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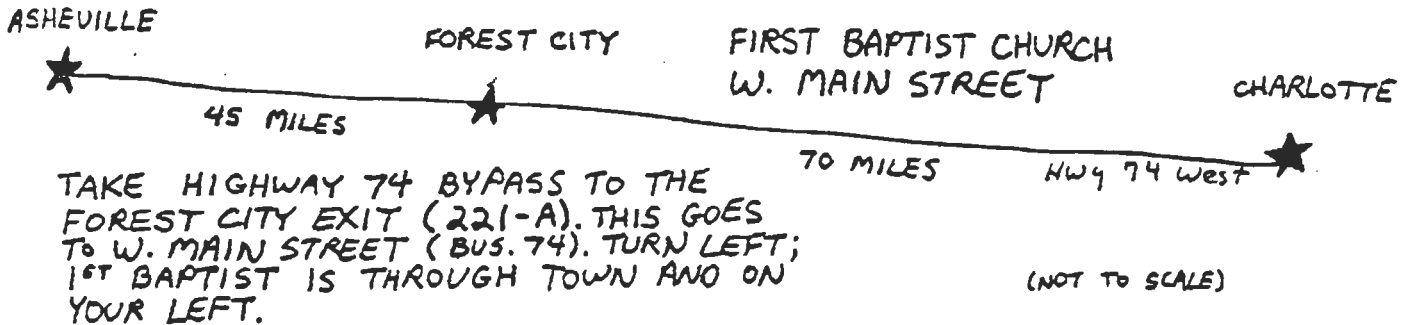
## NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1988

What do McBrayers from Californis, Oklahoma, Ohio, Georgia, Wisconsin, Alabama, Missouri, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and Virginia have in common? These and many others will be at the McBrayer National Family Reunion! On October 1-2, 1988, at the Forest City First Baptist Church in Forest City, North Carolina, hundreds of McBrayers will meet for the FIRST National Reunion of the family. Come and remember with McBrayers from all over the nation!

### SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1, 1988	2:00 p.m. - Family Association Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 1988	1:00 p.m. - Gather at the Church and Covered Dish Dinner Band
	3:00 p.m. - Charlotte Caledonian Pipe/

FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions can be answered by calling Susan McBrayer at 704/484-7000 weekdays only or Alan McBrayer at 704/525-4525 nights and weekends.



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McBrayers and their decedents from all over the country will gather on October 1 and 2, 1988 for a grand reunion of the family. This reunion will be held at the First Baptist Church of Forest City in the foothills of the beautiful North Carolina mountains and within easy driving distance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests, Biltmore House and Gardens, and other scenic and historical sites too numerous to mention. Come to North Carolina to visit and remember with McBrayers from all over the nation.

Accommodations

There are two nearby facilities:

The Big Horn Inn, Spindale, N.C. (704/286-3681) and the Henderson Inn, Forest City, N.C. 704/248-1711

(The Henderson Inn is a new 64-room facility about 1/2 mile from the church. Mr. Henderson has graciously allowed McBrayer Reunion attendees a reduced rate for lodging: \$34.00 single, ~~\$38.00~~ double per night. Tell the motel personnel you are coming for the McBrayer Reunion and receive a reduced rate.)

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Registration

There is no mandatory registration fee; this is to insure maximum attendance. We are, however, operating on a shoestring budget that will barely cover postage and promotion. Therefore, we ask a voluntary \$3.00 donation per adult with the intention of using this money to hire live entertainment (a bagpipe and drum band!). A full band will cost around \$350.00; a smaller version will cost around \$150.00 - \$200.00. We believe this would add tremendously to our reunion. If you are going to make a contribution, please send it as soon as possible, but no later than August 31, 1988. If you are a "well-off" McBrayer and wish to contribute a greater amount, please feel free to do so. A full accounting of this reunion's budget will be presented at the reunion. A registration form is attached. (Pre-registration is strongly recommended but not required.)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$3.00 each for \_\_\_\_\_ adults

Additional contribution of \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

SEND TO: McBrayer Reunion  
c/o Alan McBrayer  
1320 Heather Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28209

Dear Cousins:

Here we are with the second issue of the family newsletter since I said yes to the exciting challenge of trying to edit our family communicator.

