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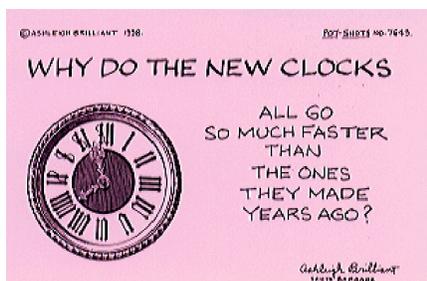
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Musings from the Editor

Once an apology for the slowness in getting this issue out to you. The “new clock” cartoon is emblematic of my problem I suppose. Some much is available now to search and I get lost in the woods at times chasing down an answer or trying to break down one more of the stone walls. While I said in the last issue I would do more in explaining DNA, it turns out it would be better to do this in a special edition printed in color so that it would be more understandable. In the meantime we can continue a search for our direct ancestry using DNA. A few month ago I was contacted by a researcher at the University Strathclyde in Glasgow asking for help in starting a McBrayer (by all spellings of the surname) Surname project using the resources available with Family Tree DNA. This has been done, however we have only two family members now in the group; Sue Goodrich and myself. If you have already had DNA testing done at Family Tree DNA, just access your account and join the group. You can also join the Scottish DNA group. If you have had your DNA tested by AncestryDNA or 23&Me, you can transfer your results to Family Tree DNA at a cost less than a retest. For the men in the family with any variation of the surname who want to participate by having your Y-Chromosome DNA tested you should purchase the kit for the 37 marker test at a minimum. You can upgrade your testing at a later date if you wish to. I am awaiting my tests results for an upgrade to 67 markers. Using this approach we may be able to find more kin. Already I am in contact with one possible 4th cousin and there are several other possible connections to verify. For the women in the family you can participate by having a family search/finder and/or mDNA test. Men with a McBrayer ancestor but not having the surname can participate by having a family search/finder test done. With any test, it is important to list at least one McBrayer ancestor in the beginning of a family tree so that the connection will be made clearer. You will find with any of the Family search/finder tests that you will have many many matches. Without a family tree you can not find out whether the match really is a match as far as our direct family is concerned. If you have any questions now about this, please send me an e-mail or give me a call.



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The 1755 Dictionary of the English Language defines oats as “ a grain, which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people.” How did the good folks of Scotland respond? “Tis why England has such guid horses and Scotland such bonnie lads!”



A further note on the dictionary quote to the left, it is from Samuel Johnson’s Dictionary. You can access it on-line at:

www.Johnsonsdictionaryonline.com.

If you would want to pick up a first edition copy of the two volume dictionary, you can find one on-line. The best price I found was for only \$30,700 on an eBay auction. (No, I didn’t make a bid.)

Correction: The last issue was properly identified at the top left column as Volume 19, Number 4, however, the page numbering was given as Volume 19, Number 3. If you keep your issues for reference, please note this correction.

Tribute

Everyone active in learning more about our family knows the debt we owe to Carl B. McBrayer for his many years of searching through many family records and compiling them so that we are able to see how we are related and how our family has grown in America. As the current Editor of this newsletter I can tell you that Carl has been of immense help in identifying family members. Unfortunately health issues are causing him to greatly cut back on his efforts. The following is the statement he posted on Facebook late last year.

An appointment with my ophthalmologist Monday, Nov. 4th, brought out this statement from him. "Glaucoma is a very devastating disease. It can steal your eyesight before you realize it. There is no cure - only treatment to prevent further damage."

How well I know!!!! For several years I relied on the Veterans Administration Hospital in OKC for my eye care. They were aware of my problems and told me they would keep a watch on them. Yes! They kept a watch on them all right. They watched as my eyesight was lost with absolutely no diagnosis or treatment what-so-ever. When I finally did go to a reputable eye doctor at the Dean McGee Eye Institute in OKC it only took him five minutes to discover my problem - low pressure or low tension glaucoma. He at that time prescribed eye drops to help prevent further damage.

