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## From the Chief ●●●●●●●●

It is safe to say that summer is over. The weather continues to be strange with the Southwest seeing lower temperatures than in Michigan! While we adjust to the time change (most of us anyway) and the generally drab days of winter it seems easy to fall into a "funk". On the other hand, think of all the fun holidays we will have during the next few months starting with Halloween and going to New Year's Day with its glut of football games on the tube.

Last issue, I asked for comments regarding interest in a revised family address/phone list. Since only one member responded, a new list will not be prepared and sent out at this time. Another inquiry will be made at the time next year's dues notice goes out.

All members who reported an e-mail address previously were sent a list of addresses. If you did not get this, either I do not have your address or for some reason the mail could not be delivered. If you have an address, please let

me know at RLMcBrayer@juno.com and we can try the list again. Already some addresses have changed.

As we get closer to next year's National Reunion, I want to give special thanks to *Doris Osten* who has been doing most of the work on the planning for this event. Without her efforts we would not be where we are on the scheduling. Please see the article on pages 6 and 7 for more details.

*Terrell McBrayer*, our Vice-Chief and another member of the Reunion Planning Committee also needs to be recognized for his sponsorship of sending this newsletter to members of the Draketown Reunion Group. It is hoped that this will not only boost attendance at the reunion but also gain us new members.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that we have become INTERNATIONAL ! We now have a family member, *Ken Harvey*, in Scotland. Please see more on page 3.

If the newsletter heading looks a little different to you, it's because it is. "In Defiance" is in a different font. I had too many fonts on my computer hard drive and I took some out forgetting about the one I used for the newsletter. The new font seemed to me to be more readable. I hope you agree.

Chief Bob McBrayer



## To Our New Members

In addition to *Ken Harvey*, we welcome four new members this issue.

*Mary Gladys McBrayer Sherwood* (M 35-3/1, 8th gen.) lives in Townsend, TN.

Her parents were Benjamin Franklin and Jane Emerson McBrayer.

Three new members are 8th generation descendants of Seneca and Phoebe McBrayer, brothers *George* and *Bob McBrayer* and their cousin *Garnet Sherman* who all joined at the Indiana Reunion this year.

Garnet King Sherman (M 370-1/6E) and her husband Richard live in Murrieta, CA.

George Frank McBrayer (M 126-9) and his wife Sue live in Merrillville, IN. Their daughter Carrie organized the Indiana Reunion.

Robert Wade McBrayer (M 353-85) lives in Hammond, IN.



## INTERESTING BOOKS

You might be interested in the following books which are available from Barnes & Noble:

“William Wallace - The King’s Enemy” by D. J. Grey, Robert Hale Ltd, reprinted 1996, Barnes & Noble Books, hard cover. With the interest in the movie, this book also is promoted by the heading “The Man Who Was Braveheart”. It is short, only 153 pages, but it

contains an abbreviated history of Scotland as well as the story of Wallace. It references 25 other books for those who want to get further into the subject.

“Robert the Bruce- King of Scots” by Ronald McNair Scott, 1982, Canongate Publishing Ltd., Edinburgh, reprinted 1989, Peter Bedrick Books, New York, soft cover. This is another well referenced book, 49 are used. It covers Robert’s younger years, the War for Independence and his years as King of Scotland. Member Dixie Algary points out the Bruce Family line of succession. Through marriage, our family is descended from Robert.

“Traditional Food from Scotland - The Edinburgh Book of Plain Cookery”, 1932, Thomas Nelson and Sons, Ltd., reprinted 1996, Hippocrene Books, Inc., New York, soft cover. This is an interesting basic cook book which even gives directions for washing dishes and cleaning the stove. It has recipes for dishes such as Hotch-Potch (a lamb - vegetable soup), fish pudding, dressed sheep’s head, Toad-in-the-Hole (batter dipped sausages), Meat Roly-Poly (chopped meat in a suet pastry roll), Fairy Pudding (based on cornflower) and Poor Knight’s Pudding (basically what we call French Toast). There are a total of 606 recipes and the interest is to see what the people of Scotland accepted as plain cooking in the early part of this century. As a point of reference, clear soup or consomme’ are considered to be advanced cookery.

