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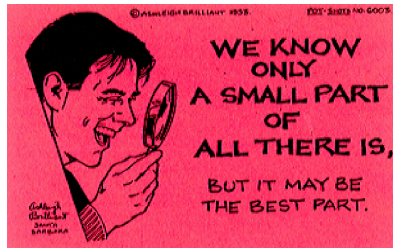
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Researching the variations of the surnames MacBrair, McBrayer and Brier searching for our Scottish roots

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This newsletter is being written near the end of October. Thanks again to those family members who have provided information to share with the family; your help is greatly appreciated.

Some of you have seen the October 3, 2004 newspaper supplement *Parade* which featured on the front page sixteen pictures of fairly recognizable Americans and the headline “Can You Guess What They Have In Common?” The article was adapted from the book *Born Fighting* by James Webb who served as Navy Secretary under President Reagan. You might take this as a story about the Navy, but no, it is about us - the descendants of the Scots-Irish. Basically Mr. Webb’s point is that, paraphrasing the late Rodney Dangerfield, we don’t get any respect. He is concerned that when his generation dies, the rich heritage of our ancestors in America will die. The Scots-Irish brought to America a strong individualism that resulted in America’s populist style democracy. As a way of showing the influence they had, brings to mind the names of well known people who share our heritage.



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**Anyone can count the
seeds in an apple; no
one can count the
apples in a seed.**

Anonymous



At least a dozen Presidents including Jackson, Arthur, Grant, Teddy Roosevelt (through his mother), Wilson, Reagan (also through his mother) and Clinton. Military leadership is reflected through Stonewall Jackson, Patton, Sgt Alvin York and Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in WW II. And where would some of us be on the weekends if we could not watch NASCAR racing with its background of the moonshiners. And so it goes. One of the more interesting people to share the heritage is Rosa Parks, the Civil Rights icon who proudly spoke of her Scots-Irish great-grandmother.

Mr. Webb says our culture needs to reclaim itself and regain its power to shape America.

Note above the reference to the “Scots -Irish” rather than the “Scotch-Irish” we are more used to. These are the people who were largely Scottish Protestants who came to America by way of Northern Ireland. This change in terminology led me to think which is the more correct usage? Let’s look at the dictionaries for some help.

From the American Heritage Dictionary, 3rd Edition:

Scot·tish (skōt'ish) *adj.* *Abbr.* Sc., Scot. 1. Of or relating to Scotland or its people, language or culture.
Scot·tish *n.* 1. Scots English. 2. The people of Scotland.

USAGE NOTE: *Scottish* is the full, original form of the adjective. *Scots* is an old Scottish variant of the form; *Scotch* is an English contraction of *Scottish* that at one time also came into use in Scotland (as in Burns's "O thou, my Muse! guid auld Scotch drink!") but subsequently fell into disfavor. To some extent these facts can serve as a guide in choosing among the many variant forms of related words, such as *Scot*, *Scotsman* or *Scotswoman*, or *Scotchman* or *Scotchwoman*, for one of the people of Scotland; *Scots*, *(the) Scotch*, or, rarely, *(the) Scottish* for the people of Scotland; and *Scots*, *Scotch*, or *Scottish* for the dialect of English spoken in Scotland. The forms based on *Scotch* are English and disfavored in Scotland, while those involving the full form *Scottish* tend to be more formal. In the interest of civility, forms involving *Scotch* are best avoided in reference to people. But there is no sure rule for referring to things, since the history of variation in the use of these words has also left many expressions in which the choice is fixed, such as *Scotch broth*, *Scotch whisky*, *Scottish Rite*, and Scots Guards.

Scot (sköt) *n.* 1. A native or inhabitant of Scotland. 2. A member of the ancient Gaelic tribe that migrated to the northern part of Britain from Ireland in about the sixth century A.D. [From Middle English *Scottes*, Scotsmen, from Old English *Scottas*, Scotsmen, Irishmen, from Late Latin *Scotti*, Irishmen.]

Scotch (sköch) *n.* *Abbr.* Sc., Scot. 1. The people of Scotland. 2. Scots English. 3. Scotch whisky. --*Scotch adj.* 1. Scottish. 2. Tight with one's money; frugal.

From Collins Pocket SCOTS Dictionary (printed in Scotland):

Scot. A Scot is a person from Scotland: This term is preferred in Scotland to "Scotsman" or "Scotswoman." Historically, the Scots were a tribe of Celtic raiders from Ireland who settled in what is now Argyll during the 5th and 6th centuries.

Scotch. Scotch is another word for Scottish or Scots. It is not used (and in fact actively disliked) in Scotland itself, except in certain fixed expressions, most of which have to do with food. *Scotch broth*, *prime Scotch beef*. Scotch or Scotch whisky is whisky made in Scotland. (Note the "e" is dropped from normal American usage in the word whisky.)

Scots. Something or someone which is Scots comes from Scotland. In current Scots use, both Scots and Scottish are regarded as acceptable usage. Scots is the language spoken, in a variety of form, by the majority of people who live in Scotland. It is descended from the Germanic dialect spoken by the Anglo-Saxon people who settled in Southeast Scotland in the 7th century.

In Orkney and Shetland, Scottish often means from the Scottish mainland rather from one of the Orkney or Shetland Isles. It also might be added that the language formerly spoken there was Norn, a Scandinavian language and some words from that language are found today in local dialects.

So when all is said and done, to be correct, we should say that our ancestry is Scot or Scottish and our ancestors William, James and David were Scots-Irish. And we might well drink Scotch even though W. H. McBrayer's whiskey was a Kentucky Bourbon!

BACK TO THE GREAT LAKES

In the last two issues there have been stories about the Great Lakes steam vessels owned by James McBrier. Now something has been learned about James. Even though the connection to the MacBrair family is not known, at least we can get to know this family better. *Nelson's Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Erie County, Pennsylvania* published by S. B. Nelson in 1896 contained the following sketch. It is reproduced

including typographical errors.

James McBrier, president of the Ball Engine Company, Erie, Pa., was born in Allegheny city, Pa., in the public and private schools of which city he received his education. He was associated with his father, who was extensively engaged in the sawmill and lumber business until he was 24 years of age, when, upon the death of his father, he assumed the management of the business, which was successfully conducted by him until 1878, when he removed to Erie. In 1872, Mr. McBrier, associated with other gentlemen, established a wholesale lumber business in Erie, which was continued until 1887. They employed barges and steamers in carrying Michigan lumber, in which they dealt extensively. In 1887, Mr. McBrier became interested in the Ball Engine Company of which he became president a year later. This institution was established in 1881 and incorporated in 1884. (See chapter on manufacturing). The present officers of the company are: James McBrier, president; D. N. McBrier, vice-president and secretary, and H. L. McBrier, treasurer. The plant, located at the corner of Twelfth and French streets, occupies a space of about two acres, nearly all of which is covered with buildings. The products of this concern consists of engines only. These are the highest grade and for use in electric light, electric railway and mining plants, have no superior. This is true not only on account of the excellent material and workmanship used in their construction, but also on account of certain special appliances, such as valves, governors, crank shafts, etc., which are superior to those of any other engines. The territory in which these engines are used includes the whole civilized world. The capital stock of the concern is \$300,000 and the output from 25,000 to 30,000 horsepower per year. Mr. McBrier is managing owner of three lake steamers of 2,500 tons burden each, and is vice-president of the Lake Carriers' Association. He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary E. White, daughter of the Hon. D. N. White, editor and proprietor of the Pittsburgh *Commercial-Gazette*, whose ancestors came to Plymouth on the Mayflower. The issue of this marriage has been six children, two of whom are associated with their father in business and another son Fred, was graduated from Cornell University in 1895. Mr. McBrier and family worship at the Park Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. In politics Mr. McBrier is a staunch Republican and an active and efficient worker in the interests of the party. He served as a member of the select council of Allegheny City for sixteen years, and was for twelve years president of that body. Since coming to Erie his support of the principles of his party have been untiring and during the campaign which resulted in President Harrison's election, he was chairman of the Republican county committee. He always has the best interests of the nation and community at heart and is always ready to give his means and influence to the advancement of all worthy enterprises of a public or charitable nature.

The Erie City Directories for 1889, 1891 and 1893 confirm the location of the Ball Engine Company and state that the company is a manufacturer of automatic cutoff engines. F. H. Ball was listed as the vice-president and general manager in 1889 probably reflecting the takeover of a formerly Ball family owned business. D. N. and H. L. McBrier were sons of James and later younger son J. H., also listed as James Jr., joined the management team.

Using the above information, a search was made of U. S. Census records. This search pointed out some problems in using the census as an accurate source of information. Census enumerators had no choice but to use the information given to them by the people in the home. Only by using multiple years and making some assumptions can one come up with a fairly clear picture of the family. The census records found thus far were for 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910. The 1890 census records were largely lost in a fire and none of the fragments contained information on this family. The search was made using the Ancestry.com data bases and scanned images of the actual census forms. Some of these were quite difficult to read, not due to the handwriting of the enumerator, but poor quality of the microfilm image. The Ancestry.com indices were used to locate the images. At first it seemed that the family disappeared in 1880, but the entries were finally found indexed under the surname "Briar." You will see in the abstracts below that name variations and ages cited sometimes disagree.

