



MACBRAIR/BRIER McBrayer

FAMILY

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as the editor of of the FAMILY NEWSLETTER for the last two years. This will be my last issue. I notified Ben some three months ago in order to give six months before a new editor would publish. In the last issue I apologized for not doing a better job, and told you of some of the constraints, and the urgency of my giving more time to immediate family and aging parents.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your support, but I want to especially thank Ben and Ethel for their great support. Too, I want to emphasize that I will continue to help in every way that I can. I am honored to now serve as your vice-chief, and I will continue to be involved.

grow / to over 150. One of my brothers, Dr. Danny McBrayer, helped me to send complimentary copies of the first two issues to over 800 kin. My equipment has been limited, and I have not been willing to take the extra time to contract the printing. The quality of the print has been readable, but it has varied as I print most of it just the way it comes in. Two of my sisters have been very helpful in the many details of getting an issue to the mail man. As I have carried out this work of love, I have had many thoughts of appreciation toward Cousin Carl for his many years of faithful service to our family. *(Jeanette Conrad & Martha Plukett)

Speaking of Carl, you will find a recent letter in this issue from CARL SEZ, AND GREETING FROM BEN. I hope the new editor will allow me to share a few lines with you.

And now it is time to say GOOD BYE, i.e. God be with you till we meet again!

Sincerely,

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My....where does time go??? It seems but just a short time ago that I relinquished publication of ID to Terrell; in reality it is going on two years. In that time much has transpired around the McBrayer household here in Oklahoma.

A new job responsibility is keeping me busy at work. I have been assigned the task of initiating a new, innovative training concept for the Air Force at Tinker AFB. During the past year training and schools have kept me on the go for several weeks. Part of that time was in the southeast, but time constraints prevented me visiting some of my favorite people - my McBrayers cousins - while I was in your areas. The government only allowed a short time for travel between destinations, so!!!! I was in Augusta, GA, when HUGO brushed through, wondering all the while about our relatives in South Carolina where the killer storm came ashore, then a few days later I was in Biloxi, MS, for a couple of days. Back in OK for only a couple of weeks I was informed I was going to head back to Mississippi for another four weeks of intensive training. This kept me on the Gulf Coast until late November.

Considerable travel is on schedule for me during the next few years ... so maybe I will be able to stop and visit with some of you on my way through your area.

And, too - about time..... Pat and I have a new granddaughter that definitely requires and consumes some of our time now. MELISSA ANN DULL, daughter of RUSSELL and EVELYN MCBRAYER DULL, was born in St. Anthonys Hospital, Oklahoma City, on January 30, 1990. She came into this world at 6 lbs, 5 3/4 oz, and was 19 inches. She joins a sister, JANICE KAY DULL, 10. Melissa, her mom and dad and her sister moved into their new home at Harrah, OK, on the 23rd of March. Both mom and daughter are doing very well and of course Papa and 'big' sister aren't proud!



JANICE & MELISSA ANN DULL

Thanks to all the letters, cards, notes and phone calls from my many 'cousins' for your concern about the health and welfare of my

son Jack after his auto accident in '88.

Pat and I can't begin to express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and support. We're happy to report that Jack has made a remarkable recovery despite the severity of his injuries. He still carries numerous screws and pins and two rods in his left ankle and leg. He recieved a medical retirement from the Army in March of '89 and is now attending Rose State College in Midwest City where he is working toward a degree in Electronic Engineering Technologies.

I would like to take just a moment if I may to encourage all those who supported me during the infancy of our endeavors to bring together the family McBrayer to once again dig deep into your hearts and help us once again. Without each of you....without your support and without your encouragement we would not be at this point in the evolution of our family history and heritage. It was you who made it possible. Too everyone, small contributors of data to those who supported the efforts with volumes of information, I thank you and now I call upon you once again for your support. Our family leaders are trying their best to advance our family even more and they are facing near insurmountable odds.... I know. I was once in their shoes.... and I know that success cannot be achieved
---be sure to go to page 4 for rest of Carl's letter

I begin this June message with a note of regret. TERRELL has informed me that this will be the last issue which he will edit and mail out to us. Terrell has worked long and hard in providing us with the Newsletter as well as other official duties and we will miss his participation in this effort. We know he will remain active and assist us in the onward progress of the Family affairs. His reasons for giving up the editorship are valid, understandable and acceptable. His work as a minister of the church, his educational activities and need of more time with his immediate family require his attention. We rejoice with Faye and the other members of his family in that they will again have his undivided attention and love at home with them. We will miss his contribution as an editor but we know he still has the MacBrair Family Association in his heart and is one of us.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be forthcoming in September with a new editor who will be introduced to you at that time. I have asked the Editorial Committee to work with us in the selection of a new editor and to present us with a progress report on the policy they have been working on. Needless to say we want to give you the type of information you desire so we welcome your news items, comments and suggestions. Send them to Ethel Brier Koller, Chairperson, Editorial Committee, 3100 College ave., Berkeley, CA 94705. WE WANT AND NEED YOUR COMMENTS AND HELP.