“Scottish Proverbs” collected by Colin S. K. Walker, 1996, Birlinn Ltd., Edinburgh, soft cover. This small book is very interesting and contains a glossary to help understand some of the word’s used. Almost every proverb is followed by a more easily understood meaning. The introduction points out that Cervantes said a proverb is “a short sentence drawn on long experience”. Some you can recognize as proverbs we use today. “Your een’s greedier than your guts” easily is understood as “Your

eyes are bigger than your stomach”, both meaning you want more than you can handle. But “Ca’ again you’re no a ghaist” or “Come again, your not a ghost” may not readily mean a welcoming invitation for a person to call again. You can expect some more proverbs in later issues of *In Defiance*.

“Scottish Customs” by Sheila Livingstone, 1996, Birlinn Ltd., Edinburgh, soft cover. This small book is a companion book to “Scottish Proverbs” and contains a glossary and references. Some of the shorter descriptions will be abstracted in later issues. Customs covered include birth, marriage, death, lucky and unlucky, work, water, plants and animals.

If you are planning a trip to Scotland, you might find “Baedeker - Scotland” of value. This travel guide is published by MacMillan Travel, NY and is a 1995 edition of a German book. It is filled with all kinds of information on nature, history, culture, sights to see and practical information. It comes with a large map of Scotland. It is a soft cover book with a durable plastic cover.

## INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

As noted on page 1, we have our first international member, Ken Harvey. In August, Family Historian Carl McBrayer informed me that he had been contacted by Stewart Harvey who was doing research in Scotland on the McBrair Family. His G-G-Grandparents on his mother’s side were Alexander McBrier and Dorothy Welsh who married in Whitehaven, Cumbria in about 1890. Stewart believes that Alexander came from Ireland and that Dorothy was from Whitehaven. (Cumbria is the extreme most northwest county in England. Whitehaven is on the coast almost directly south of Dumfries across Solway Firth.) Carl suggested that he might also help us track down more information on Rebecca and her possible relationship to Robert Burns. I sent an e-mail message to Stewart and received a letter from

his brother Ken in late August. Since then we have started corresponding and he joined the Family Association.

Ken explained that he was a member of the Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society (DGFHS) and that he was beginning to do his family research “properly”. He is currently tracking down various lines of UK McBrair descendants, most of whom are through the female line and therefore have different names. He has volunteered to do research for our family members on an as time is available basis. He has been sent back copies of *In Defiance* and promised to go to Alloway to check on the McBrayer - Burns connection. He may also be able to find out about our long standing desire to have a memorial placed at St. Michael’s Church in Dumfries.

Membership to the DGFHS is open to people world wide. Membership includes their newsletter which is published three times a year. Ken sent me a copy; it is very interesting. The July 1996 issue made mention of Robert McBrair, Provost of Dumfries, who transferred some land and crofts in 1451. The newsletter lists new members as well as inquiries from members searching for information. Several of the members listed in the July issue are from the U.S.

The Society has an office in Dumfries and is accessible for research. If you are interested in joining (dues are currently \$ 18.00/year), Ken has sent me a number of applications. If you want one, just give me a call (313-928-3109) or drop me a line ( 952 Old Goddard Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146-4453 or e-mail RLMcBrayer@juno.com).

Ken, his wife Mary and their son live in Lockerbie. He eventually will be able to correspond with us directly by the Internet. His son “massacred” his PC (Ken’s short technical note: Phone cards DO NOT work as substitute floppy disks).

## FAMILY MEMBER NEWS

*Jim* (M 335/1, 8th) and *Bonnie McBrayer* have begun a new year with the Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS - see April 1995 Issue). Their first assignment is to learn to be project leaders in case they are needed for this work. They will then go on to regular project assignments. Last Spring, Bonnie had a series of small heart attacks and underwent heart by-pass surgery. Fortunately contacts in the service they were performing at the time resulted in Bonnie receiving care from the top doctors in the field in Amarillo, Texas, and she is doing fine now.

Family Historian *Carl McBrayer* (M 41, 7th) reported that he had a good gold prospecting trip to Colorado this fall. Unfortunately he has been having some medical problems. Both lungs are suffering from the effects of smoking and he may have had a mild heart attack. We wish you well Carl!

*Natalie McBrayer* (M 351/3, 9th) is recuperating from replacement of her left hip. She is working hard to gain strength and learn to walk again so that she can return to Alaska to resume teaching kindergarten in the Yup'ik (Eskimo) village of Hooper Bay.

