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THE MACBRAIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION
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4TH NATIONAL REUNION SPECIAL EDITION

MARCH 1997

This Special Edition of the MacBrair Family Association newsletter is being sent to all members now active, former members and relatives who have been put on special lists to announce the 4th National Family Reunion. We hope that you will find the news of interest and that you may consider attending this reunion. Of course, for the non-members, we would be glad to have you join the Association to continue to get news of the family and participate in building on the family tradition.

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If you have questions about the reunion, please

contact any one of us. Of course, we would like you to help spread the word about this reunion to all family members.

WHEN ? June 20 through 22, 1997

WHERE ? The campus of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

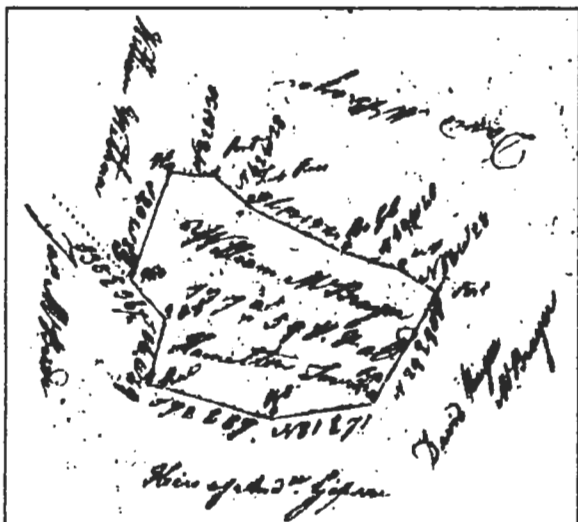
WHY CHAMBERSBURG ? As far as is known, the first three brothers McBrayer in America arrived about 1735 - 36 in Philadelphia. In about 1737, they made their way to the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania. There they settled and prospered as farmers. The area had been settled some years before by Benjamin Chambers who migrated there from Antrim County, Ireland. The community he founded is now Chambersburg. While James, probably the youngest, migrated first to Virginia and later to Kentucky, oldest brother William and second brother David lived out their lives and were buried where they settled. We know of their lands, the surveys are shown on pages 2 and 3. During the reunion, you will have an opportunity to see them firsthand.

Most of the members of the Family Association are descended from William and our family histories have considered him the patriarch. For years there has been discussion of placing a suitable monument to William and his wife Rebecca at their burial site. We have documentary proof that they were buried at

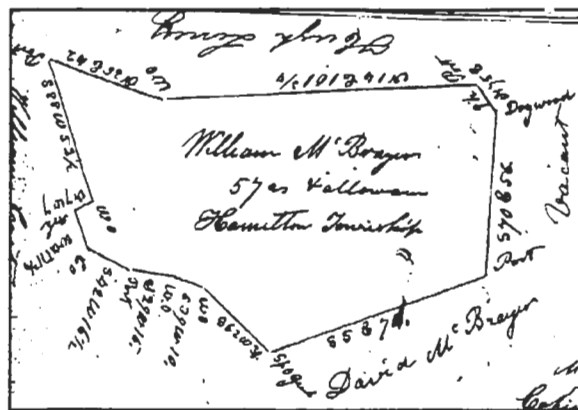
the Old Brown's Mill Graveyard, about 10 miles south of downtown Chambersburg. Their tombstones are no longer to be seen, but with this reunion we will place a monument to them and their son James as pioneers of Franklin County. Many family members have contributed to this memorial. Through the generosity of Dr. Reid W. Stewart, we will also dedicate a memorial to David and his wife Elizabeth.

William was active in public affairs and he was among the viewers of the road site between Fort Loudon, Chambersburg and Gettysburg (practically the same road that is now U.S. 30 which passes through the center of Chambersburg).

