

IN DEFIANCE



THE MACBRAIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION

5th NATIONAL REUNION SPECIAL EDITION

APRIL 1999



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This special edition of *In Defiance* is being sent to all members of the Family Association and other McBrayers who have been identified through various means. We wish to extend an invitation to all to join with us in our celebration of family during the 5th National Reunion. While there have been regional family reunions for many years, the idea of National Reunions was established with the founding of the MacBrair Family Association in 1988 during a reunion in Forest City, North Carolina. Since that time membership has grown and our quarterly newsletter has grown in scope and length with an increasing emphasis on genealogical study. Our Family Historian, Carl McBrayer, has extended his efforts in maintaining our history and has recorded approximately 30,000 names in our data base. We have a member in Scotland, Ken Harvey, who is helping with the research in Scotland and who was instrumental in helping us to have placed in January of this year a monument to our ancestors in the churchyard of St. Michael's Church in Dumfries. The effort for this monument was spearheaded by Terrell McBrayer, our host for this year's reunion.

We hope you will join with us to further build our family awareness and fellowship.

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SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE DRAKETOWN AND GEORGIA McBRAYERS

My, we have some exciting things working! A NATIONAL REUNION! Finally a family memorial IN PLACE at St. Michael's in Dumfries, Scotland! Focused activity on finding written documentation on the definite links on our early family pioneers here with Scotland and Ireland and MORE....

Please know that we are going all out to make your visit with us enjoyable, informative, and inspirational. There are a number of historic family sites near us, and our area is rich with native Indian history, civil war history, and nearby family recreation, including Six Flags. We have some outstanding family talent to share with you. We are located just off I 20, and just 35 miles from Atlanta's Hartsville Airport.

WE WANT TO SEE YOU COME JULY 15 through 18, 1999. Until then, God bless.



Terrell McBrayer, Director at Large and Host for this National Reunion.

WHEN ?

July 15 through 18, 1999

WHERE ?

Bremen, Georgia with headquarters at the Travelodge, 1077 Alabama Ave. S, Bremen, GA where special rates are available for family.

REGISTRATION

Reservations for the reunion will be required so that we can properly plan all events. A reservation form is provided with this newsletter. There is a registration fee for all attendees. Details are on the form. This registration fee will help pay for materials such as name tags and refreshments that will be made available in the meeting room. Please note that there is a deadline of July 7, 1999 for reservations, but we would appreciate it if you would make your reservations as soon as possible to help us plan for everyone.

If you have any questions about the reunion plans, please contact either:

Terrell McBrayer	770-537-4217
Fax	770-537-9224 or
Bob McBrayer	313-928-3109
Fax	800-290-7996
e-mail	RmcBrayer@driveninc.com

LODGING

Reservations for lodging must be made individually by attendees. Special rates have been obtained for family members at the Travelodge and the Days Inn. Please remember to tell them that you are a family member.

Travelodge
1077 Alabama Ave. S
Bremen, GA 30110
(770) 537-3833 - 1-800-578-7878
\$ 42.50 including tax

Days Inn
35 Price Creek Road
Bremen, GA 30110
(770) 537-4646
\$ 38.95 including tax

Hampton Inn
28 Price Creek Road
Bremen, GA 30110
(770) 537-9001
\$ 67.20 including tax

Motel prices are for two adults. Any additional adults are \$ 5.00 and children occupying the same room are free. Please be sure to confirm these prices when you

make your reservation.

TRANSPORTATION

Bremen is located approximately 45 miles west of Atlanta just off of Interstate 20. Interstates 75 and 85 pass through Atlanta, and connections to I-20 are in the center of town, however, you may avoid the center by taking the by-pass provided by I-285 no matter which direction you approach Atlanta.

Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport provides connections to almost anywhere you would like to go. While there is no public transportation between Hartsfield and Bremen, efforts are being made to provide transportation. Please make any transportation needs known when you make your Reunion Reservations. Follow up arrangements will be made as soon as possible.

