

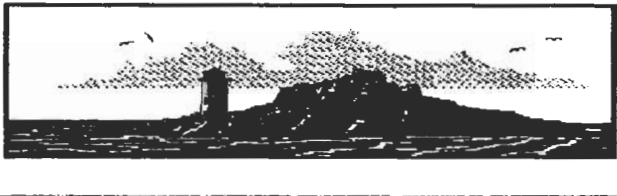
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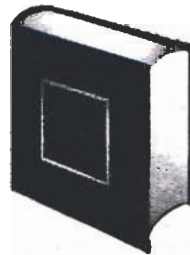
Here we are in the middle of a summer with strange weather affecting most of us, from the unusually hot spells all across the country to the fierce fires in Florida that have touched a number of family members. And by some reports we are to expect a very cold winter coming up. Well, as it has been said, we can all talk about the weather but we can't do anything about it.

Last issue a request was made to those owing dues to the family association to make payment as soon as possible so that the costs for additional printing of notices and in some cases additional postage could be avoided. Dues notices are sent only to those who we believe have not made payment. If you feel an error has been made in our records, please let me know and you will get a reply. Thank you to those who responded during the past month or so. Still, there is a need to appeal again. To give you a clear idea of our current status, there are currently 208 names on our mailing list. We have:

- 9 Life Members
- 108 1998 paid Active and Sustaining Members
- 78 Members past due
- 13 Pending members who are being sent the newsletter since they ask to see it prior to joining.

Unfortunately, action may have to be taken to drop members who have not paid, however, no one will be dropped until some personal contact is made. We want to keep our membership growing. If you have not paid dues and there is something you do not like about the

family association, please let me know and maybe something can be done. One member did this and it has resulted in some changes to the newsletter. Last year's National Reunion was done to meet the needs of others. Please let your voice be heard.



LAST CHANCE FOR FAMILY HISTORY BOOK!

Orders are now being accepted for the FINAL run/printing of the latest history of the McBraith family, "*IN DEFIANCE - THE MACBRAIR HERITAGE -1735-1998.*"

For those of you who are not familiar with this family history - it is hard bound, 8 1/2"X 11", contains almost 1000 pages of information and index and is fully indexed with more than 23,000 names. It is the current complete history, and you do not have to have previous volumes to have the full history.

This will be your last chance to order before Carl McBrayer moves onto another HUGE project of transferring all the information over to a new computer system. That project has already begun and to date more than 20,000 names have been either transferred or added from new information - and only a small dent has been made in the old records. Carl therefore feels that he needs to devote all his time to the new records and is discontinuing the efforts on the present book.

If you would like to order or you know someone who might be interested, please pass along the word. Carl will be accepting orders until August 1, 1998 and will go to the printer on the 2nd with the exact number for the final run. **NO ORDERS WILL BE AC-**

CEPTED AFTER 1 AUGUST, 1998. Time is running out!

The book is \$85 per copy (postage paid in the US)- Checks or money orders should be sent to:

Carl McBrayer
412 Char Lane
Midwest City, OK 73110

or contact him at:

1 -405-732-1757

cbmcbrayer@juno.com

highlander@theshop.net

He hopes to be shipping sometime during the second week of August.

CORRECTIONS



In introducing *Teff Ayril* as a new member last month, it was stated that *she* was the great-grandson of Henry Grady

McBrayer, obviously now it can be seen that she is the great-granddaughter of Henry. Teff explains that the name is Turkish; her father was born in Turkey. He had a friend (male) named Teff and before his daughter was known to be a daughter, the name was chosen. When she arrived, her parents decided to stay with the name.

In the **TRADITION** article in last issue, *Jean Roath* was reported to be 6th generation; she is 7th generation.

McBRAYER STORE (Phone 180) 1934-1997



The following story was taken from the June 16, 1998-edition of *The More-*

head News, Morehead KY. The article was written by Dr. Jack D. Ellis, retired Morehead State University Library Director and a retired minister. Thanks to Janet Dulin for forwarding it.

The street sign on the corner said Fairbanks Avenue, and in the mid 1930s it was a busy street. (Now the street sign says South Wilson Avenue.)

There is not much traffic now, but then it was an extremely busy thoroughfare, connecting the estab-

lished business district including banks, depot, hotels and freight station located on Railroad Street, (now First Street), and the more recent businesses and post office on Main Street.