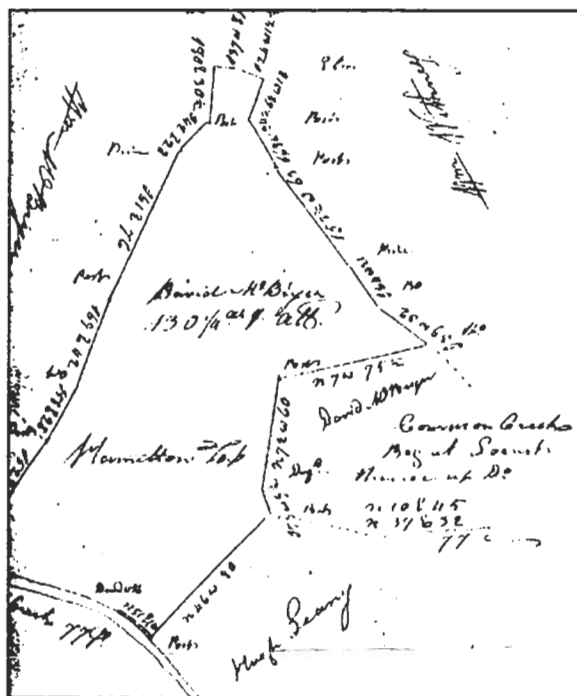
It should be clear why we chose Chambersburg for this reunion!



William's land surveyed April 26, 1786 and warranted November 8, 1785. This plot was 137 1/2 acres. Note David's land to the right and upper right. For those that have Carl McBrayer's family history book, "The McBrayer Family, Book II", this is described on page 65. Note also that there is a name scratched out after the David at the lower right. The name there is "Bryer", one of the spelling variations found in several records.



Another of William's properties surveyed May 13, 1772 in pursuance of an order of survey granted to him dated March 4, 1767. This plot is 57 acres. Again note that David had land adjoining.



David's land surveyed in December 1793 and warranted to him on April 22, 1794. The lower border of his property is the Conococheague Creek. Note that his name is spelled here as "McBryer" as is William's on the left. William's land is the same as that shown in the first column on this page.

not expect any luxury here, but the rooms are good sized and the facilities are well kept. Details on pricing and room configurations are given on the reservations form.

For those preferring to stay in an air conditioned motel, those closest to Wilson College are:

Days Inn, 30 Falling Springs Road
(717) 263-1288

Howard Johnson Lodge, 1123 Lincoln Hwy. East Phone (717) 263-4752

Chambersburg Travelodge, 565 Lincoln Hwy. East Phone (717) 264-4187

These are located at or near to I-81 at U.S. 30, exit 6. Other motel chains are also in the area, but are further away from Wilson College.

For those coming by travel trailer or mobile home, there is a campground 5 miles west of Chambersburg. It is located on a working farm and has many facilities. There are 120 sites, all with water and electricity.

Twin Bridge Meadow Family Campground
1345 Twin Bridge Road, Chambersburg
Phone (717) 369-2216

Further away in Gettysburg are:

Drummer Boy Camping Resort (300 sites)
1300 Hanover Road, Gettysburg
Phone (800) 336-3269

Gettysburg Campground (260 sites)
2030 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg
Phone (717) 334-3304

Remember, it will be near the height of the summer holiday season and accommodations may be hard to get, make your reservations now.

MEALS Whether you stay at Wilson College, in a motel or at a campground, we encourage you to join with the family in all meals at Wilson College. The menu selections and

pricing are given on page 7. Reservations must be made for meals; we can accommodate only a very limited number of "walk -ins" and those having reservations must have priority.

