

# 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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## 2018 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION HELD IN SANDY, UTAH

A gathering of the *Belnap Family Organization* (BFO) was held on 11th August 2018 at the Sandy Crescent Stake Center and Pavilion. The weather was hot as a heat wave was passing through the area, but we managed to stay cool in the Stake Center building for the BFO program and afterwards under the pavilion for a fine *Belnap Style* BBQ.

R. Kirk Belnap, then Vice President of the Belnap Family Organization, opened the reunion and speaker Steven G. Belnap spoke on Gilbert Belnap’s conversion to the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the days leading up to his baptism in 1841. Matthew Purcell spoke of Gilbert’s years in Nauvoo followed by Julie Mosselle speaking on Gilbert and his family’s trek across the plain to Utah. A special video was presented by Ashley Belnap on *The Life of Gilbert Belnap* (part 1), which presented a video glimpse of Gilbert’s early life.

Following the presentations and family group pictures, as well as introductions of family members and guests, the Belnap BBQ was held under the pavilion with special music performed by “Bluegrass Thunder.” The reunion was informative, fun and well attended.

## 2020 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION



The 2020 Belnap Family Reunion is being held by virtual media this year, due to the restrictions on gatherings mandate. A

“ZOOM” meeting is set for August 8, 2020 with Keynote Speaker this year Dr. Ugo A. Perego, Director of the Rome, Italy Institute of Religion and visiting scientist at the University of Perugia, Italy. Dr. Perego holds a PhD. in Genetics and Biomolecular Sciences and has given over 200 lectures on DNA and Family History related topics.

Also being presented this year is part 2 of *The Life of Gilbert Belnap*, a video by Ashley Belnap. After the presentation the video will be available to view on the Belnap Family Organization YouTube Channel.

### 2021 BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



2021 will bring the 200th anniversary of both Gilbert Belnap and Henrietta's McBride Belnaps' birth. Gilbert was born in Hope Township, New Castle District, Ontario, Canada on 22 December 1821 and Heneritta was born 1 September 1821 in York, Livingston, New York.

### BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION NEWS

The following developments that have happened over the past 9 months or so since the last full officers and family representative conference call:

A professional web developer has been hired (at no cost to the BFO) to update or “refresh” the BFO website, found here:

<http://wp.belnapfamily.org/>. Watch for improvements to come within the next several months. I think you will like the new look!

The BFO now has its own YouTube channel for videos of interest to Gilbert's descendants, available here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3V\\_hHGFNZENJwb2Bj1F8KA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3V_hHGFNZENJwb2Bj1F8KA)

The BFO's checking account at Wells Fargo, which had gone dormant and was about to be closed due to no activity since 2018, has been reactivated. Test deposits have been made through both direct transfers and PayPal to ensure the account is again fully operational.

The BFO's PayPal account has now been fully linked to the BFO Wells Fargo checking account. It is now possible for BFO to send and receive payments via PayPal. Donations/payments may now be sent directly to BFO via PayPal under this name: [PayPal.Me/belnapfamilyorg](https://www.paypal.com/payto/PayPal.Me/belnapfamilyorg)

All BFO banking and social media accounts, including Instagram and Square, should now be linked to the “master” BFO email address, which is: [belnapfamily.org@gmail.com](mailto:belnapfamily.org@gmail.com)

The BFO's annual IRS Form 990-N for tax year 2019 has been filed. Please see attached confirmation of filing.

The BFO's annual corporate renewal with the State of Utah for 2020-2021 has been filed.

In response to inquiries from interested descendants, a new “Lineage Society Membership Information” page has been set up on the BFO website where lineage application information specifically

developed for Gilbert's descendants is gradually being made available: <http://wp.belnapfamily.org/genealogy/lineage-society-membership-information/>

In response to inquiries from interested descendants, a new "DNA Research" page has been set up on the BFO website to communicate Y-chromosome, mitochondrial, and autosomal DNA test results important to Gilbert's descendants. The page is still in some development. Meanwhile, check out this link to learn about DNA research opportunities:

<http://wp.belnapfamily.org/genealogy/dna-research/>

A new history on the "Origin of the Surname Belknap or Belnap" has been uploaded and is available here:

<http://wp.belnapfamily.org/genealogy/belknap-surname-origin/>

New information is being posted regularly on the BFO website. It would be wonderful if everyone copied on this email could go through their old photos and letters and send in digital copies of what you have—now—to the BFO for preservation and sharing. Please note that while FamilySearch, through the "Memories" module, provides a wonderful way to share information with others, it is limited in the amount and certain types of information that can be shared.

The "Family Statistics" page on the BFO website was recently updated with statistical information on Gilbert's descendants by generation and by family branch. We currently have information in the master database on almost 11,500 descendants, although a rough estimate of total descendants is somewhere between 14,000-16,000. We're missing a lot! To keep the family organization functioning, it is very

important to have regularly updated (a) genealogical information and (b) contact information on all descendants. Let me know if you need help in developing an action plan to locate and keep in touch with descendants through your respective branches. Meanwhile, here's the updated info:

<http://wp.belnapfamily.org/interesting-info/family-statistics/>

## BELNAP FAMILY NEWS

The Daily Spectrum (Saint George, Utah)

1 Mar 2019

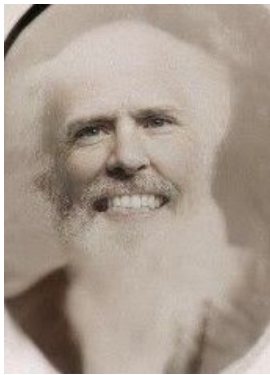


Seva Milan Robertson, daughter of Summer Belnap (Oliver) and Joel Gilbert Robertson

Seva Robertson performed Clementi's Sonatina Concertata No. 3 Op. 36, 1st Movement. Seva, age 12, was born in Manhattan, New York to Joel and Summer Robertson, and developed a passion for music at an early age. At five, she studied guitar with Kylee Peterson, Lisle Crowley and Hal Stead, and by seven began piano instruction with Paul Nickels. Under his direction Seva received superior rankings in piano at the Southern Utah Performing Arts Festival in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and superior ranking at the Zion Piano Festival in 2017. She attended the Castle Rock Music Festival for piano in 2018 at Dixie State University and was recognized for her abilities in improvisation. She currently studies cello with Peter Romney, is part of the Sunrise Ridge Intermediate Orchestra under the direction of Kristen Candland, and is a member of the Cello Society of Southern

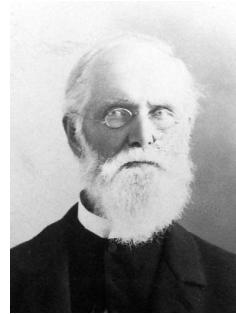
Utah under the direction of Dr. Ka-Wai Yu. At the 2018 Southern Utah Performing Arts Festival, she received superior rankings for cello, was recognized as an outstanding performer and was asked to present a cello solo at the awards ceremony. She also participated in the Dixie State University Cello Festival in 2017 and 2018. Seva would love to learn a few more instruments, and she dreams one day of conducting orchestras. She searches ways to share her love of music with others and is grateful and humbled to perform with the Southwest Symphony. You can watch a performance of Seva's at: <https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-sz-001&hsimp=yhs-001&hspart=sz&p=s+eva+robertson#id=3&vid=94375eab5ce8a8655671eba1cd0b8047&action=view>

### GILBERT BELNAP An Attorney for the Defense



Gilbert Belnap was one of the most civic minded individuals I have ever researched. He served as Ogden, Utah's first Marshal, Weber County Sheriff, Tax Collector, Pound Keeper, Ogden's Prosecuting Attorney, District Attorney, Mail Carrier, Census Taker, and many other civic minded positions. One position seemingly overlooked was his role as a Defense Attorney, and twice defended several young men of questionable morals.

