



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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2022 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

On 13 August 2022 the BFO held biennial reunion at the 4th Ward Building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Ogden, Utah. Tour buses picked up passengers and a tour of Belnap Family sites commenced, stopping at the Ogden City Cemetery, where Gilbert Belnap, his wives, Adaline Knight Belnap and Henerietta McBride Belnap are buried. Many of Gilbert's children, grandchildren and other descendants are buried in the Ogden City Cemetery. Gilbert Belnap was the first Cemetery Sexton when the cemetery was established in 1851. Other sites will include the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer Museum, Fort Buenaventura Park and Union Station. We had a total of 205 relatives in attendance.



2022 Belnap Family Group Photo, courtesy of Cheryl M Johnson (Gilbert Rosel)

BELNAP FAMILY ORGANIZATION FINANCES

As a financial report from the 2022 BFO reunion, the BFO took in a total of \$3,188.68 in cash, checks and credit card payments.

2024 BELNAP FAMILY REUNION

The reunion will be held this year at *This is the Place Heritage Park* on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The BFO reserved the Emigration Room at *This is the Place Heritage Park* from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the reunion beginning at 10:00 a.m. The program will last approximately 2 hours, with lunch to follow. The reunion will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Some of the highlights this year will include the following:

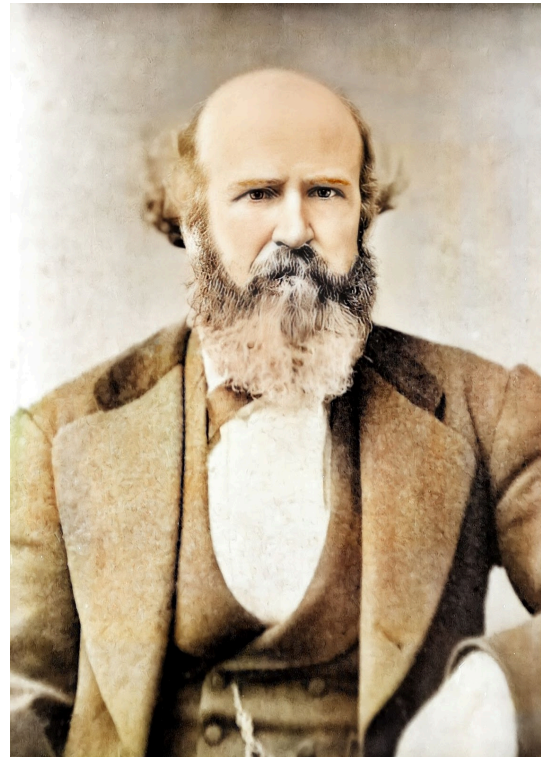
- Ashley Belnap will have a new video to share.
- Ashley Belnap will create a “Kahoot-style” interactive quiz primarily for the youth in attendance.
- Proposed Belnap-family trivia questions to be displayed on screen while family gather prior to the start of the program.
- Program to include a “teaser” of future events, e.g., 2026 gathering to honor Jesse Belnap.
- Brent Belnap will give an update on the DNA related research on the family of Jesse Belnap’s wife Eunice’s heritage.
- Discussion of the election of new officers.
- Election of new BFO Officers.

List of proposed officers for a two-year term (2024-2026)

- President: Larry Julian
- 1st Vice President: Michael Gray
- 2nd Vice President: Brent Belnap
- Treasurer: Heather Belnap
- Secretary: Matt Purcell

There was limited seating available this year due to the location of the event, and the limit was met prior to the reunion and the Crier’s publication.

Journal of Gilbert Belnap



The following is the first two chapters of Gilbert Belnap's private journal. While on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at Fort Lemhi, Gilbert penned his private journal, outlining his life, from the time of his youth until 1856.

It is being printed in this year’s Crier as many of the 10,000 plus descendants have not had the opportunity to read or are not familiar with his legacy. Additional chapters will be printed in forthcoming Criers, or the original journal can be viewed on the Belnap Family Organization’s website.

The spelling and grammar have been preserved as in the original, the best that is possible.

Fort Limhi Oregon

Monday December 15 - in the year of our Lord
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Maker by trade. he through idleness and Disipation was very much involved in Debt and accordingly left the country Not however without giving me A few Days time to make A visit with my Brothers and Sisters although I Did Not understand the Nature of his generosity at that time Neither was I Made acquainted with his intended elopement untill the Kinght(night) of his Departure. Being yound(young) and inexperienced in the world I was Soon made to believe that I was according to Articles of agreement betwen and him and me undere obligations(obligation) to go with him beyond the Boundry of My Native country. Accordingly in 1834 I was Deprived of the Society of my friends for A Season

The first place of My employers locality was in the town of Wilson Niggra (Niagara) county N York and By constant labour he was Soon in the enjoyment of many of the Comforts of life in Spite of the Determind resolution that he had formed Disipation like the regular Periodic of A fever returned again and with many uncalled for punishements for me. The ardent love that he had for Spirits Liquors Soon reduced his family to want. The many Abuses that I had received from his hand in process of time came to the ears of Some of his more humane Neighbours. After A while I was interogated by one Willson who was then acting Justice of the peace in that town. why I remaind with Such A Drunken tyrant. My answer to him was that I Supposed that I was obliged to from the nature of My indenters. he Soon informed me that those bonds ware Not Binding upon me outsid of my Native country. Satisfying myself Sill(still) more on that point by inquiring of more experianced practitioners in reel law.

I Determind to change my place of abode and return to the Society of My near relatives. After my

Although it was with coniderable reluctance that I took the parting hand with the wife [of] Wm C More for it was from her that I had received every mark of Kindness that her pecicary circumstance would admitt.

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Chapter Second

After My return to My former place of Abode and as I Supposed fireside to the habitation of my once happy home where Many A Day had been Spent in innocent amusemt (amusement) A Still more Dreary picture was presented to my vision than I had ever before Beheld. The Disappointed hopes of my oldest Sister the wonderful anxieties of A families of little Boys to relate to there long absent Brother all the incidents that had transpired for the last two years together with there being Bereft of A home and one two with whom I had been familiar from My early youth and to learn the astounding fact that My oldest Brother had availd himself of the hereditary laws of that country and possessed himself of the once happy home of my youths and had Disposed of and Squanderd the Same in assumeing the vain apperance of A gentleman. Never before was I so completely [unnamed] to think that A Brother who had Shared an equal proportion of hospitality in all the weal or woes. Should at that Should at that tryind(trying) time in the epoch of My fathers family for the Sak(sake) of pleasure. Deprive the almost helpless theroff portion thereof of A place to lay there head

And Drive them forth to Seek another place of abode and ask for hospitality at the hands of Strangers Thus the very habitation that gave Bearth became the abode of another.

Although My experiance in the world had taught many important lessons yet the fond recollection of those scens of My early youth were constantly before My eyes. the Shady Grove the weeping willow that Stood by the Spring the Balm of Gilleard the lofty Black cherry tree the ortchard the young and flourishing Nursery of peach and Blue plums together with the wants of the then Small Boys ware all Senes that pased befor My eyes like lightning.

The acts of him who had thus wantonly taken the advantage of the younger portions of the family came very Near Disposessing him from haveing

any place in our Affections. When once the time of Divishion had come and each had found A Stranger home and many miles intervend betwen. He saw with open eyes his Strange but cruel act But alass to late to Materialy Mend the mater yet he after this exerted himself to the utmost in Secureing hospitable places of abode for the younger Boys and provided as far as posible for there education. Those Marks of Kindness on his part Served in A great measure Served to mend the Breatch that had been made by him. Though Natturialy of A Kind humane Disposition I have often wonderd within Myself what evil genius it was that possessed his soul to make him avail himself of those unequal Laws that produce Such Dierfull effects. Conclidering Myself at that time of an age Sufficent to take care of Myself I told him to bestow his hospitality on those that ware More Dependant and accordingly Struck out in the world for My self howeve Not without runing aganst Many A Shole or circumstance that Brought Me up Standing. Being Determind to take my own course and Maintain an independants course far Superior to his I took my youngest Brother with Me who was then about five years old and left the Neighbourhood his extreme youth renderd My travaling very Slow and at the [e] close of the third Day I was oblige to stop and only thirty Miles from home

..... To Be Continued.