*James D. McBrayer* (M 173, 8th) has been named a Fellow of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. ABET is the national agency for engineering and technology programs in the U.S. He has been active in ABET since about 1980, went on the Technical Accreditation Commission in 1984 and was Chairman of that Commission in 1994-95. Jim is a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of Central Florida, Orlando.

Chief *Bob McBrayer* (M 351, 8th) has been elected Secretary of the Downriver Vicariate

Pastoral Council. This Council is a central planning board for 15 parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He is also serving as Chairperson of St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council.

*Archie* and *Jean* (B 158/8E4a, 6th) *Roath* celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 29, 1996 at a reception in Socorro, New Mexico. Jean wore the same dress she wore when Archie proposed! They were married in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 1976, they moved to the Socorro area where Archie was employed by the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, and Jean was an elementary school teacher. Archie is an alumni of the Civilian Conservation Corps and CCC Chapter 141 presented them with an engraved "wedding ring" plate and a copy of their Achievement Award of 1995 book.



Jean and Archie used the following poem at their reception. It was written by her grandfather, David Brier Smyth, for his cousin's 50th Anniversary.

*Golden is this rare festival.  
And golden was that happy day  
of long ago.  
There were golden dreams and  
there are golden memories;  
Golden the hopes deferred and  
the glad consummation.*

*How fair is life and golden in  
the end.  
Time turns it all to mellow gold.  
Long life is our most golden  
heritage.  
Age is the time we see things as  
they are,  
All hallowed with the golden  
bloom of time.*

## ⊕ **GEORGE WASHINGTON McBRAYER**

*George W. McBrayer* (M 132-7, 7th) of St. Albans, WV died Saturday, August 3, 1996 at the Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston, WV due to complications from surgery. He was buried at the Christian Cemetery, Morehead, KY, on August 6. Masonic rites were conducted at the funeral home the previous day by Morehead Masocnic Lodge No. 654.

He was born October 5, 1915 in Rowan County, KY, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Myrtle White McBrayer. He was a former employee of Union Carbide Corporation. A member of Masonic Lodge 654, he attended St. Andrew United Methodist Church in St. Albans. He was active in founding Chapter 578 of the CCC Alumni at Rodburn, KY.

Brothers Bill, Homer and Jessie and sisters Vada Nicholls, Nora Jones and Bertha Byer preceded him in death. He is survived by wife Ruth Christian McBrayer; son William Patrick McBrayer; daughters Lucille McBrayer and Jacqueline McBrayer Mullins; sisters Lula Barbour, Erna Johnson and Gertrude Caudill; nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

## **LOCAL REUNIONS**

The McBrayer - Leathers Reunion was held on

July 21, 1996 at the Draketown Baptist Church, Draketown, GA. This annual reunion is held every year on the third weekend in July. A wonderful meal was followed by congregational and special singing. The special singers included Jimmy McBrayer, Kelly Harlowe, Larry Taylor, Jewell McBrayer and Durette McBrayer. Pianists were Jewell McBrayer, Eugenia Taylor and Jo White who accompanied her granddaughter. All the children sang.

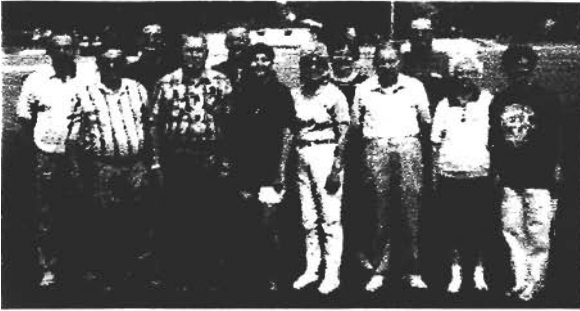
The meeting was chaired by Durette McBrayer and Jeanette M. Conrad. Family Association Vice Chief *Terrell McBrayer* (M 341-4, 8th) was elected chairman for 1997 with Durette continuing as honorary chairman. Family Association member *Martha M. Puckett* (M 299-5/9, 8th) is the group's secretary-treasurer.

More than sixty family members gathered on Sunday, August 18, 1996 at Redar Park, Schererville, IN, for their fiftieth annual reunion. The sharing picnic was followed by children's games and a water ballon toss for the adults along with the normal story telling. The children also had a contest with questions regarding family history. Most of the group count themselves as descendents of Seneca McBrayer (M 370-1, 6th) who was born in KY on August 27, 1860 and died there on January 17, 1935.



