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THE
McBRAYER FAMILY
NEWSLETTER

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A HISTORY OF SCOTLAND

During the next issues of I.D. I hope to bring you articles about the formation of our ancestral homeland, stories about the area from which our ancestors came and facts and myths about the people themselves.

We have been most fortunate in being able to borrow some old records from Mr. Cliff Hansen of Okla. City - records which were given to him many years ago by the curator of the Burgh museum in Dumfries. Many of these records have never before been in print, which will make them even more interesting to us - Scottish descendents.

Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Hansen for the loan.

I hope you will enjoy the upcoming information and stories.

We shall first begin with the earliest era - the Mesolithic age - the age when man was just learning to

make and use chipped-stone tools. From here we will go into the Neolithic period - the latter part of the Stone Age when man was beginning to use polished stone tools and weapons and began raising cattle. Later we shall look at the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, and the Roman Empire of SW Scotland.

THE INLAND MESOLITHIC

No inland Mesolithic site, apart from the industry on Castle Island (now submerged) in Loch Doon, had been recognized in S.W. Scotland until in the mid-1950's John Forsyth of Twiglees began discovering chipping-floors on the Eskdalemuir hillsides in N.E. Dumfriesshire.

The industry was in a poor local chert and comprised small blades and rather flattish pyramidal cores and core-scrapers: it had clear affinities with the well-known "Tweed Valley" industry, as one would expect from

its geographical nearness.

For some years this was the only "inland" group of sites in the area: then Mr. Cormack began to recover large numbers of implements in lower mid-Annan-dale, particularly near Dalton Hook on the river terrace. This industry was of high-grade chert and flint and reminiscent of the Coastal Mesolithic. The same industry has been found on the terrace at Dormont just across the Annan, and isolated implements in the same material and technique have turned up at several sites in the Annan Valley, from Blacketlees near its mouth to above Lockerbie, and also in the Lower Nith Valley near Amisfield, at Mill Hill near Newabbey, at Locharthur, at Motte of Urr, and at Townfoot just below Glencaple on the Nith estuary. Further West Mr. Ansell of Dalry has found several large chipping-floors

using poor chert with a technique similar to Eskdalemuir in the upper Ken-Deugh valley, while further sites have been found round Loch Doon.

It is clear that the Inland Mesolithic should eventually be found along all our river terraces and on suitable hillsides, though as yet (apart from the Luce Sands pitchstone) there is nothing recorded West of the Urr.

Pitchstone, never found so far on Coastal Mesolithic sites, turns up frequently in the Inland Mesolithic: it seems likely to be an import from Corriegills, Arran, the sole Scottish source so far. The extensive pitchstone industry in the Luce Sands, though on a coastal site, is entirely "inland" in technique, being made up entirely of small blades with carefully-worked rounded "noses" and curious "discids". It looks very much as if "Inland" people settled in the Sands at a fairly late date and superseded the Coastal people there.

The Inland Mesolithic has not as yet been found in direct association with any Coastal material, and no date can be given to any Inland site: but it seems on the whole to be later than the Coastal and seems to overlap with the Primary Neolithic some 1000-odd years ago at sites like Kirkburn, near Lockerbie, where

typical chert blades occurred with Primary Neolithic pottery in the packing of wind-break trenches.

Forsyth's S.W. site, near Twiglees, yielded some 1200-odd fragments, mainly tiny blades, and close examination showed that all had been struck from a single block of coarse chert, which occurs nearby.

A large coarse scraper in dark chocolate flint, found on Eskdalemuir near Castle O'er fort, seems to be of Continental, probably North German, flint and belongs to a small group of mainly Eastern distribution in Great Britain which seems to fall into the late Mesolithic in date.

MOTE OF MARK

Mote of Mark is a prominent rocky outcrop overlooking the Muir estuary between Rockcliffe and Kipford. It had long been recognized as an archaeological site when Alexander Curle began excavation there in September, 1913. His work revealed a number of periods of occupation. The first (though he did not recognise the fact) was represented by the large number of white-patinated core-scrapers and blades representing Mesolithic occupation some six thousand years ago at the time of the last

major marine transgression, when the estuary would be water-filled well above Dalbeattie.