The Case of James (Jr.)<sup>1</sup> and Samuel Graham<sup>2</sup> is interesting in that the two boys grew up without their mother, who had died in Illinois, and their father, who was sent on a mission for the LDS Church. A classic example of a negative impact on children from displaced homes.



James Graham Sr. an Irish born Mormon convert, established himself as a honest and religious man, being familiar with Joseph Smith in Nauvoo and was called to assist Joseph Smith's presidential campaign in 1844. He emigrated to Utah in the Howard Egan Company in 1849 along with sons Robert and James Jr. James Graham was the first permanent settler at what is now Riverdale, Weber County, Utah and settled there with his wives and numerous children. In 1850 the remainder of the Graham Family headed west in the Wilford Woodruff Company, but part way through the trek they were evicted from the train and traveled without the support of the organized wagon train.

*That night, while we were mourning and weeping for the dead, (those recent dead from a Cholera outbreak) there was a family, a little distance from us by the name of Graham, who were swearing, drinking and gambling.*

<sup>1</sup> James Graham was born 29 June 1838 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania. He is said to have died 24 July 1861, a day after his arrest by Weber County Sheriff.

<sup>2</sup> Samuel Graham was born 7 June 1844 in Hancock Co., Illinois. He is said to have been executed on 24 July 1861.

*They belonged to the church and were traveling along with us. They were turned out of the camp the next morning.*<sup>3</sup>

*Since this incident, in the vicinity of Ogden, three of them have been killed for cattle rustling. It seemed that all the power of hell, combined to stop us, in our progress. Cholera, stampedes, thunder and lightning storms, rain and tempests of winds and false brethren.*<sup>4</sup>

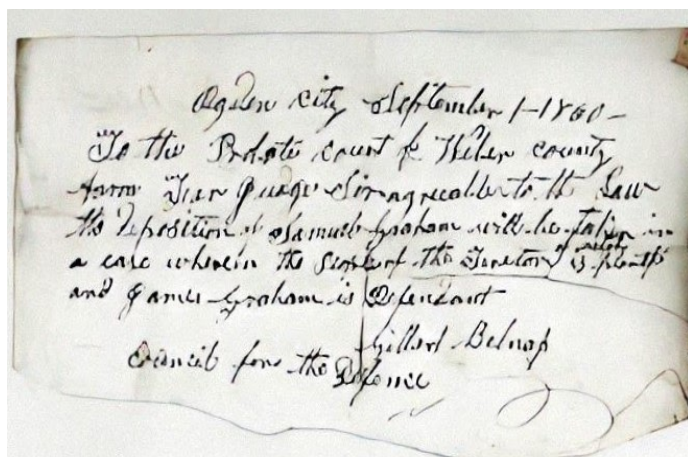
Soon after his arrival in Utah, James Graham Sr. was sent on a mission to Australia. Being released early he became shipwrecked on the voyage home being stranded for weeks on an island. Once returning home, barely a year passed, when James Sr. died, leaving his large family, including sons James, then 19 and Samuel, age 13, in the hands of his step mother and brothers, many not having a good reputation.

The father James Sr. now gone, the boys James Jr., and Samuel<sup>5</sup> would continue to take part in illegal activities in and around Ogden.

In December 1859, three young Weber County men (or boys), James R. Jamieson, John Allen, and Samuel Graham, were indicted for the crime of larceny, stealing three hats and a pair of shoes worth \$15.00 from J.B. Cox's store in Ogden. In December 1859 in the case of *The People vs John Allen, Samuel Graham and John R. Jamieson*, was called to trial, Gilbert Belnap presented at court as counsel for the defendants. Samuel Graham, then 16 year old and John Allen

were subsequently sent to the Territorial Prison for a year.

Three months later Gilbert would once again defend, this time Samuel Graham's older brother James. Both times the outcome of the one day "trials" did not produce favorable results and their future turned out to be short lived. They later were reported as being executed on a separate case stemming from stealing horses for emigrants.<sup>67</sup>



The trial in which Gilbert oversaw the case. *The People vs. James Graham* involved a "stolen" heifer, which James insisted he owned, but had placed on Hooper's Range to feed. By the time James had retrieved the heifer it had been branded with an "H", Hooper's own brand, and was considered Hooper's property. The trial was set before Judge Aaron F. Farr, the Probate Judge and lasted less than one day, with a conviction and sentencing of one a year term in the Utah Territorial Prison at Sugar House.

<sup>3</sup> Gardner, George Bryant, [Autobiography], in James Albert Jones, comp., *Some Early Pioneers of Huntington, Utah and Surrounding Area* [1980], 90.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> On 13 December 1860 the charges against Samuel Graham were withdrawn by Chauncey West, Prosecuting Attorney for Weber Co.

<sup>6</sup> *The History of James Graham*, Familysearch Memories

<sup>7</sup> 22 July 1861 F.A Brown, the Justice of the Peace who had tried Samuel Graham in 1859 and remanded him to Probate Court, was now Probate Judge to oversee criminal cases in Weber County. He ordered James and Samuel apprehended and they were arrested 23 July 1861 by Sheriff L. A. West.

Ogden city, Heber county W. T. 1860  
 Demand for an appeal  
 To the Probate court of Heber county W. T.  
 now in session  
 "Whereas I James Graham have been tried and  
 sentenced to one years imprisonment. I do verily  
 believe that injustice has been done in the case  
 and that prejudice not only against myself  
 and the witness that I presented in the case  
 and the family in general has been the cause of  
 my present detestable condition. and whereas I do know  
 that the animal now in dispute is my property  
 by force contract and had the officer making  
 my arrest safely kept the property in his  
 taken from me at the time of my arrest  
 which I am able to prove to be mine  
 by good and substantiated witness  
 James Graham  
 Gilbert Belong  
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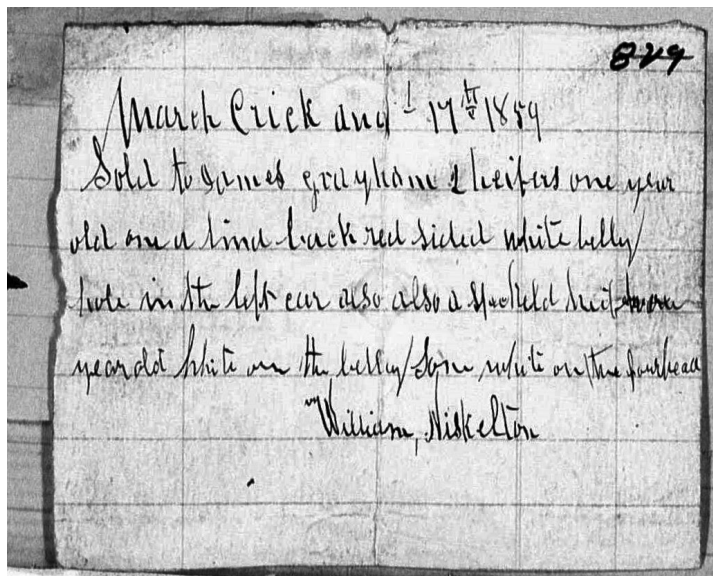
to Sugar House. On 29 September 1860 Hosea Stout, Utah's first Bar Member, filed another appeal on James' behalf and subsequent writ of Habeas Corpus, all of which were denied.<sup>8</sup> The evidence presented appeared to mean little.

While a loss of both cases Gilbert's legal career flourished in the coming years. On 26 November 1860, only two months after the Graham case, he was appointed Ogden City's Prosecuting Attorney, prosecuting all offenses and a year later serving as Sheriff of

Gilbert quickly filed an appeal of the decision, and an argument was made for it as follows: *...an injustice has been done, and that prejudice not only against myself (James Graham) and the witnesses that I presented..., the family in general (knowing their reputation) and my present detestable condition all whereas I do know that the animal now in dispute is my property...the contract taken from me (by the Sheriff).* This appeal was denied and James Graham was sent back to jail, awaiting his transportation

<sup>8</sup> The story of James Graham continued. After his filing and subsequent ruling against him in the Writ of Habeas Corpus, James and five others escaped from prison and headed out of the county. Having a second heart after friends told him to return, he did and presented another another writ, which too was denied. His last appeal, having already served nearly 8 months of his sentence, was to Governor Cummings for a pardon. On 27 March 1861 the Governor pardoned James and he was released after serving 6 months of his 1 year sentence. In July he stole horses from an Immigrant Camp and was shot several times in the hand and shoulder.

