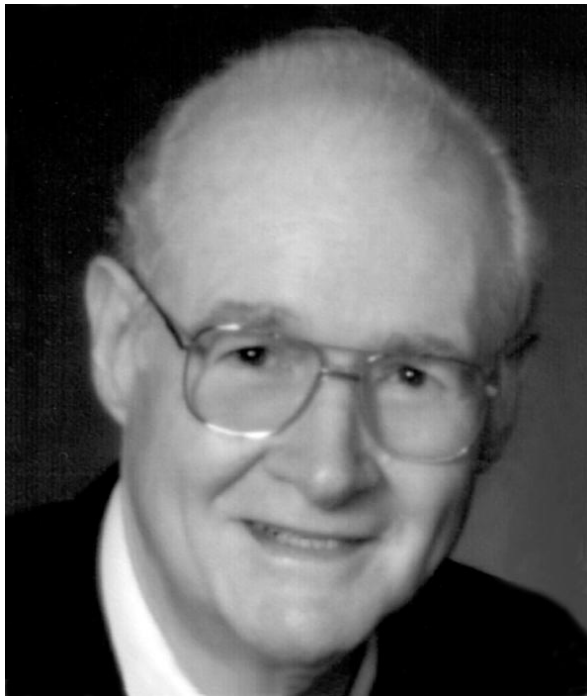


Born in Ogden, Utah, to Wayne LeRoy Venable and Ona Beus Venable Hadley. ward Primary music leader and seminary teacher. Janell is the third great grand daughter of Gilbert, through his daughter Martha Jane Belnap Hammon.

### **Special Tribute**

#### **PAST BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS PASS**

Since the 2016 Crier there has been two past Belnap Family Organization Presidents who have passed away. The following is in their memory in honor of their service to the Belnap Family Organization.



**RICHARD DUANE BELNAP**

Richard Duane Belnap passed away on August 19th. He was born December 5th, 1935 in Ogden, Utah to Lovel and Lilly Belnap. He graduated from Ogden High School and BYU with a BS in Math and Engineering. In 1968 he was certified as a Professional Mechanical Engineer. He married Rose Ann Kelly

September 16th, 1955, in the Salt Lake Temple. They were blessed with eight children, Laurie Kay (Dirk), Julie Ann (Jack), Wendy Lee (Ron), Kelly Lynn (Irv), Richard Dwane (Karen), Suzanne, Christine (John) and Hollie Jean (Matt), 29 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He worked for Hercules/Alliant aerospace for 43 years. He was an avid Scouter, and earned the Silver Beaver award. In 1997 he was recognized for his 50 years of service. He also served as a district commissioner in the Great Salt Lake Council. He was an avid family researcher and found many records of deceased ancestors. He served as president of the Belnap family organization. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Rose Ann, his 2 sisters, Dorothy and Madeline Elda, and his brother, Vinson as well as his daughter Suzanne. We wish to express our deep appreciation to the friends and staff of Oak Ridge Assisted Living and A Step Forward Hospice. Graveside services will be held Friday, August 26, 2016



**W. DEAN BELNAP**

August 19, 1926 ~ January 27, 2017

Wilford Dean Belnap, former president of the Belnap Family Organization from 1974-1976 and compiler of the landmark history on the Belnap family, *Heritage With Honor*, passed away on January 27, 2017. His funeral services, were held on February 4, 2017 in Kaysville, Utah, and presided over by President Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. It was an inspiring testament to the strength of faith and family. Dean exemplified Gospel service and commitment, and left a wonderful legacy while walking the path of discipleship. President Nelson, after reviewing his close association with Dean, whom he called his "dear colleague and friend," looked at Dean's tremendous posterity and stated: "by their fruits ye shall know them." He concluded his remarks with an apostolic blessing on the family. Missionaries from the England London East Mission who served under Dean as their mission president formed an honor line as the casket was escorted from the chapel in a moving final tribute to an extraordinary life.

Wilford Dean Belnap, a heroic soul devoted in service to God, family, and community. He was 90 years old.

The eldest of two sons, Dean was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 19, 1926, to Wilford Belnap and Ebba Louise Oscarson. His early years were spent developing strong family bonds with his parents, grandparents, and younger brother, Hal, with whom he shared a deep and abiding friendship throughout his life. Together, they have done much to promote family history work.