SENECA  
McBRAYER

Twelve people at the reunion were also there at the first reunion! Gene King was the chairman of the first reunion.



Back Row ( left to right)

William Gerald McBrayer (M 447-1, 8th)  
George Frank McBrayer (M 126-9, 8th)  
James Ralph McBrayer (M 335/1, 8th)  
Barbara McBrayer Litherland (M400-5/6, 8th)  
John Paul McBrayer (M 242-5, 8th)

Front Row

Robert Waid McBrayer (M 353-85, 8th)  
Edgar King (M 370--1/6C, 8th)  
Karen King - Edgar's daughter  
Eugene King (M 370-1/6A, 8th)  
Naomi Bochert McBrayer Gardner (Linda's mom)  
Linda McBrayer Froschauer (M 147-9/1, 9th)

The Indiana Reunion group hosted the Second National Family Reunion.

There also was a local reunion in Texas on Labor Day, but no details are available.

## 1997 NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION

As announced in the last issue of *In Defiance*, the National Reunion has been scheduled for the weekend of June 20-22, 1997 in Chambersburg, PA. Planning is moving along well and a full program is expected to be ready for the January 1997 newsletter.

The headquarters location will be Wilson College which has suitable meeting rooms,

lodging and dining facilities available for our use. The rooms at Wilson College are dorm type rooms; low cost with no air conditioning. Since some of our members may need air conditioned rooms for health reasons, information will be provided later for local motel accommodations. Further, since some of our members enjoy travel in RVS, three campgrounds have been contacted. One is 5 miles outside of Chambersburg and the other two are in Gettysburg, about 35 miles away. Chief Bob plans to visit Chambersburg early next year to get a first hand look at all the facilities and to iron out some details for the reunion.

Events planned to date are placement of memorial plaques in the Old Brown's Mill Cemetery with a picnic the same day, a dinner featuring a speaker who is an expert on the local history, a short business meeting and hospitality sessions. Available to us will be a large screen TV with VCR. The movies "Rob Roy" and "Braveheart" will be shown and we also have a video historical series and a travelogue available. The series begins with the Romans defeat in 180 A.D., continues through the rise of the Stewarts and the tragic life of Mary Queen of Scots, and finishes with the evolution of Edinburgh and Glasgow into great cities. You will discover how the past has influenced the present of the land of our forefathers.

The area around Chambersburg is filled with vacation locations such as Gettysburg, Hershey Park, whitewater rafting sites and other battlefields of the War Between the States. Plan your vacation now with the Family Reunion as an integral part.

We will need to have a registration fee for this reunion to cover costs of liability insurance and facilities at Wilson College and for our main speaker's fee. Every effort will be made to keep this low, however, it will depend upon the number of family members who attend the reunion. The committee will have to make an

estimate of the attendance to set the fee. If the turnout is greater than the estimate, then the fee will be adjusted downwards at the time of the reunion.

If you would be interested in assisting the committee during the reunion with tasks such as check-in, accounting and the like, please contact:

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Behold the kaleidoscope! What wondrous things we imagine when we look through it!

What does this have to do with us? Well, we can be proud that the kaleidoscope was invented by a Scot, Sir David Brewster in 1816. It evolved from his theory of polarized light and study of lighthouse lenses.

## **WARNING!**

Last issue, caution was given to ordering anything from Halbert's. Another organization, Mountain Pacific News Service of Denver, also is out to get money from family members. They offer a newsletter which is based largely upon readily accessible computer data bases

and some actual news from family members. Never the less, it is NOT a family publication as would be implied by their offering "The McBrayer Family News". The editor of the newsletter, Maxwell MacMaster, will not answer any serious inquiries about this newsletter. In the latest offering, they would give free to anyone who would send them \$30 a copy of "The History of the McBrayer Family". A clue to the value of this is the sub-title, "A 'not so serious' history of the Family". Even without seeing it, you might expect that any family name could be put in to give this "history".

Suggestion - save your money towards going to the Family Reunion.



## **HALLOWEEN !!**

In these days of "political correctness", some localities and schools have cut down the celebration of Halloween. Some do so by claiming it to be a pagan rite dating back to the Celtic Druids (more about Druids in a later issue). In fact, the origins are very Christian and rather American.