Weber County, a position he held for nearly eight years.



The bill of sale for the supposed stolen heifer and supposed destroyed by Sheriff Herrick, was later presented as evidence

### Ancestry.Com DNA and the Fight Against Covid-19

Preliminary findings of data analysed by Ancestry.com in their Covid-19 DNA study have been shared. Using more than 600,000 Ancestry.com member's DNA samples, all of whom volunteered, Ancestry's COVID-19 research team expressed positive, but preliminary, findings of genetic clues into why people respond so differently to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. This study made our DNA invaluable is the effort to fight Covid-19.

"The good news is that we have begun shedding new light on COVID-19," says Dr. Ron Park, MD, EVP of Health and DNA, at Ancestry.com. "We are excited about this preliminary finding and the opportunity to advance further discussion on the interaction

between human genetics and COVID-19 susceptibility and response."

Our early analysis points to a gene called IVNS1ABP, that has previously been associated with influenza infections. Ancestry's scientists have identified a DNA which may be associated with COVID-19 susceptibility near the IVNS1ABP gene. This association, only present in males, "If this gene is involved in COVID-19 susceptibility, this could suggest that SARS-CoV-2 and influenza may use a similar mechanism to multiply in the host's cells and could help scientists understand why some people are more seriously affected by the virus," said Dr. Catherine Ball, Ancestry's Chief Scientific Officer. It also helps explain why the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 seems to take a greater toll on men than women. Hopefully there is more to come.

### What the "State" in Utah looked like in 1918-1919

An eerie similarity in the United State during the pandemic of influenza in 1918-1919 and what we are experiencing now in 2020 took place in Utah. Governments around the world, as well as in Utah and in the United States, mobilized to fight an outbreak of influenza, rapidly spreading around the world that killed an estimated 50 Million people.

Utah and specifically the largest city, Salt Lake, were at first spared of the new disease, that has been traced back to soldiers, mostly from the European Theatre, returning home with the unexpected virus in tow.

By October 1918 no cases had been seen in Salt Lake or Utah, but newservices had been reporting the spread throughout and Utah was not spared this news. On September 27, the Health Commissioner of the Salt Lake, Dr. Samuel G. Paul, told residents that, *while influenza was highly contagious, it was also readily preventable with just a little care on the part of the public.* He further warned that the disease was spread through particles released by coughing or sneezing, and that covering your mouth and nose with a handkerchief would greatly reduce the dissemination of the germ.<sup>9</sup> Sound Familiar!

By October 4, 1918 cases were beginning to appear and the Salt Lake City Board of Health met to try and implement a plan to stop the virus in it's tract. The first cases may have started from Wyoming residences that had come to the Utah State Fair, it soon began to spread Statewide.<sup>10</sup>

State Health officials soon began ordering schools, places of public gathering, including churches to close, with Coalville, Utah being the first of what would later be statewide mandate to close *all churches and Sunday schools, public schools and universities, theaters, movie houses, public meetings, pool halls, dance halls and private dances, and prohibited public gatherings of all kinds.* But local Salt Lake health officer Dr. Samuel Paul called the order *mere hysteria. There is no occasion whatsoever for closing down*

*any business, and certainly no good reason whatsoever for closing the public schools.*<sup>11</sup>

Salt Lake would soon be hit hard with their non enforcement of the State Order, over one hundred new cases of influenza were reported to the city board of health on October 18 alone, among them an increasing number of children and young adults.<sup>12</sup>

The coming weeks showed no end to the rise in infections with a rise in cases and deaths, both in the city of Salt Lake and in Utah. This increase caused the Utah Board of Health to issue a new order, not only closure, but not a statewide mask order.<sup>13</sup> *No person need fear influenza if the protective gauze mask is worn,* State Health Official Beatty exclaimed.

The epidemic in Salt Lake City rolled on, gaining momentum. On October 28, 147 new cases and 11 deaths were reported. A Statewide nurse shortage as well as hospital beds. Hospitals began to fill and refurbishing buildings for emergency hospitals were rapidly sought out. The numbers soon became staggering, with over 2,400 cases in the State now reported since the start of the epidemic, and nearing 130 deaths.

*Beatty and the Utah board of health were at a loss as to how to control the disease.*<sup>14</sup> Believing that the latest cases were primarily among family members, who were transmitting it to others, they resorted to

<sup>9</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 27 Sept. 1918.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 10, Oct. 1918.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 30 Nov. 1918.

<sup>14</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 31 Oct. 1918.



*placarding*<sup>15</sup> all houses of influenza patients. Family members and necessary caretakers were to wear gauze masks even when in the house of an infected individual. Beatty warned that failure to comply with the placarding rules would result in the entire house being placed under quarantine, undoubtedly causing a severe hardship for the family. The measures seemed to work with a decreasing of reported cases through the remainder of the month and into November.

By November 8, Salt Lake City health commissioner Samuel Paul announced that the emergency hospital would likely be closed soon for lack of new patients. Beatty announced that the closure orders would be lifted in three Utah towns within a few days, hinting that the ban would soon be removed from the entire state as conditions warranted.<sup>16</sup> Three days later, on November 11, only twenty-two patients were in the emergency hospital, and Paul ordered that no new patients be admitted there unless the epidemic returned. The next day, the hospital was closed and the fourteen remaining patients were either sent home or transferred to regular city hospitals.<sup>17</sup> The outlook in Salt Lake City was beginning to shape up for the better.

On November 11th, the day emergency hospitals were closed, also marked the end of World War 1. Celebrations brought huge gatherings and a surge of influenza cases in

Salt Lake City. 125 new cases were reported and school and business reopenings would have to be delayed a little longer.

In mid November a committee of five businessmen were appointed to help the business community reopen. The group believed that the isolation of cases would be most effective.<sup>18</sup> The proposals by the group was to stagger business hours to prevent crowding in streetcars and shops. Grocers, clothing and department stores, and five-and-dime shops would be regulated, while restaurants, cafes, and drug stores would maintain their normal hours but could not allow crowds to form.<sup>19</sup> One committee member, annoyed that such measures were required, blamed the public for failing to prevent the spread of the epidemic. *If the public had cooperated with the board of health and followed the suggestions of Dr. Beatty more closely," he said, it is likely the epidemic would have been under control before now.*<sup>20</sup>

As Salt Lake City slowly reopened, other Utah communities moved in the opposite direction. Officials in Ogden, 35 miles north of Salt Lake City, placed the entire town under a form of *protective sequestration*. All outsiders entering the town from a community where quarantine restrictions were not as strict as in Ogden, would be required to present a *certificate of good health* issued not more than 24 hours prior. Special guards were placed at all the

<sup>15</sup> A stay at home order for all infected families.

<sup>16</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 20 Nov. 1918.

<sup>17</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 12 Nov. 1918.

<sup>18</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 20 Nov. 1918.

<sup>19</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 21 Nov. 1918.

<sup>20</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 22 Nov. 1918.

entrance points to the town to check for these certificates and to turn back those who did not possess them.<sup>21</sup> The epidemic even played havoc with the Fall elections of 1918 as officials were hindered by their inability to meet with voters. Many simply quit campaigning.

Salt Lake City continued to see handfuls of influenza cases develop throughout the rest of the winter, although never at the same levels experienced during the fall. Still, health authorities did not relax their guard. By the end of its epidemic, Salt Lake City experienced a total of 10,268 reported cases, nearly nine percent of its population. Of those who fell ill, 576 residents died as a result of influenza or pneumonia, a case fatality ratio of 5.6 percent. From September 1918 to June 1919, Utah registered 2,343 deaths from flu.