From childhood, Dean was a gifted artist, winning numerous state and national art awards before the age of 14. As a freshman at West High School, he won an award with an accompanying scholarship to attend a prestigious art school in the Eastern United States. However, Deans life course changed after taking a national exam in which he demonstrated high aptitude in medicine. At age 15, he enrolled at the University of Utah,

first completing a bachelor's degree, and then a degree in medicine at the age of 20. Subsequently, he completed his internship and residency at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dean met Mary Elen Bennett on a blind date. After two more dates, they were engaged and completed their courtship through letters between Cleveland and Salt Lake City. They were married a year later in the Salt Lake Temple, July 7, 1950. They had a strong and loving partnership, exemplifying devotion to each other through trial and triumph for over 60 years. Emulating our Savior's example, Dean and Elen went about their lives doing good.

In 1953, Dean and Elen moved to Virginia, where Dean served as a medical officer during the Korean War. As a returning Veteran, he moved his family to Bountiful, Utah, where he practiced pediatrics and later psychiatry. He cared for thousands of patients in his lifetime. Dean and Elen's home was generously open to guests, including those needing medical care. Among those were Cambodian refugees, who lived in their home for two years.

Manifesting the gifts of a keen mind and intellect, Dean pioneered diagnostic and treatment techniques in pediatrics and developmental disorders. He authored or co-authored five books and numerous magazine and journal articles. He spent his final professional years promoting mental health among LDS missionaries, serving on an interdisciplinary team pioneering missionary clinics for LDS Family Services and the Missionary Department. In all, Dean practiced medicine for 65 years and was featured in Who's Who Among American Professionals. He retired at age 85.

Dean served in public roles promoting the treatment, protection, and education of children and adolescents. He served on the boards of numerous professional organizations, tasks forces and advisory councils including the Governor's Advisory

Council on developmental disabilities and the Utah State Board of Regents. He was also a member of the Davis County and Utah State Boards of Education and was later appointed to the national board of state boards of education, serving as chairman, under President Jimmy Carter.

Deans lifetime of dedicated church service took him throughout the world. He served on the Church Correlation, General Priesthood and Genealogy Committees in the 1960s. From 1969 to 1972, he presided over the England East Mission in London. Dean and Elen also served two missions as a senior couple, first in Jakarta, Indonesia, where Dean joined the Jakarta Medical School Faculty. He was instrumental in working with the Indonesian government, facilitating permission to resume missionary work in that country. Their second mission was in Frankfurt, Germany, serving missionaries with mental health needs in the European Area. Dean's love of missionaries and missionary work was unflinching. Among many stake and ward callings, he was also a faithful home teacher for 76 years.

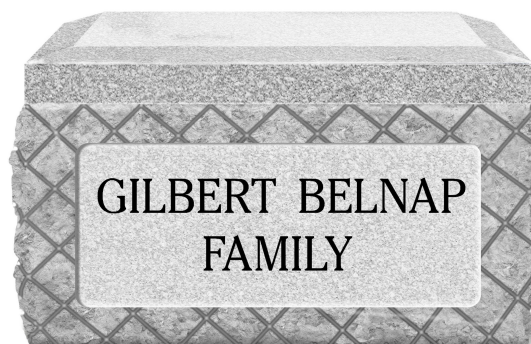
His greatest joy was imbuing his family with a love of the gospel. Dean's teaching and insight left a legacy of faith for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His was a solid foundation from which they have gleaned testimony and learned obedience, dedication and hard work.

He is survived by his six children and their spouses: Rosann B. Balmer (Jared), Paul M. Belnap (Elizabeth), Elen Louise B. Jorgensen (David), Eric D. Belnap (Laura), Grant B. Belnap (Carol), David O. Belnap (Tina); his brother and sister-in-law, Hal Ross and Maxine Driggs Belnap; 24 grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren. His wife, parents, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren preceded him in death.



### In Memoriam

Since the publication of the 2016 CRIER, the following deaths have been received by the Belnap Family Organization through July 31, 2018. To have your family's vital statistics printed in the future issues of the CRIER, please contact your Don Hammon, CRIER Editor at email [dhfw80d@gmail.com](mailto:dhfw80d@gmail.com).



