

# MACBRAIR/BRIER T M Brayer

FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

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DEAR FRIENDS:

THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING AND SPRING IS IN THE AIR! AS A TEEN I REMEMBER WE WOULD BE ON THE TERRACES NOW, AND GETTING READY FOR TURNING THE SOD IN A FEW WEEKS, PREPARING FOR PLANTING THE CROPS.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW DR. BEN, OUR CHIEF, HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF PLANTING AND NURTURING, IN ATTEMPTING TO GET OUR FAMILY ORGANIZATION IN MORE FULL BLOOM. MORE RECENTLY, HE HAS CONTACTED SOME OF YOU TO SERVE ON OUR FAMILY COUNCIL. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE FAMILY COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH REGION OR AREA IN WHICH WE HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS. I URGE YOU WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO SERVE. THERE IS GREAT SATISFACTION IN FAMILY FELLOWSHIP AND IN BUILDING BRIDGES FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMING AFTER US.

I APOLOGIZE THAT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO A BETTER JOB WITH THE NEWSLETTER. INSUFFICIENT TIME IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM; BUT ALSO, INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT IS A PART OF THE PROBLEM. DUE TO THE LIMITED TIME I HAVE NOT TAKEN THE COPY TO A PROFESSIONAL PRINTER. I DO HOPE THE COPY HAS BEEN READABLE, AND I BEG FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE CAN GET SOMEONE TO DO THE NEWSLETTER WHO HAS MORE TIME. ONCE, I RETIRE, THE GOOD LORD WILLING, I CAN GIVE MORE TIME TO THE LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY. RIGHT NOW, MY FOUR CHILDREN, AND MY FOUR GRAND CHILDREN, ALONG WITH MY FEEBLE PARENTS, MY CHURCH, AND MY JOB MAKE FOR A BUSY LIFE. MORE AND MORE I REALIZE THAT I HAVE JUST TAKEN ON MORE THAN I CAN DO EFFECTIVELY.

SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE WRITTEN, SENDING ME GOOD MATERIAL, AND EXPRESSING YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER. I INVITE YOU TO READ WHAT DR. BEN, ETHEL, AND OTHERS HAVE TO SAY IN THIS ISSUE.

SINCERELY,

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MEMBERS QUERIES

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#3 SARAH McBRAYER, daughter to the original Pennsylvania family of William and Rebecca McBrayer. Sarah married Andrew Taylor. It is known that they had nieces by the name of VANCE. Looking for information on descendants of Sarah and Andrew Taylor. Ethel Koller, 3100 College Ave., Berkeley, Ca 94705.

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A DREAM COMES TRUE

Fulfilling one of life's dreams of traveling to Alaska, finally came true this past summer for Barbara J. McBrayer Bartels and husband Grant of Lake Worth, Florida.

The Bartels left home on May 23, 1989, traveling over 13,000 miles pulling their 31 foot travel trailer, and finally returned home on September 17th.

The caravan traveled through Alaska with an organized caravan of 19 rigs and 38 persons to encompass the cities of Dawson, Creek, Whitehorse, Dawson City, Yukon; Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Anchorage, Palmer, Seward, Homer, Whittier, Valdez, Skagway and any others, then traveled through the inside passageway to Seattle, stopping at various ports-of-call along the way, including Juneau, Peterberg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan, Prince Rupert, Port Hardy, Campbell River and Victoria.

On the return trip through the states they lingered at Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, and with relatives and friends in Indiana; plus two weeks on Long Island (helping family celebrate a 20th anniversary and 40th birthday and a brief visit with friends in Chester, Virginia.

One of the major highlights for Barbara was spending some time at the home of a former high school classmate, Virginia Search Kirk at Chugiak, Alaska.

This trip was surely a dream come true!

(Barbara is of the line of William, Samuel, Ichabod, James, Henry Freeland)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Steve Butler celebrated his 88th birthday by taking a few of us out for a lovely brunch to the Panama Hotel in San Rafael, Ca Steve is of the line of William, David, Samuel, Burgess Buell.

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THE WAY IT LOOKS FROM HERE.

During the past few months there have been many favorable things happening in the Family Association, but we must admit an occasional negative thing can also spring up, but more about that later. I shall comment briefly about both sides as we go along.

Our membership is increasing slowly but steadily. Most encouraging is the fact that we are getting response from all branches of the family who are expressing great interest and most of those we expect to become active in the affairs of our organization and we earnestly request their comments, suggestions, criticisms (both good and bad), but most of all their participation in activities of the group. WE WELCOME ALL OF YOU!!!!

A REMINDER- our dues, including the family Newsletter are on a calendar year basis so if you haven't paid up now is the time. (If you have joined in the past ninety days, ignore that sentence).

We have recently appointed an Editorial Committee, Regional Representatives and a Nominating Committee to assist in the conduct of the Association and hopefully those appointed will gracefully accept their appointment. You will all, if on our membership roll, soon receive a letter with the names of those so honored. If they solicit your help please give it. The MEMBERSHIP Committee consists of each of us who has already joined. If each of us gets a new member-- THINK of the results.