1860 Census for Allegheny City, 3rd Ward, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, page 81, enumerated 2 July 1860

James McBrier	age 26	Lumber Merchant	born in PA
Mary McBrier	age 24		born in PA
David N. McBrier	age 3		born in PA
Anna M. McBrier	age 2		born in PA
Willie S. McBrier	age 4/12		born in PA
Ann Bibben	age 21	Servant	born in PA

The lumber business was apparently profitable since James's real estate was valued at \$5,000 and his personal estate was \$10,000, quite a some in those days.

1870 Census for Allegheny City, 3rd Ward, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, page 298, enumerated 29 June 1870

James McBrier	age 35	Wholesale Lumber Merchant	both parents foreign born
Mary E. McBrier	age 33	Keeping house	
Nye McBrier	age 13		
Annie McBrier	age 10		
Harvey McBrier	age 8		
Nellie McBrier	age 7		
James McBrier	age 3		
Lucy McBrier	age 1		
Mary Webb	age 17	Domestic Servant	
Mary Bell	age 17	Domestic Servant	

All were born in PA except Mary Webb who was born in VA. Both servants were black. The lumber business was even better this census since the value of real estate grew to \$41,000 and the value of James' personal estate was now \$36,000. We see now some discrepancies in the children. David N. of the 1860 census seems obviously to be the Nye listed this census. Anna and Annie are no doubt the same daughter with the age difference accounted by the method of calculation, see also the 1880 census entry for Anna which brings her age in line with the 1860 census. Now it appears that Willie S. in the 1860 census may have died in early childhood since the closest child to this age in this census is named Harvey and it would be hard to twist Willie S. into Harvey.

1880 Census for Erie, 3rd Ward, 2nd District, Erie County, Pennsylvania, page 2, Enumeration District 150, enumerated 1 June 1880

James McBrier	age 45	Lumber Merchant	both parents given as born in Ireland
Mary E. McBrier	age 43	Home Keeper	
Anna McBrier	age 22	at home	
Harvey McBrier	age 18	at school	
Helen McBrier	age 17	at school	
James H. McBrier	age 14	at school	
Lucy L. McBrier	age 10	at school	
Fredie McBrier	age 8	at school	
Johanna Garvey	age 30	servant	born in Ireland as were her parents
Herman Fiddler	age 18	servant	born in Germany as were his parents

Harvey was actually listed ahead of Anna in the census record and also is listed as married. However, the record has the first name obliterated and perhaps it was first written for David Nye who was later found in the 1910 census with a 26 year old daughter (see below for census). Also in this 1880 census son Fredie, who is the Fred B for whom the steamer FRED B. McBRIER was named, shows up.

1900 Census Erie, 4th Ward, Erie County, Pennsylvania, Page 1, Enumeration District 90, Enumeration date 1 June 1900

James McBrier Sr. age 66 born Jan 1834 in PA and both parents born in PA Occupation: Engine Mfg.
Mary E. McBrier age 64 born Jan 1936 in PA and both parents born in PA no occupation
Mary L McBrier age 34 born Sep 1868 in PA no occupation
James H. McBrier age 33 born Jul 1866 in PA Occupation: Book Keeper
Fred B. McBrier age 26 born May 1874 in PA Occupation: Engine Mfg.
Ida Haldfast age 21 born Jun 1878 in PA of German parents Occupation: servant
Mary Wolf age 19 born Jul 1880 in PA of parents born in PA Occupation: servant

The family lived at this time at 306 West 6th Street in Erie. The City directory address for James was given as northwest corner 6th and Myrtle. This is confirmed by the census in that Myrtle is the next street listed on the census form. The home was owned free of mortgage. By this time, James Sr. And Mary E. Had been married for 46 years. She was reported to have had 8 children, 6 of whom were living at the time of the census. Everyone in the household read, wrote and spoke English.

1900 Census, Erie, Erie City, 4th Ward, Erie County, Pennsylvania, Page 7, Enumeration District, Enumeration date 7 & 8 June 1900

David W. McBrier age 43 born Sept 1857 in PA and both parents born in PA Occupation: Engine Mfg.
Elizabeth G. McBrier age 40 born Mar 1860 in PA, father born in Scotland, mother in PA.
Lloyd A. McBrier age 20 born Jan 1880 in PA Occupation: Shop Store Keeper
Legette F. McBrier age 17 born Nov 1882 in PA Occupation: Student
Helen F. McBrier age 13 born Feb 1887 in PA Occupation: Student

This census is extremely difficult to read because the image is faint in some spots and not very clear. Also there are letters and numbers written over critical entries which may have lead to errors on the part of the indexer. The Letter-number combinations appear to be tallies of numbers of people in the household. The record states Elizabeth had three children and all there are living. Everyone in the family reads, writes and speaks English.

Only by making some assumptions can one tie this family to James McBrier. The census reports that David and Elizabeth had been married for 20 years and that David was 43. This would correspond with earlier census data for David Nye McBrier. This David's occupation is listed as Engine Manufacturing and we know that James' son was in the business. While the middle initial is given as "W.", the initial is overwritten by a number. It might also be noted that in the 1889 - 93 City Directory entries (found on Ancestry.com), there is an entry for "D W McBrier" at one point and "D N McBrier" at another. Both entries have the same address, 812 Chestnut. It is not clear from this census record where the family lived. So the assumption is made that this David was in fact David Nye given in earlier census. This census should be checked further if a better copy can be found.

1910 Census, Erie, 4th Ward, Erie County, Pennsylvania, Page 133A (Enumeration District and date of enumeration not shown on image of census page)

James McBrier age 75, born in PA, both parents in Scotland President, Engine Works
Mary E. McBrier age 73, born in PA, father born in MA and mother in PA
Harvey L. McBrier age 49 born in PA no occupation
Mary L. McBrier age 44 born in PA no occupation
Fred V. McBrier age 38 born in PA Secretary, Engine Works
Flora K. Taylor age 30 born in KY, father and mother born in Scotland Occupation: Servant
Dora Johnson age 22 born in PA, father and mother born in Sweden Occupation: Servant

The family lived at the corner of West Sixth and Myrtle, a location also given in the previously referenced City Directories. Since the house number in the census is given as 306, it may safely be taken that this is the same house they lived in earlier. This census has 9 children born to Mary E. With 5 living. This contradicts the number born given in the 1900 Census, but if there was a Willie S. That I assumed had died, then the total of 9 is in agreement. A very interesting point in this census is that James now has his parents having been born in Scotland, in 1880 they were listed as having been born in Ireland! In 1900, Mary E's father was listed as born in PA; in 1910 as MA. Fred's middle initial now is given as "V", phonetically similar to the "B" we know is correct.

1910 Census, Erie City, 4th Ward, Mill Creek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, Page 132B, Enumeration District 99, Enumeration date 16 Apr 1910

D. Nye McBrier	age 52 born in PA Manage, Engine Works
Cynthia McBrier	age 49 born in PA, father born in Scotland, mother in OH
Lynette McBrier	age 26 born in PA no occupation

The family lived at 341 Chestnut and the home was owned without mortgage. Nye and Cynthia were listed as having been married 30 years. She was shown as having borne 4 children with three living. This does seem to be the same family as shown above in 1900 for David. The wife's name can be explained only by the possibility that the "G" listed in the 1900 index really was "C" and was misread due to the condition of the image. Likewise, the difference in daughter Lynette's name could be due to the quality of the 1900 image.

One more bit of speculation can be made about James Sr's ancestry. We know from the biographical sketch that James was born and reared in Allegheny City, PA and that his father was in the lumber business.

1850 Census, Allegheny City, 3rd Ward, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Enumeration date 16 Oct 1850

William McBrier	age 43 born in Ireland Occupation Carpenter
Nancy McBrier	age 21 born in OH
Mary McBrier	age 20 born in PA
James McBrier	age 18 born in PA Occupation Clerk
William McBrier	age 3 born in PA
Samuel McBrier	age 1/12 born in PA
Sarah Brooks	age 26 born in OH

William's real estate was valued at \$10,000, a very healthy sum in those days. Unfortunately the 1850 census does not give the relationship of the people living in the household. Here again is speculation which in part is borne out by the 1860 census following. The following cannot be confirmed by the 1840 census because only the name of the head of the household was recorded then. Further, no McBrier was found in the index for Pennsylvania in 1840.

Assumption one: Nancy is the second wife of William

Assumption two: Mary and James are the children of William's first wife, name unknown.

Assumption three: the children William and Samuel are from the marriage of William and Nancy

Assumption four: James is the one we are looking for even though his age is not exact. It could be a calculation difference or because the census entry is difficult to read.

Assumption five: William's occupation of "carpenter" is an understatement in light of the high real estate holdings.

Assumption six: Sarah Brooks is either a servant or the older sister of Nancy.

The 1860 Census can give more validity to some of these assumptions when combined with other knowledge.