Apprenticeship in Early Canada

Throughout the history of Britain the use of craftsmen has been an economic necessity. These craftsmen were important to fill the voids in the various crafts and arts. At time the process has been a political one, basically to save the youth from exploitation, however the Governments were often slow to act, resulting in severe case of labor abuse, as well as child abuse. While the majority of European children came from poor families, with parents working long hours just to feed and house their unusually large families, the large families often supplied

the needed labor to fulfill the need in the varying crafts. But many of the poorer children had no chance to get the proper training in a trade, but if your family was already in a trade or wealthy, there was a distinct advantage for them. There were exceptions including orphans and bastard children, but their placement was often time in the lower skilled sector.

In the large families, especially the one with multiple boys, the children were often more “burdensome,” and if there was an opportunity to place them in a trade, the child was so placed. This was the basis of the so-called apprenticeship system. Long hours, long contracts, and few rewards is what the “lucky” youth of the day could expect.



Apprentices as young as ten years old learned varying crafts from a master of that craft. If they were accepted by a tradesman as an apprentice and indenture or contract would be drawn up. The agreement was usually specific for a trade and the child's outcome. They would be given suitably education in the trade, enough training to make a living when they became journeymen or masters themselves. In turn these newly trained craftsmen could make a benefit to the economics of the region and in turn accept indentured children on their own.

The major means of access to apprenticeship were through institutions, where orphans and bastard children were placed with an Apprentice, in turn being less of a burden on the Church or Government, the organizations required to pay for their support. Additionally family agreement with a craftsman which was ratified by an Indenture or contract, advertisements by both a Craftsman in need of an Apprentice or a parent wanting to place their child, and family members training other family members.

The training of one family member by another appears to have been at least as widespread and was preferred by merchants and the professions (eg, doctors, lawyers, notaries). Very few apprentices were trained in institutions during those years and the formal and family systems training was essentially practical and was given in the craftsman's workshop or the professional's office.

The system in Canada was no different than it's European centers. Urbanization settlements in Canada during the 18th and 19th century were flourishing. With the influx of immigrants tradesmen were in high demand. While there were primitive schools in the countryside they seldom met the needs of a growing community and taught basic reading, writing and “ciphering.”

Working Conditions

Contracts stipulated that the apprentice obey the master, work on his behalf and strive to learn his trade. In return, the master agreed to reveal all the “secrets of his craft” and provide accommodation, food, clothing and for some a small annual salary, paid either in cash or in kind. The apprentice worked 6 days a week, his hours varying depending on the trade and whether it was practiced indoors or outdoors. Working days were generally from 5 AM to 8 or 9 PM, with a minimum of 2 hours for lunch and dinner.

Apprentices worked 12-14 hours a day. Some apprentices in the 17th and 18th centuries received religious and academic as well as technical training.

Unfortunately, not all of the experiences were good ones. Often the apprentice's life might be one full of hardship and abuse. But, since there was a legal contract involved, the child often had only the recourse through the court system. Sometimes abused children took the law into their own hands or simply ran away, but when apprehended, the child was subject to the same courts to which he or she might have appealed, and could be jailed, fined or or imprisoned. Military service was an option during war time with some runaway apprentices joining the military to escape their master's abuse. However, the more remote a settlement was, the more opportunity for abuse was possible.

Cheap Labor

These major changes affected the role of traditional apprenticeship in the work force and society. Apprentices gradually became a source of cheap manpower and were hired more for their labor than for training purposes. They were hired at increasingly younger ages and their contracts were prolonged and expanded to embrace several tasks so that they could be used as cheap labor for longer periods. The traditional responsibilities of masters with some masters failing to teach their apprentices "the secrets of the trade"; others mistreated them.

Changes Ahead

Slowly the laws that governed this system slowly faded and the system deteriorated. Children became more protected from abuse and the long working hours. Soon the smaller Master's Workshops found it difficult to make a living and marked the transition from an individual Master artisan to urban factories. This transition however, was a long process, and lasted nearly the entire 19th century. Over nearly the entire

19th century the craftsmen's workshops and factories co-existed.

By 1830's unions and professional corporations began to control access to particular occupations in order to protect their union members and the professions. Construction trades still flourished despite these unions, but other trades, which succeeded in limiting the number of apprentices, trades (eg, shoe making, coopering, tinsmithing) were threatened by technological change.

With urban schools and Unions gradually taking over the responsibility for training workers for the future and to control not only the quality of education but also the number of graduates, apprenticeship disappeared.

The Indenture of Gilbert Belnap

At the age of ten Gilbert Belnap was indentured as an apprentice to Mr. William C. Moore, a wagon maker and wheelwright. It was a common, but fading practice, but oftentimes families with many boys found it useful to place them in a trade.

A learned trade was vital for the survival and benefit of children in an urban society. Formal schools were sparse in the countryside and many young children received little formal education. Gilbert was only ten years old when his father's decision to place him with neighbor and newly wed William C. Moore. Moore must have had a good reputation at the time, for it is hard to believe that he would place his own son in what became an abusive house. Gilbert would sign the contract, but at age ten his knowledge of these things must have been very limited, But what Gilbert did not know was that in the months to come both parents would pass away, leaving him an orphan. This indenture would assure him of an education and trade that would benefit him as an adult and to be able to survive without the support of his parents.

As time passed the young Gilbert realized that things don't always turn out the way they are

foreseen. His “master” Mr. Moore, often drunk, was very often violent towards the young Gilbert. With declining work in the Whitby area, pressure mounted for Moore to leave, and soon Moore, his family and young Gilbert were rushed across the border into Wilson, New York. Moore’s departure from Canada to the United States became a way out for Gilbert, one which after months or years of abuse, he took and returned to his remaining family in Canada. The following is the indenture that Gilbert, his father and Mr. Moore all agreed to. The document has been digitally repaired from its current state.

This Indenture made at Whitby in the Home District and Province [Province] of Upper Canada the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two[,] witnesseth that Gilbert Belnap [Belnap] son of Roswell Belnap of the township of Whitby aforesaid

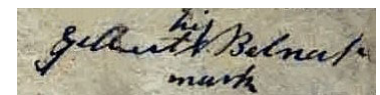
Aged ten years and twenty one (21) days by and with the consent of the said Roswell Belnap[,] his father[,] hath of his own bind and voluntary place him self [himself] and bound him self [himself] Apprentice unto William C Moore of the aforesaid township of Whitby wheelwright and waggon [wagon] maker to learn the art, trade[,] mystery an [and] occupation of wheelwright and waggon [wagon] maker he the said William C Moore now useth and with him as an apprentice to dwell[,] continue and serve from the day of the date of this present unto the full end and term of nine years and two hundred and forty four days from thence next ensuing [ensuing] and fully to be complete and ~~(And)~~ ended during all which term of nine years two hundred and forty days. the said ~~(the Said)~~ Apprentice has said master will faithfully shall secure his secrets[,] keep faithful commands ~~(red)~~ readily obey hark to his said master. [He] he shall not do nor willfully suffer it to be done by others the goods of his master he shall not embezzel [embezzle] or wast [waste] nor lend them without his consent to any at and dice or any other unlawful game ~~(he)~~ he shall not play taverns or ale houses, he shall not frequent matrimony[,] he shall contract

from the service of his said master[,] he shall not at any time depart or absent him self [himself] without his said masters leave say in all things. [As] as a good and faithful Apprentice shall and will demean and behave himself towards his said master and all his during the said term.

[And] and the said master in consideration of the said covenants and agreements of the said Apprentice and this farther [father] to be by them kept personal and fulfilled. [His] his said Apprentice in the said trade[,] mystery or occupation of wheelwright and waggon maker [wagonmaker] which he now useth with all things thereunto belonging shall and will teach[,] instruct or case [cause] to be wel [well] and sufficiently taught and instructed after the best way and manner he can and shall and will also allow unto the said Apprentice meat[,] drink[,] washing[,] mending and lodging and apparel both linen and woolen and all other necessaries as fit and convenient for such an Apprentice in sickness and health during the term of aforesaid and that he will treat the said Apprentice kindly and also the said master shall and will during the aforesaid term[,] the said Apprentice [shall send apprentice] to some good english [English] school a sufficient time to acquire a [?] of reading[,] writing[,] spelling[,] and arithmetick [arithmetic] as far as he made [] of shall and will at the expiration for the said term of time of nin[e] years and two hundred forty days al[l]ow and give to the said Apprentice one good suit of everyday and one suit of holiday apparel[,] a set of tools suitable and sufficient to work at the said trade[,] and fifty pounds current money.

[In] in witness whereas the said parties those present hav[e] hereunto set their hand seal the day and year above me written [.]

John McGregor
Saml Hall



Gilbert Belnap Rosel Belnap William C Moore.