Economy Store Opens

It was Nov. 1, 1934 when J. Earl McBrayer opened a new store on Fairbanks Avenue. It was called the "Economy Store," and consisted of 25 feet on the side of a building operated by the Farmers Produce Exchange. It opened with an inventory of about \$150 in odds and ends of shoes, dry goods, and clothing. The first day total sales were two five-cent handkerchiefs.

Economy Store Expands

But business improved, and Mr. McBrayer expanded to include all of the building. In 1936, the Economy Store added additional inventory to include seeds, fertilizer, light farm tools, furniture and appliances. In order to expand Mr. McBrayer said "he had to go into debt to the extent it would even scare him today." Even though the business was growing and the work was demanding, Earl and his wife, Martha, operated the business with one part-time employee. Later others were added as business increased.

The Flood Came

Then on the night of July 4, 1939, a date that will forever remain in the minds of Moreheadians who were living here then, a devastating flash flood hit the city. Twenty-six people in Rowan County lost their lives in the roaring flood waters rampaging Triplett Creek, and Moreheadians have never been the same. Now every time the thunder rolls and the lightning flashes, older residents cast a wary eye at the sky, and look for the high ground.

With so much carnage and loss of property and life in the flood, Mr. McBrayer even hesitated to mention what it cost him. But it appeared that he was ruined financially. He had just bought \$15,000 (a fortune then) worth of merchandise (all on credit) when, the flood roared down Railroad Street and Fairbanks Avenue. The water was 10 feet deep in his store, and everything was lost. But grateful that he and his family survived, he was determined to rebuild his business.

Together with Martha they slowly rebuilt their business on Fairbanks Avenue. They paid off every single dollar they owed as result of the flood. Many people would have taken the bankrupt law, but not Earl and Martha McBrayer. In 1942 they moved the furniture part of the business to Main Street (higher ground).

Earl Enters WWII

In 1944 in spite of having six children Earl McBrayer was drafted into the military service.

Martha continued to operate, the business while her husband was in the Army Air Corp. When Earl returned, he bought Frank Haven's portion of the 5 and 10-cent store, and he and Dwight Pierce operated the business until 1962 when Earl bought Dwight Pierce's half of the business. Earl also founded Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, and operated that business after his retirement from the store.

Early Entrepreneur

Earl was an early entrepreneur in Morehead. He was one of the founders of Radio Station WMOR and served as radio announcer and host of the original WMOR Swapshop for several years. Later, he was a partner in the Stucky Funeral Home on W. Main Street, and he also was a successful farmer.

Earl and Martha McBrayer were successful in spite of flood, war, and the Depression. They helped this community grow from a small village to a thriving metropolitan area. They were successful through hard prayer and determination.

Two of their children, Jack McBrayer and Pauline Ellington continued operating the McBrayer Store until February 1997 when it fell victim to the "outlanders' chain stores with a "bigger is better" syndrome."

But there was a McBrayers Store in Morehead for 68 years. (November 1934 - February 1997).

(Note: Martha passed away on 17 July 1980. She and J. Earl had seven children, not six as reported in the article. Their second son, James Kenneth passed away at the age of 15 months. J. Earl remarried on 11 April 1981 to Helen Pruitt. J. Earl (M 174, 7th gen., line of William) has been an avid collector of family lore and his stories of the family have been enjoyed by all privileged to hear him. J. Earl; sons Jack and Phillip; and daughter Phyllis are members of the Family Association as are a grandson and granddaughter.)

FUTURE NEW MEMBER



Ashley Brooke Smith born June 3, 1998 in Louisville, KY, to Mitchell and Beth Ann (Holweger) Smith. Brooke weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz, and measured 20 ¾ inches. She is 10th generation and the grandchild of Patricia Carol McBrayer Holweger (M211-5/3, 8th, Line of William) of Middletown, OH. Brooke's mother, Beth, swam at Morehead State University (KY), and says Brooke has the body of a swimmer, which she will be as soon as she's old enough to be put in the water.



Looking for Family

Two members have given a response regarding **James Harold McBrayer** mentioned last issue. James F. McBrayer said he believed that James Harold is James Harold McBrayer, Jr. (M 178-5, 8th, line of William). James F. believes that James H's parents had said that their son was a teacher. Doris Osten reports that she had recently talked with James H. and that he lived within walking distance from her home in Nashville! Now we will be able to bring up to date some more family history.