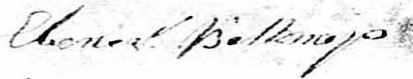
### Sometimes We Forget

#### The History of Ebenezer Belknap

By

Donald Hammon

Ebenezer  
Belknap was  
the fourth



son and fifth child of Samuel and Mary Dickinson Belknap. He was the namesake for his grandfather, and our direct ancestor Ebenezer Belknap, son of Samuel and Sarah Jones Belknap. He was the brother of Jesse Belknap, who was born in Connecticut and settled in Vermont.

Ebezenzers' life spanned just 26 years. He was a farmer, a landowner and most of his adult life a colonial soldier. Ebenezer Belknap was born 15 May 1734 in Enfield, Connecticut, where his parents had settled, bordering Somers in Tolland County. His baptism took place in Somers, Connecticut on 30 June 1734.<sup>22</sup>

The First  
Congregational  
Church at  
Somers,  
Connecticut.  
Here Ebenezer  
and many of his  
siblings were  
baptized and  
his parents  
members.



Of his life growing up we can only speculate, but his father was a successful farmer and had significant land holdings. Ebenezer was educated enough to read and write and secured a significant rank in the colonial army when he enlisted in 1756, being initially ranked as a corporal, and soon promoted to sergeant.<sup>23</sup> Shortly after returning from his expedition to Northern New York in 1756, a grueling ordeal for a 21 year old man, his father passed away, leaving his mother and several smaller children, the youngest David was just 15 years old and our Jesse had just turned 18.

From the age of becoming a “man” and being able to be on your own and earn your own living, purchase land, build a house, get

<sup>21</sup> Salt Lake Tribune, 8 Dec. 1918.

<sup>22</sup> Somers, Tolland Co., Connecticut Church Records.

<sup>23</sup> Connecticut State Library, Colonial War enlistment lists.

married and raise your family. Life has not changed so much from the colonial days, it's the future we have to look forward to, but just like today, money can be scarce for those not born into a wealthy life and the future of a young man can be ominous.

The acquisition of land was the primary way that a young man became independent of his family, and he needed a means to buy the land. The British Government seemed to always be at war, either with the French, or the Indians. The British Government gathered local citizens to fight alongside its own Regulars and if they were paying, it was worth enlisting. While a young man would not get rich, he could save enough money to pay for a good piece of land and Ebenezer purchased at least three parcels of land, two 18 acre parcels and a 13 acre parcel.<sup>24</sup> A colonial soldier usually served eight months in the military and was not paid until his enlistment was completed.<sup>25</sup> The death of his father and the lack of inheritance may have been one another reason Ebenezer continued to join the colonial forces when the Governor of Connecticut issued a call.<sup>26</sup>

In addition to receiving eight months pay in a lump sum, the colonial soldier usually

received a bonus upon enlistment. The amount of this bonus varied from one to eight months of additional pay. A private usually earned a total of fifteen pounds by enlisting. This sum could buy thirty acres in some areas, or as much as one hundred fifty acres in less populated areas.<sup>27</sup>

From 1756 to the time of his death eight (8) months per year was spent away from his farm, and in the last year, from his wife. He endured many hardships, and contributed greatly to the war effort. All of this was done according to strict terms set by the colonials beginning with rank.

A soldier's social status and civilian occupation depended greatly upon where he was recruited and what his enlisting rank would be. The rank and file of the colonial militiamen were usually filled by average citizens, some poor, some from wealthy families, some young and some old. They came from all walks of life and different ethnic groups, many of them were native-born colonists. Colonial Soldiers would be incorporated in the ranks of other pressed or volunteers, like Highlanders, the Iroquois, allies of the British, as well as British regulars, who would make up a large portion of the British fighting forces and would often look down on the colonial regulars.

Colonial soldiers served under different conditions than the men who served in the British regular army. A term of enlistment for colonial servicemen was usually measured in

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<sup>24</sup> Probate Records.

<sup>25</sup> Anderson

<sup>26</sup> Since a workable farm could be no less than forty or fifty acres, many fathers resisted the urge to divide their farms into equal portions among their sons. The most reasonable thing to do was keep the land intact, and give it to one heir upon the father's death. The other sons received their inheritance in different ways which ranged from cash to securing an apprenticeship. This practice kept the farm intact and ensured his sons an opportunity for a better life (Anderson).

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<sup>27</sup> Ibid

months, not years. Early in the war colonial soldiers often served terms of six months or less and most common was eight months.<sup>28</sup> Ebenezer's enlistment was a combination of times of service, with the longest being a little over eight months.

After the alarm created by the fall of Fort William Henry the province mobilized five thousand men of the organized militia and sent them north as a temporary reinforcement against a feared French invasion.

Ebenezer Belknap was the first of this family to join the ranks and enlisted in Colonel Phineas Lyman's Regiment,<sup>29</sup> serving as a Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Allen's 5th Company in the Campaign of 1756. He served from 1 April 1756 until 1 December 1756.<sup>30</sup> serving as both a corporal, and subsequently promoted to Sergeant. He was released on December 2, 1756.<sup>31</sup>

The campaign of 1756 would be an advancement on Fort Edward and Crown Point. His pay as a sergeant was 1 pound 18 shilling and 4 pence for every 28 days of service, with 3 shillings for enlisting and 36 shillings as bounty or enlistment bonus.

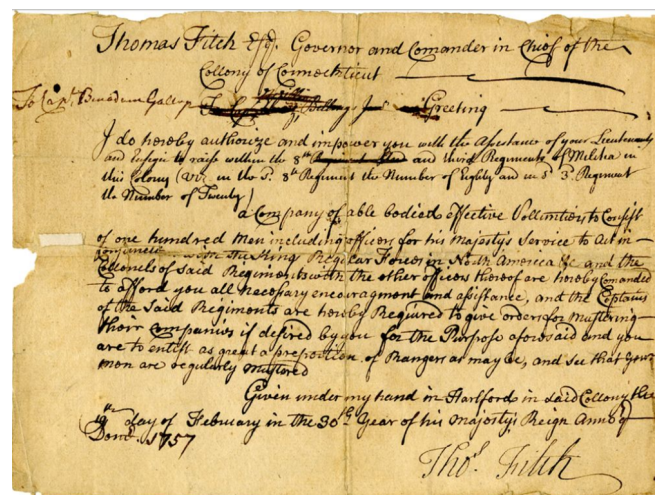
<sup>28</sup> Anderson

<sup>29</sup> In March, 1755 he was appointed a major general and was made commander in chief of the Connecticut militia force of 1000 men, which participated in the unsuccessful expedition against Crown Point. At the Battle of Lake George (8 September 1755), after Sir William Johnson suffered a slight wound, Lyman took command of the forces and repulsed the attack of the French and Indians.

<sup>30</sup> Collection of Connecticut Historical Society, Vol 9, page 170.

<sup>31</sup> Ibid.

Returning home in the height of winter meant little would be accomplished during the short days and the snowy cold night. Yet Ebenezer was still the eldest living in the household, at least before purchasing land and building his own house nearby, and his family depended on him. When Spring came a new call to arms would be made by the Prime Minister of Britain and an order to enlist. Many soldiers from Connecticut would enlist year after year for several years in order to gain enough land, or rank, to make life more bearable, including Ebenezer, his brothers.



The authorization to raise an Army of Colonial Troops from Connecticut came from Governor Thomas Fitch 10 February 1757.

The Colonial Soldier saw the contract of enlistment<sup>32</sup> as a binding agreement between himself and the officer he served. Even

<sup>32</sup> This contract involved a specific term of service for which the soldier received specific compensation (Anderson-414). If either party made an attempt to alter the terms of the contract, then the agreement became void. If this occurred, the colonials saw themselves as no longer bound by their contract, and therefore free to leave (Anderson-414).