July 7, 1990 sixteen of us will take off for our 15 day tour of England and Scotland and anticipate a wonderful and joyous time. In September we will report on the trip. Sorry we do not have a larger group but we were able to make arrangements for a smaller number so away we go.

Progress reports on the activities of active committees will be in the September issue and hopefully we may be able to announce when and where the 1991 National Reunion will be held. At that time new officers will be announced, installed and planning for the future will be active.

In the meantime have a good summer, stay healthy, be with one another in mind as we go our various ways and plan to become more active in the FAMILY,

Sincerely and Fraternaly

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Let me just say in support of Ben's above remarks, that the lack of participation in sending the news from YOUR corner will limit our NL. It is so easy to think someone else will do it. WE CAN HAVE A GREATER FAMILY IF EACH ONE WILL DO HIS PART. AMEN? tmc

LORENA CIVIC LEADER, PILOT THOMAS MCBRAYER DIES AT 81. We have just learned from Catherine Attaway of the passing of her brother, Thomas. He was promoted on January 30, 1990. He served as mayor of Lorena, postmaster for 41 years, and flew over 200 rescue missions with the Texas Civil Air Patrol. One more awaits us in the "great cloud of witnesses".

by a few alone. It must involve EVERYONE. I am asking you now, each of you, to put aside any personal differences in opinions and work together again to strengthen our ties. I know that this is possible. We did it before and we can do it again. Let's ALL strive to make '90 the turning point for our family association, news letter and historical files. PLEASE, won't you help.

I am probably one of the world's worst procrastinators, especially when it comes to answering correspondence, but I going to put forth an effort to improve during this year. I'm going to attempt to do my part to make our family association and our family newsletter an even bigger success. It won't take but a few minutes to jot down interesting news for the newsletter and it only costs us 25 cents to mail that letter. And how long does it take to sign a check for \$10 to support the association. Just a couple of lines jotted on a post card can help to keep our family files up to date. I am counting on each of you. Please, let's help. Let's make it work. Won't you?

Until next ID, I remain IN DEFIANCE. Carl

REUNIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY

- West Va.....Contact Roy McBrayer at Rt 1, Box 186, Summersville, W.Va 26655
- Kentucky....Contact James E. McBrayer, Rt. 5, Box 306, Morehead, Ky., 40351, Reunion is 7/21/90 at Carter Caves State Park, nr Olive Hill Ky, Call Kate 919-455-2221, or Ruth Ann 638-9639
- Georgia... Draketown, McBrayer-Leathers Reunion, third Sunday in July, at Draketown Baptist Church, Bill McBrayer 12445 King Rd., Roswell, Ga. 404-642-1840
- Georgia... Villa Rica, Contact Sanay Doyal, Box 126, Villa Rica, Ga.30180
- Okla. Bill McBrayer, 1306 Meadow Lane, Bartlesville, Ok.
- Tenn Judy McBrayer Sparks, Rt 11, Morganton Rd., Maryville, Tn, 37801, Usually held last Saturday in July.

STATUS OF DUMFRIES MEMORIAL FUND \$1,454.67

Note; This fund was begun before our official family organization: Dr. Ben is working on arranging for implementing the project.

SOME OBJECTIVES OF THE MACBRAIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

- To promote and preserve a spirit of kin and fellowship within the family
- To collect and preserve the history, traditions and landmarks of the "
- To compile, maintain and preserve a roll of all known family members.
- To approve the publication of official family genealogies.
- To publish an official quarterly newsletter with pertinent historical and current information concerning the family.
- To promote and encourage regional and national reunions.
- To establish memorials in places of historical family events.

SOME FACTS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN FAMILY ASSOCIATION... Eligibility:

...B. Those who can trace their ancestry to the families in Scotland and Ireland known as MacBrair, MacBrayer, MakBrar, McBrayer, McBrair, Brier, Briar and similar names....blood or marriage...Get others to "line"

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Return to Ethel MacBrair Koller, 3100 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705. (Thank you for your renewal.)