

OUR ANNUAL REPORT, which I try to carry in the December issue each year, is one of the best yet, I believe. Each time I tell you what a wonderful and fulfilling year it has been, how so many "new cousins" have been located and new files started, and the progress of the new genealogy book.

Really, this time it will be no different. However, I do believe this HAS been one of the most fruitful of all years since we first began trying to gather new data on the family. Countless new files have been opened; many new subscribers to the newsletter have been realized; MANY new cousins have been met (due to my vacation during the summer); the computer has almost been paid for; and the book has been completed.

As in the past though, I want to emphasize, without the cooperation of each of you, we would not have been able to accomplish as much as has been done. This is a good example of "teamwork" - everyone pulling together toward one goal. All I can do is say **Thanks** for all your help and ask for your continued support and help during the coming year.

Also, Pat and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very special **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**, and hope each a prosperous and healthy year ahead.

THE NEW GENEALOGY IS FINISHED... I had hoped to have the new book ready for delivery by Christmas, but I never realized so much new material would come in for inclusion. However, the final typing has been done and work has begun on the indexing. So far it looks as if the book will contain over 900 pages as 826 pages of typed text are finished.

There will be a ONETIME printing and a deadline for ordering will be set. ALL orders **must** be in by that deadline or the order **will be returned**. I wish I could personally afford to order many extra copies of the book and have them on hand for random orders, but the high cost of today's printing prevents me from doing so. As a result **only those orders received by the deadline will be filled**.

See the attached sheet detailing the cost and ordering procedures.

***** ROBERT L. MCBRAYER MAKES REPORT ***** Robert Lewis McBrayer, Lincoln Park, Mich., sends the following information on his family. Daughter, NATALIE, graduated in August with a degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University. Daughter, PATRICIA, a senior at Gabriel Richard High School, has been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. She plans to study architecture wherever she decides to go. She is following her brother, STEVE, in his chosen field of study. Steve is now residing in Tucson, Az., while waiting to go to University of Az. He is a kitchen manager at Carlos Murphy's Rest. in Tucson.

As for 'daddy'--- I will receive my 25 year watch award from BASF Wyandotte on the 5th of October even though I have changed jobs. I still am an employee of BASF, but am now with a different subsidiary, American EMB, a supplier of polyurethane foam, as sales manager. We have a very small company here - only 9 people, 4 of whom are German Nationals. To prepare for the job I spent Feb., Mar., and Ap-

ril in Germany at the parent Co. Elastogran Maschinenban GmbH just south of Munich. Betty joined me for the last month.

Bob is also still active in the Naval Reserve, holding the rank of Captain and commanding the Intelligence Volunteer Training Unit 114 for the second year.

-thanks to Bob for sharing the info with us -

***** CONKLIN DISTRIBUTORS NAMED ***** NEAL and JUDY MCBRAYER SPARKS, Maryville, Tn., have been named the new Conklin Distributors for the Maryville area. Conklin supplies a large variety of industrial products. Neal is also the owner of Spark's Body Shop in Maryville.

***** GERMAN TRIP TAKEN ***** NAOMI MCBRAYER SHEAFFER and her husband, BILL, have just returned from southern Germany, where he has been working for eight months, developing a new product to be introduced in America's computer industry. They traveled through the Black Forest, Switzerland, and France. They are now back home in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, after moving from Pennsylvania.

***** PROMOTION GRANTED ***** U.S. Air Force Captain Roy Nelson McBrayer has recently been notified he has been selected for promotion to the grade of Major. He will be pinning on the new leaves next summer. He has also received the second Oak Leaf cluster for his Meritorious Service. Roy and Connie are presently stationed at Columbus AFB, Ms. Congratulations Roy!!

***** HOSPITAL NEWS ***** IRMA S. MCBRAYER, widow of the late Walter R. McBrayer, has been admitted to a nursing home in Glendale, Az. It is reported she is on constant oxygen and unable to care for herself. (We need some of that McBrayer compassion right now. I'm sure your cards and letters will help cheer her up.)