1860 Census, Allegheny City, 3rd Ward, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Page 98, Enumeration date 5 Jul 1860

Nancy McBrier	age 34 born in OH
William McBrier	age 12 born in PA
Samuel McBrier	age 10 born in PA
Rachel McBrier	age 7 born in PA
Thomas McBrier	age 5 born in PA
Martha Johnston	age 25 a mulatto born in PA Occupation: Servant

The total value of real estate reported was \$25,000 the personal estate of Nancy was \$2,700. We know from James' bibliography that his father died when he was 24, that is ca. 1858. Therefore William could have been the father of Rachel and Thomas. It does appear that the assumptions made for the 1850 census are valid. Additional records need to be found, however, to prove them.

Now we know something about James, his sons Fred and Harvey, and many other of the family members. The only one yet of those mentioned in the last two issues of *ID* not known is the A.J. for whom the steamer A.J. McBRIER was named. Daughter Anna/Annie had the middle initial of "M" in the 1860 census. An Alton S. McBrier was found in the 1860 census, but the initial is wrong and no indication of relationship has been found yet. So a mystery still remains!

All of the above shows how the census records can be used but also give the recognition that you have to look to other records as well (not yet done for this family) to be sure. The census enumerator was critical to the process. Without any means of mechanically copying records, the enumerators had to hand write every record. It is easy to see how that may have resulted in certain errors such as initials, names or numbers. Without the census though, often we would have no place to start our searches.



It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

MILITARY RECORDS

This year's political campaign has featured a number of "dirty tricks" and has seen plenty of mud slung. Some of this has centered around military records. Any of us who have served in the military are fully aware that records sometimes are mishandled and inaccurate. Also it is well understood that there is a lot of political bias in certain military reports. This article is not to take any particular position on this year's campaign but it is to show that military record handing errors and omissions are nothing new.

A limited number of Civil War related records are available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Among these are Confederate veteran pension records. One man's record, and his wife's, will be used as an example showing that getting through a governmental procedure can sometimes be quite trying.

George Washington McBrayer (M 131, 5th gen, Andrew 15, John 223, Samuel 360, William 1) filed a "Soldier's Application for a Pension" using the form "For Use of Soldiers who are in Indigent Circumstances." To apply for a pension in Texas, the applicant had to have served in the service of the Confederate States during the war between the States, had not deserted and had been a resident of Texas

prior to January 1, 1900. When he filed the application on October 27, 1917, he stated he was a resident of McLennon County and lived in Paris, Texas. He provided the following information on his application which he himself wrote (spelling and capitalization are his, questions are summarized):

When honorably discharged or surrendered: Disbanded when Gen. Lee surrendered. 1865

Age: 70 yrs.

Where born: Ga.

How long residing in Texas: 19 yrs.

In what county do you reside? McLennan

Applied for pension before: no

Occupation if able to engage in one: farming

Physical condition: very bad

How long served: about 15 or 17 months

Unit served in: Don't remember.

Name of command: company & Regiment. But John Robins was Captain.

Branch of service: cavalry.

Commissioned: no. was a private

Detailed for special service? no.

Assessed value of home, if you own one: no.

Assessed value of other property: no.

Any transfer of property for purpose of becoming an beneficiary under this law? no.

His application was witnessed by A. J. McBrayer and J. W. Baker who stated they personally knew that he had been a resident of the State of Texas prior to January 1, 1900 and that they had no interest in his claim.

Completing the application was a certificate from the State and County Assessor, Frank M. Miller, that he and his wife had no taxable homestead or other property.

Acting on the application, the Texas Commissioner of Pensions, J. C. Jones, wrote to the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C., requesting his military record. The letter is undated.

The reply from the War Department dated October 31, 1917, stated:

G. W. McBrayer has not been found as of any C. S. Cav. Org'n in service from GA and no prisoner of war record of such a man has been found as of any Ga. Cav. C. S. orgn. John Robins has not been found as Capt. of any such orgn.

Signed H. P. McCain, The Adjutant General

J. C. Jones then informed him by a letter dated November 7, 1917, that his application had been rejected. He also pointed out that the application had been filed in McLennan County while George stated he lived in Paris, which is in Lamar County.

Of course, George was not happy about the news and he hand wrote a letter back to Mr. Jones. It is transcribed as best as I can make it out. Multiple question marks indicate unreadable text.

Paris, Tex. 11-12-17.

To Mr J. C. Jones Com of P

Dear Sir yours recd, and as regard to the Pen application I sent up to you, and which stands rejected, I have only to say that if the mere fact that my name is not enroled at Washington at this

late date, when it ought to be in Rechmon or in Georgia State department and also simply because as you stated I applied Waco in McLennen county and ??? now ??? here in Lamar Co deprives me of any further claim to a pension then I admit I am at the end of it. But is Lamar Co out of the State, I live as an old cripple among my children 10 in number brought here 20 years ago. I am an indigent and the Wacoans know that there with two of my children in the city has been my principle home since they all married off. And as for my serving in the Homeguards as stated by three good witnesses born and raised in one mile or less of me is not sufficient I can if allowed to do so by you get a preponderance of like evidence of my actual service and one the company I served in at that if he still lives. I saw him while I was there 5 years ago.

I was born in one mile of our then Captains house and I lived right there or near there where I and the witnesses too were born until I raised a family and came here to Waco Texas last 20 years ago; am as such how could I be short of proof of such services. I can now only regret that I, tho knowing my honor???? in asking for a pension and all the proof needed am never the less turned down and because simply in "not on the role at Washington - I hate it because it casts reflections on myself to the sworn witnesses, and State Seal from Atlanta Ga much worse than for the fail of getting the little piteful pension ????, by far Mr Jones.

Now Mr Jones I doubt not your honesty & good careful motives as a State officer & all that, but I am an imposter to the witnesses stands refuted if I did not serve as claimed and this you know to be a fact. J W Baker an officer of 28 or so years in Waco and who heard my little war claims of service and introduced me as a worthy truthfull man to the lady applications clerk caused me to ask for it, but it all ??? lost.

Very Respy G. W. McBrayer

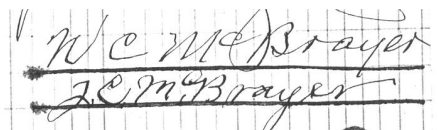
PS, Please send back witness papers & seale or a copy of ??? you are fully thru ????

Mr. Jones, in a letter dated 14 November 1917, acknowledged receipt of the above letter and said he could not return the whole file. He did return proof of service submitted and added that should further proof be submitted the application could be reconsidered.

It would appear from George's letter that he had submitted other papers with his application that are no longer in the Texas files so these must have been the ones Mr. Jones referred to in his letter.. Those are papers attesting to George's service and the Home Guards. Documents in the file follow, dated the following year, cover these points and are given below:

State of Georgia - Paulding County

In person came before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said county, W. C. and J.C. McBrayer, who on oath do certify that they have known George W. McBrayer from his childhood - also that he served in the Civil War from Paulding County, Georgia, in what was known as Colo. Weaver's Regiment and John Robbin's Company of Home Guards in the years 1864 & 1865 - also that because of General Sherman's raid through Georgia they were demolished and scattered, and were not officially discharged.

A notary stamp with two lines of handwritten signatures. The top line reads "W.C. McBrayer" and the bottom line reads "J.C. McBrayer". The stamp is rectangular with a double-line border.

Signed before me this the 27. of March 1918
J. E. Singleton, N.P. & Ex. Off. J.P.

And

Georgia – Paulding County

In person appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county: J. T. Ogle who on oath says he has known Geo. W. McBrayer from his childhood and that he served with him during the Civil War in the year of 1864 and 1865 in what was known as Col. Weaver's regiment and John Robin's Company of the Home Guards organized in Paulding County Georgia. He also certifies that because of Sherman's march through Georgia. The command was demolished and disbanded without official discharge.

Signed J. T. Ogle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 Day April 1918

J. N. Fuller, N.P. Ex off J. P.

Witness

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. W. McBrayer", is written on a piece of lined paper. The signature is dark and appears to be ink.

These two statements were forwarded to Mr. Jones by George with a letter dated April 14, 1918. The letter was on the letterhead of the Seay Lumber Company of Tyler, Texas.

To Com J. C. Jones Austin Tex.

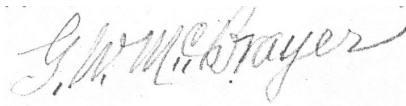
Dear Sir, I send you one T. J. Ogle who served in the war with me under Major Weaver and John Robins as Captain until we were disbanded by the "Sherman march thru GA". I also send you two additional witnesses to those you have on file there. The same is done officially there in Ga and I can offer you no more testimony.

No doubt your course will be lawful and with a view to staying with law & duty. So Please let me heare from you as soon as is practical.

Respty G. W. McBrayer

PS

I am a registered voter in Waco Tex where I made application for a Pension but being here at Tyler Texas with sick kinfolks you will address me at Tyler. Texas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. W. McBrayer", is written on a piece of lined paper. The signature is dark and appears to be ink.