The primary visible defences seem to be Iron Age, and patches of them have been vitrified, one piece of vitrification found by Curle showing the impression of a textile. One small piece of Samian Ware was found, but this, of course, does not necessarily imply occupation during the Roman period.

The chief interest of Curle's excavation, however, was that he found rectangular buildings, extensive evidence of metal-working, including very fine interlace-work moulds, and pottery, covering the period from the mid-fifth century onwards, including mortarius of South British or Continental manufacture, South-west French "E" ware, red pottery from the same area or from the Mediterranean, and Merovingian glass. Much of the metal work material and the glass and "E" Ware could date to the 8th - 9th century. We know from the abundance of "Courtyard" forts - a distinctive Dark Age type - within a few miles. From the reference to St. Kentigern sending Constantine to the Urr valley to preach to the Welsh speakers there, from the Barr of Spottes flask and the Monybuie bell-

case, that there seems to have been a relatively dense population in the Urr valley in Dark Age times. The church sites of St. Constantine of Urr., St. Constantine of Edinham, and St. Constantine of Colmanele, all near Dalbeattie, perpetuate Constantine's name.

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originally a-glitter with white quartz, their forecourts of great standing stones arching out before them - forecourts in which elaborate rituals seem to have been carried out and offerings made: the carefully-built chamber in the heart of the cairn, with the passage leading to it - the whole thing sometimes several hundred feet long and containing as much stone as a substantial parish church: or the great circular Passage Grave Cairns, almost as large. Our countryside has a good share of these: quite another kind of Neolithic ceremonial site was that at Kirkburn in Annandale just North of Lockerbie, where near the beginning of the period two 18-inch trenches were dug on a little knoll on a meadowland slope overlooking the main road - probably a trackway even then - and wicker windbreaks erected in them, pottery fragments being rammed in among the stones which held the posts upright. Near them three pits were dug in a rough semi-circle: the largest had had a fire lit in it and a standing stone (now gone) set up in it after that: it contained Neolithic pottery, too: after a circle of pits was laid out adjoining these, and in its centre a pit was dug and a mass of small

stones piled in it to form a small cairn: small fragments of Neolithic pottery occurred throughout this mass of stones.

Half a mile away at Beckton a small natural mound was encircled by a light palisade about 2,000 B.C.: inside occupying a small part of the interior, was a lightly-built circular house. Pits in the interior of the enclosure yielded pottery fragments: some of these joined to form a large storage-jar of incised "Rinyo-Clacton" late-Neolithic type.

NEXT ISSUE - THE BRONZE AGE, THE IRON AGE, AND THE ROMANS IN SOUTHWEST SCOTLAND

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SOME CASTLES ARE GOING FOR LOW PRICES

(data by J.E. McBrayer)

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
Some castles in Scotland are for sale at prices less than the cost of a four-bedroom house in the south of England.

The firm of Knight, Frank and Rutley is selling Dunmore Castle in Argyll, overlooking a loch on the west coast, for offers above 70,000 pounds - \$108,750. The castle, built in 1859, stands on 79 acres.

Niddy-Seton Castle near Winchburgh, West

Lothian, is a medieval tower where Mary Queen of Scots once stayed and is on the market for only 7,000 pounds, or \$10,150.

But it needs some renovation which could cost up to \$1.45 million.

Some castles are cheap because they are isolated, in disrepair, would cost a small fortune to heat, or all three.

Last summer, however, 16th-century Earlshall Castle in Fife sold for more than \$232,000. The Z-shaped castle has five-foot-thick walls, battlements, gun slits and two towers at opposite corners.

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FOOTHILL NOTES FROM TENNESSEE

When one talks to Judy McBrayer Sparks for any length of time the conversation invariably gets around to her nephews, Steven Trent, William Neal and James Brett McBrayer... Issss she proud?? You Bet!! And rightly so!! She and the rest of the McBrayer Clan in Maryville, Tn., have a right to think so highly of their kin.