VELMA CLARA MCBRAYER ROBERTSON, daughter of the late Henry Walton McBrayer, fell at her home in Mangum, Ok., back in Aug. Though her hip was broken, head injuries sustained, and badly bruised, she is now getting around with the aid of walker and is making steady progress toward a slow recovery. Velma, 90 years young, lives with her daughter, Inez Robertson, at 814 N. Okla., Mangum, Okla., 73554.

TROY WAYNE MCBRAYER and his mother, OPAL, Ft. Payne, Ala., were involved in an auto accident some months back. Troy suffered a broken neck and was just recently allowed to remove his braces. Opal sustained a broken arm. Both were badly shaken and bruised. At last report both were recovering quite well. Their address is 1019 Williams Ave, NE, Ft. Payne, Ala., 35967.

MAJOR BARNES MCBRAYER is in the hospital in Phoenix, Az. He would most certainly appreciate your cards and letters. His address is: 1823 N. 40th St., Sp. 8, Phoenix, Az., 85008.

BARBARA MCBRAYER BARTELLS, Lake Worth, Fla., fell Aug 15 and suffered a broken arm, twisted fingers, a scraped knee and a fractured skull. She reports she will be on "sick leave" for about two months. Barbara's address is: 4236 S. Lander Dr., Lake Worth, Fla., 33463. Barbara also reports that her daughter, **LINDA PROFFITT**, underwent emergency surgery a couple months ago for removal of a growth on her parotid gland. Fortunately it was diagnosed as non-malignant and she is recuperating well.

SKIP MCBRAYER, wife of James David McBrayer, Atlanta, Ga., underwent surgery on July 1, 1982, for "a football knee" - so reports J.D. She is slowly recovering. Their address is: 720 Carriage Dr., NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30328.

There have been several instances of injuries and illnesses during the past year that have gone **unannounced**. We were not informed so could not include it in our newsletter. If you know of "shut-ins", hospitalizations for illness or injury, etc., let us know. Cards and letters of cheer can sometimes do wonders, but they can't be sent if no one knows.

***** I GOOOOFED !!!!! ***** Concerned on being able to promote an understanding of the new mailing label system in the last issue of ID, I concentrated heavily on writing an explanation in hopes there would be no confusion as to the expiration dates of your subscription. So involved was I that I COMPLETELY FORGOT to remind you of the renewal rates. I apologize !!!

The ID subscription rates have remained the same - **\$4 per year**. Should an increase be necessary in the future, I will advise you through the newsletter. Hopefully, that won't be necessary for a while. Even though the cost of our materials and supplies have increased I am still trying to hold the rates down.

Again, I apologize. For those of you who renewed by sending more than the \$4 I will apply the excess to the subscription and extend it by the additional amount. Some of you stated you wanted the extra to go toward the computer fund. You will find your names listed as contributors later on. Thanks.

***** CORRECTION - CORRECTION ***** In the last issue of ID we listed the marriage of **CHARLOTTE DARLENE MCBRAYER** (page 10 - Sept ID) as being June 18, 1982. The correct date should have been June 18, 1977. Darlene is the daughter of R.L. "Bud" McBrayer of Fairview, N.C.

***** DEATHS LISTED ***** **MRS. BEATRICE LOUISE BRIER COVERT**, (Fernando Brier, Benjamin Brier, Isaac Brier, David McBrayer/Brier, William McBrayer) 82, of Westmister Village, died Tuesday (Aug 3, 1982) in the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

She was born at Montmorenci, Ind., and was reared in West Lafayette where she graduated from high school. She also graduated from Purdue University and taught school at Riley High and Central High in South Bend a number of years. She lived at South Bend for 28 years,

returning to this area in 1975.

Her marriage was in 1931, in Lafayette, to **William C. Covert**. He was a South Bend schoolteacher and preceeded her in death in 1975.

Mrs. Covert was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church of West Lafayette and the Art Club and Garden Club, both of Sebring, Fla.

Surviving are two daughters, **Mrs. Manuel (Carolyn) Silva** of Austin, Tx., and **Mrs. Rodney (Patricia) Helvig** of Denver, Colo.; a son, **John Covert** of Siera Vista, Az.; one sister, **Mrs. Janet Cooley** of Indianapolis, Ind.; and a brother, **Gleason L. Brier** of Pittsburg. -obit from Journal and Courier, Lafayette, Ind., Thurs., Aug 5, 1982 - submitted by Gleason Brier.