Mr. Jones' final letter dated April 17, 1918 stated:

Replying to your letter of April 14th, beg to state that the law forbids the paying of pensions as Home Guards except those who served as such in this state.

This does not end the story though. On October 15, 1930, George's wife Georgia applied for a widow's Confederate pension. The application was typewritten

The following information was contained in her application:

Widow of : George Washington McBrayer deceased who died 11 May 1923 in Haralson, Georgia
(on visit to son)

Date of marriage: 29th day of July 1871 in Dallas County, Georgia

Resident of Texas: since first day of January 1898

Age and date of birth: 80, 20th day of August 1851

How long in county of residence: Two years

Post Office address: 1309 E. 12th , Amarillo, Texas

Did you apply for Confederate pension and been rejected?: No.

Did your husband draw a pension?: No.

P.O. address when husband enlisted: Villa Rica, Georgia

In what state was husband's command organized?: Georgia

How long did your husband serve?: From May, 1863 to end of the war.

Name of company or regiment: Don't know.

Branch of service: Cavalry

Elizabeth McBrayer and J. C. Roberts were witnesses who swore that Georgia was personally known to them and was the widow of George. They also swore to the fact that she had lived in Texas since 1 Jan 1898. Statements were made before Sam B. Motlow, County Judge of Potter County.

J. C. Robert's also made the following statement:

I was present at Cain's Court Ground, Caulding County, Georgia in 1863 (May) and heard the roll called of Captain John Robins' Company and I heard George Washington McBrayer's name called and he answered and know of my own knowledge that George Washinbgton McBrayer served continuously in the Confederate Army from May, 1863 to the close of the Civil War.

The Texas Controllor of Public Accounts wrote the Adjutant general of the War Department on October 15, 1930, to ask for the records. Of course, the reply was that there was no record for George.

Then a letter was written on October 27, 1930 to the Commissioner of Pensions in Atlanta. The Pension Department stated that they had no record of George. They did report that there were two men named George W. McBrayer in the card index files of the Roster Commission.

1. Co. E, 14th Georgia Infantry (Lester Volunteers) died of Typhoid fever at Richmond, VA, May 7, 1865.
2. Co. E, 21st GA , 21st GA Cav., also died at Richmond, VA, in 1865

Still, Georgia's application was approved November 5, 1930 with the pension was allowed from December 1, 1930 with file number 47947.

Georgia then died January 9, 1940, at the home of her son George, 2410 Buchanan Street, Amarillo, Texas. The ailments at the time of her death were certified by R. R. Swindell, MD, as asthma, chronic nephritis, cardiac decompensation and senility. An application was made for a Mortuary Warrant to pay for the cost of part of her funeral. The warrant was to be paid for her son.

Boxwell Bros., Inc., Funeral Directors provided the services. The costs claimed were:

Casket	\$127.50
Preparation of the body	50.00
Hearse service	15.00
Personal service	25.00
Total	\$217.50

There is no indication in the record that the warrant was paid but the file is marked "Dead 1-20-40"

So why was Georgia granted a pension when George wasn't? Where were the records?

ANOTHER POSTCARD

The photo to the right was the picture side of a post card. The post card was not used and the only thing written on it was the name "Charles Howard McBrair." The printer was Hallman Studio, Berlin, Wisconsin.

Charles was born 18 October 1912, the oldest son of Jesse Charles and Florence M. Covill McBrair. While Carl's book does not give a birthplace, it probably was Berlin, Wisconsin, or at least close by. He died 13 August 1971 and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, South Beloit, IL. He was married first to Esther Dunham on 12 October 1935. They had three children.

Charles was another member of the Broadmeadow and Tweedhills Branch of the family. The obituaries for his younger brothers David Benjamin McBrair and George Arden McBriar were in the January 2004 issue of *ID*. Yes, the last names are spelled differently!



FOSSILIZED HAGGIS EGGS - SOME PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING!

Auchgourish Gardens between Coylumbridge and Boat of Garten in Badenoch and Strathspey opened in 2001. It has a large Japanese garden and Korean, Chinese and Himalayan sections. But it also proudly displays a notice headed "Fossilized Haggis Eggs." The notice goes on to explain that they were discovered in the gardens in 2001 and 2003 during the construction of the rock gardens. The three sizes on show are due, apparently, to a dwarf species and a "normal size" haggis. But an even larger one is said to be double joker (surely that should be yolker?). The notice goes on to say that haggis eggs have never been discovered before, but the find helps to prove that these creatures are both very old and primitive in origin. Remarkably, these valuable, irreplaceable, specimens (which look just like rounded pebbles) are lying loose on the display and could easily be stolen. They have trusting folk up in that part of the country. (Scottish Snippets 9/4/04)

THE HERITAGE OF TIFT COUNTY GEORGIA 1905-2003

If one drives on Interstate 75 in southern Georgia you drive some 19 miles through the heart of Tift County bypassing the the city of Tifton about midway. According to Dave Hunter who wrote a history of I-75, the four-mile stretch of I-75 around Tifton was the first segment of interstate highway approved in the United States. It was built to relive the congestion on U.S. 41 resulting from travelers going to and from Florida.

In 1872, Henry Harding Tift came to Berrien County (now Tift County) to start a sawmill. His family was a builder of ships and he felt the tall pines growing in the area would be most suitable for ship masts. The

settlement was first called "Slab Town" even though Tift preferred "Lena" in honor of his sweetheart in Connecticut. A mill worker decided that the town should be named in honor of its founder and put up a sign "Tifton" in consideration of "Tift's Town." In addition to timber, the county has considerable farmland and this is where it concerns our family.

In 2003, the Tift County Heritage Book Committee published a limited edition book *The Heritage of Tift County Georgia , Volume One*. It is a compilation of the history and stories of the people of Tift County. Within its pages are mention of family members who migrated to the area from northern Georgia. According to Carl McBrayer, we had not known of these folks before this time. He has made contact with them now and hopes to be able to make the connection. If, however, you know something about them, please pass that information along.

Following are excerpts from the book.

Page 59 - PINEVIEW HOLINESS BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pineview Holiness Baptist Church was organized on August 24, 1902 with 13 charter members. A church sanctuary was built on Union Road to be followed in 1955 with a new sanctuary. There has been a cemetery behind the sanctuary with the earliest graves dating from 1908. In 2003, Troy McBrayer was deacon and Tony McBrayer secretary of Pineview.

Page 64 - WAYSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

This church in Tifton was organized in 1967. They began their services at the James Tawzer farm until Royce McBrayer invited them to use a larger building (a pack house) on his farm. The "Pack House Mission" progressed and moved in 1968 to a new building built on property donated by Harold Tawzer, Sr.

Page 199 - THE McALLISTER FAMILY

Francis Marie McAllister, b 18 Dec 1928, the second daughter of James Cauley and Erma Lou Bowen McAllister, married 1) Tommy Lee Tucker in 1948 and 2) Roy McBrayer in May 1969.

Page 200 - THE MCBRAYER FAMILY (entire article)

James Fletcher McBrayer and Melissa Shackelford McBrayer moved to South Georgia in 1919 from Bremen, GA and the Carrollton area. They were a farming family and had heard that the land in South Georgia was level and that a good money making crop of tobacco was grown in the area. It was much harder farming in the hills of North Georgia so they moved to the south.

Some of the older boys traveled in two horse wagons, while James rented a box car to bring the furniture and the rest of the family. They had 6 boys and 3 girls ranging in age from 1 year to 21 years old. The first year they farmed around Brookfield, but then James bought a large farm about 5 miles south of Tifton just off the Old Union Road. The farm was located on what is now called Bussell Road and several of the McBrayer offspring live there today.

James Fletcher McBrayer (4-16-1880) died October 17, 1938. Melissa Shackelford McBrayer (5-25-1880) died October 30, 1944. Most of James McBrayer's offspring remained in Tift County all of their lives. With the exception of Hattie, all lived long fulfilling lives.

DESCENDANTS:

Loomis McBrayer, (4-27-1898) the oldest son of James and Melissa, married Nina Arrington, and they had 10 children: Hubert, Loyd, Clyde, Kathryn, Elbert, Glen, Troy, Royce, Louise, and Faye. Loomis died October 1, 1987.

Bertha McBrayer, (9/10/1899) the oldest daughter, married Jack Mann and they had 4 children: Alvin, Audie Mae, Amos, and Ernest. Bertha died April 7, 1986.

Emmett McBrayer (6/16/1902) married Erma Arrington and they had 4 children: Buford, Roy, Annie Ruth, and Shirley. Emmett died February 6, 1994.

Helen McBrayer (8/30/1904) married Jesse Arrington, and they had 6 children: Lillian, Wilbur, Walter, Geneath, L.A., and Sarah. Helen died July 24, 1992.

Hattie McBrayer (3/13/1907) married Leon Arrington and they had 3 children: Lucille, Cecil, and Christine. Hattie died July 11, 1930.

Richard McBrayer (3/6/1909) married Belle Stephens, and they had 8 children: Clarence, Vernon, Doris, Charles, Eugene, Jimmy, Mildred, and Michael. Richard died June 12, 1995.