However, by this time I had lost 85% of my vision in the right eye and was suffering some damage in the left eye. I soon had to have surgery on the right eye to prevent further damage, but to this day have to use three different eye-drop prescriptions in my left eye. Surgery is no option on the left one. I can only try to prevent further damage with the drops.

Now I have been diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes, but surgery cannot be performed because of the fear of reversing the previous surgery in the right eye and for fear of further damaging the sight in the left eye. So!!!! I will simply have to live with it!

In the past few months my vision has become quite blurred. It is now very difficult to use my computer for any length of time and driving is no longer an option - it is VERY limited to early morning jaunts to the grocery store (about 1/2 mile). My wife now does 99% of the driving.

As a result I can no longer do any family research on the computer nor can I spend much time on my email or the family FB page. I will, however, periodically check my email and the FB page, but I can no longer do it every day. Therefore if you email or make a posting on FB and expect a reply, don't expect it as promptly as it might have been in the past. I will eventually get around to it, though.

In parting let me offer a suggestion to each of you. The next time you visit your eye doctor ask him to do a cornea thickness test. This test will help determine the presence of low pressure glaucoma. You never know how precious your eyesight is until you lose it. PROTECT IT!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/341603052595689/>

Carl has told me that he has not decided how all his records will be handled in the future. He will still be providing newly found family members with information on their particular line, so he still shows his dedication to the family. I am sure all of you join with me in thanking Carl for his service.

Another Reason for Genealogical Research

Among the reasons for researching our family roots are interest in where we came from, who our many cousins are, and to personalize an interest in history. There is yet another very important factor that can be a matter of life or death. We know that within our family histories there have been various medical conditions which occur generation after generation. These have included conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, cardio-pulmonary problems, and perhaps one of the most dreaded, cancer.

For many years the medical profession has set standards for tracing a family history of cancer for three generations. It was considered that anything more than three generation for an occurrence of the condition presented no greater genetic risk than for the general gene pool.

In early February of this year it was reported that the American Society of Clinical Oncology has changed the rules. Based on clinical evidence they have determined that the impact of heredity on cancer is most accurate in relatives within two degrees. These are the relatives we should consider:

- Parents ●Siblings ●Grandparents ●Aunts & Uncles ●Nieces and Nephews
- Half-Siblings ●Grandchildren

You might question why you would consider someone descended from you. The reason is that some cancers may develop later in life in some individuals. Young people also sometimes develop cancers that are typically

associated with older people. In case you see cancer in these relatives, you can find out information on sites such as the American Cancer Society. (Adapted from Michael J. Leclerc, Genealogy News of 8 February 2014 on Mocavo.com)

Light Up a Life at Christmas

As we have done for a number of years, the Family Association made a contribution to this fund raiser held at St. Michael's and South Parish Church in Dumfries, Scotland. Along with contributions from two Family Association members, we sent St. Michael's \$200 this past Christmas. 2013 was the fifteen year of this project and our Family Association has supported it since at least 2002. Why do we do this? Because we consider St. Michael's our "home" in Scotland. Many McBairs worshiped there and our family memorial is on the wall near the Robert Burns Mausoleum in the churchyard

From our friends Tom and Janet Henderson who coordinate the effort, it was reported that they made almost £ 5000 (approximately \$8,370), a little less than last year.. Half of the money will be used at St. Michael's for plastering and painting and the other half to 12 local charities in Dumfries.

The original church was built in the 15th century and it is believed that 10 pillars remain from that church. On one pillar is a brass plate memorial to the men of St. Michael's who fell in the two world wars. Also on this pillar is a framed list of the ministers who have served the congregation since the Reformation. It is believed that St. Michael's was the last church in Scotland in which High Mass was celebrated at the time. The church was rebuilt in 1741-46 so you can see why some money must be sent for repairs from time to time. The upstairs gallery had to be closed last summer for repairs to the roof and this necessitated the re-plastering and painting.

