

Bonus Issue



# In Defiance

THE  
McBRAYER FAMILY  
NEWSLETTER

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## NEW LOOK FOR ID PLANNED

There was no fanfare - no earthshattering announcement. The year was 1979 and the event was the birth of "IN DEFIANCE" - the McBrayer family newsletter.

IN THE BEGINNING... In 1978 it was noted that no method or manner of communication was available in which other members of the family could be informed of current happenings within our kinship circle. Something must be done.

Why not have a newsletter dedicated of, by and for the family. Some serious thought was given to the prospect. Individual, lengthy letters would be time consuming and costly. Personal telephone calls were out of the question. The only other alternative apparently was a family publi-

cation of some sort.

This was something that could be a group project and to make it so, others should have a voice in it. Numerous letters were written; telephone calls made. Ideas were requested from anyone interested. What about a family - oriented newsletter published on some given dates throughout the year.

It wasn't long before responses began pouring in. Favoritism for the project was overwhelming. Suggestions of a printing schedule varied from weekly to quarterly. Rates were proposed in numerous degrees.

After reading each reply and then sifting through all the ideas and proposals and settling on the consensus of the majority, a definite decision to proceed with the publication was made. It would be a quarterly,

and it would be called, appropriately, "IN DEFIANCE", our family motto. Subscription rates were initially set for \$2.50.

Thus was born ID.

Within a year of the preliminary issue the subscription list had grown from less than 50 to almost 200. We were now reaching into homes in almost every state of the union.

During the next few months the escalating costs of goods and postage caught up with us and we were forced to increase the subscription dues to \$4..

Through it all we were never able to greatly enhance the quality of the publication. We were locked into a mimeographed system. No pictures, no photos, no frills!!!

Several bids were received for commercial printing, but each of those was re-

jected as to costly on our limited budget. We simply could not afford it and maintain an acceptable subscription level.

The newsletter was continued, however. We were doing the best we could with our limited resources. We had nothing fancy, but we did have a means of bringing the family closer together.

Current news was now a reality. Events were brought to the attention of everyone. ID was sustained.

NOW WE COME TO THE PRESENT... "I.D.'s" coverage still continues to grow. With each new subscription we reach into a new home and family, and with each family or individual comes the possibility of more information for our preservable history.

The new-found prospect of gaining new information for the files of our family heritage is overwhelming. It's the chance we can't turn our back on. Now that we have the momentum and are definitely on the grow, I feel that this is the perfect time to take into consideration those much-neglected enhancements that could provide us the key with which we could unlock much new historical data. We must improve; we must make even more new contacts. To do so we must improve.

Here is the proposal!!! A printing company has been located that can produce a top-quality publication at approximately one-half the bids previously received. Not only would we be able to provide a more easily read newsletter, but pictures and old photos could also be included. A new format would also be used. Instead of the normal full-page line format, a new 3-column, fully justified system will be used.

This issue of ID is an example of the new proposed publication. Although no photos are included this time (in order to reduce the cost), they can and would be added in future issues.

BUT...as with any improvement, regardless of nature, there must come increases. Though not much, the proposed enhancements will necessitate a small increase in subscription rates. This increase, I feel, will be completely offset by the new format, pictures, and photos. It will be more than worth it, and the rise will amount to only \$2 per year - bringing the total subscription to \$6.

Also, a small portion of the new rates would be set aside for an advertising budget. Ads will be placed in at least two genealogical magazines in or-

der to call attention to the availability of "In Defiance" and the files of information we are so desperately striving to preserve. One publication, "The Genealogical Helper", reaches over 1.5 million readers every two months. What possibilities!! Just think!!

I personally think these changes are necessary if we ever hope to fully succeed in the preservation of our family history and heritage, but now I again need your ideas, suggestions, and support. I can't do it alone.

Do you want to see these changes in your family newsletter? Would you like to see the coverage increased? What do you think of the proposed format and the possibilities of old photos and pictures? Would you support a \$2 increase in subscription rates if we can go with this? Would you support the family news with items written by you - under your byline - about your particular line? Would you support advertising the newsletter and our endeavors in a national publication?

I want to point out that should it be decided to proceed with the proposals, the rates would not increase UNTIL your next renewal date. You would be informed and reminded at that time.

Any new subscription, however, would be at the new rate of \$6 per year.