### Gilbert Rosel Belnap

MICHAEL TRACY MCFARLAND, (Husband



of Susan Weltha Marriott, #6 Child of Gilbert Enos Marriott and Helen Alvaretta Smirl, #1 Child of Weltha May Belnap And Enos Eugene Marriott, #5 Child of Gilbert Rosel Belnap And Sarah Jane Cole), died 13 December



2017 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Michael was buried in Leavitt's Aultorest Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah 16 December 2017.

### Reuben Belnap

REBECCA PARRISH MISKIN (spouse of Richard Belnap Miskin # 13 child of Luvina Vilate Belnap and Arthur Richard Miskin, #4 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon) died 3 March 2018 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. She was buried 17 March 2018 in the Ucon Cemetery, Ucon, Bonneville, Idaho.



STEVEN KAY BELNAP ( #1 child of Lamar Belnap and Flora Packer, #1 child of Gilbert Augustus Belnap and Rosetta Nadler, #1 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon), died 25 August 2017 in Maricopa, Arizona.



FLORA PACKER BELNAP, (Wife of 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 Licien Vilate Hammon), died 10 December 2016. She was buried on 1 December 2016 in



Lindquist's Memorial Garden of the Wasatch, South Ogden, Weber, Utah.

ETSUKO MAEDA MISKIN (wife of Bryan James Miskin, #6 child of Renold Arthur Miskin and Melba E. Hymas, #4 child of Luvina Vilate Belnap and Arthur Richard Miskin, #4 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon) died 3 April 2017 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. She was interred 10 April 2017 in Ucon Cemetery, Ucon, Bonneville, Idaho.



### Joseph Belnap

RUTHELLA EVANS CUTLER (wife of Reed Belnap Cutler, #2 child of Ida Belnap and Dr. Allen Riley Cutler, #11 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard) died 3 March 2018 in Mountain Home, Elmore, Idaho. She was buried in the Preston Cemetery, Preston, Franklin, Idaho on 10 March 2018.



SHERMAN GRANT FLETCHER, (husband to Carolyn Cutler, #1 child of Allen Riley Cutler III and Usa Dunkley, # 2 child of Blanche La Vern Belnap and Allen Riley Cutler II, #10 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard) died 27 December 2017 in Boise, Ada, Idaho. He was interred in the Dry Creek Cemetery, Boise, Ada, Idaho.



MARLIN BELNAP ROSS, (# 5 child of Dr. Aaron Belnap Ross and Elma Hall, # 3 child of Tirza Adaline Belnap and Aaron Covington Ross, #4 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard), died 8 November 2017 in Lander, Fremont,



Wyoming. He was interred in the Washington Heights Memorial Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

DAN LAMAR BELNAP BENNETT, (#1 child of Dan Emory Belnap and Cynthia Nelson, #3 child of Dan Lamar Belnap and Elaine Smith, # 7 child of Emory Belnap and Martha Davis Kershaw #9 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard), died 24 September 2016 in Logan, Cache, Utah. He was buried 30 September 2016 in Riverdale Cemetery, Riverdale, Cache, Utah.



### Martha Jane Belnap

JIMMY LEWIS GUINN (spouse of Glenda Hammon, #1 child of Daniel Glenn Hammon and Bessie Louise Whittier, #15 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon) 28 June 2018. Jimmy was buried on 5 July 2018 Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.



DOLORES SCHRADER HAMMON HALL (former wife of Donald L Hammon, #2 child of Levi Byram Hammon and Ada Grace Jenkins, #4 child of Levi Derlin Hammon and Emma Hawkeswood, #5 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon) passed away on 26 April 2018 in Orland, Glenn, California. She was interned in the Orland Catholic Cemetery, Orland, Glenn, California.

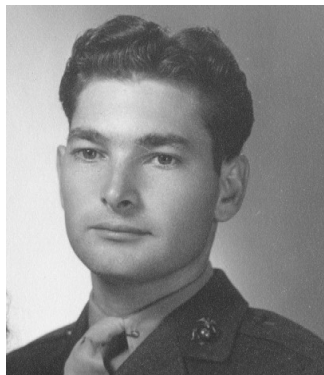


GARY DAVID STEVENSON, (#1 child of LaRue Hammon and Gale Eugene Stevenson, #1 child of Levi Byram Hammon and Ada Grace Jenkins, #3 child of Levi Derlin Hammon and Emma Hawkeswood, # 5 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon)



passed away 12 April 2017 in Elk Grove, Sacramento, California. He was interred on 27 April 2017 in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, Solano, California.