Near another of the old pillars is a fine bust of Robert Burns. It was presented to the Church by The Robert Burns World Wide Federation. Three busts were commissioned, the other two are in the Scottish Parliament and at his birthplace in Alloway. The bust was unveiled at a special service on 29 January 2009 on the 250th Anniversary of Burns birth. It was unveiled by the then Scottish Minister of Culture, Mrs. Linda Fabiani. At the same service, two panels in a glass screen at the back of the Church were unveiled by His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. These depict Burns and his wife Jean Armour.

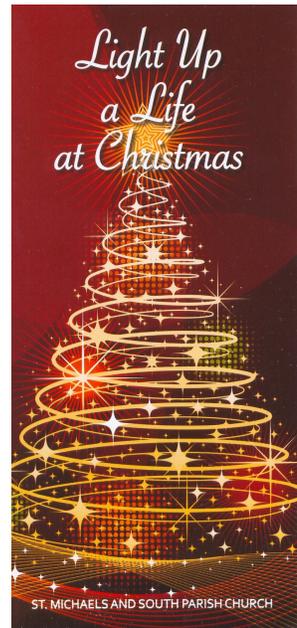


If you plan to visit Scotland, be certain to visit St. Michael's. Guides are available in the summer and if they do not know where the MacBair Memorial is on the wall, tell them to call Tom Henderson because he does, he chose the spot.

Dictionary of the Scots Language

We don't know what language our ancestors spoke when they came to America. Was it with an Irish lilt or was it Scots? I guess we will never know, but there still is a chance we may find a record in the Scots language that may help us in our search for roots. You may also run across a book of Robert Burns poems and you will wonder what he is saying.

There is now available an online **Dictionary of the Scots Language** which comprises electronic editions of the two major historical dictionaries of the Scots language: the 12-volume Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue (DOST) and the 10-volume Scottish National Dictionary (SND). DOST contains information about Scots words in use from the twelfth to the end of the seventeenth centuries (Older Scots); and SND contains information about Scots words in use from 1700 to the 1970s (modern Scots). You can search for words in several ways and hope you will find something that makes sense to you, but be aware, you may be wrong. You will find the same word spelled different ways and there may be multiple meanings. And even when a phrase



seems to make sense, the popular meaning may be something different. For example, the following is something I found when I looked for the word “buskit.”

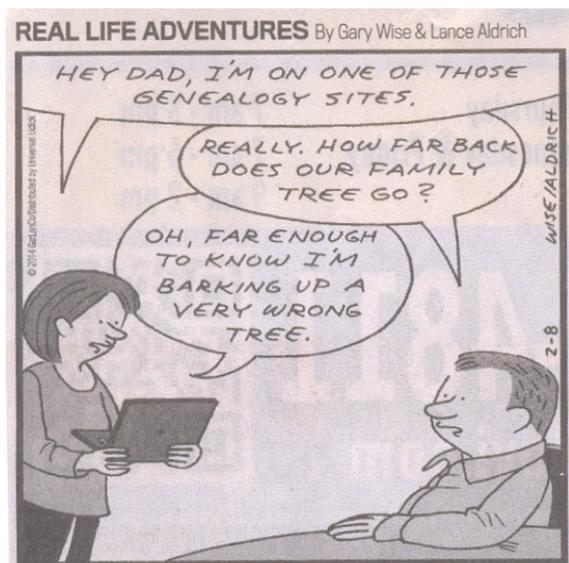
Buskit – dressed up, adorned. “And please remember: “A bonny bride is soon buskit and a short horse is soon whispit.” Which of course, needs no translation but we will tell you anyway — it means a slight task is soon finished. (<http://www.dsl.ac.uk/dsl/index.html>)

“Whispit” was found in another quotation reference to mean “rubbed down.” It is interesting to just randomly search these dictionaries just to get a sense of the language.