Member Earl A. McBrayer passed along a copy of a sheet "The Korean War Veterans Honor Roll" which was found in the effects of his late brother-in-law. Earl says his brother-in-law never mentioned this prior to his passing. The text is given below:

Lee R. Mc Brayer
New York, NY
Born 1920
US Army
Corporal
32890547
Missing in Action - Presumed Dead
November

Corporal Mc Brayer was a member of the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on November 28, 1950. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953.

Corporal Mc Brayer was awarded the Purple Heart.

Does anybody know this man?

From the records located in the Attala County Library in Kosciusko, MS, it is given that **Jessie D. McBrayer**, b 5 Jun. 1881, d 9 Nov. 1921 was buried in the Old Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winston County, MS. She was the wife of Alonzo Chamberlain Mayo, b 25 Sep. 1871 d 26 May 1950. (See also note at the bottom of the second page of the family tree updates.) Does anybody know how Jessie is related?

From the March-April issue of **Everton's Genealogical Helper: Katie McBrier** (?), b 1848 in Ireland, m? **Floody**. They had issue at least **John M. Floody**, b

1874 and **Maggie**, b 1868 both in Ohio. John m **Anna L Patton**, 1895. Know any of these people?

Two articles in the Amarillo (TX) **Globe-News**, 20 and 21 Aug. 1997 reported the death in a traffic accident of the 63-year-old wife of **Jack McBrayer**, age 65. Her name was reported on 20 Aug. as "**Necia**" and on 21 Aug. as "**Celia**." Jack had recently retired as a Gregg County Sheriff's deputy. He was still working part-time however as a reserve. At the time of the accident southeast of Vernon, TX, he was transporting a prisoner to the Vernon State home. His wife was with him because the prisoner was female. It was common practice for wives to do this transport duty. She died at the scene. Jack and the prisoner both had serious leg injuries and the driver of the other car had facial lacerations. Can anybody tell us more about Jack and his wife?

Coat-of-Arms Patch

Family Association member C.E. "Bud" McBrayer has had some very attractive patches made up which can be sewn onto anything imaginable. The coat-of-arms is embroidered in grey and burgundy on a background of Navy, Royal Blue, Black or Brown and bordered in black. They measure approximately 3-½ inches wide by 4 inches high. Bud has a limited number of these patches available at a price of \$10.00 each including mailing. If he has sufficient interest, additional patches will be ordered. If you are interested, you can send your order to:

C. E. McBrayer
2700 Winfield Drive
Plano, TX 75023-7945



Rest in Peace

We sadly report the passing of family members.

Family Association Member **Reuben Hill McBrayer Jr., M.D.**, (M 338-5/1, 7th, line of William) 56, died April 1 1998, at his residence. His wife of 33 years, Sarah Cole McBrayer, survives him.

Dr. McBrayer was a professor of medicine and vice chairman for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Medicine, and director Of Pulmonary and Critical Care and medical director of the Sleep Disorders Center of Eastern Virginia Medical School. He has received the Dean's Faculty Achievement Award for Institutional Service and held many administrative appointments at the Eastern Virginia Medical School. He was dedicated to his patients and the school, and devoted to his

family.

Born in Danville, Va., he was the son of the late Patsy Motley Hamilton and the late Reuben H. McBrayer and the stepson of Margaret W. McBrayer of Danville. Dr. McBrayer graduated from the University of Richmond where he was president of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, with a B.A. in chemistry.



He continued his education at the Medical College of Virginia and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Society in his junior year. He was a member of Sigma Zeta Honorary fraternity and was at the top of his class upon graduation.

His postdoctoral training continued at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., on the Ward Medicine Service. He then became chief of Pulmonary Communicable Disease Service, U.S. Army Hospital Specialized Treatment Center, Fort Gordon, GA. He returned to the Medical College of Virginia to complete a Fellowship in Pulmonary Disease. Following completion of his training he came to Norfolk in 1974 to practice Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. McBrayer was board certified in four medical disciplines: Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care and Sleep Disorders. He was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow and the Governor of Virginia of the American College of Chest Physicians.

He served on many hospital committees at Sentara Norfolk General and DePaul hospitals. He was on the board of directors at DePaul and president of the Medical Staff from 1989 to 1990. He held membership in numerous professional societies, both locally and nationally. He was a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Lung Association and a past president of the Virginia Thoracic Society. He was also an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. His hobbies included deep sea fishing and boating.

