

Here we are into a new year. I trust each of you had a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are ready to get down to the business of the good things to come in '83.

'82 was a productive year on the family scene and a great amount of new information was obtained. Our new family book was completed and the computer fund grew to the point of almost paying off the computer.

The upcoming year -1983- looks to be even better. There is so much uncovered data out there just waiting to be 'found'...but the only way that can be accomplished is for each of us to take an active part. So!! Let's all pull together and strive to make 1983 the best year yet.

**ID PRINTED EARLY THIS QUARTER.....**This issue of ID is being printed a little early in order to bring you a couple of important items before some stated deadlines.

FIRST, we wanted to give you some important information on the 1983 McBraire Family Scotland Tour so those wishing to make the trip would have plenty of time to makes their plans before the deadline.

SECOND, we needed to bring you the latest information on the deadline change on the new book, hopefully to give some of you additional time to order and notify everyone of a delay of about three weeks in delivery.

These topics will be discussed more fully later. Thanks for bearing with us on the early printing.

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**A PERSONAL NOTE....**I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you who have helped to make 1982 so successful--for your contributions of monetary support, information and data, and most of all your moral support. Your confidence in me and your letters and phone calls of encouragement have been a driving force which has enabled me to continue with this family project through all the discouragements and disappointments that stood in my path. Together we have progressed. We have made significant advancements in the collection and preservation of our family history. Without your help--each and everyone- this would not have been possible. Thanks to each of you!!!!

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\* NEW DEADLINE SET FOR ORDERING THE NEW FAMILY MCBRAYER FAMILY BOOK \*  
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It was announced back in late November that the new book would go to press on the 1st of February, 1983, and that all orders HAD to be in by that date. Delivery would be on March 1, 1983.

A small problem has arisen which has delayed the print date by a month and the delivery date by about three weeks.

An advertisement telling about the new book was placed with "The Genealogical Helper". The deadline, etc., was announced there, also, to be 1 Feb. 1983, however, in a follow-up conversation with the

publishers of the publication, it was learned that the Jan-Feb issue in which the ad was to run would not be mailed until the last of Jan. and subscribers would not begin receiving their copies until AFTER the first of Feb. (completely after our deadline).

A decision had to be made:

- (1) delay print and delivery date on the book in order to give the "Helper" subscribers time to place their orders, or
- (2) continue with the original dates and forget about any national orders.

As I am having to rely somewhat on the national orders to fill the minimum quantity of 200 books to be printed, I decided to change the print date and deadline for ordering until 1 March, 1983, and the delivery date to mid-March. This will place the date I begin mailing them out about three weeks behind the original date.

I hope this will not inconvenience to many of you. The delay is necessary. However, it will give some of you a little longer in which to place your order.

AS IT IS NOW - THE BOOK WILL GO TO THE PRINTER ON 1 MARCH 1983 (If a minimum of 200 orders are received). The delivery date will be the second or third week in March. Therefore: I WILL ACCEPT ORDERS UP TO AND INCLUDING TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1983. Any orders received after that date will be immediately returned.

If the minimum total of 200 orders are not received, your money will be refunded and the book publication cancelled.

"A COMMENT"  
by Dr. Ben McBrayer

(The following is a comment by Dr. Ben E. McBrayer. I was asked to run it in this issue of ID in support of the new genealogy book. Dr. Ben visited with Pat and me in late December, 1982.)

"While visiting with Carl and Pat, I had the opportunity of previewing the copy for the new family book and I can assure you that everyone who receives one will be pleased. Carl has done a magnificent job in compiling the material. It is unlike the commercially produced books that claim to be the story of the family; it really is a McBrayer genealogical history. The section on Scottish connections by Ethel Brier Koller is superb. I will be glad to receive my copy when it is published. -Ben McBrayer-

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 \* 1983 MCBRAIR FAMILY SCOTLAND TOUR ANNOUNCED \*  
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The 1983 "McBraire Family Tour" to Scotland is in the final planning stages. Dr. Ben McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla., who is heading up this year's tour, informs us that interest in the trip is growing.