GALE EUGENE STEVENSON, (former spouse of LaRue Hammon, #1 child of Levi Byram Hammon and Ada Grace Jenkins, #4 child of Levi Derlin Hammon and Emma Hawkeswood, #5 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon, passed away on 16 January 2017 in



Bandon, Coos, Oregon. He was interred on 21 January 2017 in the Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Bandon, Coos, Oregon.

NORMAN WHITE BENNINGTON (spouse of Marilyn Baker, #3 child of William Amasa Baker and Verlie Rose Hunsaker, #5 child of Jane Hammon and William Nathan Baker, #4 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon. Passed away on 28 February 2017 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. He was buried in the Roy City Cemetery, Roy,



Weber, Utah on 4 March 2017.

JAMES LEROY "MIKE" CLARK, (husband of Shirley Stoker #2 child of Herman Deloss Stoker and Minnie Ora Child, #1 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker, #8 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi



Byram Hammon), died 29 March 2018 in Clearfield, Davis, Utah. He was interred in the Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah on 4 April 2018.

SHIRLEY STOKER CLARK, (#2 child of Herrman Deloss Stoker and Minnie Ora Child, #1 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker, #8 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon), died 24 May 2016 in Clearfield, Davis, Utah. She was buried in the Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah on 1



June 2016.

LANAE DAWN HAMMON, (#3 child of Amasa Marion Hammon and Doris Adele Butterfield, #3 child of Amasa Marion Hammon and Edith Ann Hobson, #9 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon), died 29 July 2017 in Caldwell,



Canyon, Idaho. She was buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Nyssa, Malheur, Oregon 5 August 2017.

### Hyrum Belnap

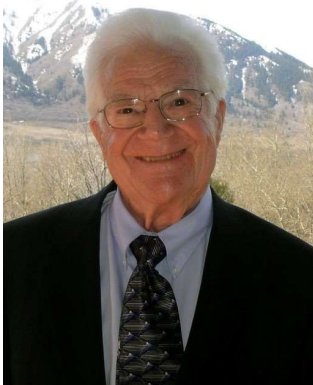
ROBERT BRENT BELNAP, (#1 child of Robert Volney Belnap and Helen Mae Faddis, #1 child of Volney Byran Belnap and Rose M., #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth), died 20 June 2018 in Ogden, Weber, Utah.





Robert was buried 28 June 2018 in the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah.

NORMAN BLAINE BELNAP, (#4 child of Volney Bryan Belnap and Rose Marie West, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth) died 17 November 2016. Buried 28 November 2016.



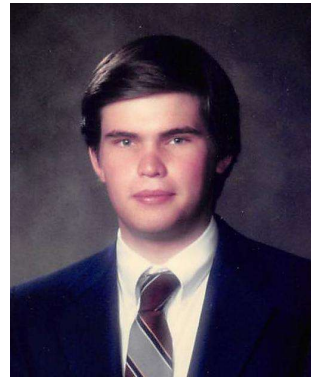
KEVIN LANCE JONES, (#1 child of Beverly A Belnap and Kevin Lance Jones, #4 child of Bryan West Belnap and Darlene Howard, #2 child of Volney Bryan Belnap and Rose Marie West, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth), passed away on 21 February 2017. Interment was in the East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, Provo, Utah on 4 March 2017.



HOWARD WEST BELNAP (#3 child of Bryan West Belnap and Darlene Howard, #2 child of Volney Bryan Belnap and Rose Marie West, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth), died 1 January 2018 in American Forks, Utah, Utah.



JONATHAN BELNAP HOGGAN, (#5 child of



Ruth Ellen Belnap and Marvin Hoggan, #2 child of Hyrum Adolphus Belnap and Lois Ellen Foster, #5 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christina Rasmussen, died 26 November 2017.