This Indenture Made at Whitley in the Home District and Province

of Upper Canada the thirteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Witnesseth that Gilbert Bellmuph son of Roswell belongs of the Township of Whitley aforesaid

Age ten years and twenty one days by and with the consent of the said Roswell belongs his father the truth of his own free and voluntary will place him self and bound him self Apprentice unto William C. Moore of the aforesaid Township of Whitley wheelwright and wagon maker to learn the art, trade, mystery or occupation of a wheelwright and wagon maker he the said William C. Moore now setteth and with him as an apprentice to dwell continue and serve from the Day of the date of these presents unto the full end and term of nine years and two hundred and forty four Days from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended during all which term of nine years two hundred and forty four Days the said the said Apprentice has said master well faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his secrets commands readily obey work to his said master see shall not do nor wilfully suffer it to be done by others the goods of his master he shall not embazzel or waste nor lend them without his consent to any at and dice or any other unlawful game he shall not play taverns or ale houses he shall not frequent madamoney he shall contract from the service of his said master he shall not at any time Depart or absent him self without his said masters leave or in any thing as a good and faithful Apprentice shall and will demean and behave himself toward his said master and all his during the said term

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And seals the Day and year first above mentioned
Signed and sealed in presence of
John M. Frigor
Charles Shultz

Gilbert Bellmuph
mark
Rose Bellmuph
William C. Moore

History of Ebenezer Belknap, 3rd great grandfather of Gilbert Belnap.

Ebenezer Belknap was the first of our Belknap Ancestors to be born on the American Continent. It had been only forty years since Massachusetts Bay Colony had been established, and the population was measured only by the thousands. The territory was expansive and covered with thick groves of native trees, oaks, pine, walnut. There were lush green meadows, with water flowing from the mighty rivers and streams filled the ponds and swamps. Wild game lurked in the woods, waiting for the would-be hunter and edible plants and berries stood waiting to be found. Fish filled the waters, so abundant that simple nets could be used to capture them. The land was inviting, but danger existed around every corner. The native population that were being colonized were both friendly and conniving. Wolves filled the woods looking for food from either man or beast. This is the time which Ebenezer youth would be thrust into. He would be both a tradesman and a farmer, a hunter and gardener, a father and a son. The events surrounding his youth and adulthood are vaguely described in the written literature, but he lives on in his ever enduring legacy, his progenitors. Ebenezer enjoyed a full and long life as did his wife Hannah (Ayer) Belknap. Many of their children likewise lived a long life for the 17th and 18th century, making history as one of the longest lived families on record.

Most of the early settlers lived in circumstances similar to that of 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 extravagant way of life. Ebenezer enjoyed some prosperity in life, had received land from his father, purchased other lands for himself, and was able to pass that legacy to his children.

Ebenezer's father, Samuel Belknap, was a native of England and had immigrated as a young boy along with his father Abraham. Samuel was approximately ten years old at the time when

they landed and Abraham received his first home lot in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1643. Lynn, Massachusetts was founded in 1629, by mostly English immigrants that were not particularly religious enthusiasts nor pilgrims. Those early immigrants were not fleeing religious persecution in England, but were substantial, law abiding, loyal English tradesmen, of that staunch middle class that was the backbone of England. Some residents even belonged to the church in Salem, which was of more Calvinistic beliefs, much more so than Lynn would even allow. For Samuel the ideology of Puritan must have been his belief as he belonged to the Salem Congregation from 1653 to 1672, and when he moved to nearby Haverhill, he became a member of the Haverhill Congregations.

Although Ebenezer's grandfather Abraham was not that tradesman that had fled England, his father Samuel likely became an apprentice while a young boy in Lynn, learning the trade as a joiner. His skills would be valuable within the steadfast growth and urbanization of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Ebenezer most likely apprenticed under his father, as his older brother became a Turner¹ and was no doubt apprenticed elsewhere. Ebenezer would have worked alongside his father as a finish carpenter. As landowners and tradesmen both making a vital contribution to the growth of the colony.

In November of 1666 Samuel sold his house and land in Salem and next appeared in Malden, Massachusetts, where he evidently resided for a short time. It is quite probable that his skill as a joiner was in need in many of the towns in the colony, and could account for his frequent relocation. It could even be in Maulden that Ebenezer, his sixth known child, was born,² or shortly before he left Salem, but by 1675

¹ use of carving and lathes to make wood object.

² There are no birth records for Ebenezer that have been located. We only know from records that he was younger than brother Abraham, and died at age 95 in Haverhill District, Massachusetts (now New Hampshire). The date of death has been unverified as November 1762, which puts his birth as 1667.

Ebenezer's father and siblings had settled in Haverhill and had a "cottage" on the commonage of Haverhill.³

In the early days of Haverhill the common area, near the town center was established for those residing in Haverhill. Throughout the 30 years of Haverhill's growth many land holders built homes upon the common area and had their pasture and farms further from the town center. By 1660 the common area became overrun with homes, many not belonging to the privileged users, those settlers with proprietors status of prior land grants. In 1660 a law was passed in the colony that those possessing a house in the common area of town, *not allowed by the town select*, had no rights in the town to use the common pastures, or woods. This law was supposed to deter the building of new cottages, but records show that many cottages continued to be built, some even by the old settlers of the town. It was on this common ground that Samuel first built his home and established the family's residence there in 1675.

Samuel took the *oath of allegiance* 28 Nov. 1677 in the town of Haverhill and for nearly 25 years he remained in Haverhill. It was this oath and his obedience to the laws that Samuel was probably granted pasture land outside the town, as no deed of purchase had been located. The town records are frequently lacking specifics of land grants and special meetings were set up to record the tracts, but records were still poorly kept and the town records are often void of all transactions.

The soil around Haverhill was rich loam and easily cultivated at the time, it was a prime location for farming. With water from the Little River on the north and the Merrimac on the south, the town was well situated and prospered for nearly 40 years before the local native population became restless. Samuel and his family eventually possessed land near Hog Hill to the north of Haverhill. It was a densely wooded

area, with rivers, streams, and meadows and they cleared the land they needed to plant an orchard of apples and grow their own herbs. They used the felled trees to build their barns and houses. It supplied ample space for the family's growth, wild game and rivers and streams plentiful in Salmon and Alewives.. It was here that Sara, Ebenezer's mother, passed away on 18 April 1689,⁴ leaving Samuel without his companion, and a young Ebenezer and his siblings without a mother.

By the time Ebenezer turned twenty-one he had met and was engaged to marry the daughter of a local tradesman Nathaniel and Tamesin Ayer. Hannah Ayer, was barely eighteen years old. They were wed in Haverhill on 1690/1,⁵ and probably in the old church that once stood near the cemetery,



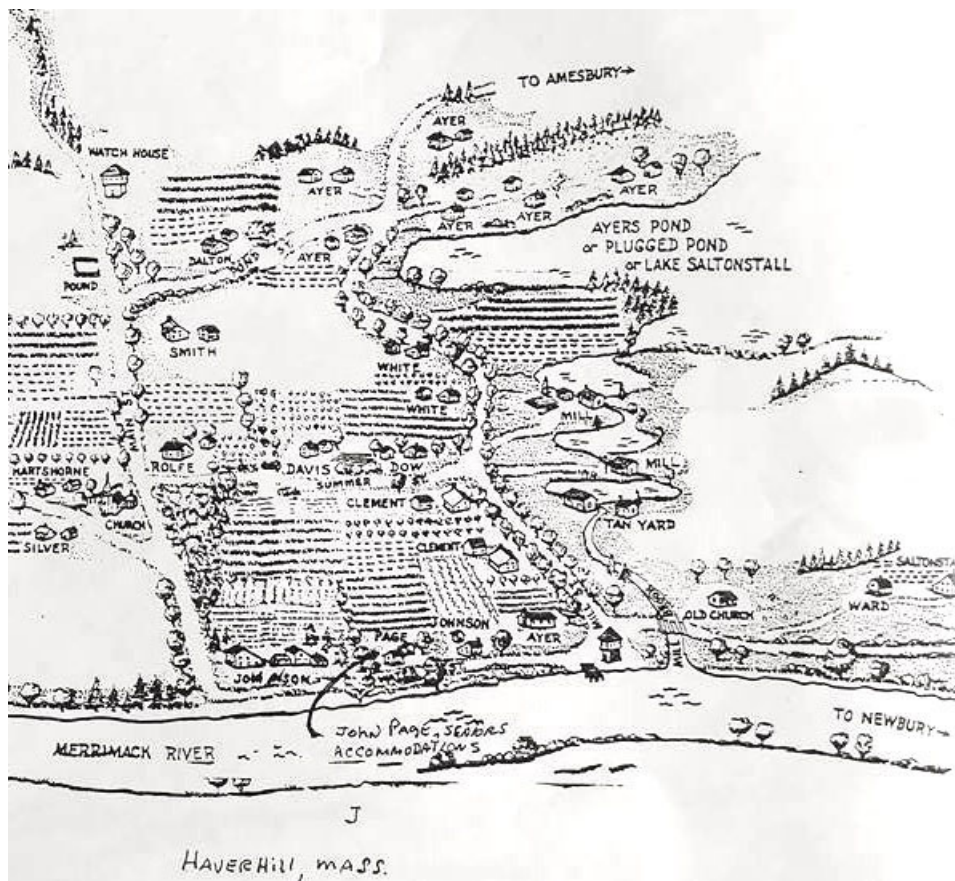
Drawing for the first church at Haverhill, which was likely the marriage location of Ebenezer and Hannah Ayers in 1691.