The boys, all sons of Judy's brother, William J. "Bill" and Bessie McBrayer, have built up quite a reputation for themselves. They are constantly in the lime-light - winning at sports, winning in the

academic world, winning other varied awards. In short they are a winning team.

On a recent visit with Judy the major topic of our conversation was "her nephews". She was glowing as she proudly showed their scrapbooks of accomplishments, all the while digging out numerous newspaper articles about them. (All of which are now proudly filed in the permanent family records.) Our congratulations to the boys and to their parents.

In other "Foothill" notes..Judy McBrayer Sparks recently passed her Real Estate exam and is now working for her brother in the Real Estate business.

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MISS ADDKISON RECEIVES SPECIAL MUW SCHOLARSHIP

by Jim and Beth McBrayer, Brandon, Ms.

Columbus - DONNA ARLENE ADDKISON, of Jackson, Ms., is the recipient of the Mary Callaway Centennial Scholarship at Mississippi University for Women for the 1984-85 school year. The Centennial Scholarships are the most prestigious of the academic awards extended by the university.

Miss Addkison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Addkison,

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will be an incoming freshman at MUW. She plans to major in speech and minor in psychology.

The 1984 Jackson Prep graduate is the recipient of a number of awards and honors in high school.

The Mary Callaway Parker Centennial Scholarship is in the amount of \$10,988 to be disbursed over a period of four academic years at the W.

(Donna is a descendent of the David McBrayer line which was uncovered last year. David was b in N.C., the son of David and Delila Webb McBrayer, and moved to Ms. in about 1846-47.)

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TIDBITS, BITS AND PIECES

Family news from Ky... James Earl McBrayer of Morehead provides the following information;

BRIAN LANE MCBRAYER is "tying the knot" in August, 1984. He will wed BARBARA WALLACE from Peebles, Oh. Barbara graduated from M.S.U. in the spring of '84. Brian is the son of JACK LANE and GEORGEANN BARKER MCBRAYER of Morehead, Ky.

Their daughter, MELISSA MCBRAYER PRATT, has accepted a position with a national chain of pizza houses with head quarters in Lexington, Ky. She is the office comptroller. Melissa's husband, MARK, is with

Merrill, Lynch, Fenner and Smith in their Lexington office.

TERRY DENISE, the daughter of HAROLD and EDNA PAULINE MCBRAYER ELLINGTON, Morehead, Ky., and her husband, DOUG NIXON, are now living in Norfolk, Va., where he has been transferred in his naval assignment. Doug was previously stationed in San Francisco.

CARLA CHAPMAN, the oldest daughter of SHERMAN and HILDRETH M. MCBRAYER CHAPMAN, graduated in the spring of '84 from the University of South Florida with highest honors and has since been accepted to the Miami School of Medicine (Fl.) She will be working during the summer at the hospital in her home town of Winter Haven, Fl.

CONNIE FULTZ, the daughter of REV. GARY and "FRANKIE" MCBRAYER AUSBUN, Ashland, Ky., graduated in May '84 from Anderson College in Anderson, Ind., as the Valedictorian of her class and plans to enter the Morehead State University (Ky.) College of Nursing this fall. She maintained a 3.76 average while carrying a full load, holding two part-time jobs as well as remaining active in athletics and serving in two Christian societies on campus and in regular church activities, plus keeping house. Her husband is STEVEN FULTZ.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.....
Once again we can list those who have contributed to the maintenance and continuation of the family fund. Each and every donation is sincerely appreciated and will be utilized fully to the furtherance of our family history and heritage. Those making contributions this past quarter are:

** DICK and JOYCE MCBRAYER ROUNDY, of Torrance, Ca.

** GEORGE and HALLIE MCBRAYER of Pacific Grove, Ca.

** KAYE QUINN (Briar line), Hamden, Ct.

** STEVE and OLIVE BUTLER (Brier line), Berkeley, Ca.

** PATRICK A. and LESLIE MCBRAYER and children, Atlanta, Ga.

One of the latest additions to the family photo file is a contribution from JOHN H. MCBRAYER of Burton, S.C., a son of Lycurgus McBrayer. John has sent us a photo of his father - "as far as any of us know this is the only picture that Dad ever had made." Our sincere thanks to John for his help.