In addition to his wife, Dr. McBrayer is survived by his daughter Alice Coles McBrayer, a student at T.C.. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond; and his son, Dr. Reuben Hill McBrayer III, who with his wife, Kamie, live in Jacksonville, FL., where he is completing a residency in family practice at the Mayo Clinic. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Walter Coles and his wife, Alice, of Arlington, VA.

A church service was conducted on Saturday, April 25, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd by the Rev. Ross Wright. Burial was at the Coles Hill Family Cemetery, Chatham, VA.

(Adapted from Norfolk, VA, newspaper obituary)

Eurschel Ubert McBrayer, (M 108, 7th, line of William) 67, of 122 Whitaker Road, Fairview, NC, died Monday, May 25, 1998 at his home.

A native and lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he retired from Cranston Print Works and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in West Asheville. He was the son of the late Ubert Marlin and Minnie Ersula Stuart McBrayer.

He is survived by his wife, Velma Irene Gibson McBrayer of the home; daughter, Susan McBrayer Higdon of Fairview; sons, Jeffrey McBrayer and Larry McBrayer; sister, Rubye Hill of Fairview; brother, Robert McBrayer of Fairview and three precious grandchildren, Kelly, Karly, and Kendall Higdon of Fairview.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 28 at Anders-Rice Funeral Home with the Revs. Ralph Sexton, Sr., Jerry Young and Richard Baird officiating.

Burial was in Calvary Church Yard Cemetery with Bryon and Gary Watkins, Mark Henry, Clifford and Jeremy Clark, Keith Gibbons and Roy Mueller serving as pallbearers.

(Adapted from The Asheville Citizen Times, May 28, 1998)



Family Reunions

The Annual **McBrayer/King Family Picnic** will be held Sunday, August 9, 1998 beginning at 1:00 P.M.. The location is Stephen Park, Schererville, IN. For additional details, including directions to the park, call Jeff or Karla McBrayer at (708) 862-8775

Planning is continuing for the **1999 National MacBrair Family Reunion**. The reunion will be hosted by Family Association Director **Terrell McBrayer** and will be held in Bremen, GA. The exact dates have not yet been chosen; dates in June, July and August are under consideration. A full program will be developed and sent to you as soon as possible. If any member has ideas of what they would like to see at the reunion, please let Terrell or Chief Bob know.

Also being given consideration is a family trip to **Scotland in 2000**. Some exciting research is underway now which may lead to the direct links between our family now and the Dumfries ancestors. Member **Ken Harvey** is pursuing a number of leads and is in close contact with Alfred Truckell, retired curator of the Dumfries Museum who is translating some old, previously unknown records. It has long been the wish of many in the family to establish memorials in Dumfries, Netherwood and/or Almagill in honor of our ancestors. Ken has done some good spadework and we hope the plans will develop rapidly and that there will be strong

interest in such a trip. It would be appreciated if you would let Chief Bob know if you are interested (not binding of course) and anything special you would like to see. Perhaps the trip can be arranged to coordinate with the Annual **Border Gathering** which will be held in Dumfries, August 3 - 6, 2000. In this way, we could have a concentrated week for family affairs, then a more general view of the historic borderlands where we believe our ancestors came from to America - with, of course, a stop in Northern Ireland.



Researching the Family

The advent of the computer has made searching for family an easier task, however, it sometimes seems there is too much available. Thousands of documents with the name McBrayer are out there on the Internet. Some of them do have good information and numerous contacts are being made with family members in this way.

Time Magazine in the July 13, 1998 issue gives a brief overview of what's available. Here are some sites they suggest:

Documents:

Family History Library - www.lds.org

National Archives & Records Administration
www.nara.gov

New England Historic Genealogical Society
www.nehgs.org

Periodicals:

Ancestry www.ancestry.com

Everton's Genealogical Helper
www.everton.com

Family Chronicle www.familychronicle.com

Heritage Quest www.heritagequest.com

Family Site Seeing

Cyndi's List www.CyndisList.com has links to more than 29,000 sites worldwide and can keep you busy for days

Roots Web www.rootsweb.com has links to more than 2500 sites

Social Security Death Index
www.ancestry.com (and others including www.familytreemaker.com/fto_ssdasearch.html where you can create a form letter to get the information on the actual Social Security application; there is a cost for the record.)