Although some written history of Ebenezer states he served in the *Colonial Wars*, this seems to be without merit. In 1675 many Essex towns impressed the young to serve as *Indian Fighters*, and up to that time, times were relatively peaceful. There was some sense of trouble for the colony during that period, as other areas were experiencing periodic raids, Haverhill remained surprisingly quiet. The colony tried to be proactive and in 1686 the Massachusetts Court empowered the selectmen to "bind out

³ History of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

⁴ Haverhill Vital Records

⁵ Haverhill Vital Records.



restful. In the coming years, Ebenezer and his family remained alert to pending dangers. He had lost an uncle and cousins to the Indians in Swansea in 1675 and was undoubtedly prepared. In 1697 the local native made a descent upon Haverhill murdering and capturing 39 persons, the reason is not clear. They burnt a dozen houses in Haverhill, Ebenezer and his family were spared any serious trouble, but heightened tension would remain. Ten years later another raid in Haverhill was made.

Map of the location of Samuel original settlement in 1675 in the common just north of the river. The old church pictures across the road from the common. Having a house in this area made for some security from uncertain danger.

young ones” into service provided their indentures or parents agree. Colonial soldiers were placed in Haverhill and other towns and were often supplied by the Colonial Government. The lists made of these soldiers appear to be void of Ebenezer’s name. This is not to say that he was not prepared, still it was however mandatory that young men, 21-40, do weekly training and supply their own weapons. This appears to be a routine mechanism to secure peace in the area and maybe even a deterrent to probable attackers.

The Penacook Indian resided in the area around Haverhill, and were a powerful tribe. They controlled many other local tribes, but they were relatively friendly to the majority English settlers. This period of history in Haverhill, and in New England in general, was a period of heightened tensions between the native populations and the white settlers. Other tribes in the surrounding communities were not so

Despite all the dangers and hardships Haverhill remained a relatively safe haven to enjoy life. Ebenezer made a good life for his family as a joiner and farmer. He fathering twelve children, supplying land for his family to work, maintaining an education for his children, three of his sons became coopers, one a weaver and the other a shoemaker. The family remained on Samuel and Sara’s 100 acre parcel in the northeast of Haverhill, called Haverhill District, later Plaistow and Atkinson New Hampshire. Of those 100 acres Samuel deeded 50 acres to son Abraham in 1695 and the other half to Ebenezer, although that land record does not appear to exist. We know the land became the possession of Ebenezer sometime near the time of his marriage in 1691, as on 21 August 1693 Ebenezer, a husbandman (farmer), deeded to Peter Petrie⁶,

⁶ Peter Petrie, a journeyman shoemaker, requested from the town of Haverhill a motion in 1677 that he be granted a piece of land to settle upon. As he was not known to the

20 acres near Hog Hill, “granted to him from his father.”⁷ Ebenezer would receive more of his father’s land a short time later, when he gained from his brother Abraham. The following 16 October 1696 Samuel sold an additional 27 acres, with buildings to his “natural son” Ebenezer. This land, “near the Fishing River” including buildings, fences, woods, water and orchard, and “free of dowry.”⁸ On November 11, 1701, Ebenezer’s father witnessed a deed signed by his son Abraham, and then living in Framingham, Massachusetts, the same 27 acres.⁹

In 1718 Ebenezer sold 8 ½ acres of “his homeland” to Isaac Bradley. and the year following, 1719, Ebenezer *quit claimed* his brother the 100 acre farm of their father. By 1718 Ebenezer had relocated to Woburn, Middlesex, Massachusetts where he purchased two lots from Samuel Wyman, who had inherited them from his father Jacob Wyman. Ebenezer paid 230 pounds current money for the land. The lots are described as one with a house and barn called Lobbers Brook with spring water from Honey Springs and adjoining pond called Sandy Pond. It was in Woburn that Gershom Flagg established his tannery and his son.¹⁰ In 1721 Ebenezer and Hannah sold the lands he had purchased to Samuel Wyman Jr. for 220 pounds, with a small piece of land going to Samuel Pierce for ten (10) pounds, exactly the price he had paid three years prior.

Ebenezer returned to his home farm in Haverhill taking up residence on the land he had before.

town, and the town “doeth not own him” his petition was rejected. He was later elected a Constable by the voters and operated a ferry until 1710.

⁷ Essex Co., Massachusetts Deeds.

⁸ His wife Sara Jones Belknap died in 1689 leaving all lands possessed by Samuel as his property.

⁹ These transactions can be quite confusing. It is likely though that this was Samuel Belknap’s home and it was originally split to his two sons, but only one named, as Abraham had already recorded half of the 100 acre parcel on Hog Hill.

¹⁰ Thomas Flagg established himself in Boston where he married Ebenezer’s daughter Hannah in 1713. He was the son of Gershom

On May 17, 1740, when he was 72 years old, Ebenezer conveyed his own homestead to his youngest son for a consideration stated as 100 pounds. As all the deeds for his buying and selling of land were obviously not recorded, the full extent of these transactions is not known, but he was still dealing in land as late as 1747, at the age of 80 years old and continued paying the taxes on this land “in the East part of Haverhill” as did his son Moses and Obadiah. In 1747 he still maintained his taxes on the land, which he paid to the town of Haverhill.¹¹

From his youth growing up in the wilderness of Massachusetts until the time of his death in 1762, Ebenezer’s life was fulfilling. A span of 95 years, his wife living a decade more. He is said to have fathered 12 children, most lived themselves to an old age. He lived in a time of rapid urbanization, raised native hostilities, and wilderness survival. He tilled the soil, built houses and barns, and planted orchards. He raised his family to be themselves prosperous ensuring a lasting legacy.

An article on longevity in the *Annals of the American Academy* stated that Ebenezer and Hannah’s family are the longest-lived family on record. At age 105, Hannah Belknap rode from Atkinson, New Hampshire to Plaistow on a cart pylon behind her son, Obadiah. She died in 1784 at her son's home in Plaistow.

DIED.] — At Plaistow New-Hampshire.
Mrs. Hannah Belknap, aged 106 years and 11
months. She retained her mental faculties
until the day of her death.

¹¹ History of Haverhill, Massachusetts

Children of Ebenezer and Hannah (Ayer)
Belknap¹²

1. Sarah, born December 23, 1691 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts.¹³ She died in Southborough, Worcester, Massachusetts about April 1790.¹⁴ Sarah was reported in the newspapers to be 106 years old, however the date of her birth recorded in Haverhill Town Records would indicate she had not quite made her 100th birthday, still quite remarkable for the 18th century. Sarah was married to Isaac Newton, a farmer and landowner, the son of Daniel Newton and Susan Morse in Boston, Massachusetts on 20 March 1715/1716.¹⁵ They resided in Marlborough, Massachusetts until 1728 when the land that they were living on was transferred to Southborough, Massachusetts. Isaac died 11 February 1754, in Southborough, Massachusetts.¹⁶ They had nine (9) known children.¹⁷

B O S T O N, April 1.
Died at Southborough, Mrs. Sarah Newton, aged 106 years; notwithstanding her advanced age, she retained her senses remarkably to the very last.— Her mother lived 113 years; and one of her sisters lived 102 years.

