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## TIDBITS

VERONA "DUTCH" MCBRAYER is still in a nursing home in Seattle, WA. Reports her son, Carl T. McBrayer, she was 96 years of age on the 17th of Dec. 1986. For all of you who know and love Dutch you might drop her a line in care of Carl. His address is; c/o Carl McBrayer, 340 NW 53rd St., Seattle, WA., 98107.

OPAL MCBRAYER, Ft. Payne, AL, reports that LEANNA MCBRAYER, wife of the late WALTER MCBRAYER, is in poor health.

"JIGGER" ANTHONY has recovered from his bout with cancer and at last report 'all was normal'. Jigger and DOROTHY ANTHONY spent three weeks in Mexico City and Cuernavaca in Dec '86 and plan a cruise/tour to Alaska the first three weeks of June this year. Have a great time!

ALAN MCBRAYER of Charlotte, NC, was elected in 1986 as chairman for the 1988 NC Reunion. We're expecting information on the reunion soon. Congratulations to Alan!

GORDON RAILEY, Jeffersonville, IN, suffered a stroke in 1985 (?). He is recovering at home. His wife, Edna, reports they are now pretty much confined at home.

EMERSON E. MCBRAYER, Idabel, OK, recently underwent major surgery and was reportedly experiencing some difficulties.

The THOMAS H. MCBRAYER family reunion will be held Aug 8 & 9, 1987, at the Fin and Feather Resort in eastern Oklahoma. A.N. McBrayer, chairman and organizer of the gathering can be contacted at P.O.

Box 1151, Bartlesville, OK, 74003, for further information.

The MCBRAYERS of southeastern Oklahoma have tentatively set the first Saturday in October, 1987 as the date for their family reunion. This gathering will be held at the Redlands Community Center east of Idabel, OK. Point of contact is Edith Overby, Hayworth, OK.

## WEDDINGS

DORIS ANN MCBRAYER and MICHAEL RALPH ROYSTER, both of Shelby, NC, were married in ceremonies in the First Methodist Church of Forest City, NC, on October 11, 1986.

Doris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Paul McBrayer of Forest City. A graduate of Lenior Rhyne College with a degree in early childhood education, she is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Shiloh Elementary School in Forest City.

Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Royster, II, of Shelby. He earned a degree in business administration from Furman University and is self-employed at Royster Oil Co. in Shelby.

LISA DIANE MCBRAYER and JERRY LEE SMITH were married in the Penecostal Holliness Church in Orlando, FL, on 27 September, 1986. They are now living in Orlando. Lisa is the daughter of ERBYC and DIANE WALLS MCBRAYER and the grand daughter of OPAL MCBRAYER of Ft. Payne, AL. She has one brother, JASON MCBRAYER, of the home. Opal and son, TROY WAYNE

MCBRAYER, were in attendance for the wedding.

EMIL and LILLIAN MCBRAYER, Danville, CA, send the news of the marriage of their son, ROGER JAMES MCBRAYER to DONITA GRANT of Jefferson, OR. The couple exchanged vows on October 5, 1985, in Santa Cruz, CA, where they are now making their home.

#### FAMILY DEATHS

RUBY MCBRAYER COTTON passed away this past year. (The exact date is not known at this time.) She was a retired beauty operator and a Ft. Worth, TX., resident since 1898. Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Doris L. Hardy Adams & son-in-law Mickey Adams, both of Ft. Worth; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Ft. Worth. Doris reports her mother had been in the nursing home for over 6 years and would have been 91 on November 22, 1986.

ANA MAE MCBRAYER, widow of MAJOR BARNES MCBRAYER, died June 2, 1986, in Scottsdale, AZ. She was buried in the Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, AZ.

JAUNICE L. MCBRAYER, Roseburg, OR., died January 8, 1986, after a battle with cancer. Details on the services and burial are not available at this time.

VERA GROOVER, a strong supporter of the McBrair Family Heritage and History, died on the 9th of April, 1986, at a nursing home in Atlanta, Ga. She was 89 years of age. Interment was at Ballground, Ga.

MILDRED LEE MCBRAYER HOWELL, daughter of the late Robert Lee and Sallie Ann Edge McBrayer, died 30 April, 1985, in Ga. She was buried at the Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainsville, Ga.