The ancient Celts did have a fire festival on October 31 - as they did on the last day of most other months. Halloween falls on the last day of October because the Feast of All Saints or "All Hallows" falls on November 1 since sometime in the 700's. The night before became then known as "All Hallows Even" or "Hallowe'en", but it had no particular significance. All Soul's Day was added to the church calendar in 998. Now the church had feasts for those in heaven and those in purgatory.

The Irish wondered about the poor souls who

had headed the other direction, so they started the custom of banging on pots and pans on All Hallows Even to let the damned know they were not forgotten.

Why then costumes? The custom began on All Souls Day during the 14th and 15th centuries in France. During the time of the bubonic plague (Black Death), the custom and representations in paintings of the "Dance of Death" became more common. In the "Dance of Death", the devil is seen leading a chain of all kinds of people one way to the tomb.

The French dressed up on All Souls Day, not Halloween. The Irish, who had Halloween did not dress up at all. The customs apparently became mixed as immigrants from France and Ireland began to marry in North America.

Now to trick or treating. It has its origin in England and comes from celebrations commemorating Guy Fawkes Day in 1605. It came from an aborted uprising of English Catholics who plotted to blow up King James I. Guy Fawkes, the guard of the gunpowder was captured and hanged and November 5 became, and remains, a big celebration in England. During the period following, revelers would don masks and visit local Catholics in the dead of night demanding beer and cake for their celebrations. By the time of the American Revolution, Guy Fawkes was largely forgotten, but trick or treating was too much fun to give up. In time it moved to October 31 to combine with the French and Irish celebrations.

The greeting card industry seems responsible for the introduction of witches to Halloween in the late 1800's. Halloween cards failed at that time, but the witches stayed. The jack-o-lantern came along about the same time again in the thinking that Halloween was pagan in origin. Since lamps made from turnips had been part of ancient Celtic harvest festivals, they ended up adding the replacement pump-

kins to the American Halloween.

So Halloween might be said to be as American as the Fourth of July. (Fireworks on the fourth may also be said to have come from Guy Fawkes Day celebrations.)



Member Raymond F. Cathcart has been searching for some time to find the identity of the parents of his grandfather, Joseph Green McBrayer. He has obtained copies of the 1880, 1900 and 1910 U. S. national census pages for Marion County, TN with family entries, however he still has not made a connection. Perhaps you can help.

In the 1880 census, the widow Mary McBrier, age 48, lived with her children Dracilla (sp?), age 28, Della, age 14, and John, age 7. Mary was born in SC, Dracilla in GA and the other two in TN.

The 1900 census listed Green (sp?) McBryar, born July 1831 in TN. His parents were born in NC. His wife Sarah was born August 1845 in GA and both her parents were born in GA. Green and Sarah had been married 40 years, and had two children, both living at the time of the census.

In 1910, the widow Sarah McBrayer, age 70 and born in GA, was listed as a sister-in-law living with James P. Brooks, age 56 and born in VA, his wife Louisa, age 60 and born in GA, and their daughter Minnie, age 23 and born in AL. Both of Sarah's parents are listed as being born in GA and she had two living children. Except for an age discrepancy, Sarah appears to be the same Sarah as listed in the 1900 census. James' parents were both born in

AL. James and Louisa had been married 25 years. They had two children; one died before this census.

Can you help Raymond identify these people and perhaps give him a key to his direct ancestors?

His grandfather Joseph moved with his family from Marion County, TN to Jackson County, AL between 1900 and 1910. There were several McBrayer families in Jackson County at the time. Census records are known to be incomplete, so they are not the only records that exist on a person. Perhaps you have something squirreled away somewhere that can shed some light on this situation. Information can be forwarded via the newsletter editor.

## ROOTS '97

Drawing on the experience gained during ROOTS '93, another Lowland Clans and Families gathering is being planned for May 30 through June 1, 1997 in Dumfries. *Dr. Duffy McBrayer* (M 97-7, 8th) and wife *Claudia* attended ROOT '93 and enjoyed it.

It will provide a wonderful opportunity for the overseas branches of the many clans and families to visit, perhaps for the first time, the native heath from where their ancestors migrated. Many Societies and Associations with parent organizations in Scotland will have the chance to host their kin in the homeland where it all began. There will be tents with family displays, crafts tents, piping displays, etc.

The program includes:

May 30 - Crichton Memorial Church Ecumenical Service followed by a colorful procession of all Clan/Family Banner parties.