***** NAVY SERVICE NOTED ***** Both sons of **Carlton Mack** and **Karon Ann McBrayer Wood** are presently serving in the U.S. Navy. **Dennis** has been in for two years and is now in the Submarine Division, while his younger brother, **David**, who just finished high school in May, joined shortly after graduation. Both boys are the grandsons of Major Barnes and Mae McBrayer of Pheonix, Az.

***** DEATH LISTED ***** MOREHEAD, KY. --- **Mrs. Smatha Susan Slusher McBrayer** (affectionately known as "Aunt Suzie"), 97, widow of **William Edmund McBrayer**, died Tuesday, Aug 31, 1982.

A native of Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late **Joseph and Mindy Mays Slusher**.

Mrs. McBrayer was a member of the United Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, **Harve McBrayer**, Morehead; three daughters, **Myrtie Conn**, Morehead; **Martha Lambert**, Clearfield, and **Ida Mae Petitt**, Wabash, Ind.

A half-sister, **Rachel Thornberry**, Morehead; 24 grandchildren; 66 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

Service were held on 3 Sept. 1982, at the Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with the Rev. **Scott Griffith** officiating. Burial was in the **McBrayer** family cemetery (near Elliottsville, Rowan Co., Ky.).

Pallbearers were **Donald McBrayer**, **Larry Terry**, **John McBrayer**, **Cyril Conn**, **Gordon Lambert** and **Mike Lambert**.

(ed note: Pat and I were fortunate in meeting "Aunt Suzie" in Ky. in 1980. She was a very delightful person and will be missed by all. She was very ill during this year's family gathering and was noticably absent.)(data from the Morehead, Ky., News, submitted by **George McBrayer**, St. Albans, W.Va.)

***** REUNION REPORTED ***** **Andrew N. "Bill" McBrayer** sends us this report. "Our family had their annual reunion at Fin and Feather Resort the first weekend in August. There were fifty of us there and had a wonderful time."

***** GRADUATE HONORED ***** **Kevin Wayne Chapman**, the eldest son of **Sherman Wayne and Hildreth Marie McBrayer Chapman** and grandson of **James Earl McBrayer**, Morehead, Ky., graduated during the summer of

1982 from the School of Engineering, University of South Florida at Tampa. He received highest honors with his degree in Electrical Engineering.

***** FOREVER SWEETHEARTS ***** (from a special edition of a Charleston, W.Va., newspaper, 14 Feb 1982.) **Helen McBrayer** explained why her marriage to **Harold McBrayer** has lasted 50 years. "You take a vow and you love someone and you stay married. Maybe we're a good example for other people. There was never any divorce in my family, but there was in Harold's. Yet, his parents were married 75 years. I'm a traditional Catholic. Maybe that has something to do with it. I can't say we never had any problems. We did. Everyone does, but for us there was never anything serious. I certainly would never condone mistreatment."

"Caring and loving - those are the important things. You have your ups and downs, but you just go through it. I suppose the most thoughtful thing he ever did was join the Catholic Church. I may have felt that he did that for me, but really he had his own reasons."

"We have worked together and stayed together. It's loving and caring that matters and remembering some of the little things and forgetting others," she said.

They met 52 years ago when Mrs. McBrayer worked in a hairdresser's shop owned by the man who was to become her father-in-law. They have worked together ever since. They opened Harold's Hairdressers in Kanawha City 42 years ago, coincidentally, on his parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

McBrayer believes togetherness is important in a marriage. "And touch," he said. "It is so important for couples to touch. You see dating couples sitting close to one another in a car. Then you see married couples and they sit as far apart as the car seat will allow."

"Some people will say marriage is a 50-50 proposition. I don't think that's true in any marriage. When you get two people together, one is going to be the more dominant character. Being easy to get along with one another is the most important thing. Helen has a good outlook. She gets up in the morning in a good mood and is always easy to get along with, and she says I'm not too bad either," he said.