2. Hannah, born August 11, 1693,¹⁸ in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She died 28 April 1787 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts.¹⁹ ²⁰ Hannah married

Thomas Flagg, a tailor, on June 11, 1713²¹ by the Reverend Cotton Mather. Thomas was the son of Gershom Flagg and Hannah Leffingwell. Thomas was born 19 April 1685 in Woburn, Massachusetts. He died 28 February 1747 in Boston.²² They were members of Boston's Second Church where their children were baptized.²³ They had nine (9) known children. After her husband died she lived for some time with her brother John in Westborough, Massachusetts.²⁴

DIED—On Monday last, after a sickness of 14 days, Mrs. Hannab Flagg, aged 102.—Notwithstanding the great age of this venerable lady, she retained her senses to the last moment of life.

3. Mary, born January 13, 1694/5 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts,²⁵ and died 26 November 1787 in Thompson, Windham, Connecticut.²⁶ Mary married Nathaniel Merrill, the son of Nathaniel Merrill and Rebecca Brown "before 1716"²⁷, their first child being born in June 1716.²⁸ Nathaniel was born 23 November 1688 in Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts and died 3 April 1748 in Killingly, Windham, Connecticut.²⁹ She died at age 92.³⁰ They had twelve (12) known children.

4. Samuel, born about the year 1700, most likely in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Samuel was the grandfather of Jesse Belknap. Samuel was weaver, a farmer and landowner in the Somers and Windsor, Connecticut area. Ebenezer witnessed a deed for his son in 1740. He died in Windsor in 1757.³¹ Samuel married Mary Dickinson on 9 July 1723 in Mansfield, Tolland, Connecticut.³² Mary

¹² While it has been reported that Ebenezer and Hannah had 12 children and reported that all but one lived to adulthood, the identity of several of the children have not been uncovered and thus have been left out of the following list.

¹³ Haverhill, Massachusetts Town Records

¹⁴ Newspaper

¹⁵ Documents of the City of Boston, Volume 3

¹⁶ Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts.

¹⁷ It was reported in various newspapers that there was a total of 12 children, only those listed have been proved, others may have died young without being found in the town or church records.

¹⁸ Haverhill, Massachusetts Town Records

¹⁹ Independent Chronicle of Boston states she was 102 years old.

²⁰ Boston City Vital Records

²¹ Records Relating to the Early History of Boston, Vol. 28

²² Genealogical Notes on the Founding of New England.

²³ Records of the Second Church of Boston.

²⁴ The Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Parkman

²⁵ Haverhill Massachusetts Town Records

²⁶ Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Hale Collection.

²⁷ Haverhill Massachusetts Vital Records

²⁸ Haverhill, Massachusetts Town Records

²⁹ Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Hale Collection.

³⁰ West Thompson Cemetery Records.

³¹ Windsor Probate District.

³² Mansfield, Connecticut Vital Records.

was the daughter of James Dickinson and Mary Wood of Rowley, Massachusetts. She was born in Rowley on 29 November 1703 and died 8 June 1759 most likely near her home in Windsor, Connecticut. They had eight (8) known children.

5. John, born about 1702³³ in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts. In his youth he moved to Westborough where he built a log hut and lived among the Indians and wolves, “but survived both.”³⁴ He was, like his brother Moses and Obadiah, a cooper and farmer. He was a pious man and well known in Westborough for his religious views.. He married likely three times and had a number of children, one daughter Lydia married Capt. Seth Morse. He married, first Mehitable Nurse, in Marlborough, Massachusetts in 1730.³⁵ His second wife was Ruth Farr, who he married 10 June 1736. She was the mother of the majority of his children. His last wife he married when he was nearly 80 years old, a twiced widowed lady named Joanna Taintor. They married on 3 June 1777 in Westborough.³⁶ Joanna died at age 84 on 16 September 1802, in Westborough³⁷ and John passed away in Westborough, Worcester, Massachusetts 20 December 1803.³⁸ He had at least five (5) children.

**DIED]—At Shutesbury, Mr. EPHRAIM PRATT, aged 127 years.—At Westboro' Mr. JOHN BELKNAP, in the 101st year of a life devoted to the discharge of every social moral, and religious duty.
“Nor was he pluck'd, ere he was ripe for Heaven.”**

6. Joseph, born about 1703 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts. Joseph was a member of a scouting party from Haverhill in 1722 and left for



Woodstock, Connecticut the following year. He was first a shoemaker and farmer, but operated a mill in Holland, Massachusetts during the 1760s.³⁹ He married Prudence Morris of Woodstock, the daughter of Edward Morris and Elizabeth Bowen. Edward was the Deacon at Woodstock and sold 20 acres of his land to Joseph in 1726.⁴⁰ Joseph married 17 March 1724/5 in Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut. He died at Holland, Hamden, Massachusetts 20 July 1788⁴¹ and his wife Prudence died 7 January 1780 in Holland.⁴² They were the parents of at least eight (8) known children.

7. Moses, born about 1707 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts. He died in Plaistow, New Hampshire on 13 March 1803 at age 96.⁴³ He married Mary Roberds, June 24, 1735 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts.⁴⁴ She was said to be the sister to Jonathan Roberbs (Roberts), the husband to his sister Abiah. Moses was a farmer and cooper in Plaistow and Atkinson, New Hampshire. He had at least three known children.

³³ Obituary.

³⁴ History of Westborough, Massachusetts

³⁵ Marlborough, Massachusetts Vital Records

³⁶ Westborough, Massachusetts Vital Records, FHL 867879.

³⁷ Ibid

³⁸ Ibid

³⁹ History of Town of Holland, Massachusetts, 1915.

⁴⁰ History of Woodstock, Connecticut.

⁴¹ Holland, Massachusetts Vital Records

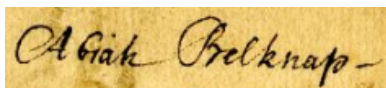
⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ Plaistow, New Hampshire Death Records

⁴⁴ Haverhill, Massachusetts Vital Records

AN OLD FAMILY.—Died, in Atkinson, New Haven, Eze-kiel Belknap. This centenarian was born at Haverhill, Mass, 14th Nov. 1735, O. S., and in 1827-8 was a resident of Atkinson. His father, Moses Belknap, died in Atkinson in 1803 aged 99 years and 5 months. His grandfather, Ebenezer Belknap, died in Haverhill near the line of Plaistow, aged 85. His grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Belknap, who lived some years in Atkinson, died Nov. 1778, aged 106 years and 11 months. It is said that her family consisted of 12 children, all of whom excepting one, who died at the age of 17, lived to advanced ages. Her son John died at Westborough, Mass. in his 101st year; Moses above, wanted but 7 months of 100. Four of her daughters, Mrs. Newton, of Southborough, Mass., Mrs. Flagg of Boston, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Merrill, are said in the memoirs of the American Academy, each to have exceeded the age of one hundred years.

8. Abiah, was born about 1709 in Haverhill, Essex, Massachusetts., married Jonathan Roberts on April 6, 1731 in Haverhill.⁴⁵ Jonathan died 15 January 1745/6⁴⁶ at the Louisbourg siege when British Forces captured the capital city, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Abiah married second Edward Flint of Plaistow, New Hampshire and lived for a number of years in Hampstead, New Hampshire. After her second husband Edward Flint passed away on 30 January 1768⁴⁷, she sold his land to her “son in laws”.⁴⁸ She had seven (7) children by Jonatha Roberts, only three lived to adulthood,⁴⁹ all receiving an inheritance of land from their father’s estate. Abiah had three (3) children by Edward Flint, all living in Rockingham Co., New Hampshire.



9. Obadiah, born about 1715, died after 14 October 1803.⁵⁰ He married first Sarah Mitchell on 27 October 1742 in Haverhill, Massachusetts.⁵¹ and secondly married Mary Dow,⁵² 17 March 1756

⁴⁵ Ibid

⁴⁶ Ibid

⁴⁷ Plaistow, New Hampshire Vital Records.

⁴⁸ Plaistow Land Records

⁴⁹ Haverhill Massachusetts Vital Records

⁵⁰ Rockingham Probate Records

⁵¹ Haverhill, Massachusetts Vital Records

⁵² She was twice widowed; first married to a Roberts and then to a Marble.

in Haverhill, Massachusetts.⁵³ He had at least five (5) known children. Obadiah, like his siblings Moses and John, was educated as a cooper. He died in Salem, New Hampshire, previously part of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

DIED,
At Salem, N. H. on the 12th ult. Mr. Nathaniel Belknap, (son) aged 57; and on the 20th Mr. Obadiah Belknap, (father) aged 88.

“The Witch of Westborough,”

By Margaret Anderson

Many years ago in the village of Westborough there lived a woman named Ruth Buck. Ruth Buck was stout and always wore a plaid kerchief on her head. She wandered from house to house plying her trade as a seamstress. She had a very sharp tongue and the children were frightened at the sight of her.