This issue of ID, in order to make you aware of the new proposals and because we had to publish the March 1983 issue quite early and feel each of you deserve a little something extra, is being done in the new format, commercially printed, and is mailed at my personal expense. This is a bonus issue.

I would like to hear from you. Your opinions are important; will be a deciding factor as to whether we proceed or not. Let me hear from you.

Carl.....

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SENIOR HONORED WITH TWO AWARDS

A Maryville (Tn.) High School student was recently presented with two awards of superior achievement in academic endeavors.

WILLIAM NEAL MCBRAYER, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McBrayer, Maryville, was first presented a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation due to his placement among the top 51,000 participants in the 27th Annual National Merit Scholarship competition.

Neal scored slightly below the 15,000 semifinalists announced Sept. 16th, but well above most of the 1.2 million high school students who took the qualifying test last year to enter the current competition. Only the semi-finalists remain in competition.

His second honor came when he was named the top Century 3 Leader in his school by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Neal is president of the National Honor Society and a member of Mu Alpha Theta (mathematics society), Key Club and the Senior Planning Committee.

He is eligible to compete with other local winners from around the state for one of two \$1,500 scholarships and an all-expense-paid trip to the national Century 3 Leaders Conference at Williamsburg, Va., in March (1983).

State winners will compete for the national winner's prize of an additional \$10,000 scholarship.

The Century 3 Leaders program is designed to bring together and recognize student leaders who show both strong leadership abilities and an interest in the future of America. McBrayer was selected on the basis of leadership skills,

school and community involvement, and a current events examination.

He also wrote a short essay on a particular issue which challenges America in its third century.

-Judy McBrayer Sparks, Maryville, Tn.-

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WEDDING ANNOUNCED

TERESA DIANE MCBRAYER was wed to STEPHEN KELLY HOARD on August 6, 1982, in an outdoor ceremony at the home of the groom's parents in Maryville, Tn. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James McBrayer and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watson, both of Maryville. Teresa is a graduate of William Blount High School and is employed by Winn-Dixie of Maryville. Stephen is a graduate of Heritage High School and is employed in the meat department at Winn-Dixie of Alcoa, Tn.

-Judy McBrayer Sparks-

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BASIC TRAINING BEGUN

JACK MCBRAYER, the son of Carl and Pat McBrayer, of Midwest City, Ok., departed 7 March 1983 for approximately four months of army basic and advanced infantry training.

Jack, assigned to the 45th Brigade of the Oklahoma National

Guard, was processed at Ft. Jackson, S.C., before being assigned to a training unit at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He will return to his state unit sometime in July, with plans to enroll at Central State University, Edmond, Ok., for the fall term and is hoping to actively participate in the school R.O.T.C. program under a joint waiver with the Ok. National Guard.

Jack is a 1982 graduate of Midwest City, High School.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nelson McBrayer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 5, 1982, at the home of their daughter, Jeane McBrayer Newlin, Maryville, Tn.

J.N. and Bertie Mae Owens were married 31 Aug 1932 at the home of Claude Smith, Justice of the Peace, Maryville.

J.N. and Bertie have three sons and three daughters: Ronald McBrayer, Mooresville, N.C., James McBrayer, Mrs. Joan Jackson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Barbara Collins, and Douglas McBrayer, all of Maryville. The family also includes 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

-Judy McBrayer Sparks-

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BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Stewart Willis and June McBrayer, Corte Madera, Ca., sends us the information on their newest grandchild.

ERIN RACHEL HAZEL, the daughter of Ray and Barbara June McBrayer Hazel, was born 27 Dec 1982 in Ca. She joins a sister, Sara, who was born in 1977. This makes the fifth 'wonderful' grandchild for Stewart and June. Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents.

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WRECK TAKES LIFE OF MISS JACKSON

JANET DIAN JACKSON, daughter of James and Joan McBrayer Jackson, Maryville, Tn., was killed in a fiery auto accident on a Friday, (date not known) 1982, when the car is which she was a passenger went out of control on I-81 about 10 miles south of Morristown, Tn., flipped over the guard rail and landed on the road below the overpass. The car burst into flames on impact. She was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital.

Janet was an active member of the Victory

Baptist Church and was a member of the Victory Singers. She was also active in the church's youth department.

She was a student at Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Va., on a scholarship program.

Survivors include her parents, her twin sister, Julie, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. McBrayer, Maryville.

Funeral services were held (date not known at this time), 1982 with interment in the Grandview Cemetery.