Leman McBrayer (7/3/1911) married Mary Massey, and they had 1 child: Donnie. Leman died June 19, 1991.

Lester McBrayer (8/1/1914) married Ruth Stephens, and they had 8 children: Annette, Joyce, Frances, Wilma, Ronald, Robbie, Darrell, and Donna. Lester died March 23, 1989.

Henry McBrayer (4/17/1917) married Cleo Stowers, and they had 1 child: Cheryl. Henry died May 17, 1993.

James, Melissa, and all of their children are buried at Pineview Holiness Baptist Church in Tiff County.

The McBrayer family started having annual family reunions in 1975. Today we have more than 100 family members attending each year.

Page 231 - WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER PITTS, SR.

William Christopher Pitts, Jr., son of William Christopher Pitts, Sr. And Mae Powell Pitts, married 1) Donna McBrayer, daughter of Lester and Ruth McBrayer. Chriss and Donna had one daughter, Christie Marlene Pitts. Christie married Kevin Stuart Odeom, son of Jimmy Odom and Sandra Pate. They have two children, William Blake Odom and Haley Nicole Odom.

Page 256 - THE FAMILY OF DAVID ELI TAWZER

Elizabeth Ann Tawzer, b 1931, daughter of Thomas Howard and Ofelon Hightower Tawzer, married to Glen McBrayer, b 1932. Mary Carol Tawzer, b 1934, daughter of Thomas Howard and Ofelon Hightower Tawzer, married Elbert McBrayer, b 1928.

▲ TRIP TO SCOTLAND

Earlier this year Family Association member Dr. R. Terrell McBrayer and his son Richard made a trip to Scotland. The purpose of the trip was to once again search for clues to our family's origins in Scotland. They visited with Lady May McKerrill and her husband Charles while there. At Terrell's request Lady McKerrill prepared the following report:

Charles and I went to Ireland as promised and found nothing on William McBrayer, but with the research and many books, wrote the following 'profile' which I hope you will enjoy. I'm still sure that the information will be on your side of the Atlantic, perhaps with the Rutherford family.

Research on William McBrayer
Born Dumfries c 1700

Church of the Latter Day Saints lists a William McBrayer born 1702 in Dumfries. No official records available for this birth. According to records in USA his wife Rebecca Brown was Irish, and they had three sons. If there was a William McBrayer in Scotland, it is unlikely that he would meet an Irish wife unless he went to Ireland to work or trade, so why would a young man go to Ireland, Co. Antrim in or around 1726?

In 1690s the Scottish grain harvest failed for 4 years, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population died or left the country, which was impoverished. Thousands crossed from the South of Scotland to Ulster where they were welcomed by landlords anxious for hard working tenants. These Scots, mainly Presbyterians, had been persecuted as covenanters, and were escaping from religious intolerance as well as poverty and starvation. However, this changed and by 1704 all officials had to take communion in The Church of Ireland., and in 1719 a Toleration Act was passed declaring the Presbyterian Church a non church - the ordination of a Presbyterian Cleric was not recognised, and Presbyterian marriage was not recognised, so the Scots, who had escaped persecution by the Establishment, as Presbyterians found themselves still persecuted for their religion. There is a record of a meeting of Scots Presbyterians in 1726 where they were told of new lands in Pennsylvania where they would have freedom of worship under the Quaker government, and that settlers headed for Philadelphia and ports on the Delaware reported rich valleys abounding with fruit of many kinds. In 1728 one week in August ' a thousand people from Ireland, mainly County Antrim, arrived in the port of Newcastle.' In 1732 an emigrant ship left from Portrush to Pennsylvania. A man by the name of Rutherford was given a land grant in Pennsylvania, and in the 1720 - 1730s he 'planted' it with friends from the northern Ireland. He would charter a boat, and there were three ways that a person could go. He could pay for his passage, and take enough money to subsist for a year, if he could afford it. He could be an 'indentured servant' - that is he would work for his subsistence only, to an employer for four years, and then be free, or he could be a 'redemptioner' who could pay off his debt at any time. In the absence of any official records or shipping lists, it is a reasonable assumption that Presbyterian William McBrayer, went to Co. Antrim to farm or trade, married and had three sons there (or perhaps one born at sea) but found religious intolerance unacceptable and the family decided to go with land agent Rutherford to Pennsylvania, perhaps taking two friends or farm hands who gave the surname McBrayer when they landed.

Research in Scotland and Ireland on the history of the period, and the Scots Irish emigrations gives a picture that would fit the profile of William McBrayer. Perhaps further information might be available in Pennsylvania, by researching the history of the land agent Rutherford who settled many Scots Irish there.

Searches covered - all official records in Dumfries with no positive results. Church of Latter Day Saints records naming William and Rebecca McBrayer, and three sons - but these records are only as reliable as the person who gave the information! The Ulster Historical Foundation does not have records going back to 1730. No reference to William McBrayer in the Public Record Office. The only remaining, and remote chance is that there might be records in the church where he married. Assuming that he was Presbyterian, the churches still have to be searched for records, but it is a remote chance that we will find records dating back to 1730s. The only clue we have is 'Co Antrim' but no indication of the town or village. William McBrayer must have left Ireland with his sons as there is no one by the name of McBrayer in the country. I have found no connection between the McBriars in Co. Down, and the McBrayers. Some years ago I talked with a Hugh McBriar in Killenchy, Co Down, who thought that at least one McBriar went to Scotland at around the time of the potato famine to work in the shipyards of Govan, which brought the name to Scotland.

All references are taken from *God's Frontiersman@ The Scots Irish Epic*, by Rory Ferguson - Period Publishers of Fine Books.

Ulster Immigration to Colonial America 1718 - 1775 R. J. Dickson - Ulster Historical Foundation.

Thanks to Terrell for sharing this bit of information. As those of you who know Terrell, he has dedicated himself to searching for the Scottish roots of our family. He has made several trips to Scotland in this effort. While to date a definite link has not been found, there have been records of numerous MacBriars by any spelling found in Scotland. The search continues for finding how they are related. Some follow up has already been done searching for the Rutherford mentioned above. This is of real interest to your editor because my paternal grandmother was a Rutherford.

The next issue of ID will feature a discussion of how we might be able to use DNA to help in our quest. Some work has been done in this area but much more needs to be done.

As Terrell has also urged, we all need to share what we have found. Some interesting bit of information safely tucked away in a notebook or file may be the key to our past. We have this newsletter and Carl McBrayer's web sites to use as vehicles to spread family facts and lore. Don't forget that stories past down through the ages, even if occasionally they veer from absolute truth, we may find a clue to some now unknown fact. Please continue to share.

Some of you no doubt have shared information on internet bulleting boards and have at least found kin you never knew existed. Some of you belong to Genealogical societies where you make contacts. Others, such as Family Association member Barbara Channell, have started research interest groups. Barbara's group is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WesternCarolinaMcBrayers/> . You have to go through a registration procedure to enter the site, but it does not cost you anything to participate.

If you have not checked out Carl's several sites, you can access them by going to :

<http://members.cox.net/carl5/>

You can click on to other links to the sites Carl maintains. Included in these is one with a number of pictures which you may find to be very interesting.

Begats can't be choosers; You're stuck with your parents.

Philip Ganyon, The Patriot Leger



MACBRAIR FAMILY TARTAN

In the January 2004 issue of ID, the availability of the family tartan woven in Scotland was announced. Lots of kin apparently were looking for the chance to purchase it and the first lot woven in recent years was soon gone. You are not too late however if you still want fabric or some fabricated item such as a necktie, kilt, fly plaid, stocking flashes or the like. Lady McKerrell has told me that more fabric is on order. If you want to contact her, here are the ways you can do it:

e-mail: mckerrell;ofhillhouse@ukonline.co.uk

Postal service: Lady May McKerrell
Magdalene House
Lochmaben
Dumfries DG11 1PD, Scotland

Telephone: 011-1387-810439

The postal service is quite good and if you send from here by air mail it will be in Scotland in about 3 days if not sooner. The last parcel I got from Lady McKerrell came back quickly as well. I can't tell you the exact time because the parcel got through the postal system without having the stamps cancelled!

REST IN PEACE

Through the years obituaries have been a valuable source of information about family members. We have to remember though that the obituary depends upon outside sources that may be less than accurate. This means that facts, even to the spelling of names, needs to be verified to insure accuracy. Even if the supplier of the obituary information is correct, typographical errors can pop up during the printing process. Many obituaries today are supplied by the funeral home. Since they are responsible for obtaining death certificates, we can usually count on the date of death being correct - but it does not always happen as you will see below. Beginning with this issue, obituaries will be listed in date order with current obituaries first and then obituaries from years past following. An obituary index is also being started and will be published periodically in this newsletter.

Please note that the identification scheme used in the comments following the obituaries follows that used by Carl McBrayer in his several family history books. Carl now is using Family Tree Maker to format data and he has added one generation - Scottish Father - to his entries. This means that, for example, the former 8th generation is now 9th.