During a recent visit with Carl McBrayer of Midwest City, Dr. Ben presented a draft of the planned itinerary for the upcoming event and you can be assured a delightful treat is in store for all who participate in the trip.

The 1983 tour is scheduled to depart the USA on 27 May and return on 19 June. A total of 14 enjoyment-packed days are planned. The tentative day-to-day trips are:

Day 1 - May 28 - Arrive at Prestwick Airport (Scotland). May Roberts will meet you there with a personal motor coach to take you to Lockmaben. Welcome buffet at Magdalene House in the evening with a **SPECIAL TREAT IN STORE FOR YOU!**

Day 2 - May 29 - Church at St Michaels' in Dumfries, Dumfries Castle, other churches, McBrair streets, Wetherwood estate, and finally dinner with distinguished guests at the Station Hotel in Dumfries.

Day 3 - May 30 - Border tour, many historic sites

Day 4 - May 31 - Edinburgh Castle and a day of shopping in Edinburgh.

Day 5 - June 1 - Ferry trip to Bradick on Arran Island in the Firth of Clyde, Brodrick Castle and gardens, dinner in Ayr.

Day 6 - June 2 - A visit to Almagill, Medieval Banquet (quite an experience).

Day 7 - June 3 - During the evening a buffet dinner and a talk by Mr. Truckell, an authority on the Scottish McBrayer heritage.

Day 8 - June 4 - A visit to the Land of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, Museums, and high tea at Moniaive and a concert in the evening.

Day 9 - June 5 - Church at Tinwald, tour of Roman ruins and a trip into England.

Day 10 - June 6 - Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond, back to Auchin Castle for dinner.

Day 11 - June 7 - Burns' Heritage Trail

Day 12 - June 8 - New Abby, Loch Arthur, Arbigland, Kirkcubright, and Annie Laurie country.

Day 13 - June 9 - Culzean Castle, farewell dinner at the Station Hotel.

Day 14 - June 10 - departure

These are only the highlights of the planned events. Much more is scheduled and for a complete accounting of the tour and MUCH additional information concerning cost, arrangements, clothing, etc., contact: Dr. Ben E. McBrayer, Rt 2, Box 211B5, Dunnellon, Fla., 32630. **REMEMBER....YOU MUST DO IT NOW IF YOU PLAN ON MAKING THE TRIP. A MAXIMUM OF 34 POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND IT IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SITUATION, AND A DEADLINE DATE OF 45 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE HAS BEEN SET. SO!!! CONTACT BEN TODAY.** Plan early! Passports, etc., will have to be arranged. **HAVE A GOOD TIME!!!!**

**DEATH LISTED....**On October 18, 1982, **CHARLES (CHARLIE) MCBRAYER**, age 90, passed away in Hopkins County (Tx.) Nursing Home. He was born October 13, 1892, in Clark County, Arkansas to Robert Bruce and Julia Ann Callaway McBrayer. He had resided in Delta County, Texas, most of his life, where he was a farmer. He had resided in Hopkins County for the last two years. On October 7, 1916, he married Hattie Mae Tidrow, who preceeded him in death May 13, 1972. He is survived by two sons, Charles Weldon of Ben Wheeler, Tx., and William Merle of Mt. Alba, Tx., one sister, Mrs. Verna Feimster, Arkadelphia, Ark., one brother, John McBrayer of Benton, Ark., and several grandchildren. One son, R.C., preceeded him in death in September, 1979. -Joyce Williams,

Paris, Texas-

**BIRTH ANNOUNCED....ASHLEY DENISE MCBRAYER**, a daughter to Dennis Lee and Teresa Gilbreath McBrayer, Ft Worth, Tx., was born September 15, 1982. Proud grandparents are Edgar W. and Beadona McBrayer of Irving, Tx. -Joyce Williams, Paris, Tx.-

**WEDDING VOWS SAID....GEORGANNE BARBER**, daughter of Joyce McBrayer Williams and the late George W. Barber, was married August 6, 1982, in Paris, Texas, to **DANNY RAY ALLEN**, the son of Oliver and Mildred Allen, also of Paris, in the First United Methodist Church in Paris. They are making their home in Paris, where Georganne is employed as a computer operator for a billing firm and Danny is employed as a pharmacist. -Joyce Williams, Paris, Tx.-

**ON A PERSONAL NOTE...**Willie Kate McBrayer, widow of Larkin W. McBrayer, moved to Paris, Texas, on October 31, 1981. She is the mother of Joyce McBrayer Williams.