The 1990 MCBRAYER TOUR is scheduled for departure on July 7, 1990, through July 23. We have re-arranged our itinerary and will add an optional short tour to Ireland if there is enough interest shown. We must have a minimum of 25 to hold our present price. Increase in the price of jet fuel may cause an increase of travel, however if you send in a reservation of \$100.00 per person very soon, we will have the present price. If interested but not decided please write me or call me at 904-489-2881 (no collect calls)

I am awaiting a answer from the Dumfries Council for any action we can take in placing a memorial plaque in St. Michaels and donate funds we have on hand for that purpose. We seem to be involved in a situation where no one wants to give an opinion. We will report when information is forthcoming.

Recently an ad was received from Sharon Taylor of Hulberts offering a plaque reportedly bearing the Coat of Arms of the McBrayer family. I wrote calling their attention to the fact that the one they had previously used was inaccurate and does not remotely resemble ours. No response to that or a previous answer has been received, which does not surprise me.

Remember, we plan a NATIONAL REUNION in 1991. We will welcome invitations to hold that affair in conjunction with groups already holding reunions. If you are willing, please let us know so we can work together in planning. The sooner we can start planning the better our preparations will be.

Helene and I wish to express our thanks to those who have been so helpful in these past months. Names will not be listed for I would certainly miss some one and that must not happen.

Best wishes to all,

*Ben*

REUNIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY

West Va.....Contact Roy McBrayer at Route 1, Box 186, Summersville, W. Va., 26651.  
Kentucky.....Contact James E. McBrayer, RR5, Box 306, Morehead, Ky., 40351 or phone  
1-606-784-7914.

Draketown,GA.....The annual McBrayer-Leathers Family Reunion scheduled for the third  
Sunday in July each year is held at the Draketown Baptist Church. Contact  
Bill McBrayer, 12445 King Rd., Roswell, Ga., Phone 404-642-1840.

Villa Rica,GA....The reunion secretary is Miss Sanay Doyal, Box 126, Villa Rica, GA. 30180.  
Eastern OK.....Contact is Bill McBrayer, 1306 Meadow Lane, Bartlesville, OK.

Tennessee.....Contact Judy McBrayer Sparks, Route 11, Morganton Rd., Maryville, TN 37801  
usually held last Saturday in July.

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We honor Rev. Dr. O. A. McBrayer who retired Dec. 1988, after 45 years in Methodist Church service in Texas. During  
his career he was pastor of many churches including ones in the N.W. Conference where his father, Rev. Thomas  
Marvin McBrayer, also served. O.A. was District Supt.. He has been active in camp, radio, community service,  
and campus ministry, and he has written church histories as well as worked with pastors in training.

With his wife Ida Belle he has retired to Lake Polo Pinto area, about 60 miles west of Ft. Worth (and about  
40 miles west from where grandparents James Martin and Nancy farmed 1870-72 before homesteading on the Brazos R.).

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THANKS: Two of my sisters, Jeanette Conrad and Martha Puckett, help me with part of the work on the Family News-  
letter.

CORRESPONDENTS NEEDED: Please help! We welcome news of common interest such as outstanding achievements, reunions,  
deaths, etc. Unfortunately, I don't have time for individual acknowledgement or personal correspondence. I hope  
you understand. The deadlines for news are 5/25 and 8/25. You pay \$2.00 an issue for your subscription. This is  
a NON-PROFIT effort. I believe strongly all money for subscriptions should go to producing the Newsletter. We  
have and will stay within the Newsletter budget. PLEASE NOTE: Monies for subscriptions are now mailed to  
Ethel Koller, 3100 College Ave., Berkeley, CA. 94706. Make checks to MacBrair Family Assoc. If I have made a  
mistake, please let us know. We don't want to cheat anyone, but we can make mistakes. Just let us know. Send  
\$10.00 for membership & subscription to Ethel Koller as indicated below.

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Leonard B. McBrayer of Draketown, Georgia, died Jan. 13, 1990. He was born in Paulding Co. Nov. 29, 1900, son of  
the late Georgia Garner McBrayer and Joseph C. McBrayer. He taught school for 39 years in both Haralson and  
Paulding Counties before retirement. Survivors include his wife, Bess Eaves McBrayer and Anita Reeves, a daughter.  
Leonard was always at the McBrayer-Leathers Family Reunion at Draketown. He will be missed by family & community.

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Ethel M. Helms would like to know who Col. J. D. McBrayer, Jr. is and where he  
lives. Her address is 1010 E. Washington, Idabel, Okla. 74745.

Jeanette Conrad and Martha Puckett would like to compliment Dr. Terrell & Faye  
McBrayer. Terrell has been so very conscientious and caring about this  
newsletter and about promoting the working together of the entire MCBRAYER  
FAMILY. He is a wonderful, loving minister and educator.

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(Thank you for your renewal.)