A number of you took time to write, and I really appreciate it. We have received several new subscriptions, and this is very encouraging. We sent about 700 complimentary issues, and made the mistake of asking for an address correction. I have found out that the McBrayers are representative of all the good ole USA--They move a lot. And I did not realize that each correction cost 25¢ to 30¢. However, if this effort can be of help to our family, we won't mind the extra cost!

I just have to tell you that the most touching thing that I have experienced is a substantial donation that I received from , ETHEL MacBair-Koller, Editor of THE MACBRAIR HERITAGE. We will be using some of Ethel's material in this issue.

In addition to Ethel's contribution in this issue, we offer timely words from Dr. Ben McBrayer, and some interesting material on the McBrier-Woolworth connection. Other information included: registration form for the first NATIONAL REUNION WHICH IS THIS Oct. 1 & 2 in Forest City, N.C.; information on how to renew or subscribe to this newsletter. So, won't you please read it all?

Yours for a closer family,  
terrell mcbayer

THE MCBRAYER-WOOLWORTH CONNECTION

It is a fact! Fannie McBrayer married John H. Woolworth on Jan. 14, 1851. Their sons, Frank & Charles, the eldest son of Jane McBrier Knox, Seymour H. Knox, the sons of Albon S. McBrier-- Edwin McBrier and Mason McBrier, the eldest son of Mary McBrier White, Gardner T. White, all of these had a part beginning the F. W. WOOLWORTH Company. Ethel Koller provided me a copy of MCBRIER GENEALOGY which relies heavily on Dr L.B. McBrayer's FAMILY HISTORY pub. in 1926. In the MCBRIER GENEALOGY by Edwin Merton McBrier, the writer establishes a definite kinship with these two sets. (See page 7 of this issue!)

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REPORT ON FAMILY NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT

BAL. DEPOSITED TO OPEN ACCOUNT	\$457.15
4-25-88 (From Carl & new subs.)	
RECEIPTS SINCE 4-25:	<u>157.00</u>
Total of Bro't fwd & receipts	\$614.15

EXPENDITURES:

Postage permit	\$120.00
Postage for 1,000 pcs.	141.42
Postage of returns	36.75
Sv. chg & checks	9.70
Duplicating costs, partial	120.00
(\$300. donated by Dr. Dan McBrayer)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$427.97</u>

BALANCE ON HAND \$186.18

(PLEASE NOTE: THE COSTS OF THIS MAILOUT ARE NOT DEDUCTED)

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STATUS OF DUMFRIES MEMORIAL FUND \$1,327.27

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THIS NL:  
SEND \$4.00 for 4 issues to: DR. TERRELL  
MCBRAYER; 418 ALLATOONA WAY; WOODSTOCK; GA30188  
HOPE TO SEE YOU OCT 1, 1988!!! In FC. NC.

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Gleason Leroy Brier of Allison Park, Pa. died 26 February 1988 in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was born 15 Aug. 1902 in Montmorenci, Indiana.

Gleason L. Brier gave many years, probably most of his long life to searching court records and visiting and searching in many out-of-the-way places for Brier family records. With his engineer-like approach to such a study, he has left little to guesswork. He gave his entire body of family records to Charles Templeton Brier for the publishing of the 1956 book called "The Brier Family."

Cousin Gleason has helped many of us in linking ourselves to the Brier line. I am one of those cousins. Submitted by:

Kaye Quinn  
P. O. Box 8201  
Hemet, CA 92343  
June 17, 1988

#### PROUD OF MY ANCESTORS

The Daughters of the 1812 War has named a new Chapter for David Brier (David McBrayer, William McBrayer). The David Brier Chapter organizing President is G. Geraldine Spake and a descendant of David Brier. The new chapter was organized January 1988 in Sacramento, California. Many of David Brier's descendants belong to the above chapter.