-Judy McBrayer Sparks-

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A COMMENT

When sending newspaper articles about the family-related events, occurrences, etc., please include the DATE AND NEWS PAPER NAME. Many articles received recently have had no dates. These are vital to the accuracy of our family history.

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ALABAMIAN HONORED

Warrior's (Alabama) valedictorian for 1982 was Renae McBrayer, the daughter of Manuel L. and Margaret McBrayer. She is a graduate of Warrior High School.

Renae maintained a

perfect grade point average of 4.0 while following the advanced academic program. She was a member of the Beta Club and had represented the school in two math tournaments.

She was among the top five percent of Jefferson County (Al.) students honored by the University of Alabama Alumni in her Junior year.

Rena has an older brother, Kenneth, and an older sister, Sharon McBrayer Ragsdale. Manuel is the son of Dock and Lizzie McBrayer and the grandson of John and Ara Ridley McBrayer. -Bobby McBrayer, Ful-tondale, Ala.-

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OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN

Members of the Mc-Brayer family have always been sports-minded and have participated on many various scholastic teams. The Tennessee branch of the family is far from being different, as the name McBrayer shows up almost daily in some local newspaper.

Recently a series of newspaper articles was submitted in which the names of Steve McBrayer and Brett McBrayer were mentioned several times for outstanding performances - Brett in football and Steve in

basketball.

The family salutes these young athletes. Keep up the good work.

-data from Judy Mc-Brayer Sparks, Maryville, Tn.-

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LATE NEWS !!!!

Unfortunately, some information does get misplaced and that is exactly what happened to the data concerning the marriage of Deborah Lynn Roundy Morrell to Bret Duff. They were married in early 1982 in Torrance, Ca.

Debbie's mother, Joyce McBrayer Roundy, reports the new couple have moved into her late father's (Henry Willard) house across the street from her in Torrance.

( In Dec . I received a letter from Joyce which brings even more news, and this time I didn't misplace it - just forgot to put it in the last (March) issue of I.D.) SCOTT AARON DUFF, was born to Debbie and Bret on 16 Dec 1982. The newest addition weighed in at 8 lbs - 7 oz. "He's a doll!", exclaims the proud Grandmother. This makes Joyce and Dick grandparents for the fourth time. Joyce is the daughter of the late Henry Willard McBrayer.

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NEW DATA ENTERED

As mentioned in the last issue of ID John McBrayer of Apopka, Fla., the youngest son of Lycurgus McBrayer, was submitting information on his father and descendents for inclusion in the family files. We are pleased to add this data to the records and will present it to everyone in the very near future. Our sincere thanks to John for sharing with us. Also he wants to point out others who were responsible in helping him with the information.

"A very special thanks to my neice, Bessie Boyer, and to my nephew's wife, Nelda. You two made it all possible. Thanks girls!" -John-

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GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER BORN

James Earl McBrayer, Morehead, Ky., is now a full-fledged great-grandpa. David Bowne and Shari McBrayer, the son of Phillip Ray McBrayer, are the proud parents of Melisa Lynn McBrayer. Melisa was born 4 Dec 1982 in Lexington, Ky. "Although I have not seen her - I only have a photo - I know she is a prize winner," says Earl. Congratulations to

all.

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DEATHS NOTED

Barbara Fay Bearre Bryant, the grand-daughter of Margaret Jane "Maggie" McBrayer Bearre, and the great-granddaughter of Hartwell E. McBrayer (Ky line of Ichabod MCB.), sends us the unfortunate news of the death of several of her kin.

JAMES WHITE, the husband of Lydia Jane Bearre, died 29 Sept 1982 in W. Va. He was buried at the Roderfield Cemetery at Roderfield, W.Va. They lived at Davy, W.Va.

DEAN MCCULLY, the husband of Mary Lou Bearre, died 20 Jan 1983. He lived near Detroit, Mich. (Jane and Mary are cousins of Fay.)

Fay's aunt, EDITH MAE "TEADIE" BEARRE SHORT, died Friday, 28 Jan. 1983. She was living at Davy, McDowell Co., W.Va., at the time of her death. She was buried in the Bluewell Cem., Bluewell, W.Va.