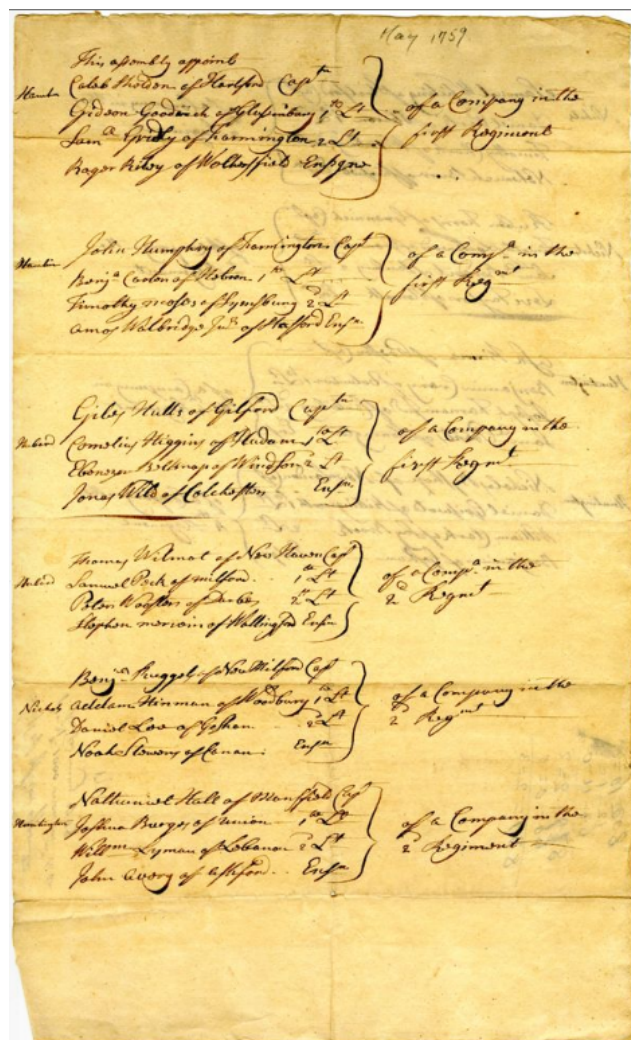
though the provincial soldiers protested sharply when they believed they had not been treated fairly, they performed admirably in combat.

These young men held firm to their enlistment as with any contract, or covenant,<sup>33</sup> between himself and the officer he enlisted under,<sup>34</sup> and were loyal to the rank and file officers. You will see several of the Belknap brothers enlisting under Major General Lyman, year after year.

The call to arms in 1757 brought about new wages and rank for young Ebenezer. The pay for 1757 was a 42 shilling bounty, and his wages were set at £1 12 shilling per 28 days, with a stipend of 4 shillings per week for billeting, making a total of £4 pounds 10 shilling for the first month.<sup>35</sup> As a 23rd August he was promoted to Sergeant Major with a pay of £2 for every 28 days.

The troops of 1757, at least under Major General Lyman were exposed to many hardships during the eight months they served. Ebenezer's life would consist of daily marching for several weeks until they reached their final destination. Marching from Connecticut through New York, passing Little Nine Partners and camping near Stillwater, New York until they reached their final destination. Their destination, Fort

Edwards, took several weeks or near constant marching. Here they pitched tents and camped for the next six months, occasionally capturing French soldiers as they marched against the Fort, but dealing with harsh punishments for drinking and being out of order, including flogging. Many died of "Camp Distemper," Smallpox, or even accidents. Fresh meat was secured from the wood in the form of bear and deer, and continuous training occurred.<sup>36</sup>



**May 1759 Military Appointment. Ebenezer was appointed Lieutenant in Captain Giles Hull Company.**

<sup>33</sup> The colonials had a deep devotion to covenants which could be seen in the marriage between a man and woman, church covenants between congregation members, and most importantly the salvation covenant between man and God (Anderson)

<sup>34</sup> Ibid

<sup>35</sup> Diary of Luke Gridly, 1757.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid.

Soldiers could depend on daily order. “Drummers were ordered to beat Reveille at 4:40 every morning and every soldier to turn out immediately on parade, being cleaned and well dressed. There were military exercises from 10am to 12pm and then from 4pm to 6pm daily while the troops were in camp. Their day ended at 7pm with the beating of Tattoo.”<sup>37</sup>

As Sergeants, Ebenezer, as with others of his rank, were ordered for guard duty nightly and those that weren't on guard duty were. The companies were required to supply two sergeants, one drummer and 40 private men to stand guard from one regiment by the river and another group from the additional regiments from Hogabooms.<sup>38</sup> In May the troops were at camp at “Fort Saratoga” and by May 30 at Fort Edward, with troops being left to man Fort Saratoga and Fort Stillwater, with relief from the Regiments at Fort Edward. In August 1757 nearby Fort William Henry was taken by overwhelming French forces and their Indian allies. It was a disastrous affair that books and movies have been made of.

Fort Edward was the nearest force, but word came late to do any good and Colonel Munro was marched out of Fort William Henry with his soldiers and some colonial regulars, unarmed. They headed towards Fort Edwards and many never made it. The disastrous transgressions against Colonel Munro by the French and mostly their Indian

allies sparked outrage in the Colonies, the following year more colonial regulars would enlist, preparing for a reprisal against the French and their allies.

On 7 Nov 1757 Ebenezer's regiment departed Fort Edward heading home, the long march to Canaan, Connecticut where he would be mustered out. Ebenezer was allowed an additional 14 pence per day for the three days it would take him to return to his home in Windsor.<sup>39</sup>

On 9 June 1758 Ebenezer likely pending military action, and as he stated he was of *good sound mind and physical body* when he wrote his will. This was common for young soldiers during the war that had obtained personal possessions. In the will he left part of his estate to his mother Mary Belknap, and his brother's Simeon, Job, Samuel, Abel, Jesse and David, with Jesse to receive one-fourth of his estate and Abel receiving half.<sup>40</sup> In two years' service he had, besides his bay mare (not sure anyone would want a horse that would throw it's master), two yearling heifers and eight sheep to his name, as well as a considerable amount of land, including 13 acres with his dwelling house and barn, an 18 acre lot and a “piece of land lying in Warners Brook, so called, amounting to 18 acres.”<sup>41</sup> All this wealth paid for by the British.

The loss of Fort William Henry in 1757 was a new draw for young men to join the colonial forces. The 1758 campaign was a response to

<sup>37</sup> General Orders of Loudain and Phineas Lyman, 1757.

<sup>38</sup> General Orders of Loudain and Phineas Lyman, 1757.

<sup>39</sup> Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut 1636-1776.

<sup>40</sup> Probate File- Tolland Co., Connecticut.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid (see attached).

Prime Minister Pitt's call for troops, the General Court of Connecticut voted to raise five thousand provincial troops in four regiments. In 1758 Ebenezer once again enlisted in General Lyman's Regiment, who commanded Connecticut forces in the expedition of General Abercrombie which resulted in the disastrous repulse at Ticonderoga. Ebenezer had been promoted at enlistment as a Sergeant Major,<sup>42</sup> serving in Colonel and Captain Lyman's 1st Company. Ebenezer served from 1 April to 22 November 1758, joined by his 19 year old younger brother Jesse Belknap.

The major battle for the Connecticut troops during the 1758 campaign was the *Battle of Carillon*, also known as the 1758 Battle of Fort Ticonderoga, fought on 8 July 1758. It was fought near Fort Carillon, now known as Fort Ticonderoga, on the shore of Lake Champlain in the frontier area between the British colony of New York and the French colony of New France.