JEAN MCBRAYER BROWN, Kiowa, Ks., is still writing and getting things published in KANHISTIQUE. Also, "This is the 100th anniversary of

Brierty. In her search for data and her ancestral connections she has discovered that there is a definite possibility that her line (McBrierty) came from the same area of Scotland as did the McBrayers. Marj will be supplying us with additional information at a later date with hopes that in the future a definite association with the Dumfries' McBrairs can be made.

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FAMILY DEATHS

LUTIE MCBRAYER CARPENTER SLUSHER, the daughter of Harrison Burns and Ollie Day McBrayer, died in Feb. 1984 in Carter Co., Ky. She was born in 1896 in Rowen Co., Ky., and was married first to Ollie Carpenter. They had 4 daughters and 4 sons. She was married second to Henry M. Slusher. (data by James E. McBrayer)

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MRS. MARY A. MCBRAYER, 83, Plain City, Oh., died Dec. 4, 1983, in Heartland of Marysville Hospital in Plain City, following an extended illness.

Mrs. McBrayer was born May 22, 1900, a daughter of the late Lewis and Ida Skaggs. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Delbert McBrayer, in 1971.

Surviving are two

nieces, Mrs. Freda Griffith of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Ellarie White of Rockford, Ill., and a nephew, Harold Skaggs of Florida.

Funeral services were held at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Plain City by the Rev. Robert Segraves. Burial was in the Forrest Grove Cemetery.

(Ashland Daily (Ky.), Jun 12/6/83, data by J.E. McBrayer)

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ROSA WOODS WHITE MCBRAYER, 85, of Tolliver Rd., Morehead, died in the St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Ky.

Services were held in the Northcut and Son Home for Funerals. Burial was in the White Family Cemetery in Elliott County, Ky.

(Date of death and family connection not known at this time.)

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CARRIE KITTS REMY WISEMAN, 83, died Friday, Dec. 16, 1983, in a nursing home in Ohio.

She was born 18 Oct 1900 in Rock Camp, Oh., a daughter of the late Dr. John Henry and Ida May Kitts Ramey. She spent her life in Lawrence County and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the O.E.S., the Child Welfare Club, the Ironton Music Club and the

Ironton Women's Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver M. Wiseman, in 1960.

Survivors include five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 19 Dec 1983 at the Phillips Funeral Home by the Rev. Tom McGranor. Entombment was in the Woodlawn Mausoleum.

(Carrie was the granddaughter of Dr. Miles and Susan McBrayer Remy, and the great-granddaughter of James R. and Anna Sanders McBrayer.)

(data by J.E. McBrayer)

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JOSEPH OTHEL MCBRAYER, 59, of Fyffe, Al., died at the Huntsville hospital on Monday, May 14, 1984. He is a first cousin to R.B. McBrayer of Gadsden, Al. (Additional family information lacking at this time.)

Survivors include: Mrs. Roberta McBrayer, wife, daughters; Mrs. Brenda Mashburn, Mrs. Anita Shirley, and Miss Lori McBrayer, all of Fyffe.

Funeral was under the direction of the Rainsville, Al., funeral home.

(data by R.B. & Mae McBrayer, of Gadsden, Al.)

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GINGER RENE HOLMES MCBRAYER, 20, of Altoona, Al., died Wednesday, March 21, 1984, at the Baptist

Memorial Hospital in Gadsden, Al. Survivors include: her husband, Randy McBrayer, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Holmes. Funeral services were conducted by Carr Funeral Home of Boaz, Al.

(see additional data under 'Marriages'. Data submitted by R.B. and Mae McBrayer, of Gadsden, Al.)

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TARHEEL NEWS

FAIRVIEW, N.C.....