Online Family Trees

Many sites offer online family trees submitted by well intended persons as they search for family. For example, many may be found on Ancestry.com and some of the DNA testing company sites. These can be a great help in filling in gaps, but are they always correct. The simple answer is no, however, there are some points to consider when you look at these trees.

1. **Does the tree include original documents and/or source citations?** If it does you may have a high degree of confidence in the report but it is still a good idea to check the references to determine if a mistake was made in transcription or in interpretation of the data. It is easy to transpose numbers in dates. For example, if a source document birth date was given as October 3, 1894, it might be transcribed as 3 October 1849. Also check to see the formatting of the date. Some would use 10/3/1894 and others 03/10/1894 and both would be right, just notated differently. Children’s and parents names may also be switched. Place names can also be misinterpreted. For example, a recent obituary gave the birthplace of the deceased as Berlin. My first thought was Berlin, Germany, but it really was Berlin, Wisconsin.
2. **What sources were used?** Sources such as other online trees and compiled histories are more likely to contain erroneous information than are records created at the time an event occurred, such as deeds, baptismal registers, wills and others. Check to see if the source is a primary or secondary source. Be aware that even these primary sources can contain errors, someone wrote them down and people make mistakes. (See also comments regarding obituaries in a separate article in this newsletter.)
3. **Do the dates and places make sense?** Do the ages of parents, particularly the mothers, show a reasonable age for bearing the children of the family. No mother can be younger than her child but the recording of such probably shows the actual mother had died and the father had remarried a much younger woman, not uncommon in days past. Ages and dates of marriages should also be consistent with other information. Note if a child’s place of birth occurred at the place a mother was known to be living at that time. If not, the mother may in fact be a step-mother.
4. **Are details consistent?** While name spellings and ages in records often vary, those details in records of an adult should be fairly consistent with records of the same person in childhood. Ages given in census records are those reported at the time of the census and back calculating to a year of birth may give the incorrect result. Cross checking with various records may give better results.
5. **Is the tree too good to be true?** If you find an unbroken line to the 1200s with neat, 25-year spaces in generations, be extra skeptical. Verify each generational link before adding the data to your tree. (Based on an article in the December 19, 2013 e-newsletter Genealogyinsider Family Tree Magazine)



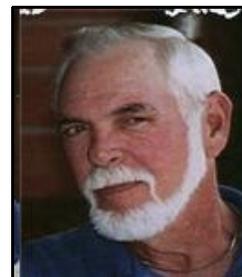
Obituaries and Death Notices

Obituaries and death notices are a valuable sources we can mine to develop family history. Strictly speaking an obituary is an account written by a staff member of a magazine or newspaper. The skill of the reporter in researching the article will determine the accuracy of the information. If the reporter just talks with one family member the changes are that the information is incomplete or even incorrect since the discussion takes place at a stressful time. Most obituary columns in newspapers are actually death notices and are paid ads placed by the funeral director. These are mostly dependent upon interviews with family members. If the information comes from the wrong family member, you may get completely erroneous data. The best you can expect is the date and place of death and the place of internment since the funeral director along with any attending medical professional provides information for the death certificate. How can you be sure yours is right when your time comes? Write it your self beforehand (but be sure to tell the truth).

Another Branch for our Family Tree?

From time to time obituaries are found that have family surname given names not found in Carl B. McBrayer's records. We don't know if these individuals are related, but with the vast resources now available perhaps we can find a link. This is particularly of interest if a line can be traced back to Scotland. The following is a good example. of going back to Scotland, but we still need to find the connection.