***** AWARD RECEIVED ***** **Cleveland Co., N.C.** --- **Bulldog Club Board of Director Mrs. L.W. Short** was honored May 11, 1982, by the Bulldog Club by being named as Bulldog of the Year. The award was presented by Bulldog Club president Frank Beam in front of an audience of 400 people at the Gardner-Webb College annual sports banquet.

The Bulldog of the Year Award is given each year to a Bulldog Club Director that has contributed outstanding service to the Gardner-Webb athletic program.

Mrs. Short is completing her third year as a Bulldog Club Board of Director and she was totally surprised when her name was announced as the recipient. "I had no idea that I would be named Bulldog of the Year and this is a very big honor for me," stated Mrs. Short. "I am very proud and happy to be considered a part of the Bulldog athletic program here at Gardner-Webb College."

Mrs. Short is associated in business with her husband, Mr. L.W. Short, as secretary to Shoco, Inc. and Short's Boat and Motor Service. She has two sons and they are Dale of Shelby and Jerry of Norfolk, Va.

***** HELP NEEDED ***** Time and again, during my research, I have come across information on individuals for whom I have no file or any other information. Also I have received quite a number of letters and bits of information from others who are contributing to the files which often contain names, events, and dates for which I have no connection. Listed below are a few of those. Maybe some of you will recognize a name of a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or other relative, and can help us connect them into the family. BE SURE TO SAVE THIS INFORMATION AS IT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW BOOK....

(From Fay Bryant-located in Carter Co., Grayson, Ky.)

John N. McBrayer, m Ruth Hall - 6 Jun 1864

Esther McBrayer, m Jasper Gilliam - 1857

(From Dee Merritt-located Daviess Co., Mo.)

Matilda McBrayer, m George Henderson - 29 Dec 1859 - Gallatin, Mo.

Henry J. McBrayer, m Mary McAfee - 4 Apr 1867

Ellen McBrayer, m Wm J. Lumpkins - 11 Mar 1867

Dortha E. McBrayer, m Givens McFee - 25 Spr 1886

Sarah E. McBrayer, m James Dunham - 21 Sept 1884

Wm. G. McBrayer, m Helis Worley - 7 Mar 1891

(from Fay Bryant - located in McDowell Co., W.V.)

Edna McBrayer, m David F. Meyers - 1909

Ersel McBrayer, d of Influenza - 17 years old - 25 Nov 1918

Mike (or Miki) McBrayer, d 26 Aug 1912 (1 yr, 2d),

Hartwell E. McBrayer, d from measles complication - 22 Aug 1914

(family files)

Rosanna McBryer, m Robert Patterson in the 3rd Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pa. 20 Nov 1788

James McBrear, m Rose Taylor in Pa. 27 Jan 1786

(from the files of Gleason Brier, Pittsburg, Pa.)

1840 census Cass Co., Ill.

James Brier a 40-50

2 m, a 20-30; 3 m a 10-20

1 f, a 40-50; 2 f a 10-20, 1 f a 5-10

1850 census, Cass Co., Ill.

#232, p 36

James Briar a 25 b Pa

Diana a 22 Tn

Mary J. a 4 Il

Harriet a 2 Il

#241, p 36
 Joseph Briar a 26 b Pa
 Mary A. a 20 England
 Martha J. a 2 Il

#240, p 36
 Mary Brier a 54 b Ireland (widow of James - 1940)
 Wm a 24 ND (Maryland ?)
 Charles a 22 Pa.
 Elizabeth a 19 Pa.
 Eleanor a 18 Pa.

***** 2ND RETIREMENT PENDING ***** Col. James David McBrayer, Atlanta, Ga., is planning his 2nd retirement for the 1st of July 1983, this time from his college teaching and others chores. He is a retired Col. from the U.S. Marine Corp. He and his lovely wife, "Skip", are planning on a final move to Charleston, S.C., "to the Ocean", where he "hopes to have time for the many things I want to do". Our congratulations and best wishes, J.D. and Skip.

***** TIDBITS ***** Reports George W. McBrayer, St. Albans, W.Va.; "My granddaughter, Dawn (McBrayer Robertson), Annapolis, Md., has legally changed her name from Robertson to McBrayer...the family grows!"