CARRIE SKAGGS, 87, died at Louisa, KY. (date of death not known at this time) She was born 24 Nov., 1897, in Rush, KY., the daughter of Ed

McBrayer and Della Wheeler McBrayer. She was married to Rufus Skaggs, who died in 1950. Survivors include: daughters, Mrs. Paul J. (Freda) Griffith of Columbus, OH, and Mrs. Ellarie White of Rockford, IL; a son, Harold Skaggs of Madison, FL; three sisters, Mrs. Tressie Bond of Louisa, Mrs. Beulah Fleming of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Mrs. Rosalee Monk of Chicago, IL; a brother James McBrayer of Martha, 11 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Skaggs Cemetery at Martha, KY.

MRS. ESSIE MCBRAYER BROOKS, 75, of Canton, OH., formerly of Lawrence County, (KY) died Friday, June 28, 1985 in Canton after a long illness. She was born in Lawrence Co., a daughter of the late Edward and Della McBrayer. Survivors include her husband, Lester Brooks; a daughter, Mrs. Elnora Rolla of AZ.; four sisters, Tressie Hay Bond, her twin, Carrie Skaggs (see also above obituary) both of Louisa, KY, Mrs. Beulah Fleming of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Mrs. Rosalie Monk of Wilmette, IL; a brother, James McBrayer of Martha, KY; plus several grand and great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at the Rocky Fork Church in Otway, OH. Burial was in Otway.

TILMAN JONES, 81, died Friday, ??, 1986, in Morehead, KY. He was born March 13, 1904, in Rowan Co., KY, a son of the late Frank and Margaret Riddle Jones. He was a member of the Oakgrove Baptist Church in Rowan Co. He was a retired farmer and Rowan County school system employee and a former employee of the Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nora McBrayer Jones; a son, Kenny Jones of Lexington, KY; and two grandchildren. Burial was in the Caudill Cemetery in Morehead.

VERL BLAIR, 45, Blairs Mill, KY, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 1985, near his home in Morgan Co. He was killed when a tractor he was using to mow a bank overturned. Verl was born May 24, 1940, in Elliott Co., KY, a son of Mrs. Mary Reynolds

Blair McBrayer of Clearfield and the late Elmer Blair. He was a farmer and carpenter. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Earlene Mae Thornsberry Blair; two sons, Anthony Blair and Randy Blair, both of West Liberty, KY; two sisters, Bertlee Thornsberry of Monroe, OH, and Rhonda Davis of Paris, KY; two stepsisters, Janet Dulin of Billings, Mont., and Naomi Shafer (sic) of Boyse, VA; six step-brothers, Arthur McBrayer of Phoenix, AZ, Linvell McBrayer of Oakland, CA, James C. McBrayer of Sulphur Springs, TX, Emil McBrayer of Danville, CA, and Bert McBrayer, Jr. of Harrisburg, PA; and 2 grand sons. Burial was in the Perry family cemetery in Morgan Co., KY.

ETHEL M. BLAIR LANE, 74, of Jacksonville Beach, FL, formerly of Ironton (OH), died Tuesday, May 9, 1985. She was born October 7, 1910, the daughter of Thomas and Sudie Blair. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Oskie, Clifford, and Allan Blair. She is survived by her husband, Charles F. Lane; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Carol) Hasenauer of Ironton and Mrs. James (Donna) Craft of Jacksonville Beach, FL; two sisters Zella Dollard of Castro Valley, CA, and Mrs. Carl (Effie) Bare of Miamisburg (OH); six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was buried in the Jacksonville Beach Cemetery.

(Sudie Gillum Blair was the daughter of Ester McBrayer and Jasper Gillum.)

ELIZABETH MCBRAYER OWEN, 89, died in the Cleveland Co., NC, Memorial Hospital (date not known). A Shelby (NC) native, she was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Ishpenning Club, Historical Association of Cleveland County, Cleveland Country Club and a charter member of the DAR. Her parents were the late DR. VICTOR and ESTHER SUTTLE MCBRAYER, and her husband was the late PENRY OWEN. She is survived by a son, JIMMY FREEMAN of Shelby; one grand child; and three great-grand children. Burial was in the Sunset Cemetery.