NEIL L. (Lewis) "JR" McBRIAR, 69, of Oshkosh, died on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center with his family at his side. Jr was born on November 25, 1944 in Berlin a son of the late Neil and Marion Simson McBriar. He was a 1962 Berlin High School graduate and joined the Army shortly after graduation serving in the 101st Air Born Divn. After returning from the service he married Karen Trochinski. Jr married Donna Lumby on August 19, 2005 in Oshkosh. He worked as a tester at Oshkosh Truck Corp. until retirement. Neil was a fun loving man with a quick smile for everyone. He enjoyed traveling, fishing with his friends in Canida (*sic*), deer hunting and time at the "Deer Shack" in Neillsville. The greatest joy in his life was grandkids, watching their sporting events, 4-wheeling, fishing, and teaching them how things work. Getting to hunt with two of his grandsons this year was a special moment to all of them.



Survivors include his wife, Donna of Oshkosh; children, Brian (Lori) McBriar of Oshkosh, Wendy (Eric) Block of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Emily and Michael McBriar, Jacob and Brady Block; sisters, Lucille (Lawrence "Speedy") Verheyen of Berlin, Marilyn (Gary) Olsen of Harlowton, MT, Linda (David) Parker of Berlin; stepchildren, Tony (Deb) Moore of Merrimac. Paula (Jay) Moore of Waupaca; step grandchildren, Amanda Ziebel, and Xander Fleckenstein. Also left behind are many cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends.

A memorial time of sharing will be held at the UAW #578 Hall (2920 Oregon St. Oshkosh) on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Memorials to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation will be appreciated.

(The Northwester – Oskosh, Wisconsin + <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thenorthwestern/obituary.aspx?n=neil-mcbrar-jr&pid=168626631&fhid=14645&f=portal#sthash.7o9tjSpg.dpuf>)

Since Neil was too young to be shown in any available census record, our search will start with his parents in the **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com):

Living in Berlin, Green Lake County, Wisconsin in a home rented for \$10 per month was:

Neil McBriar, head, age 21, born in Wisconsin, a manager of a mink farm, made \$1200 in 1939.

Marion McBriar, wife, age 17, born in Wisconsin

Marion's maiden name given in the obituary above was Simson. She was found in the **1930 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) living with her father and grandparents in Marion, Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Otto Simson, head, age 34, widowed, a farmer, born in Wisconsin, owned the home.

Marion R. Simson, daughter, age 9, born in Wisconsin

Elmer R. Simson, son, age 7, born in Wisconsin

Louis Simson, father, age 68, a farmer, born in Germany, came to U.S. in 1894

Clara Simson, mother, age 68, born in Germany, came to America 1894

From the **1920 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) is found the name of Otto's wife. It was Anna and she was a year younger than Otto. She was born in Wisconsin. Her maiden name is not yet determined. Verifying that this is the correct family is Otto's obituary:

Berlin – A farmer and worker at Berlin Chapman, Otto L. Simson, 73, Berlin died July 5 at his home.

He was born Sept. 20, 1893 in Milwaukee and is the son of Louis and Clara Schliter Simson. He married the former Nettie Warwick, Sept. 19, 1931 in Wautoma. Mr. Simson attended school in Menomonee Falls, Wis., and was a member of the United Church of Christ.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters, **Mrs. Neil McBriar**, Berlin, and Mrs. William Buelow, Neenah; one brother Emil, Rush Lake and one sister, Mrs. Lena Zimmerman. One son preceded him in death.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Rasque Funeral Home, Berlin. The Rev. E. F. Schieler, Ripon, will officiate. Burial will be in Marion Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today and until the time of service.

(**Daily Northwestern** – Oshkosh, Wisconsin – 6 July 1967 + www.archives.com)

Neil McBriar (the father of the heading obituary subject) died 10 February 1999 in Berlin, Green Lake County, Wisconsin. He was born 17 June 1918. (Ancestry.com – **U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current**)

Going back further we find Neil (the father) living with his parents in Aurora, Waushara County, Wisconsin. They had their own home valued at \$2500 and they had a radio, something new in those days. The **1930 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) lists the family as:

Jess McBriar, head, age 39, born in South Dakota, in the trucking industry, married at age 19.

Florence McBriar, wife, age 38, born in Wisconsin, married at age 18

Charles McBriar, son, age 17, born in Wisconsin, a trucker.