Many farmers and their wives were very superstitious and looked on Ruth with suspicion. You see, many in the town believed she was a witch. Whenever the cows did not give milk or the sheep got sick everyone would blame Ruth Buck.

One day a prosperous farmer named John Belknap was loading his wagon with eggs. He was going to travel up the turnpike to Boston and sell them at a handsome profit. John and his hired hand, Eli, loaded the wagon until it was completely full. They carefully placed a board across the back to make sure the eggs would not fall.

John and Eli were working so hard that they did not see Ruth Buck walking up the hill. Ruth called to them, “Good day, Squire Belknap,⁵⁴ and where might you be going? Your wagon is

⁵³ Haverhill, Massachusetts Vital Records.

⁵⁴ This refers to John Belknap the son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Ayer) Belknap.

particularly full. Would you be so kind as to give me a few eggs, you have so many a few will hardly be missed.”

John Belknap was not glad to see Ruth. He was anxious to get started on his long journey and did not want to be bothered. “I have not time for you, Ruth,” he said. “I must get started for Boston if I am to arrive there by nightfall. I will not give you any of my eggs. They are packed and ready to be sold.

Eli looked at his master with surprise. “Mr. Belknap, what are you doing? Don’t anger Ruth Buck for you know what they say about her, she is a witch,” he said. John Belknap knew what the townsfolk said about Ruth, but he was a sober man who did not consider such things. “Eli, I do not believe in old farmer’s wives tales.”

Ruth grew angry. “I ask you again, Squire Belknap, will you give me some of those eggs?” “No, I must be going so be off with you,” replied John. Ruth looked at him with cold, beady eyes and said, “Squire Belknap, you will never get those eggs to market. I promise you that all the eggs will be broken before you reach Boston, and you will never receive a penny for them.” She walked off leaving an angry John and a scared Eli.

John and Eli clicked the reins and the horses pulled the wagon through the village of Westborough. The sun was shining and the day was warm. They soon forgot about Ruth Buck. They traveled down the Boston Turnpike through Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, and Newton. The sun was beginning to set as they started to climb Chestnut Hill. Midway up the hill the horses stopped and nothing could persuade them to go further.

John Belknap grew impatient and handed the reins to Eli. “I will pull them you hold tight,” he said. He grabbed the bridles and pulled the horses until they reluctantly moved forward. The horses stopped again and all of a sudden there was a crash. The board on the back of the wagon

fell to the ground and all the eggs tumbled out. Eli and John ran to the back of the wagon and found ALL of the eggs were broken.

All they could do was look at each other and think of what Ruth Buck had said. She was right, none of the eggs had reached Boston. John Belknap had to turn his wagon around and go home. He made no handsome profit selling his eggs at the market that day.

Note that various versions of the same folk tale will be published so as to compare how each are told.⁵⁵

In Memoriam



... indicates the great grandchild of Gilbert Belnap

Since the publication of the 2022 CRIER, the following deaths have been received by the Belnap Family Organization through July 31, 2024. To have your family’s vital statistics printed in the future issues of the CRIER, please contact Don Hammon, CRIER Editor at email dhfw80d@gmail.com

Gilbert Rosel Belnap



MARIAN BALLANTYNE
(#2 child of child of
Gilbert Heber
Ballantyne and Pearl
Tracy, #1 child of
Adaline Belnap and
Heber Charles
Ballantyne, #2 child of
Gilbert Rosel Belnap
and Sarah Jane Cole)
passed away on 6
September 2022 in

Baker City, Baker, Oregon. Internment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker, Oregon.

⁵⁵ At a Town meeting of Framingham, which was adjournment May 23-1763, it was granted to Jos Hemenway for warning two Town meetings and Carrying Ruth Buck out of Town eighteen Shillings £0-18-0



BRENT CHARLES COTTLE(former husband to Diana Carol Love, # 1 child of Marian Ballantyne and Robert E. Love, #2 child of child of Gilbert Heber Ballantyne and Pearl Tracy, #1 child of Adaline Belnap and Heber Charles Ballantyne, #2 child

of Gilbert Rosel Belnap and Sarah Jane Cole) passed away on 3 October 2021. Burial Unknown.

(passed away on 3 October 2021. Burial Unknown.

Pope, # 1 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucine Vilate Hammon) died 23 October 2021 in South Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. Burial 29 October 2021 in Salt Lake City, Utah.



NATHAN ALEX KIRK (former husband of Jackie Lee Taylor, #1 child of Delores Rachel Wilson and Wesley Jack Taylor, #2 child of Cora Mae Belnap and Lester James Wilson, # 2 child of Reuben Augustus Belnap and Clara Mae Pope, #1

child of Reuben Belnap and Lucine Vilate Hammon) died 6 June 2023 in Auburn, Washington. Burial place is unknown.



DONN ROGER BALLANTYNE (son of Donn Tracy Ballantyne and Viola Ella Baker, #3 child of Gilbert Heber Ballantyne and Pearl Tracy, #1 child of Adaline Belnap and Heber Charles Ballantyne, #2 child of Gilbert Rosel Belnap and Sarah Jane Cole)

passed away 26 February 2022 in Baker, Baker, Oregon. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker, Oregon.

Reuben Belnap



CORLENE WINIFRED CROXFORD EVANS. (#1 child of Clara Mae Wilson and Franklin DeWayne Croxford, #1 child of Clara Mae Belnap and Lester James Wilson, # 2 child of Reuben Augustus Belnap and Clara Mae



ROY PHILLIP HILL, (husband of Carroll Tracy, #1 child of Kizzah Anna Blenap and Lester Tracy, #3 child of Reuben Augustus Belnap and Ella Catherine Messick, #1 child of Reuben Blenap

and Lucien Vilate Hammon), died 28 October 2022 in Sugar City, Madison, Idaho. Burial was in Sugan City, Idaho.



DR. HARRY LEE YASKUS, (son of Joseph Cahrles Yaskus and Helen J Sustersic and husband of Kay Hill, #4 child of Lola Estella Miskin and Charles Cecil Hill, #3 child of Luvina Vilate Belnap and Arthur Miskin, #4

child of Reuben Belnap and Lucine Vilate Hammon, passed away 11



February 2024 in the Bitterroot Valley county Ravalli, Montana. Interment was in the Victor Cemetery, Victor, Ravalli, Montana.



CHERI ANN KING, (daughter of Sterling King and Marian Duffin, former spouse of Steven Kay Belnap #2 child of LaMar Gilbert Belnap and Flora Packer, #1 child of Gilbert Augustus Belnap and Rosetta Nadler, #1 child of

Reuben Augustus Belnap and Clara May Pope, #1 child of Reuben Belnap and Lucien Vilate Hammon), passed away 15 April 2024 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Burial at Aultorest Memorial Park, Ogden, Utah.

Joseph Belnap



ELAINE SMITH BELNAP, (daughter of Aaron Frederick and Hilda Clara Smith, spouse of Dan LaMar Belnap, #7 child of Emory Belnap and Martha Davis Kershaw, #9 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard (Fisk)) died 11

November 2022 in Murray, Salt Lake, Utah. Internment was 16 November 2022 in Logan City Cemetery, Logan, Cache, Utah.



GREY BELNAP TITMUS, (#2 child Tyra Lou Belnap and James Leroy Titmus, #3 child of of Amos Belnap and Mary Setyra Weaver, # 8 child of Joseph Belnap and Minerva Permelia Howard (Fisk)), passed away on 27 January 2024 in

Gridley, Butte, California, 16 February 2024 in Boise, Ada, Idaho.

Martha Jane Belnap



TERRY S ALLEN, (son of Elijah Cecil Allen and Marilla Solomon and husband to Nadine Nelson, #1 child of Verda Stoker and Williard Edwin Nelson, #11 child of Lettie Matilda Hammon and Jesse Stoker, #8 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon), passed away 12

May 2024 in South Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. Internment on 21 May 2024 in Mesa City Arizona Cemetery.



VICKI LORRAINE ADAMS JAMES

daughter of Frank Ralph Adams and Olea Lorraine Hill and widow of Stephen Virgil James, #2 child of Virgil Albert James and Frances Rae Stephens, #3 child of Leona Pearl Stoker and Albert James, #2 child

of Polly Adaline Hammon and Lorenzo Stoker, #3 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon) died in July 2023. She was interned 6 July 2023 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, Sandy Salt Lake, Utah.