The Daughters of 1812 are preparing to repair David Brier and family tombstones and to place a much needed fence around the small cemetery which is located in the middle of a farm in Liberty Township, Warren Co., Indiana. When the above work is finished, a memorial marker will be placed on veterans of 1812 grave our David Brier. This is planned for Sept-Oct. 1988 or Apr. 1989.

David Brier 1783-1842 married Elizabeth Jacobs 27 Jan. 1820, Miami Co. Ohio. David fought in the War of 1812. His father fought in the Revolutionary War. Submitted by Kaye Quinn- member of the David Brier Chapter USD1812

Personal Note: I'm an avid Civil War student/collector. Bring any Civil War period letters, diaries, weapons, uniforms etc. to the Reunion (especially McBrayer-related). I'd love to see them! Also, some family members would like to see a copy of the family history written in the 1920's by Dr. L. B. McBrayer and Mrs. Charles Whitaker. If you have a copy, bring it!

Alan McBrayer  
704/525-4525

#### ORIGIN OF NAME MACBRAIR LONG A MYSTERY (from "The MacBrair Heritage," 5/87)

"The origin of the name MacBrair has long been a mystery, and none of the books on names has been of much help. The one commonly given - that the name means 'son of the friar' - seems like someone's guesswork, and not a known fact.

Recently when looking at a history of Scotland, Olive Butler of Berkeley was struck by the fact that one William Briwere (or de Briwere) was among a group of nobles who were present when a King of Scotland was about to be returned to Scotland from the English Court in the 12th century.

Since 'Mac' in Scotland merely means 'son of' it seemed much more logical to be that, had this William indeed gone to Scotland as part of the entourage, any of his children would have been called, in Scotland, MacBriwere, and that this would be far closer to any other name we have found.

#### NAMING CUSTOMS

In most countries parents have named their children after their own or their parents or grandparents or earlier forbears. Scotland, being a country appreciative of its traditions, had a highly developed system of naming children as follows:

The eldest son after paternal grandfather; the second son after the maternal grandfather; the third son after the father; the eldest daughter after the maternal grandmother; the second daughter after the mother; younger children would be named from earlier forbears, but the pattern was settled (Taken from Scottish Ancestry by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards)

A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Ben McBrayer

Greetings:

I have had several communications since the last newsletter, expressing an interest in the McBrayer Family Association, and also containing some good suggestions and comments. These actions are ones that encourage those of us who are spending considerable time and effort in building not only an association that will bring McBrayer descendants closer together but also demonstrate that the McBrayer Family is one with a great and honorable heritage.

There is one hurdle that every group with which I have been associated has had to encounter. We Americans tend to become involved in the area in which we live, and this in a way isolates us into groups. This is often called regionalism or sectionitis, and if we are to overcome it, there is one thing we must do. We must all come to the realization that those of us who have a common ancestry and a like heritage must work together and share our knowledge, our experience, and ourselves with each other. That may sound simple; it should be, and it can be.

During the past few years I have met a multitude of McBrayer descendants from coast to coast, and I have yet to find one that I have been willing to share my feelings with and become better acquaintances. (unwilling)

I hope we will see many of you in Forest City, N.C. on October 1 and 2, and discuss the Association together. It is not my organization; it is not yours; it is OURS, together and for the betterment and joy of all of us.

Join us - we will all enjoy it.

Ben McBrayer

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Edward W. Ramey, grandson of Susan McBrayer Ramey, celebrated his 90th birthday January 24, 1988. He is also the father of Beverly Ramey Whyatt.

Sara Sims McBrayer of Atlanta retired from Sterchi's after having worked there for 46½ years. Her husband was a forceful Methodist minister, and she was a vocalist. She was nominated a candidate as Atlanta's Woman of the Year in Business and a director of the Atlanta Women's Chamber of Commerce and member of the Funds Appeal Review Board. She was active in charity drives and is current and past president of 32 women's organizations. The cornerstone of her life was "the capacity for gratitude, love, compassion, integrity, generosity, unselfishness and forgiveness." She will be missed by Sterchi's!