CHARLES F. (FRANK) LANE, 76, of Jacksonville Beach, FL, formerly of Ironton, OH, died July 27, 1985. He was born June 29, 1909, and was a former employee of Armco Steel Inc., of Ashland, KY, retiring in 1974 after 37 years. He was preceded in death by his wife (see above obituary). Services were held in Jacksonville Beach. Burial was in the Warren-Smith Cemetery there.

EDWARD BEAM NOLAN, SR., 73, of Shelby, NC, died in the Cleveland County (NC) Memorial Hospital (date not known). He was a Cleveland County native and was the owner of Ed Nolan Realty. He was also a veteran of WW II, a member of the First Baptist Church, Elks Lodge No. 1709, Cleveland County Board of Realtors and Shelby Kiwanis Club. He was the husband of the late MARY LOUISE DAVENPORT NOLAN and the son of the late JOHN BEAM and DELLA MCBRAYER NOLAN. Surviving are a son, EDWARD BEAM NOLAN, JR., of Atlanta, GA; and a sister, IONE WRAY of Shelby. Services were held in the First Baptist Church and burial was in the Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, NC.

The following information has been provided by Geraldine Gray, of Gadsden, AL - THOMAS EDWARD MCBRAYER, 50, Gadsden, AL, died Sunday, Jan 4, 1987, from injuries he received in a one-vehicle accident near Gadsden. Survivors include his wife, LOUISE NANCE MCBRAYER; daughters, PAMELA DIANA MCBRAYER STORY and LYNN MCBRAYER EDWARDS; and his father, OLLIE MCBRAYER, all of Gadsden. Services were held Wednesday, 7 Jan., with burial in the Crestwood Cemetery.

LUTHER C. MCBRAYER, 81, Idabel, OK, died in the Texarkana, TX, hospital on 10 Feb 1987. Services were held in Idabel, OK on Friday, 13 Feb '87 with interment in the Denison Cem. Idabel.

PAULINE PRESLEY, wife of CHESTER CAROL PRESLEY, died of a sudden heart attack on 22 May 1986. She was the second wife of Chester; his first wife, the late WILLIE BEASON

MCBRAYER PRESLEY, died in 1942. Chester is now in his 91st year and 'is in pretty good health considering he suffered a heart attack in May 1984. He is still living alone in Porterville, CA, and is still driving himself around. In fact, reports his daughter, ROMA LEE BAILEY, he had to renew his drivers license in Dec '86 and he passed the test the first time.

#### SEARCHING FOR KIN

JENNIE JONES KINSELLA, 315 W. 4th, Cameron, MO, is looking for some lost relatives. Jennie, the daughter of Rosa McBrayer who married William Henry Dorsey-Jones, and granddaughter of John Abel (#219) and Elizabeth Wood McBrayer, lost track of her McBrayer family when her mother died several years ago and would like to re-establish contact with some of them. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts or any addresses of any descendents of John, please, drop Jennie a line at the address above.

#### BIRTHS

We want to welcome all the new "little cousins" to the family.

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LOUELLEN PLEDGER, Brenham, TX., announces the arrival of a new granddaughter, MARGARET JANE PLEDGER, born 31 December, 1986, in Brenham. Margaret is the daughter of JOHN and LANETTE PLEDGER.

JAMES RICHARD and SYLVIA TEAGUE MCBRAYER, Sulphur Springs, TX., says several new happy additions have been made to their family in the past couple of years and proudly sends the following news: Their son GORDON RICHARD and CARLA JOHNSON MCBRAYER have given their son BRETT RICHARD a new brother, BRANDON SCOTT MCBRAYER, born 26 Jan 1987; daughter LORI ANNETTE MCBRAYER DUREY (? spelling) and her husband introduced a new daughter to the world on 23 Dec 1985. Her name was NICOLAS (? spelling) LYNETTE; and youngest son, WELDON

CRAIG and MARTHA STANDESH MCBRAYER had a new son, JAMES CRAIG MCBRAYER, born 24 May 1985.

