

McBrayer

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

December 1988

MESSAGE FROM Dr. Ben McBrayer

Greetings:

Our first reunion at Forest City, NC was a success and it was a good start which gives us great expectations. With representatives from 19 states we had good coverage. One session was devoted to association business and was very productive. Definitive action was taken.

1. Approval of the Constitution as presented with suggestion that the Immediate Past Chief be a member, ex officio, of the council.
2. Approval of the present officers to serve until the next election
3. Establish dues at \$10 per household which includes subscription to the family newsletter. Dues paid now will go through 1989. Send you remittance to Ethel Koller, 3100 College, Berkely, CA 94705

Appointments to Committee on Regional Organization and a Consitution and By-Laws Committee will be made as soon as we receive agreement to serve and the list approved by the Executive Council. Our thanks go to Alan and Susan for the splendid arrangements for the Reunion.

Finally, plans for a Family Tour to Scotland in 1989 are being worked on and hopefully we will have a finished itinerary shortly after the first of the year. If you are interested-please drop me a card so that I can contact you as soon as we have the itinerary and costs available. We must have a minimum of 20 persons to make it feasible.

Again, hopefully we will see you as members and active workers in a splendid organization.

Sincerely,

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HOWDY COUSINS!!!!

Well, the first national reunion is a thing of history and it sounds as if much good came from the meeting. Pat and I regret that we could not be there to meet our many cousins, but I'm sure that the word was passed about our son being involved in a serious auto accident which prevented our attending. He was injured quite seriously, but, through the grace of God, he will eventually recover. Although he will carry a dozen screws, three pins and a couple of rods in his left leg perhaps the rest of his life, he will be able to walk again. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT CARDS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT.

Pat and I had planned to be with you in October, but.... Of course there will always be another time, but there can never be another son for us. Thank God for him!!!

Let's turn our thoughts to another theme now.... LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE FAMILY. Although there was some consternation concerning the election of the association officers, they have now been duly named to their respective positions, so... Just as in a political election, we some times don't support a particular candidate, but if he is elected by popular majority vote, then we should support that individual while he is in office. And that is what we need to do now....support our elected chief and his cabinet. Put all differences aside and pull together to make our family association work. A dream for so many years - our family unity has finally been realized. Let's now concentrate on making it the best possible.

A lot of new information is coming in lately for addition to the family files. Thanks to all who have contributed. Hopefully, in a future issue of our newsletter I will be permitted some space to bring you that new data.

As the holiday season draws near Pat and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. UNTIL NEXT TIME.....I REMAIN "IN DEFIANCE",

CARL MCBRAYER

Additional Information on Proposed McBrayer Tour to Scotland
June or July 1989

On November 22, I received an answer to my letter to Nigel Trauter about participating in our tour and I want to quote from that letter for your information.

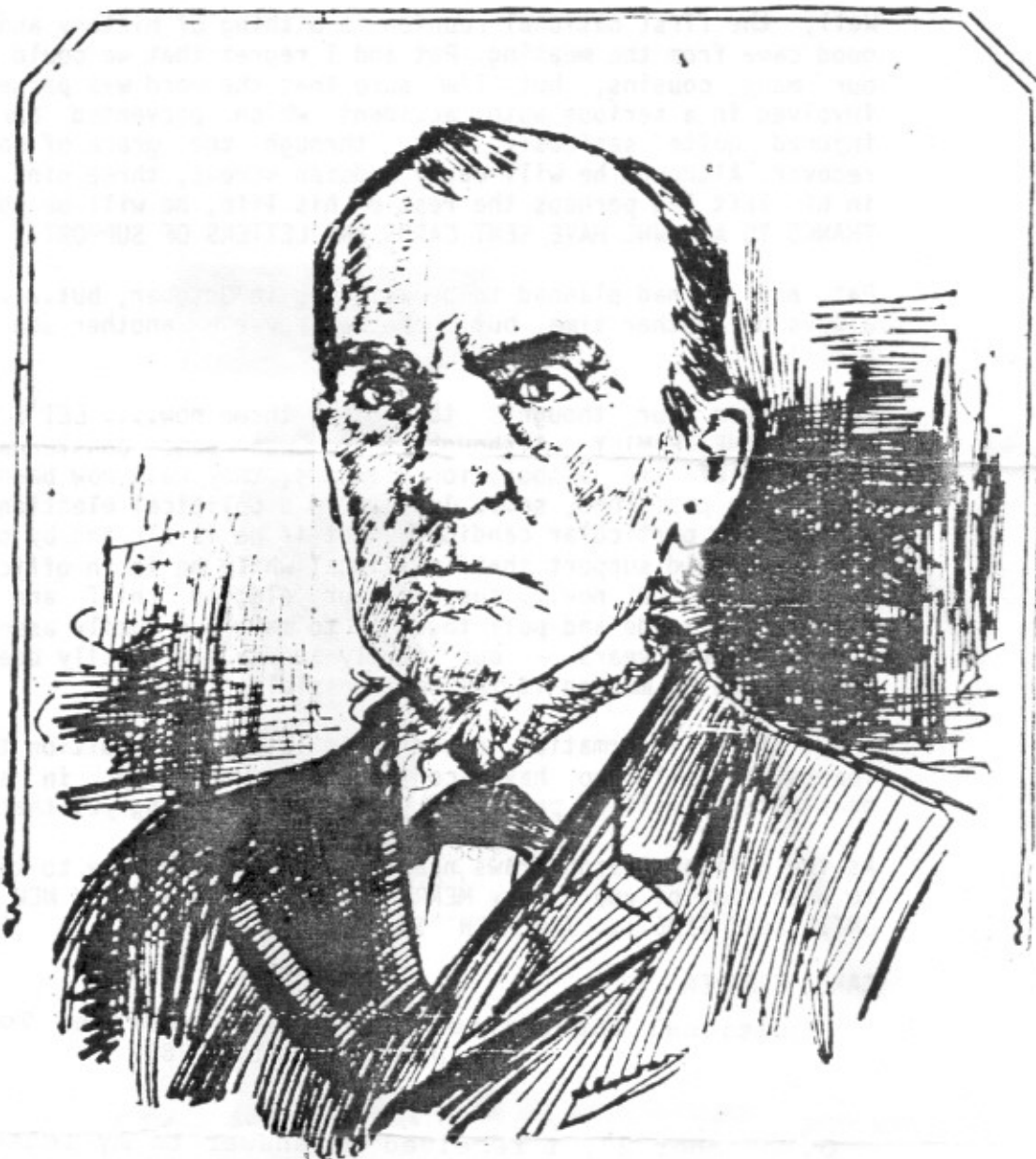
"As to your proposed visit to Scotland in June or July next year, I shall be glad to cooperate in some degree. I fear that my diary being what it is, I would not be able to accompany your party on a West Highland Tour, much as I would like to do so. But I would be happy to meet your party, and perhaps take you on a days excursion in the Border country and my own East Lethian, visiting castles, abbeys, etc. If you wanted, I could give you a slide show and talk, covering most parts of Scotland."