***** FUNERAL SERVICES HELD ***** Funeral services for Mrs. Leslie H. McBrayer, Shelby, N.C., were held Sunday, Sept. 3, 1982 in the First Baptist Church, Shelby. She died in the Cleveland County Memorial Hospital on Sept. the 1st.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late W.G. and Mary Ann Whitworth Hord McBrayer, and she was married to the late Elisha McBrayer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she belonged to the T.E.L. Sunday school class and the Bertha Smith Mission Action Circle.

Surviving are two sons, Fred McBrayer of Shelby and Bill McBrayer of Lake Wylie, S.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Dub (Mary Ann) Kiser and Mrs. Hays (Doris) Bennett of Shelby; one brother, R.D. Hord of Shelby; two sisters, Mrs. John Wotring of Falls Church, Va., and Mrs. Mary Lou Nivens of Albemarle; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Cleveland Memorial Park.
 (submitted by Susan McBrayer)

(ed note: Mrs. McBrayer attended the Forest City, N.C., reunion this year in Aug., and was credited as being the oldest person in attendance. We are happy, indeed, that she was able to attend and that we were able to meet her even though for a brief moment. She will be missed.)

***** REUNION HELD ***** Susan McBrayer, Shelby, N.C., reports that she attended another small family reunion on August 28th, 1982. "It was at a restaurant in Mooresboro, near the Sandy Run Creek, not far from

the old (David McBrayer) homeplace. About 35 people attended and Margaret McGraw presided. These were the descendents of John E. and Margaret McBrayer, a grandson of David and Delia Webb McBrayer. The youngest one in attendance was 9-month-old Laura Anne McBrayer of Greensboro and the oldest was 66-year-young Bill Broadway of Asheville.

***** MARRIAGE VOWS SAID ***** Mrs. Claude B. McBrayer, Jr., Anniston, Ala., reports that both her sons were married in the past few months. David Bradford McBrayer was married to Marcia Kay Ford on May 15, 1982, in Anniston, Ala. Brian Franklin McBrayer was married to Diedri Ellen Cain on August 7, 1982, in Anniston. They are the sons of the late Claude B. McBrayer, Jr. Our hearty congratulations to both newly-wed couples and to the new mother-in-law.

***** NEW ARRIVAL ***** Breanne Dawn Lovelace, the new daughter of Ron and Ann Bailey Lovelace, was born 29 Jan, 1982. She is the granddaughter of Durwood and Roma Lee Presley Bailey and the great granddaughter of Chester Carol Presley and the late Willie Beason McBrayer (dau of Henry W. McBrayer) Presley. This gives Roma Lee and Durwood five grandchildren. Our congratulations.

***** 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED ***** The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Roundy held an open house in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents on Saturday, 11 Sept 1982. The event was held in the parents home in Torrance, Ca. Joyce Roundy is the daughter of the late Henry Willard and Evelyn McBrayer. Congratulations Dick and Joyce. May you have another happy 25, and another, and ...! (Thanks for the invitation to attend. We thought about you on the day. Carl)

***** KERNERSVILLE MAN PRESENTED AWARD IN PUBLIC HEALTH ***** ... David Y. McBrayer of Kernersville (N.C.) was recently presented the Watson S. Rankin Award by the N.C. Public Health Assn. The award is presented to an individual for notable service to public health in the state over a period of years.

McBrayer is a district sanitarian with the sanitation branch of the N.C. Division of Health Services. He works out of the north central regional office in Winston-Salem, which serves nine counties. He coordinates environmental health services affecting over one million people and more than 70 local public health sanitarians.

McBrayer conducted the first annual food service training school for personnel in state prison units and state institutions in his district. He is also regional coordinator for the states's environmental health services. (submitted by Susan McBrayer) (David is the son of E. Yates McBrayer of Mooresboro, N.C.)

***** CALIFORNIANS VISIT*****, DURWOOD and ROMA LEE PRESLEY BAILEY, Porterville, Ca., recently returned for a visit to Okla. Intermediate stops were made in Phoenix, Az., where they visited with her uncle

and aunt, Major Barnes and Anna Mae McBrayer. While they were there they also visited with another uncle and aunt, Lewis Gibson and Verda Starr McBrayer, Bakersville, Ca., who were also on a visit to Phoenix. They then went to Ft. Worth, Tx., to spend several days with her brother, Chester Carol Presley and family. From there they went to Mangum, Okla., where they spent several days visiting with her aunt, Velma Robertson, and many cousins and life-long friends. They began their return trip home on Sunday, 24 Oct.