ORELL TROY HAMMON GEORGE,

(# 2 child of Frank Leslie Hammon and Dorthea Elizabeth Jardine, # 13 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon), died at age 102, 10 February 2020

in Riverside, Riverside, California. Burial was on 18 February 2020 in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California.

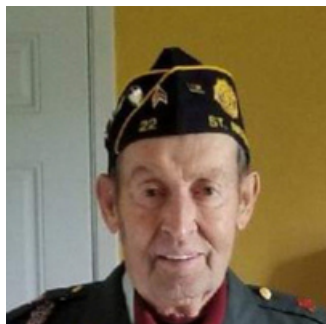


Write me down as one who loved poetry and persimmons



BARBARA ALICE BAKER PORTER, (#1 child of Merrill Evan Baker and Alice Aleta Garrison, #7 child of Jane Hammon and William Nathan Baker, #4 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram Hammon), died 15 January 2022 in Ogden, Weber, Utah.

Funeral held in the 7th Ward Building, Roy, Weber, Utah.



ARLEN GREENWELL, (#1 child of Glen Greenwell and Jeanette Shaw, #4 child of Betsy Robena Hammon and Lancelot Greenwell, #11 child of Martha Jane Belnap and Levi Byram

Hammon), died 10 April 2021 in St. Anthony, Fremont, Idaho. Burial was on 16 April 2021 at the Wilford Cemetery, Wilford, Fremont, Idaho.



Hyrum Belnap



BRUCE ELDRED ERICKSON (#1 child of Lois Ruth Belnap and Eldred Hilmar Erickson, # 2 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mable Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth), died 9 September



2023. Interment was at the Centerville City Cemetery, Centerville, Davis, Utah.



ANNA ERICKSON, (wife of Jared Belnap Erickson, #4 child of David Belnap Erickson and Julie Ann Hill, # 4 child of Lois Ruth Belnap and Eldred Hilmar Erickson, #2 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mable Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Constantia Bluth), passed away 9 February 2024 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. Internment on 17 February 2024.



SUSAN ERICKSON SCHMIDT, (#3 child of of Lois Ruth Belnap and Eldred Hilmar Erickson, #2 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mable Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Constantia Bluth), passed away on 14 May 2023, Internment was on 20 May 2023 in

the Lindquist Memorial Park, Layton, Salt Lake, Utah.



WALTER BELNAP KERR, (# 4 child of Marion Adaline Belnap and Walter Affleck Kerr, #3 child of Hyrum Belnap and Christiana Rasmussen), Passed away on 7 April 2023 in



Princeton, Collin, Texas. Burial in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake, Utah 17 June 2023.



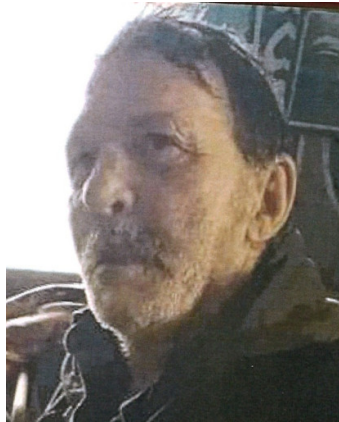
RICHMOND ROSS STEVENS, (#1 child of Karen Annette Evans and Danny Ross Stevens, #1 child

of Mildred Belnap and Edwin Eschler Evans, #3 child of Arias Guy Belnap and Mable Harris, #2 child of Hyrum Belnap and Anna Constantia Bluth), passed away on 26 July 2024.

in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona. Internment was on 27 February 2023 at Memorial Holladay Cemetery, Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah.



Augustus Weber Belnap



CHESTER ROGER WEBSTER, (#2 child of Zeruah "H" Belnap and Chester Walker Webster, #1 child of Joseph Francis Belnap and Mabel Chatherine Hirschi, #7 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), passed away on 4 April



2023 in Roosevelt, Duchesne, Utah. His mortal remains were cremated.



LORI KAE BAIR, (#8 child of Lyle "E" Belnap and Shelda Elison, #3 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, #4 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), passed away on 22 July 2024 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. She was interned 26 July 2024 in the Moreland Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.



JOSHUA BAIR (#3 child of Lori Kae Belnap and Ronald Steven Bair, #8 child of Lyle "E" Belnap and Shelda Elison, #3 child of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland, #4 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), passed away on 6 December 2023

in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. He was buried in the Moreland Cemetery, Blackfoot, Idaho 10 December 2023.



REED B SOMMER, (#3 child of Lola Ethel Belnap and Hyrum Sommer, #11 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read) passed away on 6 May 2023 in Rexburg, Madison, Idaho. He was buried

in the Rexburg City Cemetery, Rexburg, Idaho 11 May 2023.



DR. SAMUEL ROSS FOX, (husband of Shirlene Belnap, #4 child of Earl Read Belnap and Myrtle Esther Shirley #6 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), passed away on 25 October 2022 in Monroe, Snohomish,



TERRY MICHAEL LEWIS, (#1 child of Donna Mae Belnap and Norman Ray Lewis, #1 child of Ezra Leonard Belnap and Lina Mae Hansen, #8 child of Augustus Weber Belnap and Mary Read), passed away on 16 February 2023

Washington. Interment was at the IOOF Cemetery, Monroe, Snohomish, Washington on 12 November 2022.

Vinson Knight Belnap



NEIL ALWIN NOTTINGHAM JR., (spouse of Linda Le Baker, #1 child of Wanda Marie Belnap and John Edward Baker, #2 child of Vinson Ray Belnap and Elsie Elizabeth Brown, #3 child of Vinson Knight

Belnap and Sarah Emily Hardy), passed away on 1 November 2022 in Redlands, San Bernardino, California. Interned on 14 November 2022 at the Riverside National Cemetery, Redlands, San Bernardino, California.



KENNETH PAUL NIELSEN, (former spouse of Linda Sue Coakes, #2 child of Adaline Schonwandt and Keith Lowell Coakes, #1 child of Reta Belnap and Adolph William Schomwandt, #4 child of Vinson Knight Belnap and Sarah Emily Hardy), passed away on 28 March 2023 in Clatskanie, Oregon.

Amasa Belnap



JAMES AMASA HALL, (#1 child of Weltha June Belnap and Gerald James Hall, #2 child of Amasa William Belnap and Alma Lois Baker,



#1 child of Amasa Belnap and Lillian Rosamond Garner), passed away 14 March 2020 in Yreka, Siskiyou, California.

Adaline Lorinda Belnap



MARVIN BLAKE CARTER, (#1 child of Ray Lowe Carter and Thelma Macy Clark, #2 child of

Ruby Lowe and Ralph Fisk Carter, #6 child of Adaline Lorinda Belnap and John Alexander Lowe), passed away 9 March 2023 in Tonsina, Alaska.



ROGER HENDRICKS AYLWORTH, (#2 child of Dayle Lowe and Arthur Andrew Aylworth, #1 child of John Virgil Lowe and Sara Christensen, #1 child of Adaline Lorinda Belnap and John Alexander

Lowe), passed away on 11 April 2023 in Chico, Butte, California.



ROMA THOMPSON FREEMAN, (#5 child of Zeruah Adaline Lowe and Joseph Laville Thomson, #3 child of Adaline Lorinda Belnap and John Alexander Lowe), passed away 1 February 2021. Internment on 6 February 2021



at the Richmond City Cemetery, Richmond, Cache, Utah.

Mary Louisa Belnap

None Reported

Lola Almira Belnap



**JOYCE COBURN
OLIVERSON
BECKSTEAD,
(daughter of Raymond
and Jane Coburn and
wife of Douglas LuZon
Oliverston, # 2 child of
Mildred Lowe and
Edmund Douglas
Oliverston, #9 child of
Mary Louisa Belnap**

and Joseph Heber Lowe), passed away on 17 December 2020. Burial was in the Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah.



GARTH GARY HUSTEAD,
(#1 child of Janice JoAn
Smith and Gary Hustead,
#1 child of Eunice
Coolbear and Dorald Paul
Smith Sr., #7 child of Lola
Almira Belnap and David
William Coolbear), died 2
March 2022. Burial was on
28 March 2022 at the
Santa Clara Cemetery,
Santa, Washington, Utah.

Santa, Washington, Utah.

William James Belnap



**CHARLENE WARD
SIMPSON**, (daughter of
Ralph Albert Ward and
Mary Ann Rhodes and
spouse of Clarence “Jay”
Simpson # 3 child of
Fawn LaVern Belnap and
Francis Valentine
Simpson, #4 child of

William Oscar Belnap and Louisa May Parker, #1 child of William James Belnap and Eliza Ann Watts), passed away on 6 April 2023 in Hooper, Weber, Utah. Internment was at the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah 12 April 2023.