Only one grave bears a readable marker. Fallen trees and branches lay criss-crossed on what remains of the recognizable graves. Cattle, allowed to freely roam the area, have trampled the burial places and have deposited their 'droppings' everywhere.

This is the cemetery where old Samuel McBrayer is SUPPOSED to be buried. It is located on a hill overlooking the community of Fairview, North Carolina.

The sight which greeted Bud and Margaret McBrayer, Pat and myself when we visited the graveyard recently, was deplorable. It was a heart-rending sight, indeed. How could anyone allow something like this to occur.

Something must be done!!

There needs to be some respect shown here, regardless of

whether or not any of our ancestors are buried here. And 'do something' is just what Bud is planning. He has obtained permission from Dr. W. G. Hamilton, the owner of the land, to clean up the old cemetery and to erect new fencing to keep the cattle out. Bud will be assisted by some of the fellows who work for him and by a descendent of the Ashworths, who reportedly also have ancestors buried there.

Hopefully, by the time the next newsletter comes out, we can have a report that the project is underway or perhaps even completed. Anyone wishing to help Bud with the tasks at hand can contact him in Fairview at 628-2927. Any contributions for future upkeep and maintenance can be sent to him at P.O. Box 190, Fairview, 28730.

Speaking on behalf of the McBrayer Family, I offer our sincere appreciation to Bud and all who are helping him for undertaking this responsibility. Thanks fellows.

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FIRST "SKIPPER" AWARD PRESENTED!

For several years I have personally advocated the formation of an award program of some sort in which those whose achieve-

ments so merit could and would be recognized.

I considered numerous names for the award, but none really seemed to fit. Then it came to me! Why not honor he who had given so much of himself and his time to gather and record our family history? Why not call it "THE SKIPPER AWARD" in honor of Carl Henry McBrayer?

I contacted Carl's family for their sentiments and received the following from Carl T., Skipper's son. "Carl, our Skipper, enjoyed his hobby of researching McBrayer history and sharing with the many members of the Family around the country. In his latter years I think he probably felt he was Patriarch of the American contingent of the Clan. How happy he would be, as we are, to have him... honored as THE SKIPPER, and the endowment of the recognition of those present and future leaders of our Clan with an award in his honor. Thank you very much for thinking this one up. All of his family are grateful." (signed) Carl T. for all of us.

This year, after numerous attempts to solicit suggestions from other family members as to how to impliment and select the awardee - all to no avail - I took it upon myself to initiate the program and to name the first

annual honoree.

I pondered for some time as to whom should receive the "Skipper" award; there were several who qualified. But when all was considered and the facts bared there could have been no choice other than the one made.

For her untiring devotion to the preservation of our personal heritage, her outstanding achievements in the furtherance of the family unity and for her tireless efforts in planning and conducting a highly successful 1984 NC reunion, the first annual award went to Susan McBrayer of Shelby, N.C.

Due to commitments which prevented my attendance at the NC family reunion this year, Dr. Ben McBrayer made the first presentation.

To Susan we can only say "Thanks" for what you have done. This award is only a small material token of our appreciation; words can never fully express the sincere gratitude we have for all your accomplishments.

We must begin NOW thinking and searching for the next recipient of the annual SKIPPER AWARD. SO...put your thinking caps on, dig out the paper and sharpen the pencils. Let's get to work!!!

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FAMILY MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Matt McBrayer, of 416 Ferry St., Russell, Ky., announce the marriage of their daughter, VONDA MARIE MCBRAYER, to TONY WAYNE WITTEN, son of Gerald and Joyce Witten of Houston, Tx.

Wedding vows were exchanged at 2 p.m. Sept. 3, 1983, in the Mead Memorial Methodist Church, Russell.

Vonda is a graduate of the Russell High School.

Tony is a graduate of North Shore High School, Houston, and is employed as president of Westwood Development Corp. in Houston.

(Vonda is the grand daughter of Clyde and Ruby Palmer McBrayer, # 70-95.)

(data by J.E. McBrayer)

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RANDY LEE MCBRAYER and GINGER RENEA HOLMES were married Sept. 16, 1983 at the Fairview FCM Church near Aurora, Al.

