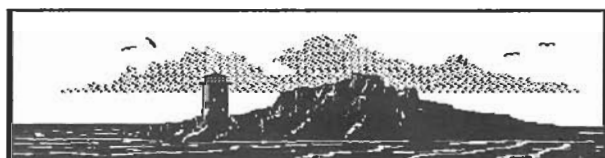

IN DEFIANCE



THE MACBRAIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION McBRAYER / BRIER / MAKBRAR

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FROM THE CHIEF.....

In the April issue, I told you of the bad news that Charles had requested to be relieved of his duties as the Editor of *IN DEFIANCE* due to reasons of health. It pleases me to report that we have a new editor to serve for the time being. Robert L. McBrayer, better known as Bob, has volunteered his services as Editor. He is capable and has intense interest in the MacBair Family Association and its purposes. I am sure that he will tell you in this issue some of his ideas to carry out his intentions and to tell you how you can help.

I must also pay tribute to Charles and Phillele for their work as Editors. I know that they have a tremendous interest in our organization and will continue as actively as they possibly can. Charles continues as a Member of the Executive Board until the election of new officers in 1994. We wish them well.

This issue is going out to all our members of 1992 and 1993 with the hope that those who have not yet sent in their dues will do so now and maintain their belief in the principles of our organization and its objectives. The 3rd National Reunion will be held in 1994 at a time and place yet to be determined somewhere in Region 3, probably in Oklahoma or Texas. A Family Council Meeting is being planned this fall to come up with a decision. If any of you are willing to hold the Reunion in your area, please let me or any other Council Member know. I hope this finds you all in good health and prospering. We are all interested in your accomplishments, family happenings and other news, so let us hear about them. Sincerely yours, Ben

FROM THE EDITOR.....

As you now know, you have a new editor of the newsletter. I would like to emphasize that it is YOUR newsletter and I need your help to make it interesting and something you will look forward to in the future. Any news you have will be most appreciated and can cover any subject you think would be of general interest. Currently the newsletter is four pages; if we get enough information, it will be expanded. Please send your information to me at:

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or give me a call at (313) 928-0398. We have an answering machine (I know many of you absolutely hate to talk to a machine but sometimes it is useful) so you can leave your news if we are not here. Please leave your number in case I need to get back to you.



In taking over from Charles as editor, it was necessary to redo the mailing list because we use different computer systems. While I tried to accurately proofread every entry, I am asking you to check your entry and let me know if any corrections are necessary. Part of the data base I have includes phone numbers. If **there is sufficient interest, a directory of members may be printed.** Let me know.

GET WELL ○○○○○○○○○○

Louellen Pledger has informed Chief Ben that she has had spinal surgery and removal of a benign tumor and is well on the road to recovery. We wish her well and rejoice with her that she will be active with us again. Louellen is Co-Representative in Region 3.

Chief Ben



SARAH JANE
DIXON was born
April 27, 1993 at
5:33 AM. Sarah
checked in at 8 lbs, 4
oz and was 20½

inches long. She is the daughter of Tom & Beth Dixon, sister of Andrew (4½) and Holly (1½), granddaughter of Bert & Phyllis (McBrayer) Dixon and Great-granddaughter of J. Earl McBrayer.



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

TO: Kristie MacBair of Finneytown, Ohio who scored 32 points in a basketball game to beat about the best girls team in the vicinity. Kristie is the youngest daughter of Cliff and Jan MacBair. Earl McBrayer of Cincinnati sent this information to Ethel Koller who looked into further family connections - see page 3. Earl is a retired school teacher and owns a stamp and coin shop.

TO: Tom Dixon an employee of NASA who on April 20, 1993 received the "Astronauts Personal Achievement Award" in a ceremony at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. The award, whimsically called the "Silver Snoopy" because part of the award is a silver pin of Snoopy in a space suit, is the most prestigious award the Astronaut Office presents to NASA employees.

TO: Patricia McBrayer, daughter of Bob and Betty McBrayer, became a licensed architect in the State of California in June. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and the University of California at Berkeley.

Currently she is employed by Solomon, Inc. in San Francisco. Her current project is a large home in Telluride, CO.

TO: Bob McBrayer of Lincoln Park, MI on a dual retirement in June 1993. First from the Naval Reserve having served 29 years and retiring with the rank of Captain. Secondly from BASF Corporation with just short of 36 years.