Many thanks to those Family Association members who have provided some of the obituaries below.

MARY LOU McBRAYER, 71, Lee s Summit, MO, passed away February 20, 2004. Graveside services 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 23 at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Visitation 1-2 p.m. Monday at Langsford Funeral Home, Lee s Summit, MO. (Arr. Langsford Funeral Home, 816-524-3700) (*The Kansas City Star*, MO, February 22, 2004)

We do not have any information on Mary Lou. If anyone can identify her, please pass the information along.

MARGARET ELIZABETH TENHET McBRIER, 82, of Charlottesville, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at her residence. Born Nov. 21, 1921, in Clarksville, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Joseph Tenhet and Quay Barry Tenhet. She was also preceded in death by her husband, C. Robert McBrier; and a son, Charles "Chick" R. McBrier, Jr. Mrs. McBrier had attended Coker College and was an extensive reader. She met C. Robert McBrier at Grace Covenant Church in Richmond and they were married on March 1, 1941. Surviving her are three daughters, Quay M. Peters, of Herndon, Va., Jane M. Gray and her husband, Kim, of

Houston, Texas, and Carlyle "Poppy" M. Lesti of Keswick; a brother, Gen. Joseph N. Tenhet II and his wife, Sally, of Raleigh, N.C.; five grandchildren, Rick, Meg, Tim, Quay, and Dan; and two great-grandchildren, Bliss and Lauren. A memorial service will be announced and held at a later date. The family suggests that any memorial donations be made to Hospice of the Piedmont, 2200 Old Ivy Road, Suite 2, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Hill & Wood Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.
(*The Daily Progress*, Charlottesville, VA, and *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Richmond, VA, 18 Jun 2004)

Margaret and C. Robert were Family Association members and participated in at least one family trip to Scotland. Bob knew that his grandfather, William McBrier, born in Ireland 1 February 1832, came to America about 1870 or 71 first living in Philadelphia and then moved to Walden, NY, where he died 12 January 1908. William's seven children were all born in America. Bob said that his grandfather's people lived in Scotland at one time, then moved to a Scottish settlement at Donaghadee, County Down. Bob and Margaret visited Ireland to try to find any connection there; none was reported.

BETTIE McBRAYER MASINGILL - HOMER. LA Funeral services for Bettie McBrayer Masingill 74, will be held 2 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2004 at Rose-Neath's Homer Chapel. Rev. Rusty Gilbert will officiate assisted by Dr. Richard May. interment will follow at Rocky Springs Cemetery In Lisbon, LA. Mrs. Masingill passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2004 in Shreveport, LA. She was a homemaker, a member of Rocky Springs Baptist Church and a devoted Children's Sunday School Teacher. She is survived by her husband, Bentley L. Masingill of Homer, LA; two sons: Michael W. Masingill and wife, Sandra of Cabot, AR and Carl M. Masingill of Homer, LA; two daughters and sons-in-law: Sandra R. and Larry Kelly of Rockledge, FL and Patricia Kay and Sam White of Woodworth, LA; one brother and sister-in-law Samuel and Lajuanna Latsha of Seatac, WA; five Grandchildren: Lee Meredith Whitmire and Jeff of Leander, TX; Carrie Lynn Woods and husband, Shawn of Hanceville AL; Richard Brian Kelly of Melborne, FL; Jennifer Michelle Kelly of Melborne, FL and Alan Casey Masingill of Cabot, AR; three great grandchildren: Jared Lesley, Justin Duane Whitmire and Ava Morgan Woods. Pallbearers will be Tunis Gaston, Lavon Anglin, C.V. Palmer, Damon Chandler, Floyd Burns and James Pixley. Honorary pallbearers will be Oscar Turner, Charles Chandler, Harold Loily and Cliff Wynn. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Home, 1035 Margaret Place, Shreveport, LA 71101. Rose-Neath Funeral Home, Homer, LA 318-427-4110 (*Shreveport Times*, 6/25/2004)

Bettie (previously reported as Betty) Jean was the daughter of Sterling Carl and Ruth Ellen Latsha McBrayer (9th gen., Sterling 373, Carl 43, James 182, James 181-3, William 459, James 162, Samuel 360, William 1), born 24 December 1929. This obituary adds information about daughters and sons-in-law and grandchildren.

WILLIAM "Ron" McBRAYER 66, of North Palm Beach, passed away on Monday, July 19, 2004. He was born in Lawrenceburg, KY and retired after 30 years of service with Pratt & Whitney. Ron McBrayer is survived by his wife, Norma; his mother, Virginia; his brother, Jerry; his beloved children: Bill (Denise) McBrayer of Jupiter, FL, and Barbara McBrayer of Washington, DC; and one granddaughter, Victoria. A memorial service will be held 11 AM Thursday, July 22, 2004 at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St., Jupiter with Joel Tucker of the Tropical Sands Christian Church the officiant. Friends may visit with the family from 10 -11 AM (service time) Thursday. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home Family Owned & Operated 744-2030 (*The Palm Beach Post*, 7/20/2004)

Ron was the son of Preston Blakemore and Cecile Virginia Driskell McBrayer (8th gen., Preston 332-5, William 458-5, John 226, William 458, Alexander 8, William 419, James 2), born about 1938. His father's name and mother's full name were given in an obituary which appeared in the Anderson (KY) news, 23 July 2004. Nothing was known about him previous to these obituaries.

JUDY BRIER FORSBERG died in Berkeley on August 5, 2004, after a short struggle with cancer. She was 65. Judy was one of identical twin daughters of Monica Doonan Brier and the Chronicle columnist, Royce Brier. Judy devoted her life to the struggle against injustice and oppression, wherever she encountered it. She worked on the San Quentin Six Defense Committee, she picketed with the United Farm Workers, she worked to obtain district elections in San Francisco in the 1970s, and supported the Irish people in their struggle for liberation from the British during the hunger strikes in 1981. Judy opposed the death penalty, and stood vigil outside San Quentin every time the state killed someone. She fought against the oppression of gays and lesbians. She worked on Harvey Milk's campaign when he ran for the Assembly. These are but a few examples of her many good works and kindnesses. Judy was beloved by many for her brilliance and loving heart. Judy is survived by her cherished daughters, Monica Forsberg and Jennifer Forsberg; her beloved twin sister, Susan, and Susan's partner, Roy Cooper; her adored granddaughter, Natasha; her dear brother Royce Brier Jr. and his wife, Carol Brier; her niece Jessica Scott; and her former husband Karl Forsberg. She leaves scores of friends and neighbors who will remember her. No one will ever replace her in the hearts and the souls of all who knew her. Her attitude is expressed by Donne's beautiful verses:

"No man is an island, entire of itself; Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main... Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; Therefore, never send to know for whom The bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

A Memorial will be held in late August at the Berkeley residence and those wishing to attend may call the family at 510-452-1032 for details. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in Judy's name, to a group opposing the Death Penalty, or to Amnesty International.

(*San Francisco Chronicle* (CA), August 8, 9 and 10, 2004)

JUDY BRIER FORSBERG - death penalty opponent - By Peter Fimrite, Chronicle Staff Writer

A memorial service will be held Aug. 29 for Judy Brier Forsberg, a former beatnik, good Samaritan and lifelong activist who protested every execution at San Quentin State Prison since the death penalty was reinstated in California. Ms. Forsberg, who gave out dollar bills to the homeless on Valentine's Day, died in her Berkeley home on Thursday of cancer. She was 65. She and her identical twin sister, Susan Brier, were born in San Francisco. Their father was longtime Chronicle writer Royce Brier, who won the newspaper's first Pulitzer Prize in 1934 for his vivid coverage of a lynching in San Jose's St. James Park. The family moved to San Mateo about a week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, apparently out of fear that San Francisco was about to be attacked. In 1943, they moved to San Anselmo. Ms. Forsberg's mother, Monica Doonan Brier, died of breast cancer when Ms. Forsberg was 10. Ms. Forsberg graduated from Sir Francis Drake High School in San Anselmo in 1956, went to Marin Junior College for a year and attended San Francisco State for another year. She then packed up and moved to Greenwich Village in New York, where she became a beatnik. It was the first time she and her twin sister had been apart, but even on opposite coasts they were often mistaken for one another. "She was a beatnik in Greenwich Village, and I was a beatnik in North Beach," said her sister, who now lives in Seaside (Monterey County). "Occasionally, people would go from one place to the other and get very confused. They would think the same person was in two places at the same time." Ms. Forsberg moved to North Beach with her sister in 1966, married Karl Forsberg in 1967 (they were divorced in 1987) and devoted her life to the struggle against injustice and oppression. Among her various causes, she was on the San Quentin Six defense committee, picketed with the United Farm Workers to demand better and more humane conditions for laborers, protested the evictions at the International Hotel in San Francisco and worked to obtain district elections in the city during the 1970s. Ms. Forsberg was so opposed to the death penalty that she stood vigil outside San Quentin during all 10 executions since the practice resumed in 1992 and after a 25-year halt. She also fought discrimination against gays and lesbians, working for the Harvey Milk campaign when he ran for the Assembly. One of her most cherished accomplishments, according to her sister, was persuading her father, who died in 1975, to oppose the death penalty. For the past three years on Valentine's Day, she and her granddaughter, Natasha, put dollar bills in cards and went around handing them out to the homeless in Berkeley. "She always put her body and her heart and soul behind what she did," said her sister. "She stood out there at San Quentin in the cold and

wind year after year. But she wasn't an angry woman. She was funny and witty and generous and loving." Besides her twin sister, she is survived by daughters Monica and Jennifer Forsberg, both of Oakland; her brother, Royce Brier Jr. of Santa Rosa; and her granddaughter. The memorial will be held Aug. 29 at her Berkeley home. Anyone wishing to attend should call the family at (510) 452-1032. (**San Francisco Chronicle** (CA), August 11, 2004)

Judith was the daughter of Warren Royce and Monica Doonan Brier (7th gen., Warren Royce 242, Warren Judson 240, Burgess 38, Samuel 228, David 78, William 1), born 29 November 1938. The obituaries add significantly to the facts known about Judy and her twig on the branch of the family tree.