In the battle, which took place primarily on a rise about three-quarters of a mile from the fort itself, a French army of about 3,600 men under General Marquis de Montcalm decisively defeated an overwhelmingly numerically superior force of 15,000 British troops under General James Abercrombie, which frontally assaulted an entrenched French position without using field artillery, a lack that left the British and their allies vulnerable and allowed the French to win a decisive victory. The battle was the bloodiest of the American theater of the war, with over

3,000 casualties suffered. French losses were about 400, while more than 2,000 were British.<sup>43</sup>

*Uniforms, arms and equipment at the Battle of Ticonderoga: The French made use of guns emplaced on the walls of the fort, but essentially this was a battle of musket and bayonet. The English regiments were uniformed in red coats distinguished by regimental lace and facing colour, black tricorne hats or mitre caps for the grenadiers. The American provincial regiments wore blue.*

For the campaign season of 1759, the Connecticut Assembly met and appointed Major General Phineas Lyman once again Commander of Connecticut Troops.<sup>44</sup> At the same assembly they appointed Ebenezer Belknap as Ensign<sup>45</sup> of the 1st Company.<sup>46</sup>

Ebenezer enlisted from 18 May to his release 14 December 1759.<sup>47</sup> He was promoted to Lieutenant on 18 May 1759 while serving in the 9th Company,<sup>48</sup> under Captain Parson and promoted in rank to Lieutenant and transferred and transferred to the 13th company, for which he served under his release on 14 December.

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<sup>43</sup> Ticonderoga 1758 by Rene Chartrand, Osprey Publishing 2000.

<sup>44</sup> Connecticut General Assembly.

<sup>45</sup> Ensign was the lowest commissioned officer of the troops, later replaced by 2nd Lieutenant.

<sup>46</sup> Connecticut General Assembly.

<sup>47</sup> Colonial Record.

<sup>48</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>42</sup> Ibid.

The 1759 Battle of Ticonderoga was a minor confrontation at Fort Carillon on July 26 and 27, 1759, during the French and Indian War. A British military force of more than 11,000 men under the command of General Sir Jeffrey Amherst moved artillery to high ground overlooking the fort, which was defended by a garrison of 400 Frenchmen under the command of Brigadier General François-Charles de Bourlamaque, their defeat was at the hands of the British and Colonial soldiers. Ebenezer was again present at Fort Ticonderoga when the British successfully captured the fort.<sup>49</sup> This capture would be instrumental in which would lead the French and Indian war to a close.

There is not much personal life in a young soldier. Year after year was spent fighting, marching, and training. There was little time left for farming, marriage and a family. Yet sometime between 22 November 1758 when he returned from military duties to his next enlistment in May 1759 Ebenezer found time to get married, but as just as fast his marriage was it would end within a year tragically while he was away on campaign. Ebenezer's wife Susannah,<sup>50</sup> died, her tombstone recording her death as 18 November 1759, the only evidence of his personal life away from the military. Susannah Belknap, wife of Lieutenant Ebenezer Belknap was buried in the

Ellington Cemetery, Ellington, Connecticut.<sup>51</sup>  
<sup>52</sup> Ebenezer was released the following 14 December, likely not knowing of his wife's death until returning home to Windsor.

Ebenezer's fifth and final year in the campaigns against the French and their "Indian" allies was following a provincial vote to raise another five thousand men in four regiments for the campaign season of 1760. Phineas Lyman was once again appointed major-general of the Connecticut troops. The campaign of 1760 led Ebenezer on a march into the Oneida Indian Territory. He served in the 11th Company under Captain John Ellsworth as a second



lieutenant. During the campaign, on July 3, 1760, as recorded on his headstone, Ebenezer died *suddenly from fall off his horse*, the circumstances are not recorded and the location

<sup>49</sup> Muster Roll for Captain Giles Hull 21 October 1759 at Ticonderoga.

<sup>50</sup> The marriage records and her surname are unknown. We know only the name from the tombstone, which lists Ebenezer as her husband.

<sup>51</sup> In 1733, Ellington was established as a Parish of the town of Windsor. East Windsor then split off from Windsor and held land in what is today's East Windsor, South Windsor and Ellington in May 1768.

<sup>52</sup> Tombstone in Ellington, Connecticut Cemetery.





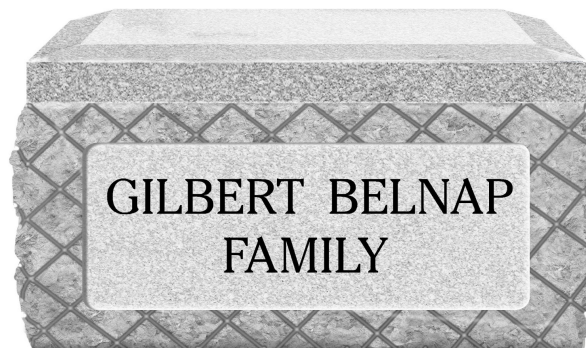
of his death likely taking place in New York.<sup>53</sup>  
<sup>54</sup> He was buried alongside his wife Susannah in the Ellington Cemetery, Ellington, Connecticut.<sup>55</sup> Thus ending the life of a young soldier who had fought in five military campaigns against sometimes ruthless enemies. He was no doubt brave and worthy, a loyal soldier to the British and to his Countrymen. He was promoted from Corporal in 1756 to Lieutenant in 1760, for a man of just 26 years of age was a significant achievement.

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<sup>53</sup> Approximate location of 11th Company under Captain John Ellsworth in July 1760. On July 6, 1760 his regiment was camped at "Great Indian Field" which is the thick wooded area along Wood Creek. On July 13, they made it to Canada Creek, the small tributary to Woods Creek and July 18 to Lake Oneida.  
<sup>54</sup> Based upon the military journal of Sergeant Joseph Booth, who was a Sergeant in the same company as Ebenezer and kept a short journal of daily activities from July to October 1760.  
<sup>55</sup> Ellington, Connecticut Cemetery Records.

### In Memoriam



Since the publication of the 2018 CRIER, the following deaths have been received by the Belnap Family Organization through July 31, 2020. 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.

#### Gilbert Rosel Belnap

NONE REPORTED

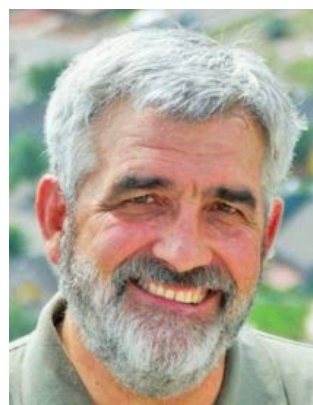
#### Reuben Belnap

NONE REPORTED

#### Joseph Belnap

NONE REPORTED

#### Martha Jane Belnap



LARRY                      ALAN  
MYERS (husband of  
 Tonya                      "Toni"  
 Nelson, #5 child of  
 Verda Stoker and  
 Willard                      Edwin  
 Nelson, #11 child of  
 Lettie                      Matilda  
 Hammon and Jesse  
 Stoker, # 8 child of

Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Bram Hammon) passed away on 23 November 2018 in Salt Lake County, Utah. He was buried on 1 December 2018 at Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. He was the son of Maurice Myers and Ruth Beda Erikson.

He was the son of Micah Lenne Garn and Erma Lenora Nielson.



CRAIG CLIVE GARN (#1 child of Aloha Louise Taylor and Oleen Clive Garn, #1 child of Arlen D. Taylor and Clandia Erlene Martindal, #3 child of Rhoda Luann Hammon and Alex Ursel Taylor, # 10 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi

Byram Hammon), died 21 February 2018 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. He was buried in Fielding Cemetery, Fielding, Box Elder, Utah.

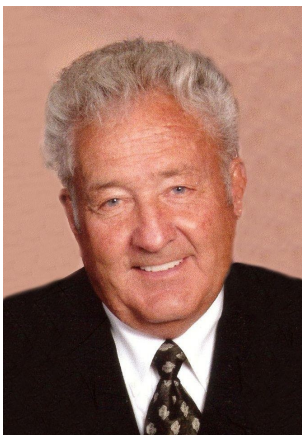


ONA BEUS VENABLE HADLEY (former spouse of Wayne LeRoy Venable #2 child of Matilda Jane Stoker and Marvin Charles Venable, #2 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker, #8 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram

Hammon) passed away on 23 July 2019 in Roy, Weber, Utah. She was the daughter of James Levi Beus and Nellie Sharp. Burial was on 3 August 2019 in the Roy City Cemetery, Roy, Weber, Utah.