Staley T. McBrayer, inventor, publisher and journalist warned citizens to join together to keep the press free. He delivered a speech before a joint luncheon meeting of the National Newspaper Assoc. and Rotary Club of Cincinnati at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel. "The American right of dissent shows our greatest strength...The first amendment may bring us unrest, turmoil and some embarrassment. It might put the brakes on an unpopular war or hasten a commander-in-chief's departure from office but thank God, it keeps us free!"

McBrayer and his plant foreman in 1954 became the first to successfully adapt offset printing to newspapers - a development that drastically cut production costs. The Society of Professional Journalists honored him with a plaque marking the birthplace of the press in downtown Fort Worth. McBrayer preferred the community involvement and the hands-on control of small newspapers.

## BENEFITS OF A MACBRAIR SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION

There is a small movement toward the formation of a Family Association or Society. Just a trickle! Perhaps this should be considered as an encouraging sign. Several of us here in the West have been thinking and talking of establishing a Western Branch of MacBrair. Let us hope we can keep the momentum going to get on with the project.

There are barriers, or road blocks, if you will, to the several projects in which Family members have expressed an interest. (We refer only to Dumfries projects.) It appears that we cannot get past these barriers without a solid organisation behind us. That is just the way it is.

As a Family we are interested in having a brass plate with our Family name engraved on it, installed within the Church of St. Michael's in Dumfries.

As a Family we are interested in the establishment of a scholarship fund in the name of our Family. This has commenced with individual grants to Mr. Truckell for this purpose.

As a Family we are interested in having a marker on the gravesite in the churchyard at St. Michael's where some of our earliest ancestors are buried.

"As late as November 8, 1705, Robert McBair of Netherwood was allowed to erect a seat for twelve or sixteen persons in the M'Brair Aisle, and finally the Session consents to preserving of his right of burial place in the said Aisle as had been in use by his predecessors. In June, 1747, after the present church was built, the Provost reported that the Council had been summoned before the lords of Session at the instance of the widow and children of Alexander M'Brair of Netherwood about a burial place in St. Michael's..."

"In the Church of St. Michael's there was a McBair Aisle under which the Family were buried since time beyond the memory of man. There is no churchyard monument in memory of the Family of MacBrair. Of tenements in the town, and of broad acres on the banks of the rivers Nith and Urr, they, down until about two hundred years ago owned an extraordinary share; but of their dwellings in this city of the dead, scarcely a trace is visible, though we know with certainty that many of them lie fathoms deep below its turf."\*

In 1860 when the underpinnings of the Church were being repaired, the bones of those whose interment had been in a crypt beneath the Aisle as late as the mid 1700s, were gathered up and put into an unmarked site at the rear of the churchyard. And yet, curiously, the site remains unmarked, one hundred and twenty six years later.

We might be within our rights to ask an opening of that grave site. Would we find buried there anything other than the bones of our ancestors or would we even find them there at all? About 25 or so years ago we put this question to an assistant minister of St. Michael's who told us, 'Those old bones were disposed of. They were thrown out.' But did he mean they were put into an unmarked site or did he mean they were sent off to who knows where. Would we find buried there anything other than the bones of our ancestors or would we even find them there at all. It does pique the curiosity. What is your guess. Let us hear from you.

Let's not let the opportunity to accomplish the goals that have been designated as being of special interest to our Family slip past.