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HOW TO IDENTIFY OLD PHOTOS

How often, when looking through an old photo album, have you discovered an old picture(s) that was not identified as to a date? An article found

recently in the Kansas City Star (Ka.) gives the following easy way to date or possibly help in identifying them. First, see if a photography studio is identified. Often, a bit of research from the historical society of the photographer's city will give the dates for the photographer. Then examine the dress styles. The library has many books that will help you date costumes. Also, look at the pose in the picture. Full-length portraits were in style during the 1860s. Head-and-shoulder portraits were popular in the 1870s. Tables, chairs, boulders and other studio props were not used in small American towns until 1885.

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HONEYCUTT GETS AWARD

H. REESE HONEYCUTT, the son of Johnnie Mae McBrayer Ware of Boiling Springs, N.C., a district manager for Social Security in Bowling Green, Ky., has been awarded the Commissiner's Citation by Social Security Commissioner John A. Svahn.

The citation, the highest award given by the Solcial Security Administration, was presented for outstanding performance of official duties.

"Mr. Honeycutt has

done an outstanding job and has excellent working relations with the people down there," said James Brown, press officer for the Social Security Administration in Washington.

Honeycutt was recommended for the award by Gordon Sherman, regional commissioner of Atlanta.

About 100 citations are awarded annually.

Reese and his wife, Elizabeth Elliott Honeycutt, are the parents of 5 daughters and have 2 grandchildren. They presently live in Bowling Green, Ky.

(submitted by Johnnie Mae Ware, Boiling Springs, N.C.)

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ART EXHIBITED

JAMES MCBRAYER, the son of John and Nancy McBrayer, of Shelby, N.C., recently displayed some of his art work at the Cleveland Technical College art gallery in Shelby. His specialty, landscapes in acrylics, were shown.

James, employed by Creative Designs and Co., Shelby, and his wife, Jane Lee McBrayer, are the parents of a three-year-old son, Jason.

("I visited the exhibit and thought it was very good." -Johnnie Mae Ware.)

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23 YEARS SERVICE ENDS  
IN RETIREMENT

MRS. MALLIE LOUISE DAVIS MCBRAYER, was honored by employees of the First National Bank of Shelby, N.C., on 30 Dec. 1982 in a celebration at the main branch of the bank. She officially retired on 31 Dec. after serving 23 years as a teller at the South Branch.

After the refreshments Mrs. McBrayer was presented with a silver tray engraved with the words, "In sincere appreciation of Louise D. McBrayer for outstanding service of twenty-three years at First National Bank."

Fellow workers at the South Branch presented her with an imported diamond-cut crystal flower vase.

The recent retiree lives with her husband, Elisha Fredrick, a bookkeeper for Blanton Cars. The McBrayers owned McBrayer Motors until three years ago. At that time they sold the business, but Mr. McBrayer remained as the bookkeeper.

Louise and Fred have a son, Phillip Davis, who is a planner and inventory specialist at Ciba-Geigy in Greensboro, and a granddaughter, eight-year-old Lori. Their daughter is Patricia Lynn McBrayer, who has

been ordained into the ministry. She presently serves as associate to the music director at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte.

When asked about future plans, she replied that she is interested in taking some courses at Cleveland Technical College. She is considering such courses as crafts, cake decorating, and quilting, among others. She has no immediate plans for travel, but says she would like to spend more time with church work at First Baptist, where she is a member.

Our congratulations to Louise and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.  
-submitted by E. Fred McBrayer-

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A PERSONAL WORD OF  
THANKS

Since becoming involved with the research, collection and compiling our McBrayer Family Heritage, I have come in contact with some of the finest people on earth - my McBrayer Cousins. I have had the opportunity of attending some of the local family reunions around the country. I have visited in the homes of many; visited with others via the mails and the telephone; while still others

have visited with me in my home.

Through it all each contact has been a memorable experience in itself. It is difficult - no, impossible would be a better term - to place any one visit or contact above another in terms of importance and enjoyment. Each means so very much to me.

However, I feel that one such meeting now merits special attention and consideration.

On the weekend of January 29-30, 1983, Pat and I were special guests of some of the Missouri line descendants of Samuel McB. Jr. Brian T. McBrayer, and his wife, Sharon, treated us to an airplane flight to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the annual Kansas City St. Andrews Society's Bobby Burns Dinner and Celebration.

It is difficult to express the pleasure we derived and the enjoyment experienced from the trip. The evening spent at the dinner is unforgettable. The food was marvelous and the entertainment was sensational. It was an evening of Scottish song and dance, prose and poetry, and bagpipe music provided by the K.C. St. Andrews Pipe Band.