### Augustus Weber Belnap

ROBERT NEWELL BELNAP, (#2 child of Oscar Newell Belnap and Vera Eileen Poulson, #1 child of Augustus Ruben Belnap and Olena Nettie Anderson, #1 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 26 April 2017 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. He was buried 9 May 2017 in the Grove City Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.



TREVOR BRENT BELNAP, (#1 child of Brett Lyle Belnap and Sherry Lu Hebdon, #5 child of Lyle E Belnap and Sheldon Elison, #3 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, #4 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 25 February 2018. He was buried on 3 March 2018.



SPENCE W. CARTER, (husband of Marsha Lee Belnap, # 1 child of Lyle E. Belnap and Shelda Elison, #3 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, # 4 child Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 15 May 2018 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. He was buried 19 May 2019 in



Riverside-Thomas Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.

CHARLES "CHUCK" KENNETH BELNAP, (#2 child of Charles William Belnap and Lula Bell Umphrey, #2 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 19 October 2016 in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. He was buried 31 October 2016 in



Grove City Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bannock, Idaho.

LORETTA M. SYTH BELNAP, ( wife of Bruce G Belnap, # 6 child of George Glen Belnap and Zeta Ann Herbst, #2 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, #4 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 13 August 2017 in Helena, Lewis and Clark, Montana. She was buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery,



Helena, Lewis and Clark, Montana.

WANDA LUE EVANS BELNAP (wife of Arlo H Belnap, #3 child of Joseph Francis Belnap and Mabel Catherine Hirschi, #7 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 10 February 2017 in Iona, Bonnevill, Idaho. She was buried in the Wilford Cemetery, Wilford, Fremont, Idaho on 17 February 2017.



CLYDE A. NEIBAUR, (husband of Norma "H" Belnap, #4 child of Joseh Francisc and Mabel Catherine Harris, #7 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) died 21 August 2017 in Bancroft, Caribou, Idaho. Buried 29 August 2017 in Teton-Newdale Cemetery, Sugar City, Madison, Idaho.



### Vinson Knight Belnap

RICHARD DUANE BELNAP, (#4 child of Lord Lovell Belnap and Elizabeth Lillian Hobbs, #3 child of Vinson Knight Belnap and Sarah Emilie Hardy), died 19 August 2016 in Centerville, Davis, Utah. He was buried on 26 August 2016 in the Bountiful Memorial Park,

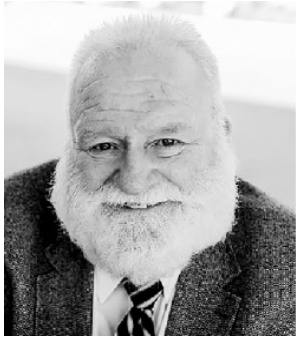


Bountiful, Davis, Utah.



**Amasa Belnap**

**GERALD "JERRY" MAC BELNAP**, (# 2 child of Amasa Mac Belnap and Ethel Chloe Bronson, #2 child of child of David Evan Belnap and Avis Linnie Baker, # 4 child of Amasa Belnap and Lilian Rosamond Garner), died 25 June 2018 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.



He was buried on 6 July 2018 in Wellsville Cemetery, Wellsville, Cache, Utah.

**RAYMOND STANLEY BELNAP**, (#5 child of David Evan Belnap and Avis Linnie Baker, #4 child of Amasa Belnap and Lilian Rosamond Garner), died 20 September 2016 in Vale, Malheur, Oregon. He was buried in the Valley View Cemetery on 26 September 2016.



**CONNIE HICKAM BOYD**, (#2 child of Nettie LaRene "Pat" Belnap and John "Jack" Burnham Hickam, # 7 child of Amasa Belnap and Julia Rosabelle "Rose" James), died 28 October 2016 in Mesquite, Clark, Nevada.



**EDITH MAE MACHEN WARD**, (#1 child of Florence Natella Belnap and Joseph Glen Machen, #1 child of David Evan Belnap and Avis Linnie Baker, #4 child of Amasa Belnap and Lillian Rosamond Garner), passed away 5 August 2018 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Burial to take place 9 August 2018 in Burton Cemetery in Rexburg, Madison, Idaho.

