

Statement made by Mary H. Lowe, May 15, 1941 at the home of Annie Lowe Flitton, Wilson, Utah.

At my brother, Vinson's home, in Ogden, Utah Jan. 31, 1919, my husband, Joseph H. Lowe, my daughters, Jewel and Myrtha and I were talking about incidents in my father (Gilbert Belnap's life). Vinson went over to his desk and got out a clipping from a newspaper, that my mother, Adeline Knight-Belnap had found in my grandmother, Martha McBride-Knight's trunk, that father made out of the wagon box in which she travelled across the Plains, to Utah in 1850. In this trunk were many valuable papers, which no one was permitted to see until after her death on Nov. 20, 1901, when my mother, Adaline, sorted over the papers and distributed them as follows:

To Gilbert all the old photographs father had collected on his genealogical tour in 1874-5 of all his ancestors that he could collect on the Belnap line.

To A.W. Belnap the broadaxe, which was purchased for crossing the Plains and used until his death.

To Myron Belnap, my mother gave my father's journal and some genealogical records and papers pertaining to genealogy for him to continue the research my father started.

To Joseph Belnap she gave the proclamation, published in Kirtland, with the printed signatures of Edward Partridge as bishop and Vinson Knight and Shadrach Bondy as counselors to him. Joseph framed it and it hung on his wall for some time. It was yellow with age, and about the size of the present letter head.

To Vinson Belnap an old book, called "The Serr", which was published in England, other copies of which were recalled by the Church, but father failed to return his, as he said "There are too many truths in that book," also a clipping from a newspaper, naming Gilbert Belnap, my father, as one of the body guards of Joseph Smith.

Statement arranged by Flora Belnap