L.G. and Verda visited for a time in Phoenix; from there to Okla. to visit friends and relatives, before returning to Ca. on the 22nd of Oct.

*** MAY ROBERTS PLANS VISIT *** May "McBair" Roberts, Dumfries, Scotland, plans to arrive in America during the first week in December for a month-long visit to various McBrayer/Brier family members around the U.S. and to attend the wedding of her daughter, Susan. Her proposed schedule centers around visits with Dr. Ben and Helene McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla., Carl and Pat McBrayer, Midwest City, Ok., and Chuck and Philell McBrayer, Tulsa, Ok

From Oklahoma she will travel to Hereford, Texas, for the marriage of her daughter, Linda. (see following article) From Hereford she will travel to California where she will spend the Christmas holidays with a long-time friend, Ethel Brier Koller.

Her return to Scotland will be around the last of Dec.

A complete schedule of her trip is not known at this time, but if you would like to visit with May while she may be near you, call Carl McBrayer, 1-405-732-1757, about the 5th or 6th of Dec. I should by this time know exactly where she will be and when.

We wish May an enjoyable trip and hope some of you will take the opportunity to visit with her while she is here.

*** WEDDING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED *** Lynda Julie Roberts, daughter of May McBair Roberts, will be married in ceremonies at the Central Church of Christ in Hereford, Texas, on Saturday morning at 11 a.m., December 18, 1982, to Kevin Jay Glenn. Dr. Benjamin E. McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla., representing the Roberts family, will give the bride away. For well-wishers contact Lynda at: 218 Fir, Hereford, Tx., 79045.

(Our congratulations to both Lynda and Kevin and may you have a long and happy life together.)

* * * I M P O R T A N T * * *

Check your address label on this mailing for you ID subscription expiration date. A code of 082-12 indicates this is the last issue you will receive. Now is the time to renew!!!! Renewal rate is \$4 per year.

*** COMPUTER FUND CONTINUES TO GROW *** The computer fund continues to grow and soon it will belong to the family genealogy association. Since our last newsletter many have contributed toward the

fund. Those are listed below. With these added donations a total of \$1,746.57 has so far been contributed. This leaves a balance of only \$815.99.

Our sincere and combined thanks to each of those listed below for their help.

- Ron McBrair, Oshkosh, Wisc.
- Eugene Doyal, Ga.
- Joe Doyal, Ga.
- Thomas and Mayme McBrayer, Lorena, Tx.
- A.N. and Evelyn McBrayer, Bartlesville, Ok.
- C.C. Presley Family, Ft. Worth, Tx.
- Dorothy Sloan Anthony, Oh.
- Homer W. McBrayer Family, W.Va.
- Barbara and Grant Bartells, Fla.
- Major Barnes and Mae McBrayer, Phoenix, Az.
- Ethel Brier Koller, Berkeley, Ca.
- Bernice Rogers
- Jack and Ruth Dover, N.C.
- Gordon and Edna Railey, Ind. (2nd contribution - entered in the name of Lillie McBrayer Bair)
- John H. McBrayer, Shelby, N.C.
- James D. McBrayer Family, Tn.
- Troy McBrayer Family, Ft. Worth, Tx.
- Amy J. McBrayer Tiller, Tx.
- Robert L. McBrayer Family
- Beth Heiss, S.C.
- G.W. McBrayer, St. Albans, W.Va.
- L.G. and Verda McBrayer, Ca.
- Velma and Inez Robertson, Mangum, Ok.
- Joyce Roundy and Family, Ca.
- Ben and Helene McBrayer, Fla.

*** REPORT OF THE MCBRAYER COUSINS REUNION *** The descendents of Peter Paul and Mary Frances (Fanny Cooper) McBrayer held its tenth reunion in the Gold Room of the Carrollton Federal Savings Bank in Villa Rica, Ga., on October 3, 1982, with 49 present.