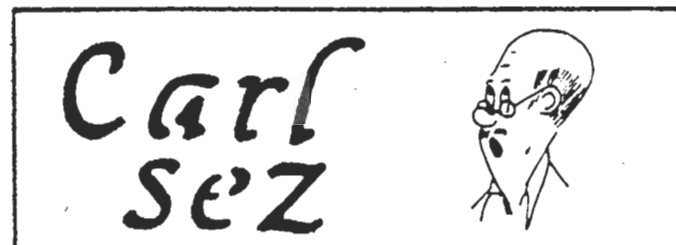
RICKY BERLIN and DEBRA JEAN MCBRAYER, son of EMIL and LILLIAN MCBRAYER, Danville, CA, are the proud parents of a new son, RICKY BERLIN MCBRAYER, JR., who was born 15 Oct 1985.

RONALD and ANN BAILEY LOVELACE, daughter of DURWOOD and ROMA LEE PRESLEY BAILEY, are proud parents (and grandparents) for the third time. A son, RYAN ERIC LOVELACE, joins two sisters, BROOKE LOVELACE, age 10, and BREANNE LOVELACE, age 5. He was born January 4, 1987, in Fresno, CA. Mother, father, new son, and grandparents are all reported to be doing ok.

#### LAROE IS 4-H WINNER!

by Dorothy S. Anthony

TINA KAY LaROE, 16, of Eustis, Florida, was the national winner in the 4-H fashion contest held in December, 1986, in Chicago. She had previously placed first in Lake County and Florida State contests. Tina's grandmother, HARRIET SLOAN SEARS, is descended from ROBERT SLOAN who married a daughter of first generation, DAVID MCBRAYER, one of the three brothers who came to Pennsylvania in 1735-36.



There appears to have been some confusion about the advertised contents of the new set of books on the McBrair Family. Hopefully I can clear up some of these problems at this time. I apologize for any inconvenience and misunderstandings. In answer to some of your questions, please read on:

QUESTION: What does Volume I of the new set contain that is not in the

old Book II (1983)?

ANSWER: Volume I of the NEW "McBair Family History" contains almost everything you found in Book II (1983) except the McBair and Brier lineage (This will be explained shortly.) In addition Volume I will contain a LARGE amount of NEW data on the McBrayer lineage which has been uncovered or submitted since 1983. AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS A LARGE AMOUNT!!!!!! In fact so much NEW material has been received and added to the existing data one book or volume will no longer be sufficient. In essence, the old book (Book II - 1983) has been comprehensively updated and DIVIDED into TWO VOLUMES. Volume II, which is nearing completion, should be available within the next few months, will be devoted to the MCBRAIR and BRIER lineage and history. No update has been made on the Scottish or Irish connections, but maybe a future volume can be devoted to these connections.

QUESTION: Why must you have more than one book?

ANSWER: As explained in the previous answer - too much new information!!! Also if we attempted to contain it all in one book the cost would be excessive because of printing and binding costs for such a large book.

QUESTION: What will Volumes III, IV, etc., contain?

ANSWER: At this time Volume III will be a picture/photo album of the entire family. There will be more on this in the future. Volume IV will be devoted to NEW and updated family information not included in previous volumes and corrections to existing data. All the new material (that uncovered after Volumes I and II were completed) will be filed and maintained until sufficient amounts warrant printing an update volume. All the new information in this volume will be referenced or keyed to the previous volumes.

QUESTION: Will the cost of each book or volume be the same as Volume I?

ANSWER: NO!!!! Volume I contains the most information and is the largest in contents of any of the planned books and is therefore the most expensive. Volume II SHOULD cost around \$25 to \$30 (maybe less). Cost will depend on size.

QUESTION: Do I have to purchase Volume I if I have Book II (1983)?

ANSWER: It's not absolutely necessary, BUT all future volumes will be referenced to Volume I and II, therefore references made in these volumes MAY or MAY NOT be in the old book. Keeping track of new lineages and new information will be almost impossible.

QUESTION: Can I obtain JUST the NEW information included in Volume I to add to my old book?

ANSWER: NO!!! The new data has been combined with existing files and information stored in the computer. It would be next to impossible to extract just this from the filed data.

I hope this answers some of your questions. If you have further problems, questions, etc., write (please include a SASE) or call me at (405) 732-1757.