Since there will be local tours and the family worship service away from the headquarters motel, private vehicles will be needed for transportation. If you will be driving to the reunion and are willing to take others to those events, please also indicate this on your reservation form.

MEALS

The listed motels do not have food service, except for the Hampton Inn which has a free breakfast buffet for guests. There are numerous full service restaurants and fast food places very near to the motels for meals that are not included in our program.

For the early arrivals on Thursday, July 15, we will provide an impromptu evening meal at the Travelodge, presently planned as a pizza party. We may have however, a very special treat that will have you talking about the event long after you return home. Please let us know on the reservation form if you will join us for this event.

Catered meals will be provided at the Travelodge for our Friday and Saturday evening banquets and for lunch on the same days. Prices are given on the reservation sheet since reservations are requested. Menus will be available at check-in. Meals will be prepared by the *Hometown Restaurant*.

SPEAKERS

Following our evening meal on Friday, July 16, our speaker will be **Dr. Linny Martin**. He is a retired Dean of Samford University in Birmingham, AL, and a Baptist minister. Most importantly for us on this occasion, Dr. Martin is a Sub-Chief of the Cherokees. His topic will be the "The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears". Since our reunion location is in the original land of the Cherokees, the topic is particularly appropriate and will help in the understanding of some optional tours.

Saturday morning, July 17, **Dr. Robert Scott Davis, Jr.** will introduce us to the "Basics of Genealogical Research". Even if you have some experience in the field, you are sure to pick up some useful information. Prof. Davis is the Head of the Research Genealogical Department at Wallace State College, Hanceville, AL. His presentation will be a workshop on this topic of great importance to our family.

We are indebted to member **Doris Osten** for her efforts in obtaining these two outstanding speakers.

We will also be honored at our Saturday evening banquet by remarks from **Judge Harold L. Murphy**, Federal Judge for North Georgia. Judge Murphy received his appointment from President Jimmie Carter and has been many times voted the fairest judge by attorneys who practice in his court. He is the son of Georgia Gladys McBrayer (M 226-5/5, 7th gen., line of William) and James Lloyd Murphy. He and our host Terrell McBrayer are first cousins.

ENTERTAINMENT

Along with our speakers, entertainment will be provided at the evening banquets. Friday evening **Bud Jones** will entertain us with stories and folk music. He is well versed in local history; you're sure to enjoy his wit and songs as do local civic clubs and other community affairs. Bud is a retired educator and frequently writes articles for local newspapers.

Saturday evening, singer-composer **Harold McWorter** will be our featured entertainer. He is a Tallapoosa, GA, native and graduate of West Georgia College and Auburn University. For 16 years he worked in the Georgia public school system in a variety of positions, including high school principal. Since 1976 he has been

a full time musician appearing regularly at Christain supper clubs throughout the South, and entertaining at concerts, revivals, camp meetings and special events. He has written over 400 songs and recorded nine albums. You are sure to enjoy his inspirational songs.

Saturday evenings program will end with songs by the **Durett McBrayer Family Gospel Singers**. They are descendants of William, Samuel, John, Andrew, Joseph (Joe Brown), Joe, Durrett, and Dennis. They have a current local radio broadcast and have been broadcasting for over 50 years. They frequently perform during area church meetings.

TOURS

Friday morning, July 16, local area tours will be guided by family members living in the area. These informal tours will be organized according to interests as you check in. There are many things to see and enjoy.

Saturday afternoon, our main tour will be to the west of Bremen to Tallapoosa, GA, stopping along the way at the remains of an old settlement. Tallapoosa is a very old town, no one really knows how old. Old records describe it as a minor Council Town of the Creek Indians, one of thirteen settled along the Tallapoosa (golden water) river. Settlers began arriving in 1826 and the city was incorporated on December 20, 1860. While the city was not directly involved in the War Between the States, marauding soldiers did harass the residents. The town was prosperous and grew following the war, particularly after the railroads made connections in 1884. Tallapoosa has the reputation of having the first entirely free school in the state; the first class graduated in 1894. During the tour you will see many old homes built before the turn of the century. Here we will visit the museum. The cost for the museum visit is \$ 2.00 for adults and \$ 1.00 for children 5 years and older. You are sure to enjoy your visit.