May 31 - Parade of Banners, Gathering commences, Grand Parade, reception, cocktail party and dance.

June 1 - Drumhead Service

If you have Internet access, you can get updates on ROOTS '97 at <http://home.aol.com/roots97>. If you plan to go to Roots '97 please let Chief Bob know.

## ROBERT THE BRUCE

Those of you that have had the opportunity to visit Melrose Abbey may recall seeing a plaque stating that the heart of Robert the Bruce was buried somewhere in the Abbey. Melrose Abbey is in the small town of Melrose located nearly in the center of the Borders Region, the southeast most region in Scotland. Now a small conical lead casket containing a heart has been found and it is believed that it is the heart of Bruce. The discovery was made in August of this year.

Bruce's bones are buried at Dumferline, 15 miles north of Edinburgh. Why is his heart elsewhere? The reason is that Bruce requested it, however, on his deathbed he asked Sir James Douglas, a close friend, to take it first on the Crusades as Christians fought to recover the Holy Land from the Muslims. Douglas fell fighting the Moors in Spain and reportedly hurled the casket at the enemy as he fell dead. Bruce's supporters recovered the casket and buried it at Melrose Abbey. The Cisterian Abbey was founded in 1136 and was destroyed by the English in the wars for Scotland's independence. Stone from the Abbey was used in several near-by buildings.

The heart was first found in 1921 by archeologists who reburied it in a somewhat larger lead cylinder which contained a note: "The enclosed leaden casket containing a heart was found beneath (the) Chapter House floor in March 1921 and reburied by His Majesty's Office of Works".

The heart will be reburied with suitable ceremony and memorial some 667 years after Bruce died.



Associated Press Photo

Scottish conservationist Richard Welander with the medieval casket thought to contain the heart of Richard the Bruce.

While the find is not very significant in terms of archeology, it is significant for Scotland's heritage. It bolsters the hopes of Scottish Nationalists who recently cheered by the announcement in July the England will return the Stone of Destiny (more popularly known as the Stone of Scone), the cherished symbol of Scottish power. The Stone was taken from Scone Abbey at the time Wallace was battling Edward I. The significance was that the ancient Kings of Scotland were not considered to be truly a King unless they were crowned while sitting on the Stone.

The Stone in Westminster Abbey in London is coarse grained sandstone rectangular block fitted with iron rings and staples on the ends for carrying, these possibly added at the time of Edward. While there is some question whether or not this is the true Stone, it never the less is an important symbol.

The origin of the Stone is shrouded in myth. Some describe it as being marble in the shape of a chair. Another story is that the Stone was Jacob's pillow of stone which was brought first to Ireland by an Egyptian Princess, Scota, when she eloped with a Celtic princeling. The band of Irish which descended from Scota called themselves Scots and migrated to what we now call Argyll. The Stone became known as the Stone of Destiny or *Lia Faill*. Another

story is that the Stone was St. Columba's own portable altar and font. Due to raiding by fierce Norsemen, the functioning head of the Columban Church went to Scone while other treasures went to Ireland for safekeeping. Any new King then went to Scone for coronation.

In 1296, Edward on one of his campaigns to defeat Wallace took what he thought to be the Stone back to London. Stories abounded then that the Scots had learned of the plan and had hidden the true Stone. Edward learned of this and when he returned to rout Wallace at the Battle of Falkirk, he went to Scone and had the abbey torn apart stone by stone looking for the true Stone; he did not find it, so kept the first he had taken as a symbol.

When Bruce, now King of Scotland, signed the Treaty of Northampton in 1328, a provision provided for the return of the Stone kept at Westminster Abbey. The Scots did not want it considering it to be a fake. And so the Stone stayed in London and 700 years of crowning of English monarchs has taken place while they were seated upon it.

The true Stone has never been found. Perhaps someday, like Bruce's heart it will be.



MacBeth was another famous Scottish King. In spite of the "Mac", MacBeth was his Christian name - *Mac Beatha*, Son of Life, the *beatha* being the same as in *usigebeatha*, of whisky, water of life. His full name was MacBeth mac Finlay.

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This issue of In Defiance, as I am sure you have noticed, is longer than past issues. With your help in providing information and support through dues payments, it can continue to grow providing news of our family here, and now in Scotland, as well as historical stories and facts about the land of our forefathers.