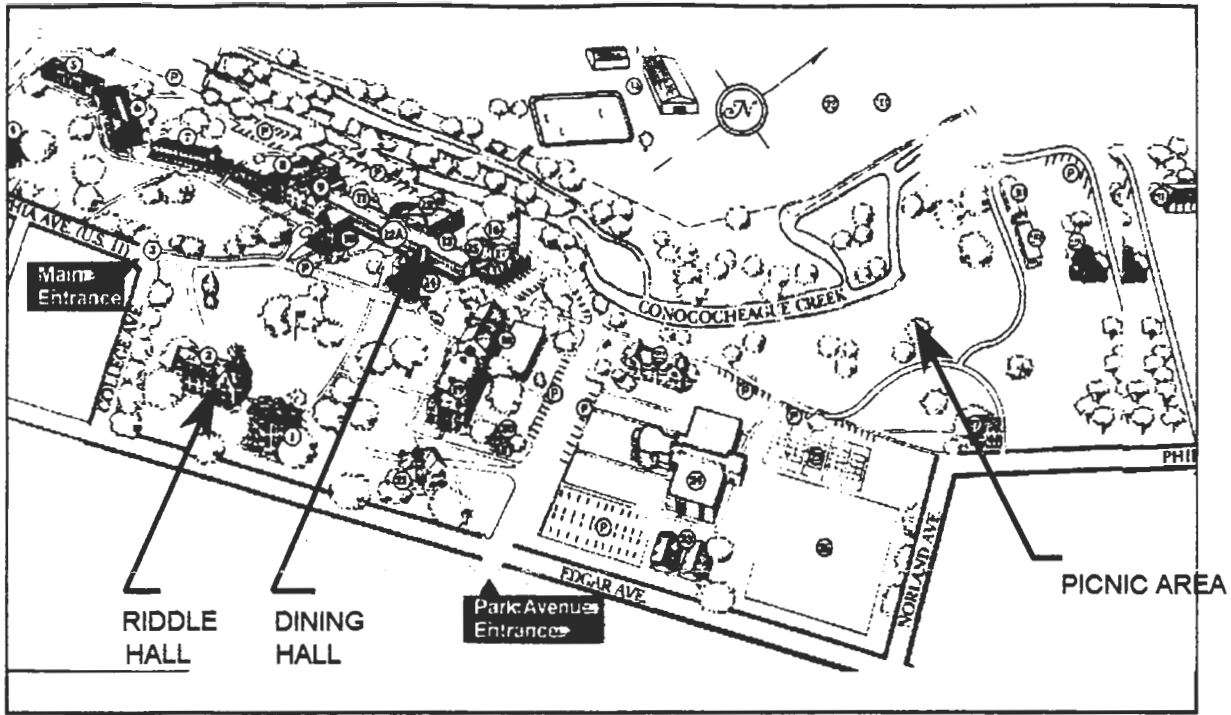
Of course, we hope everyone will attend the welcoming picnic on Friday evening and the banquet on Saturday evening.

BANQUET SPEAKER Our featured banquet speaker is Robert "Bob" Harrison. Bob was born 70 years ago on St. Patrick's Day in Chambersburg and has spent most of his life in the area. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College with a BA in Economics; his first year was at Wilson College as one of 24 men who attended following WW II. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. Bob retired from his position as VP Marketing at F&M Trust and also has worked as a stock broker and manager of radio stations. He has had a long interest in history and did have a local radio spot "On This Day" for a number of years. He and his wife still live in Chambersburg; they have two children. Bob will speak to us about the history of Chambersburg with emphasis on the time of our ancestors. He will show slides as part of his presentation.

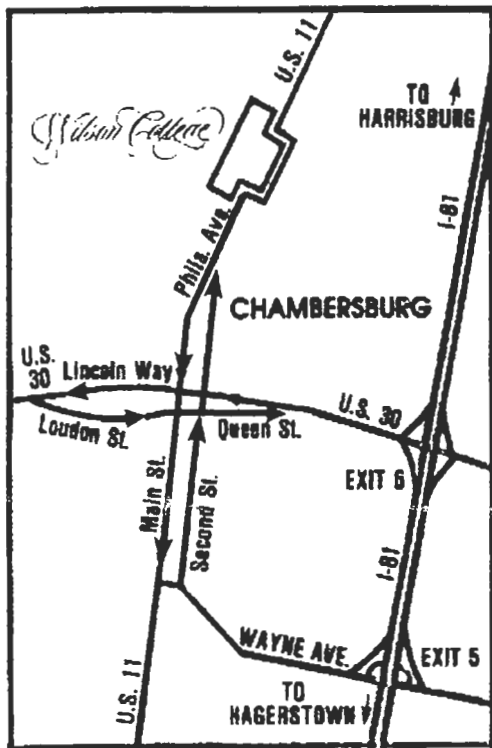
We hope to have as our guests at the banquet, Bob Morris, the Mayor of Chambersburg, and Lillian Colletta of the Historical Society.

DAR The DAR has responsibility for the Brown's Mill Graveyard where William, David, their wives and other family members are buried. One of those being honored on David's memorial is his son-in-law Andrew Reed. Andrew was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, so the DAR will also dedicate a flag in his memory to be placed beside the monument.

HOW TO GET THERE The maps on the following pages show you the area, the location of Wilson College and the campus. More maps will be available at check-in.