OLEEN CLIVE GARN

( husband of Aloha Louise Taylor, #1 child of Arlen D. Taylor and Clandia Erlene Martindal, #3 child of Rhoda Luann Hammon and Alex Ursel Taylor, # 10 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon),



died 11 June 2018 in Tremonton, Box Elder, Utah. Burial took place on 16 June 2018 in Fielding Cemetery, Fielding, Box Elder, Utah.



LESLIE ARTHUR STOKER (#6 child of Leslie Willis Stoker and Annie Weston, #3 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker), passed away on 13 May 2019 in St. George, Washington, Utah. Burial took place in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Washington, Utah 20 May 2019.



LYNN "J" STOKER (#6 child of Herman Deloss Stoker and Minnie Ora Child, #1 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker) passed away on 3 November 2019 in Layton, Davis,

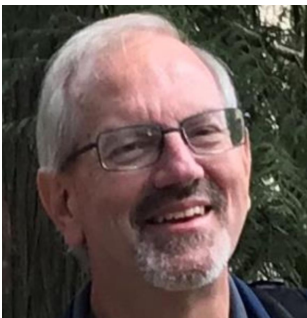
Utah. Burial was in the Logan City Cemetery, Logan, Cache, Utah on 8 November 2019.



RYAN CHARLES GRAY (#4 child of Diana Nelson and John Morgan Gray, #4 child of Verda Stoker and Willard Edwin Nelson, #11 child of Lettier Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker, #8 child of Martha

Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon) passed away on 22 September 2019 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. Burial 12 October 2019 in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

**Hyrum Belnap**



MARK ALAN EVANS, (#7 child of Mildred Belnap and Edwin Eschler Evans, #3 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, # 2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia

Bluth), passed away on 27 June 2020 in Payson, Utah, Utah. Burial took place in the Logan City Cemetery, Logan, Cache, Utah.



SCOTT RAYMOND EVANS (#4 child of Mildred Belnap and Edwin Eschler Evans, #3 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mabel Harris, # 2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth),

passed away on 16 March 2019 in McKinney,

Collin, Texas. Burial took place in the Pecan Grove Cemetery, McKinney, Collin, Texas.



ANNE BENNION JENSON (wife of Conrad Belnap Jenson, #2 child of Olive Christiana Belnap and Conrad Heber Jenson, #4 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen) passed away on 29 March 2019 in Salt Lake City,

Sale Lake, Utah. Burial took place on 8 April 2019 in the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah. She was the daughter of Kenneth Sharp Bennion and Bernice Park.



LILIAN "LILY" KERR (#2 child of John Knight Kerr and Claudia Millett, #4 child of Knight Belnap Kerr and Patricia Taylor, #2 child of Marion Adaline Belnap and Walter Affleck

Kerr, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen) passed away on 7 December 2019 in Hampton, Henry, Georgia. Internment was on 17 December 2017 in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.



DENNIS "DENNY" HARVEY SMITH (#1 child of David Foster Belnap and Joyce Reading, #1 child of Hyrum Adolphus Belnap and Lois Ellen Foster, #5 child of

Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen) passed away on 16 July 2019 in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona. Burial took place in the City of Mesa Cemetery, Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona.



HELENE NAOMI KERR SMITH (#3 child of Marion Belnap and Walter Affleck Kerr, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen) passed away on 28 May 2018 in

Taylorsville, Salt Lake, Utah. Burial took place in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.



GARY FRED BELNAP

(#1 child of Byron Knight Belnap and Hedy Schindler, # 7 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constatia Bluth) passed away on 3 March 2019 in Utah.



Burial took place on 7 March 2019 at the Murray Cemetery, Murray, Salt Lake, Utah.

Augustus Weber Belnap



DEE LAYNE BELNAP, (#4 child of George Glen Belnap and Zeta Ann Herbst, #2 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Gray, #4 child of Augustus

Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 24 January 2020 in Belgrade, Gallatin, Montana.



JAY LEON BELNAP

(#2 child of George Glen Belnap and Zeta Ann Herbst, #2 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Gray, #4 child

of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), died 26 August 2018 in Coeur d' Alene, Kootenai, Idaho.



VAUGHN LEONARD BELNAP

(#2 child of Ezra Leonard Belnap and Lina Mae Hansen, #8 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away on 27 March 2019 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

He was buried 1 April 2019 at Holladay Memorial Park, Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah.



PATRICIA RAE CURTIS BELNAP

(wife of Vaughn Leonard Belnap, #2 child of Ezra Leonard Belnap and Lina Mae Hansen, #8 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away of 3 September 2019 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake,

Utah. She was buried 9 September 2019 at Holladay Memorial Park Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah. She was the daughter of Alexander Ray Curtis and Elaine Broadbent.



JACK THOMAS EGBERT (husband of Nola Lenice Wilde, #1 child of Bernice A. Belnap and Leonard Ray Wilde, #4 child of Augustus Ruben Belnap and Olena Nettie Anderson, #1

child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away on 24 February 2019 in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. He was interred in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho, 1 March 2019. Jack was the son of Joseph Robert Egbert and Anna Maria Blaser.



SHARON KAY WILDE MARLER (#3 child of Berniece "A" Belnap and Leonard Ray Wilde, # 4 child of Augustus Ruben Belnap and Olena Nettie Anderson, # 1 child of Augustus

Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away on 8 June 2019 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Cremation followed.



BERT SOMMER



(#2 child of Ethel Belnap and Hyrum Sommer, #11 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away on 1 April 2020 in

Rexburg, Madison, Idaho.

Vinson Knight Belnap

NONE REPORTED

Amasa Belnap



SHARON LYNNE PETERSON SYME,

(step daughter of Amasa Mac Belnap and daughter of Ethel Chloe Bronson and George Peterson., #2 child of child of David Evan Belnap and Avis

Linnie Baker, # 4 child of Amasa Belnap and Lilian Rosamond Garner), died 23 March 2020 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. She was buried in the Sunset Lawn Mausoleum, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.



KATHY BISHOP BELNAP

( wife of Owen Shirley Belnap, #4 child of David Evan Belnap and Avis Linner Baker, #4 child of Amasa Belnap and Lilian Rosamond Baker) passed away on 16 June 2020. Cremation followed.

Adaline Lorinda Belnap



CRAIG B. HURST  
(#1 child of Marie Law and Lynn Kelsey Hurst, #5 child of Edith Lowe and Milford Robert Law, #7 child of Adaline Lorinda Belnap and John Alexander Lowe) passed away on 8

June 2018 in Salt Lake County, Utah. Burial took place at Larkin Sunset Garden, Sandy, Salt Lake, Utah on 21 June 2018.

MARK JAY NILSON  
(husband of Rae Lynn Earl, #4 child of Carol Law and Joseph Earl, #2 child of Edith Lowe and Milford Robert Law, #7 child of Adaline Lorinda Belnap and John Alexander Lowe) passed away 12

October 2019 at Star Valley Ranch, Lincoln, Wyoming. Burial took place on 20 October 2019 at the Providence Cemetery, Providence, Cache, Utah.

Mary Louisa Belnap

NONE REPORTED

Lola Almira Belnap

PHARES THOMAS HORMAN



(# 2 child of Sylvia Adaline Coolbear and Phares Thomas Horman, #3 child of Lola Almira Belnap and David William Coolbear) died March 2019.



Burial took place in Sandy, Salt Lake, Utah on 23 March 2019.

William James Belnap



BEVERLEE ANN "BEV" BELNAP GARLOCK (#1 child of Kenneth L Belnap and Maurine Park, #9 child of

James Gilbert Belnap and Chloe May Beus, #2 child of William James Belnap and Eliza Ann Watts) passed away 7 February 2019. Burial took place in the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah on 11 February 2019.