Some other sites that you may find useful are:

Treasure Maps

www.firstct.com/fv/tmapmenu.html , you can get some "how to" advice on this site by means of an on-line tutor.

National Geological Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org is a broad research site from their library. Includes documents on how to do research.

World Wide Words

www.quinion.demon.co.uk/words and <http://clever.net/quinion/words> here you can find links to all kinds of dictionaries and if you cannot find a word, you can e-mail the host, Michael B. Quinion, words@quinion.demon.co.uk . He also has a weekly e-mail list that is very interesting.

News from Scotland



Our cousin in Scotland *Ken Harvey* is very involved this summer in tracking down leads on the family. He now has a web site if you want to learn a little more about him: <http://members.aol.com/harvey1963/index.htm> . It has been interesting

to note that this site and other Internet postings Ken has done have solicited inquiries from the U.S. without the people realizing they were contacting someone in Scotland! The AOL (America on Line) must fool them.

Ken found a little about a Dumfries McBair who died in Jamaica. He was William McBair, a merchant, born 1786 in Rerrick. He died 19 October 1818 at Spring Estate, Trelawney, Jamaica. The Spring Estate is in the northeast of Jamaica, just above Montego Bay. It was owned by William Mitchell and in 1830 there were 148 "apprentices" working there. William McBair is commemorated on the family tombstone at Colvend Parish Church. Colvend is a parish in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, a couple of miles SW of Dalbeattie.

Carl McBrayer has said that he has heard before of McBairs in Jamaica. If anyone has more information on this, please let Carl and Chief Bob know. Also, if there is anyone who would be willing to search the LDS records for further Jamaican contacts, please let Chief Bob know so duplicate efforts may be avoided - there are plenty of places to search for other family.

Several McBairs are commemorated on the Colvend tombstone. The small church was the nearest to Orchardknowes where the McBairs and their descendants lived until VERY recently. The last family owner, Jimmy McLellan, sold off the house and lives in a holiday village in the grounds. Ken believes Jimmy is descended from the McBairs through his grandmother; he will confirm this. The Orchardknowes property

overlooks Kippford (or Scaur as it is also known) and is a real merchant's house. Kippford is on the coast of the Solway Firth between Dumfries and Kirkcubright. The location with views of the sea, easy access to the harbor, but far enough out of town showed the family had "arrived."

Ken has found that the McBairs sold off their properties around Dumfries over the period of a few generations, beginning in the 17th century. They bought up property and leases to properties around Dalbeattie which is about half way between Dumfries and Kirkcubright on the main road (711). They are closely related to the Maxwells of Munches and Kirkennan, and the properties they owned were adjacent to these Maxwell estates.

Far from losing out during the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, the family moved up in society and only began to really disappear during the last quarter of the 19th century - due to an influx of daughters.



Terrell McBrayer and his sister *Martha Puckett* visited Scotland in April. In addition to meeting Ken and his family, they accumulated records which will take some time to organize. These include the Dumfries Archives records on birth, marriage, christening and property transfer and burial records from St. Michael's Church. The records are being organized in date order with various spellings of the name. Even in the early stages of compilation, immediate family members can be more readily identified. As in America, father and son may have different surname spellings.

Terrell is also obtaining some ship passenger records which he hopes will give us additional clues.

Scottish Humor

A visitor to an Aberdeen bar was surprised to find the beer only two pence a pint. The barman explained that it was the price to mark the centenary of the pub opening. The visitor noticed, however, that the bar was empty. "Are the regular customers not enjoying the special prices?" he asked. To which the barman replied "They're waiting for the Happy Hour."

Important Dates in History

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| July 11 | Robert the Bruce born 1274 |
| July 21 | Robert Burns died 1796 |
| July 24 | Mary Queen of Scots abdicated,
James VI becomes king 1567 |

(the two articles above from the July issues Rampant Scotland Newsletter)

Stories from the Past

The following story was written by *Thomas S. Reid*, an ancestor of *Vice Chief Reid Stewart* who provided the copy. Thomas's grandfather was *Andrew Reid* who had married *Esther McBrayer*, a daughter of first generation *David*.