Randy is the son of MR. and MRS. BOYD MCBRAYER of Boaz and grandson of the late MR. and MRS. BOYD MCBRAYER of Gadsden, Al., and MRS. LIZZIE VIRGINIA HAMBY and the late THOMAS PAUL HAMBY. He is employed at Boaz Furniture and Hardware Company of Boaz.

Ginger's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Holmes of Boaz. She is the grand daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Tranie Summerford of Aurora, Al., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holmes of Snead, Al.

She is a 1981 graduate of Susan Moore High School and is employed by the H.D. Lee Company in Boaz. (data submitted by R.B. and Mae McBrayer of Gadsden, Al.)

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HOSPITAL NEWS

R.B. MCBRAYER, Gadsden, Al., underwent nasal surgery in March of this year and is now reported "doing great". His daughter, DIANE TURNER had eye surgery in late May. She had a calcium deposit removed.

GORDON RAILEY, Jeffersonville, Ind., suffered a severe stroke on May 24, 1984, which has left his left arm lifeless. His wife, Edna, states that he can move his left leg and that they are hoping that he will be able to walk in the distant future with the aid of a cane.

Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Gordon.

At the time of the report of his illness Gordon was in the Frasier ReHab Center in Louisville, Ky. It isn't known if he is now home or not. His address, for those wishing to send 'get-well' cards, is: 606 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville, Ind., 47130.

FAMILY BIRTHS

TERRY & SUSAN MCBRAYER HIGGEN are the proud parents of a new daughter, KELLIE MAY, born in Asheville, N.C., on 12 June, 1984. Susan is the daughter of Eurschell Ubert and Velma Gibson McBrayer and the grand daughter of Minnie McBrayer of Fairview, N.C.

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GEORGIA REUNION - 1984

DRAKETOWN, GEORGIA... A "very good reunion" was held this year at Draketown, Ga., reports Terrell McBrayer, who was elected for another year as Reunion Chairman. Other officers re-elected for another term include: DeRette McBrayer, Vice Chairman and Becky McBrayer Farmer, Secretary.

Terrell reports that the date for the 1985 reunion has been set for 21 July and the gathering will be held as usual at the Draketown Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome!!

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NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

WELCOMED!!

George and Sue McBrayer Machado are proud to announce the arrival of their newest granddaughter.

KRISTA KARIN MACHADO, the daughter of Phillip and Carolyn

Machado, was born 31 May 1984 in California and weighed in at a hefty 9 pounds and 10 1/4 ounces.

Krista is the great granddaughter of Lewis Gibson and Verda Starr McBrayer of Bakersfield, Ca. (data provided by Verda McBrayer.)

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N.C HOLDS SECOND

SUCCESSFUL FAMILY

REUNION

by Susan and Dr. Ben E. McBrayer

For the second time in as many years a large turnout filled the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Forest City, N.C., on Sunday, Aug. 12, 1984, for a day of good food and plenty of family socialization.

About 150 people were in attendance. Held primarily for the descendants of David and Delila Webb McBrayer who settled near Boiling Springs in 1805, the reunion also included McBrayers from other ancestral lines. Seven states were represented.

Dr. Ben E. McBrayer of Dunnellon, Fla., served as guest speaker for the event. He discussed the plans for the 1985 National Reunion in Okla. City, and talked about the annual family tour to

Scotland. In addition he made the presentation of the first annual "Skipper Award" to Susan McBrayer of Shelby.

The oldest McBrayer attending was Vesta McBrayer Wood, 81, of Rutherfordton, N.C. The oldest person there was Gordon Yelton, 84, of Rutherfordton. The youngest descendent was Meleah Lauren McBrayer, the 11-week-old daughter of Eddie and Melanie McBrayer Green of Caroleen, N.C.

John Robert McBrayer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Yates McBrayer, of Mooresboro, N.C., was elected as president of the next McBrayer Reunion scheduled for 1986 and a committee was established to plan the event.