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD....**Funeral services for **MRS. LESLIE H. MCBRAYER** of 813 W. Elm St., Shelby, N.C., were held 5 Sept 1982 in the Webb Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Shelby. She died on Friday, 3 Sept 1982, in the Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland Co., she was the daughter of the late W.G. and Mary Ann Whitworth Hord, 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, N.C.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Cleveland Memorial Park.

-submitted by Johnnie Mae McBrayer Ware, Boiling Springs, NC-

**DEATH LISTED...BESSIE MCBRAYER**, 88, of the Shelby Convalescent Center, died Monday, October 25, 1982, at the Cleveland Memorial Hospital after a two-week illness.

A native of Cleveland Co., she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Corrah Poston McBrayer. She was a retired book-keeper at Campbell's Department Store in Shelby. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1982, at the New Prospect Baptist Church cemetery.

**SERVICES CONDUCTED...MAJOR BARNES MCBRAYER**, the uncle of Carl McBrayer, died in the hospital in Phoenix, Az., on 17 November, 1982. He had suffered a serious illness for the previous several months.

Major was born 19 July 1902 in Hood Co., Texas, the son of the late Henry Walton and Ella Naomi Gibson McBrayer. He moved to Okla. with the parents in 1906 and in about 1912 moved to Greer Co., Ok., where he grew up.

He was married 10 Jun. 1923 in Sayre, Ok., to Anna Mae Gilbreath, who still resides in Phoenix.

Services were held November 19 in the Camelback Sunset Chapel in Phoenix, with interment in the Memory Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving him, in addition to Anna Mae, are three daughters, Jo Burtis Crews, Chandler, Az., Twila Gaye Floyd, Tx., and Karon Ann Wood, Az.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Major was a strong supporter of the family endeavors. He loved the McBrayer family very much and was very proud of his family name and heritage. He will be extremely missed by all who knew and loved him.

In his honor and name a substantial contribution to the family research fund has been made by his daughter, Jo Burtis. (For this we are indebted. It shall be used in good faith in Uncle Major's name. Thanks!)

**NOTORIETY SPREADS...**Several issues back in ID we carried an article about a hobby of R.B. McBrayer, a six-year old son of Macky McBrayer, Forest City, N.C. It seems he had the unusual hobby of collecting light bulbs - every kind imaginable. Since that initial article I have received numerous newspaper clippings from all over the U.S. from various family members. (Indiana, W.Va., Ohio, and N.C.) R.B. has made national headlines!!! Congratulations R.B. Keep up the good work and may your collection continue to grow. Thanks, too, to all those who were thoughtful enough to share these articles with us.

**MAY ROBERTS VISITS...**May McBrair, Lochmaben, Scotland, has been a recent guest to family members in America. Arriving on 12 December, she spent several days with Dr. Ben and Helene McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla., before traveling to Hereford, Tx., to be with her daughter, Lynda, in the preparation and planning of Lynda's wedding on 18 Dec.(see following article). From Hereford she motored back to Midwest City, Ok., with Carl, Pat, and their daughter, Evelyn, and Dr. Ben McBrayer for a few days. She then departed for L.A. and Berkeley, Ca., where she planned to spend the holidays with Ethel Brier Koller. From California she went first to New Orleans, La., then to Tulsa, Ok., to visit with Chuck and Philell McBrayer and Bill and Evelyn McBrayer of Bartlesville, Ok. Then it was on to Denver for a couple of days of sight-seeing. From there to Amarillo and Hereford, Tx., for a final visit with daughter, Lynda, and son-in-law, Kevin, before heading for Atlanta and a return to Scotland.