RUBEN BLANTON McBRAYER, JR., 74, of 150 South Magnolia St., Forest City, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Rutherford Hospital following a sudden illness. A native of Rutherford County, he was a son of the late R.B. McBrayer, Sr. and Marie Huntley McBrayer. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired at the rank of 1st Sgt. in the U.S. Army Reserve with 30 years service. He was also the co-owner and operator of McBrayer Furniture Company in Forest City. Mr. McBrayer was also a former member of the Forest City Town Council and a member of First Baptist Church, Forest City. He is survived by his wife, Minnie Hester McBrayer of the home; two sons, Macky McBrayer of Forest City, and Tim McBrayer of Rutherfordton; three daughters, Gail Strickland of Ellenboro, Cindy Campbell of Forest City, and Rebecca Greene of Bostic; two brothers, Eddie McBrayer and Tommy McBrayer, both of Forest City; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Forest City with Dr. Barry K. Keys officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Padgett & King Mortuary. Memorials may be made to the elevator fund at First Baptist Church, 211 W. Main St., Forest City, NC 28043. (**The Courier**, Forest City, NC, August 13, 2004)

Mr. **RUBEN BLANTON McBRAYER JR.**, 74, of 150 S. Magnolia St., died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Rutherford Hospital following a sudden illness. The funeral will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Barry K. Keys officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday at The Padgett and King Mortuary from 6 to 8 p.m. (**The Star**, Shelby, NC, August 13, 2004)

Ruben (337-85 - previous records had the name spelled Reuben) was born in Forest City 21 June 1930. He was 8th generation (Reuben 337-8, Reuben 337-3, David 90, Elisha 104, David 79, William 421, William 1). The first obituary shows how it is sometimes difficult to match up names with people. Son Macky is Ruben Blanton III, son Tim is Timothy Watson, daughter Cindy is Cynthia Mae, brother Eddie is Clarence Edgar and brother Tommy is Thomas David.

LLOYD McBRAYER, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004. Lloyd served on the USS Philadelphia during W.W. II. Upon receipt of his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, he continued his career as a road freight conductor with the New York Central Railway System retiring from Con-rail after 42 years of service. He was a member in good standing with UTU Local 378. Ill since 1996, he was nursed and cared for by his loving wife Carmen (nee Kalish). They had just recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7. She was assisted by their children, Connie Schreiber (Bob), of TN., Annette Tinter (Jim), Robert (Pat Knezevic), Janel, and Kim Gold (Paul). Loving grandfather of David (Kat Hawkins), and Bryan J. Schreiber, Kevin (Bekah Eaton), David, Michael, and Scott Tinter, and Ryan and Keith McBrayer; great grandfather of Bryan M. Schreiber; brother of the following deceased: Lillian Lutes, Ralph and Gene. Memorial Mass to be celebrated at St. Paschal Baylon Church on Friday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Lloyd's memory, to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., 44119 or Hillcrest Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 24103, Lyndhurst, 44124. (**The Plain Dealer**, Cleveland, OH, 9/5/2004)



Lloyd (284-3) was the son of John and Rose Cox McBrayer (8th gen., John 216-5, Seneca 370-1, William 456, James 193, Ichabod 156, Samuel 360, William 1), born 17 May 1923 in Cleveland. Lloyd was first cousin to Eugene King who passed away two weeks later, see obituary below.

McBRAYER, ERLEYNE W., of Hoover, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2004, at the age of 88. She was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and a member of the Third Presbyterian Church, where she was active in the church Food Closet Program. Mrs. McBrayer was preceded in death by her husband, Hobart C. McBrayer. She is survived by her sister, Mary C. Ray of Hoover; a son, John W. McBrayer of Hoover; two grandchildren, Matt McBrayer of Panama City, FL, and Mitch McBrayer of Hoover; and one great granddaughter, Shelly McBrayer. The family will receive friends at Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home, Hwy. 150, Hoover, on Monday, August 30, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Richard C. Trucks officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Amedisys Hospice Care or to the Third Presbyterian Church. Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home directing. (**The Birmingham News**)

Can anyone help to identify Erleyene and her family?

EUGENE L. KING Age 86, of Calumet Twp/Gary, passed away Monday, September 6, 2004. Survived by wife, Mary Ann (nee Krieter) of 56 years; 1 daughter, Kathy (Tom) Hill of Crown Point; 2 sons, David (Sue) King of Hammond and Rick (Karen) King of Schererville; 8 grandchildren, Jennifer (Brian) Stevens, Daniel King, Ryan King, Carrie King, Casey King, and Brad King, Chris Hill and Alisson Hill; 1 brother, Edgar (late June) King of Gary; 2 sisters, Kathleen (Kelvin) Beckley of CA. and Garnet (Richard) Sherman of CA; numerous nephews and nieces. Preceded in death by son, Donald E. King; parents, Lytton and Bettye King; and brother, Fred King. Funeral Services 10 AM Friday, directly at St. Mary Church in Griffith with a mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Theodore Mens officiating. Burial Calumet Park Cemetery. Friends are invited to meet with the family on Thursday from 4-8 PM at the Kuiper Funeral Home, 9039 Kleinman (2 blocks South of Ridge Rd) Highland. Mr. King was a member of St. Mary Church of Griffith, retired from Inland Steel after 43 years, Veteran of the U. S. Army Air Force WWII, member of the 446-8 Air Force Group, member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Prayer Services Thursday evening at 7:30 PM. (**Merrillville (IN) Post-Tribune** 9/8/2004 - 9/9/2004)

Gene (370-1/6A) was the son of Lytton Wiley and Elizabeth "Bettye" McBrayer King and the grandson of Seneca McBrayer (8th gen., Seneca 370-1, William 456, James 193, Ichabod 156, Samuel 360, William 1), born 16 September 1917 in East Chicago, IL. His family has held the McBrayer - King Reunion for many years in the area of Merrillville, IN. Editor's note: I always enjoyed talking with Gene at the reunions my wife and I were able to attend. He was a real gentleman.

LUTHER McBRAYER JR., 72, of Eleanor died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, in Putnam General Hospital of a heart attack. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mrs. Virginia Mae Slate McBrayer; one son, Randy McBrayer of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Harold McBrayer of Irving, Texas; and one sister, Carrie Ramsey of Mansfield, Ohio. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Adam Null officiating. Burial will follow in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.gatensharding.com. Gatens-Harding Funeral Home, 147 Main St., Poca, is in charge of arrangements.

While the obituary lists his name as Luther McBrayer Jr., his correct name was Luther Junior McBrayer (though he always signed it Luther McBrayer, Jr). Luther (183-9) was the son of Luther Cutlip McBrayer and Bessie Mae Clark McBrayer (7th gen., Luther 287, Hartwell 137-6, William 445, Ichabod 156, Samuel 360, William 1), born 19 November 1931 in Burnwell, WV. His burial was with full military honors

(courtesy of the local Marine Corps Reserve detachment and the VFW) at Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens in Red House, WV. While his son Randy is given as residing in Denver, he actually lives in Elizabeth, CO, southeast of Denver. Luther and his wife Virginia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2001. This was announced in the July/October 2001 issue of ID.

FROM DAYS PAST

The following obituaries have been collected from various sources and are from years past.

RUTH McBRAYER EARLEY, 85, of Louisa, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Charles D. Earley. A memorial service will be at a later date. Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home in Morehead is in charge of arrangements, which are pending. (*Ashland Daily Independent*, KY, Nov 21 2003)

Mrs. Earley is not known by Family Historian Carl McBrayer. If anyone has information about her please pass it along to Carl.