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KENTUCKY REUNION HELD

A smaller-than-normal crowd, but "better than last year", spent an enjoyable day under the cover of the cool shade trees in the Morehead City Park, Morehead, Ky., on Sunday, Aug. 19, as descendants of James R. and Anne Sanders McBrayer, with visitors of other branches, gathered for the annual McBrayer family reunion there.

James Earl McBrayer, serving his last year as chairman of the event, reports that good food and family fellowship were

in abundance.

A new leader will be selected before the next reunion scheduled for the third Sunday in August, 1986.

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NC DEATH RECORDED

by Susan McBrayer

CHARLOTTE, NC...

Arnold Emerson McBrayer, 65, died at his home Thursday night, August 9, 1984.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Broadus L. and Sarah Ruppe McBrayer. He was the retired manager of the Carpet and Bedding Department of Ivey's Department Store in Charlotte where he had worked for fifteen years. He was a member of Avondale Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a Master Sergeant.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Reid McBrayer; one daughter, Joyce McBrayer of Charlotte; and two sons, Wayne McBrayer and Alan McBrayer of Charlotte.

Services were conducted at the Harry and Bryant Chapel in Charlotte by Dr. John A. Haley. Burial was in the Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte.

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GREENE'S ARE PROUD

PARENTS OF NEW

DAUGHTER

The birth of MELEAH LAUREN GREENE marks the arrival of one of the newest members of the McBrayer family. She was born May 27, 1984, in Rutherfordton, N.C. The proud parents are Eddie and Melanie McBrayer Greene of Caroleen, N.C. Melanie is the daughter of Hugh Donald McBrayer.

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OREGON

NEWS

by Loeta McBrayer Ray

Lots of things have been happening in Oregon since my last report. Our son, Jim, has married a beautiful girl. (see story here-in)

Three of our grandchildren have graduated from high school. Debbie Lund, graduated last year and has a year of college behind her. She went to Western Oregon State College. She is the daughter of our oldest daughter, Judy Ray Lund.

Darla Lockman, our second daughter, Georgia Ray Lockman's, daughter, graduated from high school on June 3rd this year. She won first place in the State of Oregon DECA Club competition, and competed in the National competition in Kansas City, Mo., in May. She did place

there, but brought home a bronze medal for her school.

Our grandson, Timothy Frost, son of our youngest daughter, Melva Frost Gorman, graduated from high school on June 9th of this year. He excelled in several track events and was awarded "The Athlete of the Year" trophy, plus a full track scholarship to Central Washington State College.

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RAY - CALDER

WEDDING HELD

RENO, NEVADA...

Debbie Calder and Jim Ray were married April 28, 1984, at the MGM Grand Hotel wedding Chapel in Reno, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Sandi Calder of Sutherlin, Ore. Jim is the son of Melvin and Loeta McBrayer Ray of Roseburg, Ore.

Debbie is a 1982 graduate of Sutherlin High School and is now studying business at Umpqua Community College. Jim graduated from Roseburg High School in 1979 and is assistant manager of Dee's Market in Roseburg.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii the couple returned to Roseburg where they will make their home.

(Jim is the grandson of the late Samuel Lee and Lillian Beatrice Tucker McBrayer (#366).)

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BLUEGRASS

NEWS

by James E. McBrayer

RUSSELL, KY..... The featured speaker at a kick-off luncheon for the Greenup County United Way Campaign for 1984 was Ethel McBrayer, a former teacher and principal in the Greenup County School District. She is the mother of W. Terry McBrayer, a former Democratic primary gubernatorial candidate.

ROB and LEIGH ANN MCBRAYER RAMEY are moving to Oak Ridge, Tn. where he will be employed. Rob is a recent vet. of the U.S. Navy. Leigh Ann is the daughter of Harold and Pauline McBrayer Ellington and the granddaughter of James E. McBrayer.

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FAMILY GATHERING HELD

IN MOORESBORO, NC

by Susan McBrayer

JOHN MCBRAYER hosted a gathering for his immediate branch of the McBrayer family at his home in Mooresboro, N.C., on Saturday, Aug. 25, 1984. It was a covered-dish affair under a big tent. Close to 30 people were in attendance.