**WEDDING VOWS EXCHANGED...**Lynda Roberts, daughter of May McBrair Roberts, Lochmaben, Scotland, and Kevin Jay Glenn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ken Glenn, Hereford, Tx., exchanged wedding vows Saturday morning, December 18, 1982, in the Central Church of Christ in Hereford.

Lynda was given in marriage by Dr. Benjamin E. McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla. Mrs. Duffy E. (Claudia) McBrayer, Hereford, was the Matron of Honor.

Following the full service ceremony and the Scottish wedding luncheon, the newly-married couple left on a wedding trip to Colorado. They will make their home in Hereford.

In attendance as friends of the bride were Dorothy and John Anthony, West Farmington, Oh., Dr. Ben McBrayer, Fla., Thomas H. and Mayme McBrayer, Lorena, Tx., Catherine McBrayer Attaway, Hewitt, Tx,

Dr. Duffy E. and Claudia McBrayer and his mother, Frances E. "Buddy" McBrayer, Hereford, Tx., Carl & Pat McBrayer, and daughter, Evelyn, Midwest City, Ok.

Our congratulations to Kevin and Lynda. We all wish you the best.

TEXANS HOST PERFECT PARTY....Never let it be said that Texans don't know how to host a party!!! Dr. Duffy E, his wife, Claudia, and his mother, Frances "Buddy" McBrayer, all of Hereford, Tx., hosted a party of the McBrayer descendents who had traveled to this west Texas town for the wedding of Lynda Roberts to Kevin Glenn.

The party, held on the evening of December 18th, 1982, was in the home of Duffy and Claudia.

A more enjoyable evening could not have been provided. It was fun-filled with lots of family socialization, Scottish dances and songs with May Roberts, a gathering around the piano played by Catherine Attaway for traditional holiday songs, swapping of family tales, stories and information, and the skirl of the bagpipes of Carl McBrayer. In addition a buffett-style meal, much enjoyed by all, was served by Claudia.

"We went to this gathering as distant cousins, but departed with a feeling of much closer relationship."

Those in attendance were John and Dorothy Sloan Anthony, West Farmington, Oh. (Dorothy is a descendent of 1st Gen. David McBrayer), Thomas H. and Mayme McBrayer, Lorena, Tx., Catherine McBrayer Attaway, Hewitt, Tex., the sister of Thomas, May McBrair Roberts, Scotland, Dr. Ben E. McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla, and Carl & Pat McBrayer and daughter, Evelyn, Midwest City, Ok.

(Speaking on behalf of those in attendance, I would like to thank Duffy, Claudia, and Buddy for a superior evening. We all enjoyed it very much. -Carl-)

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\* A REMINDER \*  
\* Check your address label for your ID Subscription expiration \*  
\* date. A date of 083-03 indicates this is your LAST issue un- \*  
\* til renewal. Renewal rates are \$4 per year for 4 issues. \*  
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TIDBITS...Dr. Ben McBrayer, Dunnellon, Fla., has taken over the chore of planning the organization of a "McBraire Family Association". Lots of work lies ahead for him and he could use your ideas, suggestions, an help. You can contact him at the address listed in the article on the 1983 Scotland tour.

I need your family related stories for the newsletter and for our files. Anything of family interest---write them yourself and I will publish them as you write them or supply us the information and someone will write the story for you with your by-line.

Thanks to John H. McBrayer, Apopka, Fla., for all the new information on the descendents of Lycurgus McBrayer, (his father) and his descendents. We're all looking forward to the stories he will be supplying us regarding his father's association with the infamous "Devil Anse" Hatfield of the Hatfield-McCoy era.

Thanks to L.G. and Verda McBrayer for the photos of Major B., Velma McBrayer Robertson, and themselves, which was taken during a recent visit to Mangum, Ok.

A personal thanks to all who sent the Christmas Cards this year. They were wonderful and Pat and I appreciate you thinking of us during this special time. I do want to apologize for not sending out any this year, but, unfortunately, we were so tied up around here for several weeks prior to Christmas we had no time for anything. Next year will be different. Thanks!!!