THOMAS S. REID'S ACCOUNT OF THE BUILDING OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANAL THROUGH THE DAVID REID FARM IN WEST WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP, INDIANA COUNTY, PA, IN 1829

The same year-1829-the Blairsville dam, the two dams in Chestnut Ridge, and the two dams in Laurel Hill, were built, and the only boating from Johnstown, or the Valley, to Pittsburgh afterward, was done on the canal. The canal was located close along the end of my father's house, and occupied a mile in length through his farm, all of which was first commenced to be made by the filthiest, most ignorant and uncivilized men that ever Cork emptied into the United States. On the first Sabbath after getting into their shanties, they got out with their shot-guns and commenced shooting the poultry about the barnyard. My father went out and remonstrated, but he was answered "Be japers it's a fra counthry, an' we'll shoot as minny checkens as we plaze." Their idea of a free government was that of a country in anarchy; and out of such material has thousands and tens of thousands of the voting machinery of the Democratic party been manufactured. What the hallucination is, that keeps the few men of refinement and intelligence yet to be found in that party, connected with such a conglomeration of ignorance and degeneration, is something I have not yet lived long enough to find out.

Under the old Militia Law, all able-bodied men over eighteen and under forty-five years of age were required to meet for training on the first Monday of May. Two citizens, "bi chice," made their boast that they would go to Fairfield and drive the Militia from the field with their shillalahs. They did go, and made the attempt; but they found that their shillalahs had but little terror for citizens "bi accident." The field was well supplied with stones of a proper size for the convenience of the occasion, and the "accidental citizens" knew how to handle them. The shillalah men left the field with bloody heads and sore bones, although their number was about double that of the men and boys they assailed

Their mode of living was economical in the extreme, particularly in labor saving, in preparing and cooking their victuals. A large iron kettle, capable of holding from two to three bushels, was kept hanging over the fire. A cart load of potatoes was piled at one side of the fire, and a barrel of mackerel at the other side. A layer of potatoes, just as they came from the ground, without the benefit of knife or water, was tumbled into the kettle, and a layer of mackerel from the barrel without a rinse, and so on alternately till the kettle was full, and when boiled was dished up, and in this, with sixteen jiggers a day of whisky, without bread or any other article of food, consisted the boarding of thousands of the "better citizens, because they are citizens bi chice."

On the 4th of July a regular old-fashioned celebration was got up at Lockport, a mile and a half below my father's place, on the line of the canal. The Irish in attendance far outnumbered all others. While the oration was being delivered, they swore they would put the speaker off the stand. They made the attempt, but failed. They were driven out of the village, many of them badly used up. They made a threat to take the place on the following Saturday. There were about five hundred men engaged in building the aqueduct-all to the manor born. The contractors provided every man with a rifle and ammunition for the occasion. On the appointed day the Irish collected in thousands on the bank of the river opposite Lockport, where they came in view of more than five hundred armed men. They were informed that, if they attempted to cross the river, they would be shot down. They scattered off faster than they had collected.

Rows and fights among themselves were of frequent occurrence, which amusement they were permitted to enjoy without the interference of the "accidental citizens"; but their fondness for the exercise of their shillalahs sometimes stimulated their courage to such an extent that fifty or a hundred of them would attack one county-born, when they could catch him alone.

On one occasion three of my brothers, three or four hired men, and myself, were going home to dinner from our work at the sawmill, on the lower end of the farm. We were crossing the fields some rods from the canal. We saw and heard a great commotion, but had no thought of anything unusual, and were passing by as we were in the habit of doing, supposing it to be but a common Irish fray among themselves, when we heard a well-known voice call out: "Will you fellows allow a fellow to be murdered by a set of redmouthed Irish?" It was William Bennett, who is yet living on the farm on which he was born. More than a hundred Irishmen had him surrounded. Their noise could only be compared to the barking of as many angry bulldogs, but their courage fell far short of the courage of that animal. He had threatened the first man that would come within a rod of him, and they had made their inner circle fully that

FAMILY TREE UPDATES

The following updated information is keyed specifically to the latest Family History book, *IN DEFLANCE - The MacBraire Heritage - 1735-1998*, and so uses the numbering system in that book when applicable. Since this book is an update of previous histories, it may be difficult to reference earlier books. Please be aware that the latest book entries as well as these updates are being input into the *Family Tree Maker* format which gives the possibility of transferring data by GEDCOM files.