George McBriar, son, age 13, born in Wisconsin

Neil McBriar, son, age 12, born in Wisconsin

Leon McBriar, son, age 8, born in Wisconsin

Ethel McBriar, daughter, age 6, born in Wisconsin

Richard McBriar, son, age 3, born in Wisconsin (He was indexed as Richard McBrien, son, age 31!)

The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) confirms the corrected information about Richard with the family still living in Aurora, but with the home now worth \$3000. The family now is:

Jess McBriar, head, age 49, a laborer on a mink farm who made \$1320 in 1930. More than his son Neil who was shown as the manager!

Florence McBriar, wife, age 48

Ethel McBriar, daughter, age 16, did housework in a private home and made \$78 for 26 weeks work in 1939.

Richard McBriar, son, age 13

David McBriar, son, age 9

The **1920 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) has the family living in Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin, on a rented farm. The spelling of the surname has changed and Jess is now Jesse.

Jesse McBair, head, age 29, a farmer, born in North Dakota (note different birth place)

Florence McBair, wife age 29

Charles McBair, son, age 7

George McBair, son, age 3 years 8 months

Neil McBair, son, age 1 year 6 months (He was indexed as Nell.)

Next found was the birth information for Jesse, his older brother Fred and their older sister Mary Agnes (Ancestry.com – **South Dakota Births, 1856-1903**):

Jesse Charles McBair, born 16 October 1890, Spink County, Father **Archibald Jay McBair**, Mother **Etta Rozelia Shanklin**.

Fred McBair, born 9 March 1888, Spink County, Father **Archibald Jay McBair**, Mother **Etta Rozelia Shanklin**.

Mary Agnes McBair, born 10 June 1886, Spink County, Father **Archibald Jay McBair**, Mother **Etta Rozelia Shanklin**

All three records were filed 2 June 1941.

Jessie died 16 September 1962 according to the **Wisconsin, Death Index, 1959-1997** (Ancestry.com)
Fred died 25 October 1964 in Redgranite, Waushara County, Wisconsin. (www.findagrave.com – Memorial 97535329). His obituary from the web site:

REDGRANITE – **Fred McBrair**, 76 died suddenly at his home Sunday, October 25, during the early morning.

He was born on March 9, 1888 in south Dakota, the son of **Archie** and **Etta McBrair**. On October 6, 1915, he married Katherine Souder in Wautome. He operated the McBriar Grocery in Redgranite since 1929.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine; two daughters (names deleted) and Mrs. Donald (Mary) Rasmussen of Menomonee Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Schuester of Wautome and Mrs. Agnes Schwandes of Milwaukee; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Two infant sons preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements were by the Hemple Funeral Home in Redgranite. The funeral service was on October 27 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Redgranite with Reverend Hubert Wojack officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph's Church Cemetery in Wautome. (Published in the Waushara Argus, October 29, 1964.

(Note on their joint tombstone. Fred's wife's name is engraved as Catherine (1894-1985).

Jesse registered for the WW I draft on 5 June 1917 in Waushara County, Wisconsin (Ancestry.com – **U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918**). The following are data on the card:

Name: **Jesse Charles McBrair** – Age 27 – Home Pine River, Wisconsin – Date of Birth: 16 October 1889 – Born in North Dakota – Occupation: Farming – Dependents: Wife and two children. – Medium height and build – Grey eyes – Light hair (Note that birth date and place disagree with birth record above.)

The **1900 U. S. Census** (Ancestry.com) shows **Jesse** living with his parents on their own mortgaged farm in Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin. The family was indexed with the surname "McBrain!

Archibald McBrair, head, age 48, born March 1852 in New York, father born in Ireland, mother born in Scotland, a farmer, married 16 years

Ettie McBrair, wife, age 37, born May 1863 in Wisconsin, father and mother in Ireland, married 16 years, bore 5 children, 4 living at time of census.