\*Memorials of St. Michael's Churchyard by McDowall p 308-9

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS PAGE IS USED BY PERMISSION FROM THE MACBRAIR HERITAGE; JULY, 1988. YOU WILL NOTE REF. TO ROADBLOCKS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TYPE OF MEMORIAL WILL BE POSSIBLE AT ST. MICHAEL'S; PENDING THE FAMILY ORGAN. AND OTHER MATTERS TO YET DEAL WITH. TMC)

## McBRIER GENEALOGY

### PART II

### FOREWORD

No attempt has here been made to write a history of the men who figured prominently in the beginnings of the five and ten cent business. The brief biographical sketches of Frank W. Woolworth, Charles Sumner Woolworth and Seymour H. Knox in this Part II are an integral part of the genealogy of the McBrier family. They have been transferred from their proper setting in the genealogical record of the family in Part I, to this Part II, so that a separate printing of the latter might be made for the benefit of those who are interested in the early history of this business.

Henry McBrier, Scotch-Irish immigrant from North Ireland in 1827, had eight children. Four of these children had sons who had a part in the early development of the present F. W. Woolworth Co. They are—

The sons of Fanny McBrier Woolworth—Frank W. Woolworth and Charles Sumner Woolworth

The eldest son of Jane McBrier Knox—Seymour H. Knox

The sons of Albon S. McBrier—Edwin Merton McBrier and Mason B. McBrier

The eldest son of Mary McBrier White—Gardner T. White

The first three mentioned—Frank W. Woolworth, Charles Sumner Woolworth and Seymour H. Knox—were the pioneers in the business, and became "founders" of the F. W. Woolworth Co. when their several chains were merged in 1912. The two other "founders," Fred M. Kirby and Earle P. Charlton, got their start in the business as early partners of Charles Sumner Woolworth and Seymour H. Knox.

The first successful and permanent 5 and 10 Cent Store in the United States was opened by Frank W. Woolworth. His initial venture in business for himself was the opening of a store in Utica, N. Y., on February 22, 1879, which sold five cent goods exclusively. Five cent counters had been introduced rather widely in variety and dry goods stores for a few years, prior to the spring of 1878, when Woolworth first heard of the idea. Such innovations had created much local interest, and were usually temporarily successful. In most places they were a sort of "nine days' wonder"; but, after the first few weeks of operation, interest began to lag, trade gradually declined, and they were discontinued.

Later a number of ambitious young men opened stores stocked entirely with five cent goods, believing that same would prove successful. A few hundred dollars were sufficient to stock such a store, as the line of available items to sell at this price was limited. Quite a number of five cent stores were in operation before Woolworth opened his first store in Utica. Some were failures from the start, while others continued for a time, only to fail in the end.

PROVOSTS OF DUMFRIES As listed in Edgar's History of Dumfries, edited by R.C. Reid, 1915, is far from complete. There is an updated list showing Macbrair as the earliest known provost. The MacBrair succession was carried down for an almost unbroken 150 years. It was an inherited post. A subsequent Act of 1504 provided that officers must be changed annually, but it provided also that none save a merchant could hold office, and the effect was that the officers rotated among the members of a small clique, often blood-relations, which was inclined to disregard any interference from without. (J.D. Mackie. History of Scotland. p 108)

ARCHIBALD MACBRAIR Another point overlooked until one of Scotland's historians recently pointed this out to us. Archibald MacBrair's demise was political, not criminal. "A very subtle wording tells us this. He was put to death for 'slaughter' not 'murder'." His sin was not in eliminating a fellow who was related to him by marriage or for harrassment which had continued for years on end as regards properties, but in committing the act on an evening when the King was entering the town of Dumfries. "An affront to his royal majesty." If you have access to Pitcairns Criminal Trials, page 159, you will see the caption, 'Slaughter.'

DAVID MACBRAIR I have just read in a recently published book that there was "ill feeling against David MacBrair for debt." Overlooked here is the custom of the day that demands of those in a position to take responsibility, to guarantee behaviour, to become sureties for certain persons. David was appointed surety for his in-laws, James Earl of Annandale and Sir Robert Murray of Cockpool. To both persons, David in his role of surety had advanced large sums of money, plus other amounts not repaid. When he was living in concealment among his own tenants, lest he should be imprisoned for debt, he was met by one John Gordon, a North Country merchant, who observing David's suspicious movements, concluded that he was one of the outlawed Covenanters. In a struggle, David was killed by John Gordon, and Gordon was executed at once for the crime.