WELCOME *****

to new members:

Mrs. Celia Engle of Nokemis, Florida
Doyle Smith of Dunbar, West Virginia
John B. Hemmings of Abington, Virginia
John W. Hemmings of Casa Grande, Arizona
Mrs. Ted Knutzen of Bend, Oregon
Mrs. James Beaudry of Plainfield, Indiana
David Brier Fugitt Jr. of Pacific Grove, California
Tony and Ann Marie (McBrayer) Miazgowicz of Camden, Michigan
Natalie McBrayer of Hooper Bay, Alaska
Patricia McBrayer of San Francisco, California
Deborah (McBrayer) and John Reiser of Ypsilanti, Michigan
Steve and Ruth McBrayer of Tucson, Arizona

NOTICE

The Constitution for the MacBrair Family Association has been re-typed and is available. If you would like to have a copy, please send a SASE to the Editor.



CONNECTIONS..

In the newsnote on page 2 on Kristie MacBrair more was promised about family connections. Between Kristie's mom Jan and

Ethel Koller the following information can be related to you. We start with Robert MacBrair who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on February 22, 1775. He married Jane Johnston (daughter of Rev. Dr. Johnston) on August 6 1798. She had been born on December 13, 1777 and died at Peckham on April 4, 1818. They had seven children:

1. Elizabeth Todd, born July 10, 1801, married Dr. Lawrence Edmonston MD October 8, 1824 and died February 19, 1869 at Shetland.
2. Jane, born May 31, 1801 and married Alex Crookshank May 14, 1833.
3. Archibald, born in Glasgow on February 26, 1805 and married Anna Courtney in Liverpool on November 6, 1833. They lived in Belfast, Ireland before coming to the United States between 1851 and 1854. He died in Cincinnati on December 9, 1882.
4. David Johnstone, born September 22, 1806.
5. Robert Maxwell, born March 28, 1808.
6. Margaret, born February 26, 1810. She married Alex Foster.
7. William, born in London on April 8, 1812. He married and it is thought that he died in Canada.

Following the death of Jane, Robert married Emma Hoey on June 1, 1873 and they had four children, all born in Ireland. Robert was the Great-great grandfather of Jan's husband Cliff.

Archibald and wife Anna also had seven children, the last three being born in Cincinnati. Unfortunately I do not know which of these children was Cliff's father.

Maybe you also have a close tie to this family; why not check?



AROUND THE WORLD

While we are certainly aware that our ancestors came from Scotland, we also know that we have had relatives other places in the world. One of the decedents of Robert MacBrair ended up in Australia. Perhaps some of you know of relatives in other countries today. I think it would be interesting to know, so if you have any information in this regard, please send it to me and maybe there will be enough for a newsletter article.

We cannot forget our roots in Scotland! A number of family members have had the opportunity in recent years to visit Scotland and see historical sites which have family ties. It is understandable that maintaining these sites is a costly situation. You can help in a small way to help out through a membership in the National Trust for Scotland. As a part of the membership, a fine quarterly magazine "Heritage Scotland" is sent. Membership on an individual basis is £22.00 and for family membership £36.00. For persons over 60, the rates are ½ those stated. If you are interested, you may contact: Membership Services, The National Trust for Scotland, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, Scotland EH2 4DU.

SOME ODDS AND ENDS

by Ethel Brier Koller, FSA Scot

Years ago I began researching my history and I am amazed at the changes this hobby has made in my life. Now I seek out local libraries when I travel. From this I have learned political history, civil proceedings, religious history, geography, land transactions and a smattering of ancient languages. It is interesting to note that the

thrill of the learning experience as you place yourself in another's shoes and in another time. After all, you are not nearly so thrilled to learn everything about the relatives who live in your home town today, are you?

I am reminded of an experience I had at the National Library of Edinburgh, another experience where placing myself in another's shoes would not be thrilling.

As a friend and I waited for a person who was going to show us a certain display in the National Museum, I noticed an unusual display across the room and walked over to have a closer look. It was a very large black scaffold and the printed information read "THE MAID". It was the guillotine used in the execution of the nobles and others of high rank, and then it struck me with devastating force; this was the executioner's tool that deprived my ancestor, Archibald McBair, of his head. I didn't read further and fled the area. It was one of those incidents which send a shudder through the mind and in that moment, centuries away in time, I saw the whole picture. The bits and pieces of an account I had researched fifteen years earlier all came together and there, right in front of me was the final piece of the puzzle.



REUNION.....

The Annual McBayer / King Family Reunion

will be held on Sunday, July 25, 1993 at 1:00 PM at Redar Park, Schererville, Indiana. If you are interested in attending and need more details, call Tom and Kathy (King) Hill at (219) 769-6796. If you attend, you are asked to bring your own drinks, table service and a favorite dish.

THAT'S IT TILL NEXT TIME ! BOB