

Salt Lake City, Utah

December 4, 1970

To Whom it May Concern,

This is to certify that my great grandmother, Marth McBride Knight, was the wife of Vinson Knight, who was called by revelation ( ) to preside over the Bishopric for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She came to the Great Salt Lake valley in Sept 17, 1850 with her daughter, Adaline Knight Belnap, her son in law, Gilbert Belnap, and their son, Gilbert R. Belnap. Grandmother Belnap's family had the understanding from great grandmother Knight that Vinson Knight had served in this capacity for some time preceeding his death. When Martha Knight left Nauvoo, she brought with her precious things which her husband had told her to take special care of until they were called for. Her son in law, Gilbert Belnap, a wheelright by trade, had made for her a wooden chest which had a lock and key which served to secure these precious things. Her family knew that things of value to her were in this chest, but had no knowledge of all the specific contents.

For years before her death, she lived in Hooper, Utah in the home of her daughter and son in law. They had built an extra room especially for her.

Whenever our family went to see Grandmother Belnap, we always went up <sup>Grandmother Knight's room</sup> the 2 or 3 steps to her room to visit Grandmother Knight and her her stories <sup>Kirtland</sup> of Nauvoo and crossing the plains. She died on Nov. 28, 1901.

Some time after her death, my father, Hyrum Belnap, was invited by his Mother to examine the contents of Grandmother Knight's special chest. My father had served as assessor and collector of Weber County and was well informed on information regarding real estate. When he examined the papers,



Vinson Knight's possession of property deeds of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints is evidence of his church responsibility at the time of his ~~death~~ sudden death July 3, 1842.

The accompanying photo of the Girls' Basketball Team with the date on the Basket Ball coincides with the date the office of the church received the deeds.

Respectfully,

Marion A. Belnap Kerr

(Mrs. Walter A. Kerr)