Wilson College



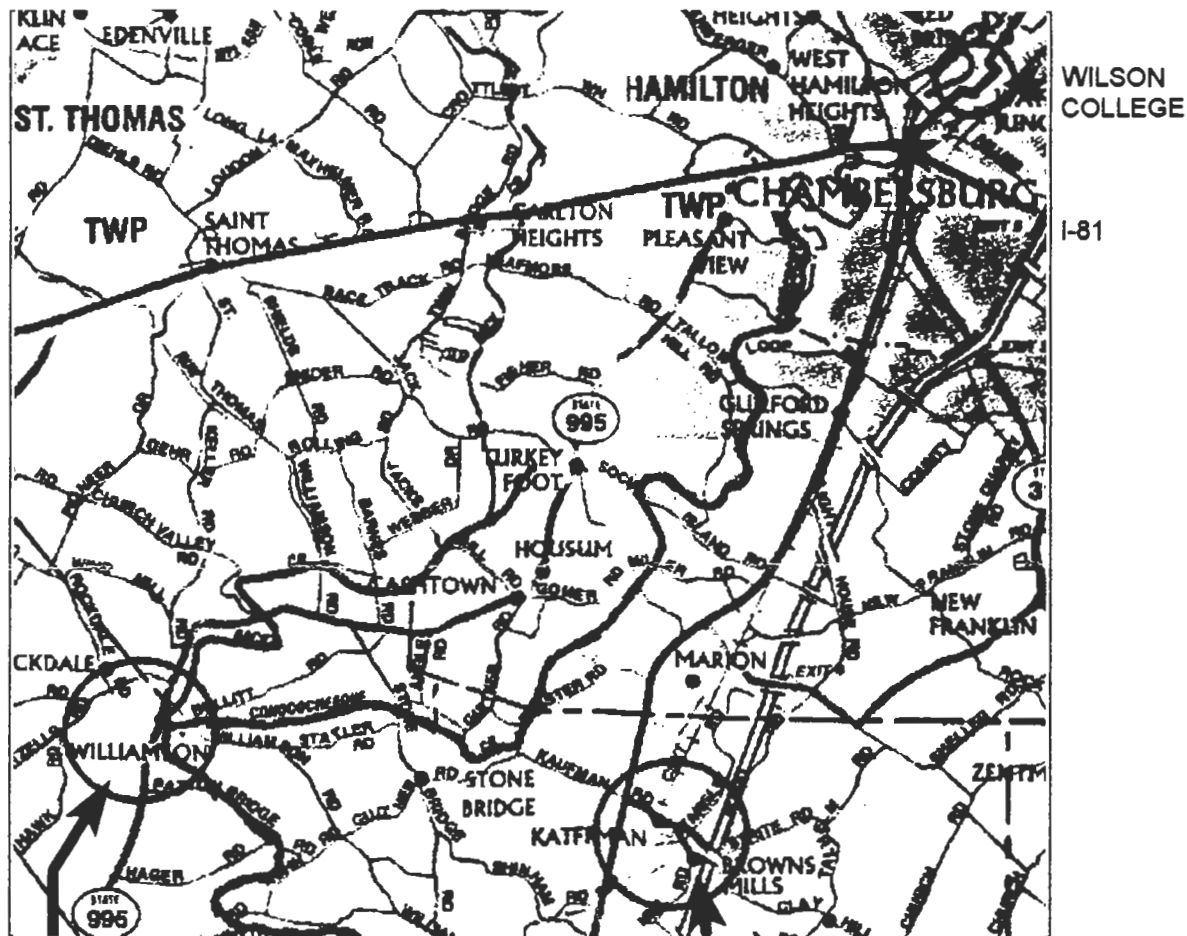
the earliest land owner in this part of Penn's Colony. Some think that William's wife Rebecca was related to this family, but that is not proven. Adjacent to the school is the Old Brown's Mill Graveyard containing the graves of many early settlers. There are at least 17 Revolutionary War veterans interred here, including family member Andrew Reed. As early as 1784 there was a tuition school in the area. We can speculate that our ancestors were schooled in a log school at least near here. The Enoch Brown school was the site of an Indian massacre where the teacher and all but one student was killed. Family legend has it that all McBrayer children were home that day doing necessary farm chores. Had they not been, many of us might not be here today!