Each family brought a well-filled basket and a picnic lunch was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Jane Wynn Robinson presided over a short business session following the lunch. The date for next year's reunion was changed to the second Sunday in October as the first Sunday conflicted with the new year in the Baptist churches.

At a previous reunion it was discussed to purchase the church and property of the Friendship Primitive Baptist out from Dallas, Ga., where Peter Paul and Fanny McBrayer are buried in the adjoining cemetery. Inquiries were made and Tom Sanders reported that there were still three living members of the church and upon their deaths, the church and property will be deeded to the Cemetery Committee of the church to do with as it sees fit at the time.

There have been no deaths nor weddings since the last reunion. There were three births reported.

A roll call was taken by families and this was the first year in the history of the reunion that every family had a representative. The McBrayer-Leathers reunion was announced for the third Sunday in July of 1983 at the First Baptist Church in Draketown, Ga. -submitted by Mildred McBrayer Howell, secretary-

TIDBITS Thanks to Audrey Willoughby Herrel for the autographed copy of her book of poems "Rhymes for Thought or Fun from Herrell Hill". This shall be a cherished addition to the family mementos.

*** 2ND ANNUAL "MACBRAIR" TOUR TO SCOTLAND PLANNED *** Plan now to join members of the "MacBrair" family in a tour to our ancestral area of Scotland. The second annual tour is scheduled to leave May 27th, 1983, with arrival at Prestwick Airport, Scotland, on May 28th, where our own private charter motor coach will transport you to Lochmaben, Dumfries, Scotland, which will be headquarters for the tour. All arrangements in Scotland are under the direct supervision of May "Mac-Brair" Roberts, who has the planning itinerary well under way.

Brochures describing the tour are being prepared and will be sent to you upon request. These will include a condensed version of the tour events, accommodations, and suggested travel arrangements. Group fare rates have been arranged from New York to Prestwick so we can give you details on this. We plan to operate with a minimum registration of 24 and a maximum of 34, so it is essential we have a response soon and registration by March 1 at the latest. For further information write to: Dr. Ben McBrayer, Rt 2, Box 211B5, Dunnellon, Fla., 32630. phone: 1-904-489-2881. Thank you! And Plan Now!!!

-Dr. Ben McBrayer-

We have more information in the 'hold basket' which was designated for this issue of ID, but I think we will save that for next time in order to make mail room for the enclosed flyer letter everyone has been waiting for, the announcement of the availability and cost of the new McBrayer Genealogy. Be sure to pass the word around about it. I have sent out hundreds of additional letters about it, but I'm sure I can not reach everyone who might be interested. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL ORDERS BE RETURNED WITH AN ORDER BLANK, so pass your extra ones around. So until next issue...MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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After YEARS of research, compiling and editing the NEW MCBRAYER GENEALOGY, HISTORY and LINAGE BOOK has been completed.

This is not an "address book" under the guise of a genealogical listing as has been recently advertised by some so-called researchers. This is a true lineage of the McBrayer Family in America - lining from the first three McBrayer brothers in 1735-36 to the present.

As many as twelve generations are covered in some lines - sons, daughters and their descendents.

This is a true family collectors treasure. It contains many pages of documented information on the ancient Scottish history of the MacBrairs; one section is devoted to Irish records; while other sections are devoted to the McBrayers in particular and to the Brier line of the family. Still another section covers recently obtained information on the MacBrairs of Tweedhills and Broadmeadows (Scotland) living in America.

This is a commercially printed, 8 1/2" X 11", hard back book with almost 1000 pages, is fully indexed with approximately 15000 names and sells for \$50 per copy, postage and handling paid.

This is surely a treasure for all McBrayers, Briers, and MacBrairs.

A LIMITED, ONE-TIME PRINTING WILL BE MADE on this volume of the family history. The press date has been set for February 1, 1983, with delivery in early March. NO OTHER PRINTING is planned, so in order to insure yourself and relatives a copy, order now.

To reserve your copy please observe the following instructions:

1. Use ONLY ONE (1) order blank for each book ordered. (ex: 1 book-1 blank, 2 books-2 blanks, etc.) Several blanks have been provided. Those you do not need pass along to other family members. If you do not have enough blanks zeroxed copies will be acceptable.
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