Aggie McBrair, daughter, age 13, born June 1886 in South Dakota (Mary Agnes)

Fred McBrair, son, age 12, born March 1888 in South Dakota

Jesse McBrair, son, age 9, born October 1890 in South Dakota (Jesse Charles)

Jennie McBrair, daughter, age 5, born October 1894 in Wisconsin

From the **Wisconsin State Censuses, 1895 and 1905** (Ancestry.com) came the census for 1 June 1905. Here was found living in Warren, Waushara County:

Ettie McBriar, head, age 42, widowed.. She was indexed as Ethe McBriar

Not indexed but in the actual document were her children **Fred**, age 17 and **Jenny** age 10.

Therefore **Archibald** died sometime between 1900 and 1905; no death record has yet been found.

The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows **Etta McBriar**, age 76, widowed, living alone in her home on Highway 21 in Warren, Waushara County, Wisconsin. The home was valued at \$400. She had no income from employment but has some outside income.

Making things complicated, the 1905 Wisconsin Census also had another Archibald McBriar living in Leon, Waushara County, who was born about 1852 of Scottish parents. He was married to Ellen which in the 1910 U.S. Census was Ella. (Seems close to Etta doesn't it?) Also in the 1910 census his name was given as Archie J. (We know from birth records that the other Archibald was Archibald Jay.) If Etta had not been shown as widowed with her children, a mistake could have been made. What makes it clearer is that Ellen or Ella was older and her father was born in Vermont and her mother in New York. Further, Archie and Ella had been married only 5 years in 1910.

Going back to the **1880 U. S. Census** (Ancestry.com) finds Archibald (the one we are interested in at this time) living with his parents in Marion, Waushara County, Wisconsin. The family:

Archibald McBriar, head, age 67, born in Scotland as were his parents, a farmer

Euphemia McBriar, wife, age 57, born in Scotland as were her parents, keeping house

Archibald McBriar, son, age 27, born in New York, a laborer

Jane McBriar, daughter, age 17

A son lived on the next farm. The family:

Robert McBriar, head, age 34, a farmer
Anna McBriar, wife, age 31, keeping house
George McBriar, son, age 2

And from the **1870 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) we find the family in Leon, Waushara County Wisconsin. The post office for Leon was Spring Lake, Wisconsin. The value of the real estate was \$ 1600 and personal property was valued at \$ 800. The family:

Alex McBrier, head, age 54, born in Scotland, a farmer
Puplama McBrier, wife, age 48, born in Scotland, keeping house
Robert McBrier, son, age 23, born in New York, a farm worker
James McBrier, son, age 21, born in New York
Archibald McBrier, son age 17, born in New York
Jessie McBrier, daughter, age 13, born in Wisconsin
Eliza McBrier, daughter, age 10 born in Wisconsin
Jane McBrier, daughter, age 8, born in Wisconsin

In spite of the change in given names of the parents and another change in the spelling of the surname, this is the same family as shown above in the 1880 U. S. Census.

The family has not yet been found in the **1860 U. S. Census**, but was found in the **1850 U.S. Census** (Ancestry.com) living in the 4th Ward of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. They may have been living in a hotel. Archibald was indexed as "Aachebald McBryer." the original is hard to read but the surname clearly was given as McBryer. The household was:

Sydney Stookes, age 30, born in England, occupation Hotell(sic).
Mary Manry, age 26, born in Ireland
Bridget Manry, age 17, born in Ireland
William Wiffold, age 15, born in England
Archibald McBryer, age 39, born in Scotland, a merchant
Phoeby McBryer, age 32, born in Scotland
Robert McBryer, age 5, born in New York
James McBryer, age 3, born in New York
Margaret McBryer, age 1, born in New York

Now we have three names for Archibald's wife.