Beginning with the June issue of ID I will be carrying a section devoted to new information and connections received about the family. This information will not be in the new book, but will be printed seperately within ID so inclusion in your personal copies of the new book will be possible. In this way I will try to keep you abreast of the latest information.

Don't forget...we need your continued support and help with news articles for the newsletter and the files. Keep your eyes and ears open for any news. Pass the word about the family files, newsletter, etc., and solicit any help from those not now active. Continuous work by all is the only way we can make a success of this monumental endeavor.

#### COMPUTER FUND NEARING GOAL!!!!

After a year of contributions our computer fund goal has nearly been reached. The computer almost belongs to the family. Original purchase price was \$2562.56 (not including any interest charged on the loan) and to date we have raised through contributions a total of \$1930.56. This leaves a balance of only \$632.00.

Listed below are the more recent contributors. Our thanks to all.

Dr. Duffy E. and Claudia McBrayer, Hereford, Tx.

Charles and Margaret Hall, Welch, W.Va.

Vera Sanderson, a second contribution in the name of "Skipper" and "Dutch" McBrayer.

Ethel Brier Koller, Berkeley, Ca.

Charlotte Saunders, Ga.

Catherine McBrayer Attaway, Hewitt, Tx.

Carolyn Ramsey, Atlanta, Ga.

Joyce McBrayer Williams, Paris, Tx.

James McBrayer, Ft. Worth, Tx.

Ervin L. McBrayer, Kingman, Az.

James R. McBrayer, Colo. Springs, Co.

(If your name has for some unfortunate reason been missed, please, let me know. I want to give credit to each and any name omitted has been purely accidental. I will run a complete list of all contributors at the end of the fund drive. -Carl-)

#### HOSPITAL NEWS...

Frank McBrayer, the father of Delmer N. McBrayer, Gadsden, Ala., suffered a heart attack last Feb. 14 (1982) and has had to be fitted

with a pace-maker. Then on the 1st of May he suffered a light stroke. Frank is now in a nursing home in Gadsden. He will be 87 years young on March 20.

Carrie McBrayer Myricks, a sister of Frank, suffered a heart attack about the first of Feb. 1982, and is reported in better condition now. She is will be about 93 or 94 this year. (We don't have her exact birth date.)

-data supplied by D.N. and Betty McBrayer, Gadsden, Ala.-

Mayme McBrayer (Mrs. Thomas H. McBrayer), Lorena, Tx., recently underwent cataract surgery and is now trying to accustom herself to contacts.

**DEATH NOTED...**CLARA BALDWIN MCBRAYER, the wife of Archie McBrayer (son of Frank and Susan Morris McBrayer) died in Oct. in South Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Archie; two sons, Jerry Lynn and Kenneth Earl McBrayer; three daughters, Barbara Jean, Sue Carol, and Sherry; and several grandchildren.

#### **More Tidbits**

(A note to Troy Wayne McBrayer....The tags have been located, dug out and will be sent shortly. I haven't forgotten about them, just have not had time to send them.)

Ann McBrayer Garrison, Lawrenceburg, Ky., reports she has now retired from her job with the Ky. State government and has opened a new gift shop in Lawrenceburg. Unfortunately, it is occupying her time 7 days a week. She also notes that she has completed a new book and hopefully she will send us the title and cost for those who wish to purchase a copy. She also reports that it was "Cedarbrook Whiskey" that was the famous McBrayer Whiskey, not "Old McBrayer", which she states was an inferior whiskey. Thanks for the correction, Ann.

May McBrair Roberts informs us that a new supply of the lighter-weight family tartan material will be available in February, 1983. She also has plans for an advertisement brochure some time in early 1983 which will list all the McBrayer-related items which she will have available from Scotland. Keep watch in ID.