Page 556, Correct entry:

360/10C10c1. MARIA BEALE FLETCHER, b 23 Jun 1942, was chosen Miss America - 1962.

Page 557, Correct and add to entry:

360/10F. CHARLES MARION FLETCHER, 4th gen, b 27 Mar 1834, d 10 Jun 1910, m 21 Sep 1858 to **EMMA REBECCA PLUMBLEE**, who was b 7 Jan 1835, d 31 Mar 1905. Charles fought during the Civil War, was captured, imprisoned and detained in New York for nine months after the South's surrender. They had issue (5th gen):
(Editor's note: only the changed entries are given for Charles' and Emma's children; the other entries remain the same.)

- 10F3. **LILY JAMES FLETCHER** b 22 Mar 1864 in Henderson County, NC; d 5 Nov. 1939 in Buncombe County, NC; m to **JAMES ALBERT HALYBURTON** 2 Dec 1884. James was employed by the Biltmore Estate, in Asheville, NC, building the roadways on the property. They had issue (6th gen):
 - 10F3a. **SARAH ALICE HALYBURTON** b 14 Nov 1888 in Madison County, NC; d 19 Jun. 1958 in Buncombe County, NC; m. to **JOHN ROBERT JONES**.
 - 10F3b. **ROBERTA JOSEPHINE HALYBURTON** b 16 Apr 1891 in Buncombe County, NC; d. 8 Dec. 1961 in Buncombe County, NC; m to **GEORGE AMHERST ARTHUR**.
 - 10F3c. **JAMES GALL HALYBURTON** b 6 Jan 1895 in Buncombe County, NC; d 26 Mar. 1917 of malaria on Navy ship somewhere in the Pacific.
 - 10F3d. **GEORGE FLETCHER HALYBURTON** b 19 Aug 1897 in Buncombe County, NC; d 9 Dec. 1903 in Buncombe County, NC, he bled to death; he had hemophilia).
 - 10F3e. **LILY EUGENIA HALYBURTON** b 23 Apr 1901 in Buncombe County, NC; d 16 Apr 1990 in Buncombe County, NC; m. **LILBURN CHARLES CHANDLER**.

- 10F5. **WILLIAM ERWIN "WILL" FLETCHER**, 5th gen, b 9 Apr 1868 in Henderson County, NC; d 10 Aug 1962 in Buncombe County, NC, m to **MINNIE LEE GASTON** 1 Jun. 1892 in Spartanburg, SC. They had issue (6th gen):
 - 10F5a. **HUBERT GASTON FLETCHER** b 23 Jan 1893 in Buncombe County, NC; d 14 Jun 1959 in Buncombe County, NC; m. to **ANNA MAE ALEXANDER**.
 - 10F5b. **WILLIAM EARL FLETCHER** b 10 Mar 1895 in Buncombe County, NC; d 30 Jun 1971 in Pulaski County, Arkansas; never married.
 - 10F5c. **ANNIE MARION FLETCHER** b 17 Mar 1897 in Buncombe County, NC; d 18 May 1969 in Buncombe County, NC; m. to **OSCAR EDWIN STARNES**.
 - 10F5d. **JAMES EDGAR FLETCHER** b 23 May 1900 in Buncombe County, NC; d 4 Jun 1949 in Transylvania County, NC; m to **ARA ELIZABETH CLINE**.
 - 10F5e. **CHESTER AMBERG FLETCHER** b 4 Mar 1902 in Buncombe County, NC; d 21 Nov 1982 in Buncombe County, NC; m to **CLARA MARIE FLANKLIN**.
 - 10F5f. **HILDA ELIZABETH FLETCHER** b 3 Apr 1904 in Buncombe County, NC; d 9 Apr 1991 in Buncombe County, NC; m. to **JAMES EDGAR DUCKWORTH**.
 - 10F5g. **GASTON PINKNEY FLETCHER** b 14 Sep 1906 in Buncombe County, NC; m (1) to **ANNIS JEAN CLINE** (Annis died); m (2) to **ELMA SUE (WRIGHT) PENLEY**. G.P. FLETCHER, called "Buss" is still living at Enka, NC (July 1998).