OLD BROWN'S MILL SCHOOL



Was erected in 1836 on land donated by Lazarus Brown, a grandson of Thomas Brown,



WILLIAMSON - SITE OF HOMESTEADS OF WILLIAM, DAVID AND JAMES

OLD BROWN'S MILL SCHOOL AND GRAVEYARD, SITE OF NEW MONUMENTS TO WILLIAM, DAVID AND THEIR FAMILIES

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE There has always been a strong sense of religion in our family as witnessed by the number of ministers both past and present. During our reunion we will be calling on two of our family, Reid Stewart and Terrell McBrayer to lead us in prayer and discussion at appropriate times.

While we are not certain of the path our ancestors took on their route from Scotland nor the reason they left, there is a good possibility that the reason was at least in part due to the political and religious upheaval which gripped Scotland at the end of the 1600's and which culminated in the Jacobite Rising of 1745.

No record has been found as to the denominational affiliation of William and his family, but

they were surely Presbyterians of some description. We know that David's branch were "Scottish Dissenting Presbyterians", those who had broken with or did not enter the established Kirk of Scotland in 1690. We also know David had been visited many times by Rev. John Cuthbertson, the first Covenanter missionary who arrived in America in 1751. Rev. Cuthbertson married David's daughter Esther to Andrew Reed in 1769.

We will have the opportunity to visit the old Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church during our reunion. The church was built in 1794 and has recently been restored to its original condition. While we are not sure if our ancestors worshipped here, we can see what a church of the era looks like and get a feeling for the past.



MacBRAIR FAMILY REUNION MEAL MENUS

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, PICNIC

BBQ Chicken	Hamburgers
Baked beans	Pasta salad
Coleslaw	Potato chips
Watermelon	Brownies
Lemonade	

Cost: \$ 7.50 per person

To be served along the banks of the Conococheague Creek

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, BREAKFAST

Orange Juice*+	Grapefruit Juice*+
Cold Cereals*	Oatmeal*
Cherry muffins*	Donuts*
Fresh fruit*+	Waffles*
Cooked to order eggs and omelettes*	
Breads*, English muffins* and Bagels*	

Cost \$ 3.30 per person

To be served in the Snack Bar of the Dining Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, LUNCH

Cream of Potato soup*	Taco Salad
Stuffed Cabbage*+	Chicken fingers
Oriental Veggies*+	Brew City fries
Assorted salads*+	
Dessert selections*	

Cost \$ 4.60 per person

To be served in the Snack Bar of the Dining Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, BANQUET

Pre-Dinner Punch Bowl (non-alcoholic)

Fresh Fruit tray	Relish tray
Tossed salad	Roast Turkey
Top Round of Beef, carved at table	
Golden Corn	Broccoli Spears
Baked Potatoes	Dessert

Cost: \$ 14.00 per person

To be served in Laird Hall

Dinner to be followed by featured speaker, Bob Harrison

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, BRUNCH

Orange Juice*+	Tomato Juice*+
Cold Cereals*	Grapefruit Half*+
Assorted Pastries*	Pancakes*
Cooked to order Eggs and Omelettes*	
Canadian Bacon	Deli Line
Assorted Salads*+	

Cost \$ 4.60 per person

To be served in the Snack Bar of the Dining Hall

* denotes vegetarian choices
+ denotes lower fat choices

Substitutions in the menus by Wilson College Food Service may be necessary due to availability of fruit and vegetables at the time of the reunion.