Don't forget - JUNE 1, 1987 IS THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE NEW SET. Neither Volume I nor the information in it will ever be published again. This is your final opportunity to obtain this compendium and get in on the "ground floor" to have the entire set. If you know of ANYONE who might be remotely interested in the family history, tell them to order NOW. They will never have another opportunity.

As long as I am able to keep up the work I will periodically publish new volumes of information on our family. This will be an ongoing effort for many years to come - I hope!

I must remind you, though, that this is a very expensive project and I am personally unable to fund the publication of these books myself. That is the reason you are required to submit your check or money order WITH your book order. The printing and binding of these books MUST be paid in two installments - 1/2 before work begins and the remainder upon completion. Also, the prices of these books are based on a minimum quantity of 250 copies. In order to maintain the prices I quote I need your help to insure that the 250 minimum is reached. Please pass the word!!!!

### LET'S MOVE FORWARD!!

One of the most severe setbacks I have seen from my personal decision of a two years ago to halt publication of our newsletter, in addition of course, to not being able to keep in touch with each of you, has been the loss of the momentum that had been realized by everyone who had worked together concerning the family endeavors. That momentum of 7-8 years has now dwindled to a point of almost non-existence. Interest in several of our family projects has almost been lost. Cousins, this is something we CANNOT allow. We cannot lose all that WE have accomplished. Too much work - too many efforts have been expended to lose everything now. It's time that we, as a group and as a family, renew our efforts and band together - to double our efforts - to reach and even surpass that level of interest we once had. WE MUST BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD!!!!

Two projects to which we should redirect our attention and endeavors are: (1) Formation of an official family association, and (2) holding, somewhere in the U.S., a national family convention.

Simultaneous concentration of efforts should be initiated and the sooner we begin the sooner we can realize success. Both of these projects are vitally important and are needed now to boost our family participation and unification.

As often stated, though, neither project can be realized WITHOUT the support and cooperation of each of us. One person cannot do all that is required to make these dreams reality. These projects are family related and should involve everyone in our family. Therefore, your input, ideas, help, and cooperation is imperative.

Now!!! What about a family reunion or convention?????

In 1984 I personally volunteered to host such a gathering in Oklahoma City and had actually begun the preparation with sincere plans and contacts. A meeting place was found and reserved - blocks of motel rooms were booked - many had even begun to plan their vacation around the event. BUT....a few had more critical input. One individual personally confronted me with a statement that I wasn't capable of engineering such a task alone however, that person wasn't willing to assume the responsibilities required. To be confronted in this manner was extremely devastating. I abandoned my plans and dreams.

Now, though, I feel it's time that sincere plans be initiated and see if this (personal ?) dream can come true. It's time we revitalized our efforts, dreams, plans, whatever that many of us have had along this line, and start moving. This will be OUR reunion, OUR convention and OUR family gathering, and it must be OUR decision of what, where and when. I am therefore submitting the idea and will be relying on each of you for input, suggestions, ideas etc.

First of all - DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION?????

Second, if so - WHERE WOULD YOU WANT IT HELD AND WHEN?????

I will be enclosing a questionnaire in a near-future edition of ID for you to complete and return. In the meantime think about it - your input is absolutely necessary.

The second project we MUST confront

is the establishment of a National Family Association. Dr. Ben McBrayer of Dunnellon, Florida, has volunteered to head the project and has already made several attempts to gain your support and ideas. He has made several personally financed mailings requesting your help, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, the return to his efforts were dismal to say the least. Very few ideas or offers of help were returned to him. We let him down!!! It's time we put all the procrastinations and petty disagreements behind us and unite to mold our family into the cohesive element it can be - one which can work as a single unit and evolve into a grand organization devoted to the entire family group. Again, Ben CANNOT do it alone; He must have help, support and encouragement. Each of us must do our part to realize this dream many of us have had so many years.

Both of these projects require our immediate attention. As one cousin states (paraphrased), "I'm not getting any younger. I'm almost to the age that travel will soon be impossible. For me it's now or never."

With this in mind let's all devote our efforts to these two projects and MOVE on them. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!!!! NOW!

**NEXT ISSUE OF ID SCHEDULED FOR 1 JUNE 1987!**

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