Oliver Belnap



HAILEY REBECCA BELNAP (child of Val Belnap and Roberta Lynn Osborne, #4 child of Blaine Garth Belnap and Virginia Lee Pickens, #1 child of Garth Ronald Belnap and Velma Bingham, #3 child of

Lester Belnap and Crystal Vene Ellsworth, # 4 child of Oliver Belnao and Margaret Ann Manning) died 27 September 2018 in Palmer, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska.



ELIZABETH BELNAP FILLMORE (#3 child of Wayne Wilford Belnapd and Barbara Mary Whyte, #11 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael LaVern Hatch, #1 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away

on 28 January 2018 in Rockland, Powers, Idaho. She was buried 3 February 2018 in the Valley View Cemetery, Rockland, Powers, Idaho.



LARUE BELNAP WILLIS (#8 child of Lester Belnap and Crystal Vere Ellsworth, #4 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning) passed away on 18 June 2019 in Logan, Cache, Utah.



JOHN OLIVER PERKES (#7 child of Ethel Belnap and Asa Virgil Perkes, #6 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael LaVern Hatch, #1 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann



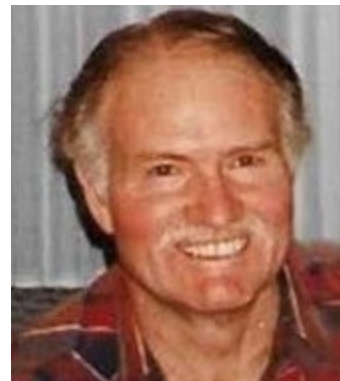
Manning) passed away on 3 April 2020. Burial was on 10 April 2020.

**Francis Marion Belnap**



BEVERLY ANN BENNETT BELNAP (wife of LaGrande Hall Belnap, # child of 6 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mable Hill Hall, # 6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina

Robinson) was born 29 Mar 1928 in Ogden, Weber, Utah, the daughter of Phillip John Bennett and Maude Walker. She died 3 June 2020 in Hooper, Weber, Utah. She was interred in the Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.



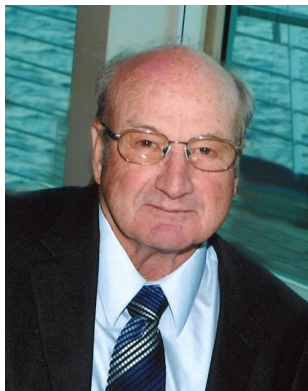
ELLIS DARWIN "DAR" BELNAP (#9 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mable Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) died 5 February 2020 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. He was

interred in the Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah 10 February 2020.



ERIC SCOTT BELNAP #9 child of Francis Alvin "Bud" Belnap and Margaret Ann Thompson, # 12 son of George Ellis Belnap and Mable

Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) died 19 October 2019. Eric was interred in the Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah. Eric was the last child born to the 5th generation of Gilbert Belnap.



FRANCIS ALVIN "BUD" BELNAP (#9 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mable Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) died 16 October 2019. He was buried 21 October 2019 in Hooper Cemetery,

Hooper, Weber, Utah.



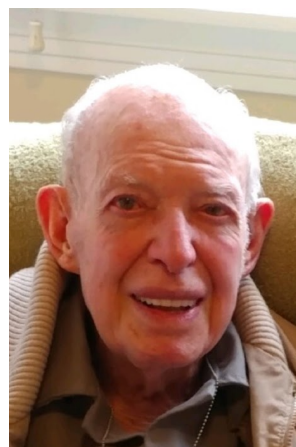
LEARAE KONOPNICKI BELNAP, ( former wife of Kenneth J. Belnap, #1 child of Wnedell Taylor Belnap and Lucille Jewll, #1 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie

Taylor, # 3 child of Francis Mariona Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) passed away on 30 April 2020 in Marengo, Morrow, Ohio. LeaRae was the daughter of Albert Konopnicki and Marguarite Gardner. Burial took place in the Afton Cemetery, in Star Valley, Wyoming.



PARLEY LELAND BELNAP (#7 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie Taylor, #3 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson)

passed away on 7 November 2018 in Payson, Utah, Utah. He was buried in the Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah 17 November 2018.



GEORGE LEWIS HANSON



(husband of Darlene Naisbitt, #6 child of Lillis Myrtle Belnap and Arthur Lee Naisbitt, 3 4 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) passed away on 14 January

2020 in Layton, Davis, Utah. He was the son of George Leslie Hanson and Emma Olive Bingham. Interred in Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah.



AUDREY EILEEN BELNAP HOBSON

(#11 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) passed away on 21 February 2020 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho.

Burial took place at the Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah on 29 February 2020.



DAVID CECIL HUNTER (#1 child of Vola Hall Belnap and Dale Cecil Hunter, #4 child George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and



Lillis Subina Robinson) died 27 January 2020 in Riverside, Weber, Utah. Burial took place at the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Weber, Utah on 1 February 2020.



IOLA HALL BELNAP MURRAY, (#5 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) passed away 21 October 2018 in West Point, Davis, Utah. Buried took place on 29 October 2018 in

Hooper Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.

Isadora Estella Belnap



DARLENE DIAL BUIST ( #10 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorne #2 child of Mae Lucetta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, #1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard), passed away on 23 January 2017 in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah. She

was buried in the Redwood Memorial Cemetery, West Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah.



HAL BOYD DIAL (# 8 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorne, #2 child of Mae Lucetta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, # 1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis



Stoddard) died 27 May 2018 in Tabiona, Duchesne, Utah. He was buried in the Valley View Memorial Park, West Valley, Salt Lake, Utah.



DONNA MAE DIAL HAGEN (#4 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorne, #2 child of Mae Lucetta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, # 1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard) passed

away on 2 January 2018 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. She was interred in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Shelley, Bingham, Idaho on 6 January 2019.



ANN OLIVE STODDARD PHIPPS (#2 child of Earl Seymour Stoddard and Helen Oline Froerer, #12 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard) passed away on 19 December 2018 in Weber Co., Utah.

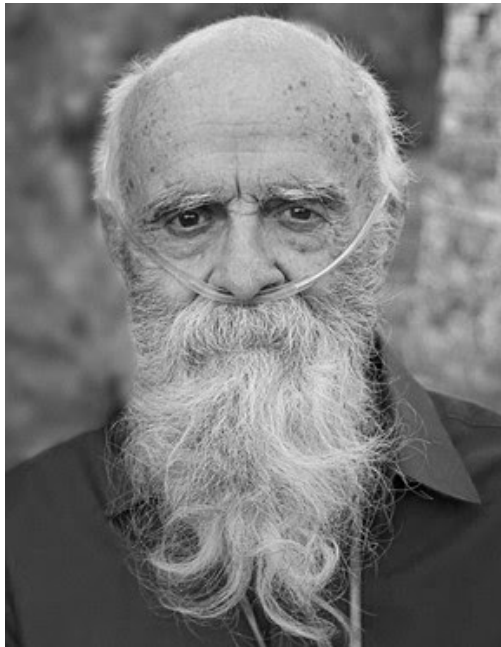
Burial took place on 29 December 2018 in

the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.



ARLENE BARON STODDARD (wife of Ray Dean Stoddard, #3 child of Earl Seymour Stoddard and Helen Oline Froerer, #12 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard) passed away on 8 March 2017

in Utah. Burial was in the Brigham City Cemetery, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah. Arlene was the daughter of Clark Melvin Baron and Eloise Nichols.



DARRELL JAY STODDARD (#4 child of Earl Seymour Stoddard and Helen Oline Froerer, #12 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard) passed away on 27 October 2017 in Provo, Utah, Utah. Burial was at the Eastlawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, Provo, Utah, Utah on 4 November 2017.

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