Helen Whitaker, Cedar Bluff, Va., her son-in-law and daughter, Frances and Branch McGlothlin, visited in the home of Ruth Emory, Roseville, Oh., back in Sept., 1982. "We sure had a good-talking time as we hadn't seen each other in 5-6 years. Really enjoyed them."-Ruth-

Don't forget the reunions around the country this year...The third Sunday in July, it's the Draketown, Ga., reunion. The third Sunday in August it's the Morehead, Ky., reunion. In October it's the descendants of Peter Paul McBrayer reunion in Villa Rica, Ga. We'll have more on these gatherings in the next issue of ID. Keep me posted on any reunions in your area so it can be announced in the newsletter.

TSgt Gary and Donna Eaye McBrayer Coco have recently returned to the U.S. after a lengthy assignment in Guam. Gary, a member of the U.S. Air Force, is now stationed at Little Rock, Ark. Donna is the daught-

er of Jack McBrayer and the late Roberta McBrayer, Paris, Tx. They and their two children, Wayne and Melissa, live in Jacksonville, Ark.

CIVIL WAR TALES- - - - One of the most devastating and crushing events in both American and McBrayer Family history occurred in the 1860s.

Our family had by this time migrated from Pennsylvania and settled in areas ranging from the Gulf Coast to the borders of Canada and from the Atlantic Ocean westward into the near reaches of the Mississippi River Delta.

Most often the philosophies of the region dictated their beliefs; those to the south favored slavery while those to the north opposed it. These differing views, experienced by almost everyone, led to the fateful war which eventually pitted brother against brother, father against son and cousin against cousin.

We wonder, "How often did one kill the other during the heat of a battle, never realizing who the enemy soldier was he had just shot?"

During the course of our family research I have come across much information - both personally located and that which was submitted by others - which has proven that members of our common family served both the causes of the north and of the south, and in many instances faced each other on many of the infamous battlefields of the Civil War.

Just how many of our past relatives died at the hand of their cousins, brothers, fathers, etc., will never be known; however to emphasize just how devastating the war must have been, I feel I should share with you the following article which was found in a book entitled "Civil War Tales - True life stories told by soldiers after actual battles". The author is unknown; no names are divulged, but with the mind's-eye we can visualize that it MIGHT HAVE BEEN our fore-cousins who were involved. Regardless, the following is a tragic story.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER.-A writer in Philadelphia relates the following: "In one of our beautiful suburban cemeteries was employed a venerable man. For a number of years past he had prepared the last resting-place for those called from among us. Though poor, he raised four gallant boys, giving to each of them a moderate education and a good trade. The two elder went five years ago to New Orleans, where prosperity attended their industry.

The two younger brothers remained with their father. George and Frederick were their names. The latter is but seventeen years of age. When the war broke out, both left there (sic) and enlisted. The elder brothers had constantly written home, and frequent presents accompanied their letters. At the battle of Fredericksburg, in the very front of the line, at the church upon the rifle pits at the back of the town, were the two boys Frederick and George. A sortie was made by the rebel riflemen upon the retreating Federals, and among those who dropped were the two boys, the youngest sons of the gravedigger. A minie ball had pierced the bodies of each.

The rebel soldiers, whose weapons had done the deed, were clad in rags of linsey. They ran with alacrity to secure the clothing, the canteens, and perhaps the money, of the men whom they had laid low.

The foremost one reached the body of his dead enemy, turned it over - for the face was downward - and to his horror beheld the corpse of his youngest brother, his woollen shirt stained with a stream of blood that oozed from a bullet hole above his heart. Our informant, a chaplain of the army, could tell us nothing of the other rebel brother. But this one made his way into the Union lines, and is now in the hospital at Alexandria, a hopeless maniac. We learn that in their childhood this younging (sic) of the flock had been the special charge of the eldest brother. When he left for New Orleans it was in the expectation of entering business to which he could bring up the boy. That boy he lived to shoot down with his own hands. Unless the remaining rebel brother survived, the family are now extinct. The father of a broken heart, and was buried last Sunday. (sic) This is a simple statement of fact. It is doubtless one of ten thousand never to be written."

Best  
Wishes  
for  
6, 1983

Carl