AN IRISH WILL provides some insight not previously accounted for. "The lands of Bannagh and Boylash (County Donegal) bequeathed to my brother, Sir Robert Murray alias Creichtoune, kt., by the Will of the Earl of Annandale, deceased, who owed money to Agnes McBrair (Briar) mother of the said Sir Robert and me." (John). Agnes was a sister to David. These Records are in the Belfast Center. Taken from County Fermanagh Wills Extracts 808 #150 70-389) County Fermanagh, North Ireland.

SIR JOHN MACBRAIR "An Heretic." Complimentary remarks have been received within the past weeks on our Chronology, Sir John MacBrair 1515-1584 from the head of the History Department, St. Andrews University in Scotland. A Chronology developed from our research notes gathered over 20 years of patience in reading old records, in part to dispute the date when John MacBrair left the Monastery of GlenLuce where he was Canon, and fled as an heretic, previously claimed to be 1550, when in reality it was 1538.

There is a good deal more that needs to be looked at but this will have to do for now.

CAROLYN HIND of Palo Alto, Ca. (James Malcolm, David, William), has put us in touch with another member of her family living in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He is Col. William Wallace Brier IV, ret. U.S. Army. Carolyn and William Wallace Brier are descendents of the original William Wallace Brier who was founder and first minister of Presbyterian Church at Centerville, Ca., built in 1854. The church, though rebuilt after the earthquake of 1868 is still standing today and is used by the local community.

We are still searching for descendents of James Welch Brier and Juliet Brier who came to California with the the Death Valley Party of 1849 and founded numerous churches in California, in addition to being one of the founders of the University, now known as the University of the Pacific at Stockton, Ca. Any information will be appreciated.

Yours Aye

*Edward K.*  
E. B. Koller, F.S.A. Scot  
Editor

Dear McBrayer's,  
and all the rest of the kin

On March 4 and 5 a few of us met in Atlanta to discuss the formation of the McBriar Family Association. Unfortunately several who had expressed interest in the meeting were unable to make it, but we did have the benefit of their written comments, suggestions, and recommendations. Present, in addition to myself, were Ethel Brier Koller from California, Charles W. and Phil<sup>e</sup>le McBrayer from Tulsa, OK, and Terrell McBrayer from Georgia, Carl from Midwest City, OK, C. Robert McBriar of S.C., Brian McBrayer and Myrtle Hatala from the Kansas City, Area, Susan McBrayer of N.C., and others sent their regrets but supported our efforts. Attached to this preliminary message, you will find a copy of the constitution as adopted at this meeting, and several suggestions of amendments and changes that I have already received. From this point on, I propose to be neutral on all suggestions and recommendations so that it will not appear that I am trying to impose my personal comments on any one. As for the comments and suggestions that have been received I am taking each subject and putting together those that bear relation to the same subject, so that they may be appraised.

What I would request from you is your study of all the material, and where there are different opinions, tell us which you prefer - Please be candid and honest in your comments, so that they can be used in further discussion.

Jerry McBrayer, an attorney, is going to take care of the legal processes necessary to incorporate the Association as a non-profit organization. We are indebted to Jerry for his help in keeping us on the right track.

I must also thank all those who attended our meeting in Atlanta. All this was done at each person's personal expense, energy and devotion to the heritage of the McBriar Family Heritage. Thanks also to Terrell for making the arrangements and all the complications we encountered will be kept a secret among ourselves. Thanks also to all those who have given me and the others valuable input so that we can move ahead.

There remains much to be done and your help in the way of suggestions and comments are much needed. I hope that you will respond not later than June 15, 1988 so that I can circulate the information to others and also to prepare them for presentation at the Reunion in Forest City, North Carolina in October.

Please write to me at this address given below and Thanks in advance.