**Adaline Lorinda Belnap**

\_None Reported

**Mary Louisa Belnap**

**CARMA WISER HAWKES** (#2 child of Leona Lowe and Cliff Wiser, # 6 child of Mary Louisa Belnap and Joseph Heber Lowe) died 13 June 2018 in Logan, Cache, Utah. She was interned on 19 June 2018 in the North Logan Memorial Park and Cemetery, Logan, Cache, Utah.



**EMERY LOWE WISER** (#1 child of Leona Lowe and Cliff Wiser, # 6 child of Mary Louisa Belnap and Joseph Heber Lowe) passed away on 30 September 2017 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. He was interred in Logan, Cache, Utah.





**Lola Almira Belnap**

**DAN RULON HEAPS** (# 2 child of Lola Fern Coolbear and Rulon Albert Heaps, #5 child of Lola Almira Belnap and David William Coolbear) died 4 December 2017 in Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah. He was interred in the Brigham City Cemetery, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah.

**William James Belnap**

None Reported

**Oliver Belnap**

**SARAH VEORA OLSON BELNAP** (wife of Vere Ellsworth Belnap, #2 child of Lester Belnap and Crystal Vere Ellsworth, #4 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), died 23 October 2017 in Layton, Davis, Utah. She was buried on 28 October 2017 in the Moreland Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.



**WILFORD DEAN BELNAP**, (#1 child of Wilford Belnap and Ebba Louise Oscarson, #5 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away on 27 January 2017 in Kaysville, Davis, Utah. He was buried in the Bountiful Cemetery, Bountiful, Davis, Utah on 4 February 2017.



**DUANE WILSON PERKES**, (#9 child of Ethel Belnap and Asa Virgil Perkes, #6 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jeal LaVern Hatch, #1 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), died 10 October 2016 in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. He was buried 14 October 2016 in Hillcrest Cemetery, Arco, Butte, Idaho.

**Francis Marion Belnap**

**VIRGINIA FOWERS BECRAFT**, (#3 child of Crystel Fern Belnap and Joseph Paul Fowers, #8 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) died 9 July 2017 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. She was interred in Lindquist's Memorial Garden of the Wasatch, South Ogden, Weber, Utah on 12 July 2017.



DELORA "DORY" RAW AVONDET BELNAP WRIGHT

(former wife of Ellis Darwin Belnap, #9 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), died 4 March 2017. She was buried in the Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah on 6 March 2017.

JANICE (JANEECE) LYNN BELNAP GARRETT

(child of Max Gilbert Belnap and Ora Hean Heslop, #4 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie Taylor, #3 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), passed away on 22 April 2018 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Burial took place in the Hooper

Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah on 28 April 2018.

JEFFREY W. BELNAP

(#3 child of Wayne Farr Belnap and Vola Claire Meyer, #3 child of Orson Victor Belnap and Mary Myrtle Farr, #7 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subrina Robinson), died 4 May 2018 in Sandy, Salt Lake, Utah.

RUTH HANSEN BELNAP

(former spouse of Ronald Victor Belnap, #4 child of Orson Victor Belnap and Mary Myrtle Farr, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subrina Robinson), died 28 October 2016 in Millcreek, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 4 November 2016 in Redwood

Memorial Cemetery, West Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah.

PATSY ANN BELNAP SMITH

(#2 child of LaGrande Hall Belnap and Beverly Ann Bennett, #6 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), died 6 June 2018. She was buried 12 June 2018 in the Uintah Cemetery, Uintah, Weber, Utah.

Isadora Estella BelnapJOHN DANIEL GRIFFETH

(spouse of Michele Bastian, #1 child of Connie Marie Dial and Vern Kay Bastian, #9 child of Aaron Burriss Dial and Rozena Hansen, #4 child of Mae Lucetta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, #1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis

Stoddard), passed away on 29 March 2018 near St. George, Washington, Utah. He was buried in the Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, Franklin, Idaho 7 April 2018.

### Unplaced

JACOB HARLAN BELNAP passed away on 30 August 2016. He was buried in the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park South Valley, Riverton, Salt Lake, Utah.

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Articles of interest to the Belnap Family or information for inclusion are encouraged and welcome. Anyone interested in submitting articles or items of interest about Belnap family members, should contact the Crier editor; Don Hammon, 72 Maywood, San Francisco, CA 94127 or email to: dhfw80d@gmail.com

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