The oldest McBrayer descendent there was Bill Broadway, 68, of Asheville, N.C., and the youngest was the eight-month-old son of Don and Carol McBrayer Allen of Lincolnton, N.C.

John lives at his family's "old home place" on McBrayer Blvd (Highway 74 Bypass).

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SPECIAL AWARD

PRESENTED IN NORTH

CAROLINA

by Susan McBrayer

David McBrayer, the Davidson County Environmental Health Supervisor, recently received the West Piedmont Environmental Health Section's 1984 Sanitarian of the Year Award. The section includes 17 counties. He retired last year as the State District Sanitarian.

David's father, the late Edwin Yates McBrayer, was the Gaston County Sanitarian for 30 years.

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IN OTHER NEWS

A PERSONAL NOTE

By now you realize that this issue is rather late in hitting the mail. A recent development here in Oklahoma forced the delay. On July 1, 1984, I assumed a new

job and new responsibilities which dictated some immediate change in plans and priorities. First was the change of my planned vacation. For over nine months I had planned a vacation which would have centered around the attendance of the North Carolina Reunion - with interim visits with family members in the east and south. By accepting the new job I was committed to attending a required school in Texas - the date fell within my planned vacation time - so changes were hurriedly made. Instead of attending the NC gathering I made a quick trip there in early July to take some goods Susan was needing for the reunion and which, if shipped, would not have reached her in time. Many of the stops I had scheduled had to be cancelled because of the reduced time available.

Then after my return to Okla. I had only a week and half to prepare for the one-month school at Sheppard AFB, Tx. That did not give me enough time to complete the Sept issue of ID before I left. I hope everyone understands and I thank you for your tolerance.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO SUSTAIN FAMILY
MOVEMENT**

by Carl McBrayer

A dream is an idea - a wish for something that is not, or a hope for something that is. It can be a vision of an individual or the dream of a multitude.

In 1979 I had a dream...a dream that our common family could be united. I dreamed of a newsletter, a publication that would be OF, BY and FOR our family ...something we could be proud of. I dreamed of a new, updated, historical record of our family. I dreamed of a family association in which every one could be a part... I dreamed that interest of others - interest in which they would take an active part - would make this all come true. Not just for me, but for our family as a whole.

But dreams are some times not to be - as I have discovered. Some of the goals I had personally set were met; others fell in defeat.

Regardless of how diligently one might pursue something he or she believes in, there are still those who are never satisfied and who will make every attempt possible to undermine the accomplishments of others. They complain

but never participate in any way.

Now, due in part to a new job which requires fewer personal commitments and due in part to those of the category mentioned above, I feel the time has come for me to divest myself of some of the responsibilities I have assumed over the years, and let those who feel they can perform in a more satisfactory manner have the task of proving their abilities. Although my overall personal goals have not been reached, I think it is time for me to step down and allow others to assume the responsibilities.

Therefore, with the December issue of IN DEFIANCE I will no longer publish or print our family newsletter. I will leave that chore to more capable individuals. I will make no further decisions in regards to family matters. I will leave those to others.

As for the 1985 National Reunion..... The overall response and interest necessary to sustain an endeavor of such magnitude is just not forthcoming at this time. Although there are some who are enthusiastically supportive, I cannot see that it would be beneficial to conduct such an event at this time. A final decision will be made prior to the Dec. issue of ID and everyone will be informed at that time

whether or not there will be a national reunion.

In short - the ONLY responsibility I will retain will be the maintenance of our family files - something I have unfortunately been neglecting due to other more demanding tasks.

If anyone wishes to assume the responsibility for the publication of the newsletter I will gladly supply them with the mailing list and all the monies that remain in the account. If no one is forthcoming as a volunteer by December 1, 1984, I will refund those subscriptions with time remaining.

I sincerely thank all who have supported my endeavors during the past five years and I hope you will give that same emotional assistance to whomever decides to assume the responsibilities.

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