Yours for a great McBriar Family,

Ben  
B. E. McBrayer  
23488 sw Pony Ridge  
Dunnellon, FL 32630

EDITOR'S NOTE: PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING PAGES AND GIVE US ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE FAMILY ORGANIZATIONAL CONSTITUTION; PLEASE SEND THESE TO DR. BEN. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO USE ALL AVAILABLE SPACE THERE IS AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM CARL ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT CARL IS DUE A LOT OF APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY, MANY HOURS AND DAYS AND WEEKS AND MONTHS HE HAS PUT IN THE FAMILY NEWSLETTER, AND IN MANY OTHER FAMILY MATTERS. HE CONTINUES TO ACT AS FAMILY HISTORIAN. HE HAS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE FAMILY HISTORY ONCE THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN SUBSCRIBING TO ENOUGH VOLUMES TO JUSTIFY PUBLISHING. tmc

Those goals I set in the beginning have been fulfilled or will be shortly. Our newsletter is a reality. My family received the benefit of the work of many in the form of information. The National Reunion, which would hopefully unite us is now more than a dream. The first such reunion is now being planned and will be held in October 1988. The Family Association I envisioned has now been given life. It is in the planning stages and is nearing actual reality.

All of this is not been just my work. Many have been responsible for these dreams coming true. I could not have possibly done all of it alone. It has taken each of you - first just to be interested, second to participate and do your part. Never-the-less I feel my dreams have been or are nearing completion.

Therefore, I think the time has arrived for me to step aside and allow others to begin their work toward making this an even greater family unit. We need new ideas! And as one Pacific coast cousin once wrote "It's time for new blood." Perhaps it is.....

This will be the last "IN DEFIANCE" I publish. Beginning with the June 1988 issue your new publisher will be DR. TERRELL MCBRAYER of Woodstock, Ga., (whose address appears in another article of this issue) who has accepted the challenge and who has the potential and resources to continue and improve on my meager beginning with the newsletter. I support Terrell in this effort and I strongly urge each of you to give him your fullest cooperation. Let us not waste all the efforts we have expended in the past 10 years and lose our sole means of family 'long distant communication'. In addition let us each support Terrell in his efforts toward the McBrayer Memorial Fund. As many McBrayers, Briers and McBairs as there are in this country, one dollar (or two or five or whatever) from each could swell the coffers in short time. The Dumfries Memorial would be there for our grandchildren's grandchildren. Wouldn't it be nice to be remembered in the years to come as a contributor to a worthy cause?

In addition I sincerely hope each of you will lend your support to Dr. Ben in his efforts to establish our National Family Association. His is a healthy task and not an easy one. He needs the help and support of all. This organization can only succeed with the active participation of all. One person cannot maintain it. Be active. Be supportive.

Let's not forget the National Family Reunion. Alan McBrayer and Susan McBrayer have undertaken an unforgettable task - one they will surely remember for years to come. Hopefully, the memories will be good ones, though. The job of getting something of this magnitude into reality will prove a tremendous challenge and again they cannot do it alone. They must have help - support, money, actual assistance - whatever. Please, let's help them!!!!!!

I want to take this last opportunity to thank all of you who have stood by me during the past few years, who have supported me with your confidence, your blessing and most of all your friendship. Again....I could not have done anything without each of you. Although I am removing myself from the publication of ID, I am not abandoning any of you in my efforts to help maintain our family heritage. I will continue to support the Family Dumfries Memorial Fund, the McBrair Family Association and the National Family Reunion, but I must limit my participation at this time because of personal and work commitments. I will, however, continue to maintain our family records and, of course, will from time-to-time submit update information on 'new finds' to "IN DEFIANCE". I also hope that with the release of some pressures I might be able to contribute more time my correspondence, which, I ashamedly admit, has not been in best form recently.

Until we meet in a future issue of ID or at a family reunion sometime, I thank you and I sincerely remain to each of you - "IN DEFIANCE".

Carl McBrayer