At our Reunion headquarters, we will have a lot of information for those interested in visiting attractions in the Atlanta area following the reunion. These include the Carter Center, Martin Luther King Center, Coca-Cola, Six Flags, shopping and others.

PLEASE JOIN US, WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!!



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Thursday, July 15	Early Check-in	3:00 PM	Travelodge
	Impromptu Pizza Party	TBD	TBD
Friday, July 16	Continue Check-in	9:30 AM	Travelodge
	Local Area Tours	10:00 AM	From Travelodge
	Officers & Reunion Committee Meeting	12:00 PM	Travelodge
	Lunch		Travelodge
	Family Hospitality and Area Orientation	1:30 PM	Travelodge
	The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears - Dr. Linn Martin	3:00 PM	Travelodge
	Family Banquet Greetings by Bremen Mayor Jim Carden Speaker/ Entertainer Bud Jones	7:00 PM	Travelodge
Saturday, July 17	Genealogy Workshop - Dr. Robert Davis	9:00 AM	Travelodge
	Family Association Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Open Discussion	11:00 AM	Travelodge
	Lunch	12:00 PM	Travelodge
	Tour of Historical Sites - Tallapoosa, GA Area	1:30 PM	From Travelodge
	Family Banquet Greetings from Judge Harold Murphy Musician/Entertainer Harold McWhorter Family Gospel Singers	7:00 PM	Travelodge
Sunday, July 18	Family Devotional "What Mean These Stones" - Dr. R. Terrell McBrayer	9:00 AM	Travelodge
	Open Air Worship Celebration	10:30 AM	McBrayer Found- ation Property
	Lunch	12:00 PM	On Your Own
	Closing Session, Family Sharing	1:00 PM	Travelodge
	Optional Tours	2:00 PM	TBD



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JULY 15 - 18, 1999
BREMEN, GEORGIA

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s)*: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

I/We plan to arrive early and will attend Thursday's impromptu party YES/NO please circle

I/We will have a car available. YES/NO. I/We can provide transportation for ____ people.

I/We will be arriving by air. YES/NO I/We will need transportation to Bremen. YES/NO

Arrival Day _____ Airline _____ Arrival Time _____

Departure Day _____ Airline _____ Departure Time _____

* Please list all names of those who will attend the reunion so name tags can be made.

Please remember that motel reservations must be made individually. In addition to the motels listed in *In Defiance*, there are many others available in the local area.

(Please see back of form. Thank you.)

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	NUMBER	COST EACH	TOTAL
REGISTRATION FEE			
MEMBER , 1999 DUES PAID**		\$15.00	
MEMBER, NOT CURRENT AND NON-MEMBER***		\$20.00	
CHILD under 12 years		\$5.00	
BANQUETS			
JULY 16 - ADULT		\$7.00	
JULY 16 - CHILD under 12 years		\$5.00	
JULY 17 - ADULT		\$7.00	
JULY 17 - CHILD under 12 years		\$5.00	
LUNCHES			
JULY 16 - ADULT		\$5.00	
JULY 16 - CHILD under 12 years		\$3.00	
JULY 17 - ADULT		\$5.00	
JULY 17 - CHILD under 12 years		\$3.00	
TOTAL			

** Spouses of paid up members pay the same registration fee as the paid up member.

*** Members not current in dues and Non-Members will receive a credit of \$ 5.00 towards payment of current dues if the remainder is paid at the time of registration or at the reunion. Spouse fees are not included in this credit.

Deadline for registration: July 7, 1999

Deadline for cancellation: July 7, 1999 - payments will be returned except for 50% of the registration fees.

Send payment by check to:

**The MacBrair Family Association, Inc.
952 Old Goddard Road
Lincoln Park, MI 48146-4453**