Mrs. **MARIE FITZGERALD McBRAYER**, 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late James and Hattie Chaffin Fitzgerald. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Rutherfordton and was a retired high school English teacher. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Matt McBrayer III. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Casey McBrayer IV of Lexington, S.C.; a daughter, Dr. Martha M. Jones of Shelby; two brothers, Dr. Ernest A. Fitzgerald of Winston-Salem and the Rev. Alton Fitzgerald of Clemmons; one sister, Onita Smith of Winston-Salem; and three grandchildren. The funeral will be 4 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Rutherfordton with the Rev. Wayne Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Rutherfordton City Cemetery. The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at McMahan's Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 264 North Main St., Rutherfordton, N.C. 28139, or to the charity of the donor's choice. (*Shelby Star*, NC, 2/11/2000)

Marie's husband was Madison "Matt" McBrayer, III. The son of Madison "Matt" II and Sallie Kate Fisher McBrayer. He was 7th generation (Madison II 289-5, Madison 289, Reuben 338, David 79, William 421, William 1). Her background and the existence of a daughter is given by this obituary.

Col. **CHARLES EVANS McBRAYER**, 82 of 4016 11th Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla., died at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony's Hospital. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Dr. Thomas Evans and Sally Webb McBrayer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Sigma Nu Fraternity and a Mason. McBrayer was a Graduate from Oak Ridge Military Academy, Wake Forest College and the University of Maryland Medical School. A retired Army colonel, McBrayer served as commanding officer of the base hospital in Limoges, France, during WW I. While there, he received the Croix de Guerre. He had served in many other foreign countries. Survivors include two sisters Mrs. Gerald Morgan of Shelby and Mrs. Miriam Holmes of Morganton. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Palmer Mortuary by Dr. Joseph T. McClain. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Palmer Mortuary. (*Shelby Star*, NC, 12/06/1967)

Charles (51) was 6th generation (Thomas 377, Elisha 104, David, William, William 1) born 9 February 1883 in Shelby, NC. His brother Claude's obituary follows below.

CLAUDE B. (PAT) McBRAYER, prominent Shelby attorney who served as mayor of the city and judge of Cleveland County Recorder's Court, died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Death of

the venerable civic leader, a native of Lebanon, Texas, followed a long illness which had been serious for the past two months. His residence at his death was 714 E. Marion St. In addition to serving as mayor and judge, he had also been city attorney. He organized the Shelby Rotary Club with the assistance of John Schenck and also was the organizer of Troop 1 of the Boy Scouts of America at Shelby Presbyterian Church. This was the first troop organized in Cleveland County. He also served as troop master. He was a life member and a former commander of American Legion Post 82 and was a Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. McBrayer was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church and a former deacon of the church. He taught the Men's Bible Class. He was an Army veteran and served during WW I as a first Lieutenant with Battalion 113, Field Artillery, of the Old Hickory Division. He was educated at Wake Forest College, where he received his B.A. and L.L.B. degrees. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at Shelby Presbyterian Church with the Rev. George Webb officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Wise McBrayer, formerly of Bridgewater, VA; one brother, Col. Charles E. McBrayer of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and two sisters, Mrs. Miriam Holmes of Morganton and Mrs. Gerald Morgan of Shelby. His parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. T. E. McBrayer. Funeral arrangements were handled by Palmer-McPhaul Mortuary. (**Shelby Star**, NC, 9/28/64)

Claude (68) was 6th generation (Thomas 377, Elisha 104, David, William, William 1). His birth date is not known but for the 1930 census he reported that he was 43 and had been born in Texas. It is known that his parents lived in Lebanon, TX, for a period of time. Back calculating gives his birth year as ca 1887 and his age at death as 77. The cemetery index from the web site www.rfci.net/wdfloyd/cemm2.html gives his date of birth as c 1885 and death c 1964 with burial at Sunset Cemetery Section 22. Going further, the Social Security Death Index lists a Claude McBrayer born 31 May 1885, died September 1964, last residence NC, SSN 244-62-6476. So Claude was 79 when he died.

Hampton, Va - Dr. **JAMES H. McBRAYER**, 65, retired dentist who had practiced in Shelby and Raleigh, died suddenly at his home here at 10 a.m. today. Death was believed to have been caused by cerebral hemorrhage. He was the son of the late Dr. John H. and Ida Palmer McBrayer of Shelby. His father was also a dentist and at one time had practiced in Shelby. Survivors include his wife, Rena Goode McBrayer; one son, James H. McBrayer Jr., of Harrisburg, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. W.H. Walker of the Camp Creek Section, Mrs. Roscoe Williams of Mountain Home, Ark., and Mrs. Wayne Ware of Boiling Springs. Three grandchildren also survive. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but funeral will be held in the Shelby area and burial will be in Cleveland Memorial Park. (**Shelby Star**, NC, 3/21 1960)

Funeral services for Dr. **JAMES H. McBRAYER** will be held at Boiling Springs Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Officiating will be Revs. Max Linnens and Thomas Gillespie. Interment will be at Cleveland Memorial Park. The body was to arrive at noon today and will lie in state at Palmer-McPhaul Mortuary and at the church for 30 minutes prior to the funeral on Thursday. Dr. McBrayer 65, a native of Shelby and resident of Hampton, VA., died suddenly Monday in Hampton. He was a retired dentist and had practiced in Shelby. He was a veteran of WW I. Surviving are his wife, one son, three sisters and three grandchildren. (**The Shelby Daily Star**, NC, March 23, 1960)

James (179) was 6th generation (John 233, James 201, David 79, William 421, William 1)

Mrs. **LIZZIE ALLEN McBRAYER**, widow of the lamented Dr. T. Evans McBrayer died rather suddenly Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at her home on N. LaFayette street following an illness during the night of acute indigestion. For some time she has been suffering with Bright's disease and heart trouble and her health has been on the decline, but the family and friends did not realize that the end was so near. Her death was a great shock to her extensive family connection and wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place from the residence this morning at 10 o'clock and the interment will be in Sunset cemetery beside the body of the noble and beloved physician who preceded her to the grave three months ago. Dr. J. Marcus Kester, pastor

of the First Baptist church of which she was a devout member will conduct the services. The pall bearers will be: Messrs. C.R. Doggett, Kemper Kendall, C. C. Blanton, J. J. Lattimore, T. W. Hamrick and Rush Hamrick. The members of the Twentieth Century club of which she was a beloved member will have charge of the flowers, there being a bountiful and beautiful tribute to her esteemed worth and high regard in which she was held by all in the community. Mrs. McBrayer before marriage was Miss Lizzie Allen, born at Kingsdale, Virginia, October 23rd 1857. She came to Shelby to teach in public schools where she was loved and admired by her pupils and patrons for her exceptional traits of character, even temper and lovely disposition. Twenty-five years ago she was married in Charlotte at the home of Dr. H. M. Wilder to Dr. Evans McBrayer and they were devoted companions. During the doctor's illness she attended to his every want personally and saw to it that he lacked for nothing. Mrs. McBrayer was a faithful teacher in the First Baptist Sunday school and her classes always grew in number and advanced in the study of God's word because her pupils loved her and the superintendent could always depend upon her to perform with a deep conscientiousness any and all work placed upon her. She was active in social and civic affairs and her home life was beautiful. Her lovely disposition and sweet Christian were inspiring and uplifting to all, both young and old, who had the good fortune to be thrown in her charming presence. The excellent standing of her children and their nobility of Christian character reflect the true motherly disposition of the deceased. Mrs. McBrayer is survived by the following children: Dr. Allen McBrayer who is a student at the University of North Carolina, Mr. Eugene McBrayer, a student at Atlanta, Ga., Miss Frances McBrayer a student at Cox College, College Park, Ga. and Miss Miriam McBrayer a student of Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C., Also the following stepchildren survive: Col. C. Evans McBrayer who is a physician in the regular army stationed at Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa; Mayor C. B. McBrayer of Shelby and Mrs. A. L. Minor who holds a government position in Washington, D.C. All of the children arrived from distant points to attend the funeral this morning. (*The Cleveland Star*)

Lizzie was the second wife of Thomas Evans McBrayer, 5th generation (Elisha 104, David 79, William 421, William 1) and was the step-mother of Claude whose obituary is on the previous page.

FAMILY NEWS

Dr. **JESSE FRANKLIN McBRAYER** has joined the practice at Jonesboro Animal Hospital in Jonesboro, Georgia (Atlanta metropolitan area). Jesse is a graduate of Transylvania University and the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. He is the second son of James Franklin and Dorcas Spade McBrayer of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Jesse is 9th generation (James 176-5, Jesse 211-5, Benjamin 35-5, Lewis 282, James 193, Ichabod 156, Samuel 360, William 1).

Family Association member (and proud grandmother) Dianne Crawford reports that **WILLIAM SCOTT CRAWFORD** was welcomed to the world on August 25, 2004, by his parents Scott Andrew and Rebecca Crawford and big brother Andrew Michael in Athens GA. William weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 21-¼ inches long. He is 11th generation (Scott, Dianne Ferguson, Marian McBrayer, Joseph Lee 215, Joseph Candler 263, Andrew 15, John 223, Samuel 360, William 1).



AND TO CLOSE THIS ISSUE WITH A BIT OF SCOTTISH HUMOR

Getting Old Can Be Fun

Sadie from Shettleston was over 70 and felt that her body had got totally out of shape, so she got her doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. She decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. She bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. But, by the time she got her leotard on, the class was over. (*Scottish Snippets* 25 Sept 2004)