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MOTHER ADELINE KNIGHT BELNAP
WHO MARRIED AND DATE ANNA C. BLUTH, 7 February 1888

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HYRUM BELNAP
A NATIVE PIONEER

Hyrum Belnap was born in Ogden, Utah March 24, 1858, the son of Gilbert Belnap and Adeline Knight Belnap. At his birth the family lived on 26th Street between Grant Avenue and Lincoln Avenue where the Ogden Second Ward used to be. There was a spring on the property called Belnap Spring. The Salvation Army store is there now.

Later they lived in a place on the Weber River about where the 24th Street viaduct is and where Swifts Meat Packing plant used to be. Near where the boys played was Captain James Brown's mill. One day Captain Brown came out to adjust the mill water wheel and he caught himself in it. His screams were terrific and it killed him. Years later when Hyrum and his mother were discussing the incident on how Captain Brown was killed she said, "You couldn't possibly remember it because you were only four years old." But Hyrum did remember it.

In 1869 Hyrum went to Hooper when he was 10 or 11 years old. He was put on a horse, bareback, and was told to go west and slightly south until he came to a wagon box and his mother. He kept on riding and it was getting later and later and he wondered if he would ever get there. Pretty soon he saw a woman coming toward him and it was his mother. They were sure glad to see each other.

There were no trees, only sagebrush, rabbitbrush and rabbits and hares. Their first home in Hooper (then called Muskrat) was a government wagon box with rounding bow. The box was about three feet high on the side with a cover which tied at the ends. The family slept in the wagon box at night. A couple of large rocks were laid at a short distance apart; on each side two pieces of iron were hammered in the ground. On top of these another piece of iron was laid. From this their kettle hung. Hyrum's father, Gilbert Belnap, built several other log homes in Hooper. The last log house he built had two rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the second floor. This house was built from hewn logs. Later a

kitchen was built and also a bedroom on the east side.

Hyrum's father finally built an adobe house about the same size. There was a pond about 14' x 20' feet filled with fish. He had many beehives and a large fruit orchard, pigs, cows, chickens and geese.

Hyrum's mother, Adeline Belnap, was asked by Brigham Young to go to Salt Lake City and study how to be a midwife with many other women from the settlement under Dr. Shipp.

When Hyrum and his wife, Anna Bluth Belnap, were expecting their first child, he took her to his mother, Adeline, to take care of her. Their first son was born July 18, 1890 and was named Hyrum Earl Belnap (married Emma Lou Pauchert). In 1893, Hyrum took Anna to his mother's again and another baby boy was born September 6, 1893. His name was Arias Guy Belnap (married Mabel Harris). The other five children were born in Ogden with doctors attending. Their names are: Volney B. Belnap, September 9, 1895 (married Marie West). Jewel Belnap, September 10, 1905 (married Glen K. Furniss). Della Augusta Belnap, September 11, 1907. Gladys Belnap, January 19, 1912 (married Emmett Carwin). Byron Knight Belnap, September 18, 1914 (married Hedy Schindler).

In the summer of 1908 Hyrum left his business and spent quite a lot of time in the east where most of his relatives lived to search out some genealogy. He visited all names of Belnap who were in the directory. Some of them were first cousins. He looked in church records, court records and cemetery records. He also went to see his aunt Almira Hanscom. He had been asked to check to see if polygamy had been practiced by the Saints in Nauvoo. Almira gave him this story about polygamy that was practiced in Nauvoo, Illinois when she was a young woman. She said she saw Joseph Smith, Jr. coming up the front walk and she guessed he was coming to their place so she left by the back door. When she finally went home, her mother, Martha McBride Knight, said Joseph Smith had come to ask for Almira's hand in marriage for his brother, Hyrum Smith. Almira left the church over this and later married Mr. Hanscom. It is understood that she and her

husband are buried in Kirtland, Ohio.

Hyrum attended the unveiling of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers monument where the old herd house stood in Hooper July 24, 1927, along with his brothers, Gilbert R. Belnap and William J. Belnap who were honored that day.

Hyrum died September 18, 1938 in Ogden. His funeral was held at the Ogden Fourth Ward. The main speaker was Apostle David O. McKay, who was later President of the Church. He said that Hyrum was 100% Mormon and he really put the Church first in his life. Hyrum was buried in the Ogden City Cemetery. All of his children will be buried in the Ogden City Cemetery except one daughter who is buried in a Salt Lake City cemetery where her husband is.

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