4TH NATIONAL REUNION OF THE MacBRAIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
THURSDAY, JUNE 19	EARLY CHECK IN	3:00 PM	RIDDLE HALL
	IMPROMPTU PIZZA PARTY	TBD	TBD
FRIDAY, JUNE 20	BREAKFAST		on your own
	CONTINUE EARLY CHECK IN	9:30 AM	RIDDLE HALL
	OFFICERS & REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING	12:00 PM	RIDDLE HALL
	LUNCH	12:00 PM	on your own
	TOUR OF WILLIAMSON AREA DR. REID STEWART GUIDING	1:30 PM	LEAVE FROM RIDDLE HALL
	FAMILY PICNIC	5:00 PM	WILSON COLLEGE GROUNDS
	BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, OPEN DISCUSSION, SET NEXT REUNION TIME & SITE	7:00 PM	TBD
	MOVIE TIME - "THE BRUCE"	TBD	TBD
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	BREAKFAST	8:30 AM	WILSON SNACK BAR
	WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHAMBERSBURG	9:30 AM	LEAVE FROM RIDDLE HALL
	LUNCH	12:00 PM	WILSON SNACK BAR
	VISIT TO ROCKY SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1:00 PM	LEAVE FROM RIDDLE HALL
	VISIT TO OLD BROWN'S MILL SCHOOL	2:30 PM	LEAVE FROM RIDDLE HALL
	DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS DR. REID STEWART PRESIDING	3:30 PM	OLD BROWN'S MILL GRAVEYARD
	BANQUET - INVOCATION BY DR. TERRELL McBRAYER SPEAKER BOB HARRISON	5:30 PM	LAIRD HALL
	MOVIE TIME - "ROB ROY"	TBD	TBD
SUNDAY, JUNE 22	FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME - DR. TERRELL McBRAYER PRESIDING	10:00 AM	TBD
	BRUNCH	10:30 AM	WILSON SNACK BAR
	CHECK OUT	12:00 PM	RIDDLE HALL

NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND CHANGES MAY BE REQUIRED. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AND ANNOUNCED AT CHECK IN.



**4TH NATIONAL REUNION of THE MacBRAIR FAMILY
ASSOCIATION
JUNE 20-22, 1997
WILSON COLLEGE, CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S)*: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ DEPARTURE: _____

	COST PER PERSON	NUMBER X DAYS (for room)	TOTAL COST
REGISTRATION FEE			
MEMBER, 1997 DUES PAID	\$15.00		
MEMBER, NOT CURRENT AND NON-MEMBERS**	\$20.00		
HOUSING AT WILSON COLLEGE			
SINGLE OCCUPANCY	\$16.50		
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	\$14.50		
MEALS - for children under 6, meals are 1/2 the listed price.			
PICNIC, JUNE 20, 1997	\$7.50		
BREAKFAST, JUNE 21, 1997	\$3.30		
LUNCH, JUNE 21, 1997	\$4.60		
BANQUET, JUNE 21, 1997	\$14.00		
BRUNCH, JUNE 22, 1997	\$4.60		

* PLEASE LIST ALL NAMES OF THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND THE REUNION SO NAME TAGS CAN BE MADE.

** MEMBERS NOT CURRENT IN DUES AND NEW MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A CREDIT OF \$ 5.00 TOWARDS DUES IF PAID WITH REGISTRATION OR AT THE REUNION.

REQUIRED DEPOSIT:

REGISTRATION FEES	
50% OF HOUSING FEE	
50% OF MEALS	
TOTAL	

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS :

JUNE 6, 1997

DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATIONS:

JUNE 6, 1997 - DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED EXCEPT FOR 50% OF THE REGISTRATION FEES

(PLEASE SEE NOTES ON REVERSE)

NOTES:

1. Please send your registration no later than June 2, 1997 with deposit paid by check made to the order of "The MacBair Family Association" to:
The MacBair Family Association
952 Old Goddard Road
Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146-4453
2. The number of single occupancy rooms at Wilson College are limited. To ensure a reservation for single occupancy, please get your reservation in early.
3. There is one handicapped accessible room, a double occupancy room, in the Dining Hall building. If you need this room, please reserve early. If this room is not available, you will be assigned a room on the first floor.
4. Double occupancy rooms at Wilson College have two twin beds. Each double occupancy room suite has a bath shared with another double occupancy suite. If you have a preference in sharing the bath with another family group, please note that below. Children 6 and under using sleeping bags will not be charged a housing fee.
5. Room charges include bed linens, pillow, blanket, washcloth and towels.
6. The rooms at Wilson College are not air conditioned, but you may bring along a fan if you wish. No other appliances (such as hot plates) are allowed.
7. No pets are allowed in the Wilson College rooms.
8. Deposits are required because the Family Association has to guarantee and make partial payment for rooms and meal counts at least seven (7) working days before our reunion starts. We will be charged for any no-shows, therefore, if you make reservations and do not attend, we will ask you to reimburse the Family Association for any charges placed upon us by Wilson College. Of course, if there are emergency circumstances, accommodations will be made.
9. Payment of all fees over the amount deposited are to be made at the time of check in for the reunion.

Your comments: _____

PLEASE CALL ANY REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.