

A NATIVE PIONEER

HYRUM BELNAP

BORN MAR. 24 1858—SEPT. 18, 1938

WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTERS

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I FOLLOW A FAMOUS FATHER

"I follow a famous father his honor is mine to wear,
He gave me a name that was free from shame,
A name he was proud to bear,
He lived in the morning sunlight and marched
In the ranks of right.
He was always true to the best he knew, and
The shield that he wore was bright.

I follow a famous father and never a day goes by
But I feel that he looks down on me
To carry his standard high.
He stood to the sternest trials, as a brave man can
Though the way be long, I must never wrong
The name of so good a man.

I follow a famous father known to the printed page,
And written down in the world's renown
As a prince of his little Age
But never a stain attached to him and
Never he stooped to shame;
He was bold and brave and to me he gave
The pride of an honest name.

I follow a famous father, and him
I must keep in my mind,
Though his form is gone, I must carry on
The name which he left behind.
It was mine, on the day that he gave it;
It shone on the monarch's crown;
And, as fair to see
As it came to me,
It must be; when I put it down:"

(Author unknown)



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Hyrum Belnap, a son of Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap, was born in Ogden, Utah-24th March 1858.

When he ^{was} four weeks old the family moved South because of the Johnson Army. Nights they would sleep beneath rain, snow and beating hail under a family quilt stretched upon sticks fastened to four corners. It was one of the causes of his ill health until thirteen years of age.

Later peace was declared and Saints quietly returned to their homes.

Later the family moved to Hooper, Utah. His Father was the first Bishop and his wife, Adaline, was Relief Society President. She also was a midwife. She had thirteen children and raised one other.

On the 12th of June Hyrum was ordained an Elder by Wm. J. Smith. This same day he got his endowment. In the year 1870 at the age of twenty one years he was set apart for his mission and ordained a Seventy by Joseph Young Sr.

He was told to investigate the story of a man named Robert Edge, who appeared at Lexington, Henderson Co. Tenn.. The people told Hyrum that this man was poorly clad, of medium height, fair skin and dark brown hair which was inclined to curl. His beard was of reddish cast and not very heavy. They thought he was between twenty seven and thirty years.

They said Mr Edge was an eloquent preacher. This man taught Christ's gospel and others would come later.

They said Edge would appear at the meetings, but they didn't know from where.

They even followed him but could not trace where he went. He also said, "if you come out of curiosity you will go away more curious.

On Father's Mission he traveled without purse or script. He walked

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across creeks and roads to the country. One day he was traveling far from town. He carried an umbrella, whenever a cloud appeared.

He stopped at a house and asked for a nights' lodging. He explained he was traveling without purse or script.

In the morning the wife asked for his umbrella. Her husband remonstrated, but she got her way.

There was no refrigeration and the milk offered was sour or clabbered. Other foods would spoil. He couldn't eat it so went into the woods and prayed that he could eat what was offered. His prayer was answered. Until the time he died he never could taste when the milk went sour.

He did love the Southern sweet potatoes, peanuts and melons.

Hyrum returned from his mission Oct. 3, 1881

He met Christiana Rasmusun at the Central School. He married her Sept. 1883.

They had the following children:

Flora and Laura	twins
Marion Adaline	Md Wal-ter Walter A. Kerr
Olive	Md Conrad Jenson
Hyrum A.	Md Lois Foster
Eva Lavern	Died young
Royal	Died young.

Later he married Anna C. Bluth who was eighteen years old. Hyrum was thirty.

There children were:

Hyrum Earl	Md Emma Lous Pauschert
Arias Guy	Md Mabel Harris
Volney Bryan	Md Rose Marie West
Jewel	Md Glen K. Furniss
Della Augusta	
Gladys	Md Emmett Dennis Carwin
Byron Knight	Md Hedy Schindler

In 1888 was put in as member of the Bishopric. A good deal of my time was spent in that director.

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In 1888 he was made County Assessor. He spent much time in that unthankful position. So he wouldn't take it again.

In August 1889 he worked as a salesman for the Eccles Lumber Co.

In July 1, 1899 he took out a license for conducting a lumber business.

On Jan. 28, 1900 he was made a second councillor to Bishop E.T. Wooly all were set apart by apostle Francis M. Lyman.

On July, 7, 1908 he with his brother Joseph started a Lumber Company at Preston, Idaho.

In 1908 Hyrum made a trip to the mid mid-west and east to gather genealogy. While on this trip East he went to the Kirtland Temple where a guide introduced him to John D. Rockefeller.

Father was in the Bishopric for twenty years.

In 1908 he was appointed to the High Council.

He worked with the young people and enjoyed it immensely.

On May 4, 1909 Hyrum Belnap, Geo. E. Ferrin were selected first and second ~~c~~ ^{Counselors} ~~ounsellors~~ to David M. Kay. He was set apart for this position by Elder B.H. Roberts.

Father was ordained an Elder June 12, 1879 in the Salt Lake Endowment house by William J. Smith.

In 1884 he repaid his Father for the money advance for Hyrum's mission and his schooling.

Later father became President of the High Priest Quorum of Ogden Stake which position he held for many years.

Was ordained president of the High Priest Dec. 23, 1917.

Hyrum Belnap, Jos. L. Petersen and Ralph P. Mitchell represent the Ogden Stake in obtaining a Recreation Area for the Ogden Stake.

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In 1902 he assisted in organizing the Ogden Chamber of Commerce. He served as Secretary, vice President and Director.

He was also a member of the Betterment League. He received many threats. One was they'd burn his Lumber Company down.

Later in 1931 the Lumber Company was burned when his sons Arias and Volney was running it. Small children was playing with matches up against the Lumber Yard fence. Another Lumber Co. next to our (Volker) burned also.

On Sept. 11, 1912 he received a Diploma from American Correspondence School of Law.

Four sons and two daughters were called on missions and served two missions himself. The last one was a short term mission in 1926.

He had superb control of his temper. He didn't punish his children in anger. It may be two or three days later. He kept us in suspense, knowing chastisement would come.

Mother would just spank us and get it over with.

While I, Jewel, was a small youngster I asked for the sugar at one meal. Father thought I'd had enough. So I got down and went to the pantry to get more. Father came in and got hold of my ear and lead me to the table. He never said a word.

He was a strict father so we knew we should mind when he spoke

He chopped down a big tree and it brought on a stroke. He was age eighty and a half when he died Sept. 18, 1938.

Many came to us, his children and told us of countless numbers of time about how they went straight because of Fathers teachings. He also helped many members with money and other problems,

He lead a full and busy life.

He was buried in the Ogden City Cemetery.

Jewel B. Furniss
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