- 10F5h. **WILLIAM JONES FLETCHER** b 22 Sep 1909 in Buncombe County, NC; d 23 Jan 1978 in Lonoke County, AR; m to **MARY LILLIAN ARTHUR**.
- 10F6. **JOHN STEPHEN SOLOMON FLETCHER**, 5th gen, b 22 Jul. 1869 in Henderson County, NC; d 8 Oct. 1960 in Smith County, TX m 7 Jul 1896 to **OLIVE "OLLIE" CASPARY** in Smith County, TX. They had issue (6th gen) all born in Smith County, TX:
- 10F6a. **ELLA MAE FLETCHER** b 3 May 1897; d 27 Jul 1979 in Dallas County, TX; m **JAMES HERBERT APPERSON**.
- 10F6b **VIRGINIA ELIZABETH FLETCHER** b 19 Nov 1899; d 1 Oct 1988 in Dallas County, TX; m (1) to **CLARENCE RICHARDS**; (2) to **THOMAS DUMONT GOODWIN**.
- 10F6c. **EMMA OLIVIA FLETCHER** b 25 Sep 1902; d 8 Nov 1990 in Dallas County, TX; m **WALTER STANLEY MASON**.
- 10F6d. **CHARLES CASPARY FLETCHER** b 11 Aug 1905 d 8 Mar 1906 in Smith County, TX.
- 10F8. **GEORGE MOORE FLETCHER**, 5th gen, b 15 May 1874 in Henderson County, NC; d 23 Nov 1938 in Henderson County, NC, m 17 Sep 1908 to **BERTIE LEE SPROUSE** in Henderson County, NC. They had issue (6th gen):
- 10F8a. **CHARLES MARION FLETCHER** b 26 Jul 1909 in Henderson County, NC; d 13 Oct 1990 in Roanoke County, Virginia; m to **DOROTHY ARLEAN FRADY**.
- 10F8b. **EUGENE HALIBURTON FLETCHER** b 14 Feb 1912 in Henderson County, NC; d 17 Aug 1986 in Henderson County, NC; m to **MYRTLE MILDRED HUTCHINSON**.
- 10F8c. **ALBERT MOORE FLETCHER** b 28 Jun 1916 in Henderson County, NC; m (1) to **DOROTHY LEE BARNWELL**; (2) to **BEATRICE ANN SMOOT**.
- 10F8d. **CHARLOTTE EMMA FLETCHER** b 20 Jan 1921 in Henderson County, NC; m to **LEON FRANK BRANK**.
- 10F8e. **EDITH HESTER FLETCHER** b 1 Nov 1923 in Henderson County, NC; m (1) to **JAMES WILEY COUNCIL**, (2) to **WILSON HAROLD GILBERT**.
- 10F8f. **GEORGE ROBERT FLETCHER** b 24 Sep 1926 in Henderson County, NC; m to **POLLY ANN CHRISTOPHER**.
- 10F9. **SUSAN CAROLINE FLETCHER** 5th gen, b 12 Feb 1878 in Henderson County, NC; d 6 Apr 1944 in Buncombe County, NC, m **JOSEPH HERBERT HENRY**. They had issue (6th gen):
- 10F9a. **JOSEPH HERBERT HENRY, JR.** b. 10 Nov 1922 in Buncombe County, NC m (1) 16 Jul 1958 in Wake County, NC to **ANN ELOISE "LOU" ROCKETT**; Lou died; (2) 26 Sep 1986 in Wake County, NC to **EDNA PADGETT**

(Information on the above two entry corrects from Catherine Suttles taken from courthouse records, family bibles, interviews with family members and personal knowledge.)

Page 254, Changes are to be made to the following entries for **145-8, HERBERT NIMROD McBRAYER**, 6th gen.

He died 12 Jun 1930 and was buried in the W.O.W (Woodsmen of the World?) Tomb, Old Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winston County, MS. Both wives, **Maggie Lee Hancock McB** and **Minnie Lee Gully McB** are also buried in Old Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

145-8/6 BABY DAUGHTER b-d 18 Sep 1919 and is buried in Old Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

(Information copied by Josie Holman & Blossie Wicker on 24 Oct 1962 from the records in the Atalla County Library in Kosciusko, MS, and further recorded on the web site <<http://pages.prodigy.com/rosamond/cemetery.htm>> . The web site incorrectly gives the state as MI instead of MS. The location of the counties and town were confirmed by R. McBrayer to be in MS. The cemetery location is given as: "Turn right at the cut beyond Kirks Store and go about one mile. It is on the left side of the road."