The most important element of the evening, though, was the

friendship and hospitality offered by Brian & Sharon; his parents, Harold and Carlotta McBrayer, his brothers, David and Alan, and Alan's wife, Vicki.

To all of you - Pat and I wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for everything and especially to Brian and Sharon for arranging the trip. THANKS!!!!

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COUSIN GOES ON TELEVISION

LUCILLE TREGANOWAN has worn many hats in her life: struggling single parent, student, secretary, mechanic, and finally, successful business owner.

Just when she thought she had found a comfortable niche in life, she found herself taking on a new role: television personality.

Lucille, the owner of a transmission repair shop and gasoline station on Verona Road in Penn Hills, Pa., has been featured on "Daytime", an information-magazine which premiered March 15, 1982, on a new cable channel in the Pittsburgh area.

Thirteen segments entitled "Lucille's Garage" was produced in an attempt to "demystify" the world of

auto buying and repair for women. Because of her 25-plus years of experience working with autos, it was decided she would be perfect for the show.

Jinny Schreckinger, co-producer for the show, said, "She is a very special lady in a special world. She has the ability to communicate to other women some very important information on cars... with great humanity."

Nonny Majchrzyk, owner of M-squared Productions of New York, "discovered" Lucille, and has served as the other co-producer of the show.

Lucille has for years operated car clinics for area women to show that car care is not really difficult. Combining that experience with some polishing from a script writer, she shared her auto knowledge with the camera.

The segments cover a variety of topics. Included in the group were handling emergencies, seasonal car care, diagnosing problems and buying used cars, among others.

The filming produced its humorous and troublesome moments, but in the end provided exceptional information for the viewing public.

Lucille is the daughter of Gertha Ruth McBrayer and Glenn T. "Bud" An-

derson, and the granddaughter of Forest Theodore McBrayer of the Missouri line of the family. She was born in Iola, Ka., and was married in Nogal, Az., to David T. Treganowan. She is the mother of 1 daughter and 2 sons. -from the Daily Tribune, Wed. 17 Feb. 1982, Pittsburg, Pa., submitted by Brian T. McBrayer, Merriam, Ka.

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NEWS NEEDED

As the coverage of our family newsletter grows, so does the need for additional news on the many various lines.

Presently "IN DEFIANCE" is making its way into almost every state of the union and encompasses several lines - not only the McBrayers, but the Briers, McBriars, McBriers, and some lines not directly related to the original three McBrayer brothers.

The importance of having the information to cover these lines is mounting. AND the only way to have that information is through the personal contributions of data from each of you.

I have tried to emphasize in the past - many times - that this is YOUR newsletter, and only you can maintain it. Your stories of individuals or per-

sonal attributes, or deaths, births, marriages, or accomplishments are the mainstay of ID. Without them we have no newsletter. So again I am urging each of you to help. Dig through your memory for stories about your forefathers. Check your local newspapers for articles of relatives in your area. Save and submit your personal experiences or events pertaining to you or your children.

Not only does the information in ID go to other members of our family, but is filed in the permanent records of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. They receive a copy of each piece of work which goes out from this location. It is there for the later reference of others. Who knows??? Maybe the story of today might be the history of tomorrow.

Won't you help????? Keep us posted on ANYTHING pertaining to the family - McBrayer, Brier, McBrair, McBrier - regardless of line.

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GEORGIA STUDENT  
NAMED TO 16TH ANNUAL  
WHO'S WHO

George H. McBrayer of Ringgold, Ga., is proud to send the following information on

his son, JAMES S. McBRAYER.

James, a high school student from Ringgold, along with several other area students, have been selected for the 16th annual Who's Who for outstanding students.

Who's who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school publication in the country. Students are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon student's performance in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college bound.

James is scheduled to go to Georgia U. in the fall as a medical student.  
-data from George H. McBrayer.

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This brings to a close this issue of

ID. I hope you enjoy it and will inform me of any opinions or suggestions you might have which can help us improve the newsletter image and appearance.

Keep in mind any old pictures or photos you might have that can be copied and included in future issues.

Until next time.... May the good Lord be with each of you in the days to come.

KEEP THE NEWS COMING!!

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PS - I was able to order a few extra copies of the new book on my own. Those are available, but, PLEASE call me BEFORE you order to insure one is reserved in your name and that a sufficient quantity remains. The price is \$50.00 each (postage and handling included). Only 17 copies remain. Another printing is not planned. 1-405-732-1757.