To me this is an exciting and enticing gesture on the part of Mr. Trauter and would help make our tour a successful one. With the aid of Mr. Trauter in the Dumfriesshire area we would gain much of the history and excitement of Scotland. I shall keep you aware of plans. Since there will not be sufficient time to acquaint everyone with all particulars. Please let me know if you are interested in taking such a tour and I will keep you informed. We will need to have at least 20 people(minimum) and hopefully up to 30(maximum).

LET ME KNOW.

Ben

PASSES AWAY AT LODI



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THE LATE REV. J. W. BRIER SR.

LODI, Nov. 3.—Rev. J. W. Brier Sr. passed away at his home, Oak Place, here yesterday. He was one of the earliest pioneers to this State and figured prominently in the ghastly drama of the historical Death Valley party of '49.

Rev. Mr. Brier was born in Dayton, Ohio, on October 14, 1814, of Scotch parentage. He early entered the ministry and for the past sixty years had been an active worker for the church. In 1839 he married Miss Juliet Wells, who survives him. Of this union six children were born, four of whom are living. With his wife and two children Mr. Brier joined the now famous Death Valley party, and after suffering untold privations brought his family through to make history for the Golden State. The deceased had for many years taken an active part in politics, having stumped the State for Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Blaine and Harrison. He was a charter member of the Republican party in California and his speeches were fiery utterances, he being a veritable "Old Man Eloquent." Two years ago he would have stumped the State for McKinley, but failing health prevented; nevertheless he aroused local audiences by his words of wisdom.

He will be buried to-morrow from the Methodist Episcopal church, which, by a strange coincidence, he founded many years ago, when Lodi was first born.

Balance Brought Forward 9/1/88:	\$186.18
Receipts Since 9/1/88:	<u>63.00</u>
Total Brought Forward, Plus Receipts	\$249.18

EXPENDITURES: 9/1/88 Issue (1,000 letters)

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Clerical Costs	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$241.86</u>

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Ethel Koller, 3100 College Ave., Berkeley, Ca. 94706. Ethel is
our Secretary-Treas. She has opened an account for the newsletter:
The amount on hand 10/31/88 was \$521.00 (Send \$10. for membership &
Sub. to Ethel)

SOME NOTES FROM TERRELL MCBRAYER, TEMPORARY VICE-CHIEF

First I want to tell you that I WAS EXCITED and thankful for the
the fine representation of our family in Forest City on Oct 1,2, 1988.
Relatives were there from EIGHTEEN states, from beautiful babies to
our beautiful aging.

A BIG THANKS MUST GO TO ALAN AND SUSAN MCBRAYER and the family
in the Forest City area for hosting the first national reunion! They
were most gracious, and my, was the fellowship sweet! And the food was
great!

Our hearts were saddened that Carl could not be with us, but we
are glad that their son is now much improved.

I commend Carl, Ben, Ethel, and the many others who have kept
the torch burning to help bring our family to this point of closer
relationship. Let me emphasize that we are not trying to take over,
and my own view is that we should move quickly to conduct an election
of permanent officers. The Constitution provides for a Chief, Vice-
Chief, and Secretary-Treas. for two-year terms. The Chief appoints a
nominating committee upon approval of the Executive Committee. Two
people shall be nominated for each office, and election will be held
by mail ballot; One year was mentioned as the tenure for the tempo-
rary officers. My view is that we should move ahead with this, and
elect permanent officers via the 9/1/89 newsletter. I am concerned
lest anyone think we are misusing our roles as temporary officers.

May I urge those of you with time and ability in leading to come
forth and offer yourself for leadership. I want very much to be a
part, BUT FOR THE NEXT FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS I WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY
AND WOULD PREFER OTHERS TO REPLACE ME. MY HEART WILL ALWAYS BE WITH
YOU, MY PRECIOUS KIN.

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