**MARSHA LYNNE
BELNAP**, (daughter of
Vernon Kay Upton and
Roma Lovina Pead, wife
of James Gilbert Belnap
1 child of Chester
Austin Belnap and
lucille Knapp, #7 child
of James Gilbert Belnap
and Elnora Cox, #2
child of William James
Belnap and Eliza Ann
Watts), passed away on 18 October 2023.

Internment at the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.



RICHARD PARK BELNAP,
#2 child of Kenneth Lee
Belnap and Mary Maurine
Park, # 9 child of James
Gilbert Belnap and Elnora
Cox, # 2 child of William
James Belnap and Eliza Ann
Watts), died 14 November
2023. Internment 23
November 2023 in Hooper

City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah.



Oliver Belnap



**KORY DARRELL
BELNAP**, (#3
child of Darrell
Olson Belnap and
Elaine Van Orden,
#2 child of Vere
Ellsworth Belnap
and Sarah Olson,

#2 child of Lester Belnap and Crystal Vere Ellsworth, # 4 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away on 24 November 2023 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. Internment on 1 December 2023 at the Riverside Cemetery, Thomas, Bingham, Idaho.



LEON PERKES BELNAP, (#4 child of Ethel Belnap and Asa Virgil Perkins, #6 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael Vern Hatch, # 3 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away 10 February 2024 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. Burial took place on 17

February 2024 at the Moreland Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.



MICHAEL WALLACE BELNAP, (#2 child of Wallace "J" Belnap and Carol Maxine Christopherson, #7 child of Lester Belnap and Crystal Vere Ellsworth, #4 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning) , passed away 28 August 2022 in

Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.

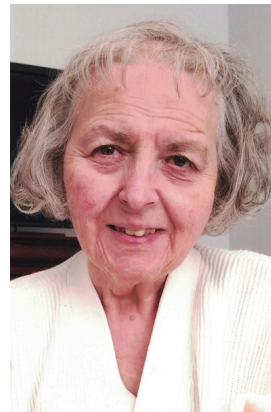


EMERY MEAD BELNAP, (#2 child of Albert Mead Belnap and Gladys Williams, # 1 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael Vern Hatch, # 3 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away 6 November

2022 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Internment was on 12 November 2022 in Moreland



Cemetery, Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho.



ADELYN BREWER, (#4 child of Albert Mead Belnap and Gladys Williams, # 1 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael Vern Hatch, # 3 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away on 9 October 2021 in Blackfoot, Bingham, Idaho. She was buried in the Moreland Cemetery,

Blackfoot, Idaho on 15 October 2021.



SUZANNE BELNAP CHENEY. (#4 child of Wayne Wilford Belnap and Barbara Mary Whyte, # 11 child of Oliver Mead Belnap and Jael LaVern Hatch, 3 child of Oliver Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away on 5 April 2024 in Blackfoot, Bingham,

Idaho. Internment on 15 April 2024 at the Rupert Cemetery, Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho.



TERRY JEAN LYNN BELNAP, (daughter of William and Kay (Tyler) Lynn, wife of Larry Eugene Belnap, #2 child of Keith Wilker Belnap and Marilyn Rose Rust, #2 child of Karl Lester Belnap and Ruth Wilker, #1 child of Lester Belnap and Crystal Vere Ellsworth, #4 child of Oliver

Belnap and Margaret Ann Manning), passed away on 11 October 2022 in Ammon, Bonneville, Idaho. Burial place unknown.

Francis Marion Belnap



TAMARA KAYE McKAGUE, (#3 child of Thora Marlene French and Don “J” Rasmussen, #2 child of Thora Hall Belnap and Charles Thomas French, #1 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hill Hall,

#6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), passed away 19 November 2022 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho. Internment took place 23 November 2022 in the Sugar City Cemetery, Sugar City, Madison, Idaho.



ROBERT GEORGE FRENCH, (#3 child of Thora Hall Belnap and Charles Thomas French, #1 child of George Ellis Belnap and Mabel Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and



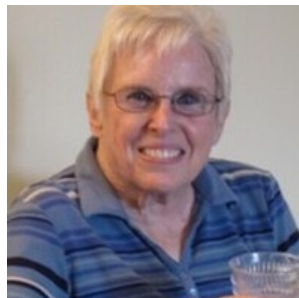
Lillis Subina Robinson), passed away 7 March 2024 in Rexburg, Madison, Idaho. Internment 18 March 2024 in the Market Lake Cemetery, Roberts, Jefferson, Idaho.



DOROTHY “DOT” DABLING FOWERS THOMPSON, (daughter of Harry Dabling and Florene Mary Mitchell and former spouse of Charles DeLor Fowers, #2 child of Thora Hall Belnap and Charles Thomas French, #1 child of George Ellis

Belnap and Mabel Hill Hall, #6 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson),

passed away 8 July 2024 in Taylor, Weber, Utah. Internment 13 July 2024 at Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber, Utah.



NANCY SMITH BELNAP, (former spouse of Ronald Victor Belnap, #4 child of Orson Victor Belnap and Mary Myrtle Farr, #7 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson),

passed away on 24 January 2022 in Sandy, Salt Lake, Utah. Internment unknown.



GERALD TAYLOR BECRAFT, (#1 child of Virginia Belnap Fowers and Henry Taylor Becraft, #3 child of Crystal Fern Belnap and Joseph Paul Fowers, #8 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), passed away 26 January 2023. Burial took place on 4 February 2023.



JOLENE BELNAP BROWN, (#3 child of Kenneth “J” Belnap and LaeRae Konopnicki, #1 child of Wendell Taylor Belnap and Lucille Jewell, #1 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie Taylor, #3 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson),

died 26 April 2024 in Roy, Weber, Utah. Burial on 6 May 2024 in the Brigham City Cemetery, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah.



DEXTER BELNAP ALLEN, son of Creelyssa Renea Belnap and Stephen James Allen, #4 child of Sheila Belnap, #4 child of Glen Taylor Belnap and Sharone Waite, #4 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie Taylor, #3 child of Francis Marion

Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson), passed away on 6 March 2024 in Ogden, Weber, Utah.



MAXCENE BELNAP SPOTTED ELK, (# 2 child of Wendell Taylor Belnap and Lucille Jewell, #1 child of John Marion Belnap and Zina Hattie Taylor, #3 child of Francis Marion Belnap and Lillis Subina Robinson) passed away 30 January 2024 in Kaysville, Davis, Utah.

Internment in the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah on 2 February 2024.



BONA BELLISTON BELNAP, (daughter of Lester Howell Belliston and Leona Bertina Peterson and spouse of 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 3 May 2024 in Provo, Utah, Utah. Internment in the Hooper City Cemetery, Hooper, Weber, Utah on 10 May 2024.

Isadora Estella Belnap



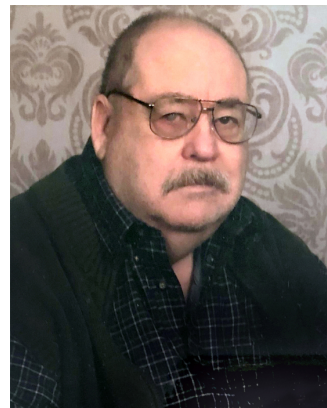
LARRY ARVILL DIAL, (#1 child of Grant Samuel Dial and Colleen Mitchell, #2 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorpe, # 2 child of Mae Lucretta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, #1 child of Isadora Estelle Belnap and John Francis Stoddard), died

19 March 2021 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona. Burial location unknown.



ARLENE JENSEN DIAL, (daughter of Jesse Lyman Jensen and Mable Grace Ferrin, wife of Dennis Thorne Dian, #3 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorpe, #2 child of Mae Lucretta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, #1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and

John Francis Stoddard), died 6 November 2022 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. Buried 12 November 2022, location unknown.



LAWRENCE LEON HAGEN, (#1 child of Donna Dial and Leon Robert Hage, #4 child of Samuel Lawrence Dial and Elga Thorpe, #2 child of Mae Lucretta Stoddard and Samuel Dial, #1 child of Isadora Estella Belnap and John Francis Stoddard), died 17

April 2022 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho.

Burial was on 21 April 2022 at Shelley-Hillcrest Cemetery, Shelly, Bingham, Idaho.

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THOMAS LEVI BELNAP, born 14 October 1985 died 27 November 2023 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona.

Articles of interest to the Belnap Family or information for inclusion are most encouraged and welcome.

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