Some clarification comes from memorials on www.findagraave.com Tombstones are located in the Marion Cemetery, Wautome, Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Archibald McBrair, born 1811, died 1897, Memorial 86435873
Euphemy McBrair, born 1823, died 1881, Memorial 86435874
John McBrair, born 1854, died July 11, 1863, Inscription "Age 9 yrs. 2 mo./son of A. & E.," Memorial 86435875
James McBraayer, born 28 November 1847, died 28 October 1930, Memorial 59548732

Also in this cemetery are the graves of his wife **Caroline J. Leach McBrair**, and daughters **Lucy Jane McBrair Jones** and **Flora Idella McBrair Johnson**

Still more however, a family tree **Geo Bruce Desc_2012-06-03** (Ancestry.com) contains information on Archibald and Euphemy's daughter **Eliza A.** to Wallace Edward Bruce. While there are records for this marriage in the 1900 (indexed as Bruse), 1910 (indexed as Bouce) and 1920 (indexed as Bruce, U. S. Censuses, the only other clear citation found is in the Registrar of Deeds, Waushara County, Wisconsin, Marriages Volume 3, page 30, Number 641.

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/65465157/person/44137063135/citation/301315612018?pg=32768&pgpl=pid>

Date of Registration: Oct. 21st, 1878; Name of Husband & Wife Previous to Marriage: Wallace E Bruce; Eliza A McBair(sic); Occ of Husband: Farmer; Residence of Husband: Superior, Nuckools Co, Nebr.; Birthplace of Husband: Marion, Wisc., Place of Marriage: Wautoma, Waushara Co, Wisc.; Date of Marriage: Sept 26, 1878; Methodist; Person Pronouncing Marriage: C. Cooley of Wautoma; Witnesses: Gredenie E. Porter, Susan Fuller; Date of Cert. Sept. 26, 1878; Name of Father of Husband: dead; Name of Mother of Husband: Lucinda; Father of Wife: Archibald;

Mother of Wife: Eupema.

The Family Tree has **Archibald's** wife as **Euphemia Keer** but there is no citation for the name. Which should we use? Also we have the surname spelling change several times.

One of these Archibalds served in the Civil War. Ancestry.com has the following in the **American Civil War Soldiers** database:

Name: **Archibald McBrair**
Residence: Spring Lake, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date: 8 October 1861
Side Served: Union
Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 8 October 1861. Enlisted in Company A, 16th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin on 8 October 1861. Mustered out Company A, 16th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin on 12 July 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Fold3.com has in its database a General Index Card showing only rank and unit, no dates, for **McBrair Archibald**. There is also a note that the original record was filed under: **McBriar Archibald**. The only other record on this site is a card showing application for an invalid pension filed 22 September 1882. The complete file has been ordered from the National Archives with hope that this will give us more definitive information.

Neil Lewis McBriar's family will be contacted to see if someone will be willing to have a DNA test which could prove our relationship. The problem then will be to find some Scottish records to which we can tie Archibald to a place of birth and perhaps parents names.

Baptizing at McBrayer's Pond at New Albany, Miss.

One can find all sorts of things on eBay. In mid-February a post card was offered at a much too a high price. Using a Google search gave the names of at least two places where the same image could be seen.

The Cooper Postcard Collection at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History was one and the image to the right is from that collection. It is Item 3937. Unfortunately the only other information given was that the card was from "19--" and



the location was New Albany, Union County, Mississippi.

http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives/series/cooper/detail/20391

The second location was the Wisconsin Historical Society in the Albertype Collection. The photograph reportedly was taken by J. L. S. Rogers and the date is approximately 1900. The description given is:

View of an outdoor baptism at McBrayer's Pond. A group of adults and children gather at water's edge, some holding parasols. A man stands in the water next to a child in white.

So where is McBrayer's Pond? A search was made using the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). (<http://geonames.usgs.gov>) McBrayer's Pond apparently no longer exists as far as the GNIS is concerned and nothing was found using a couple of internet search engines. The GNIS data do show 17 recognized features with the name McBrayer, two with McBriar, but none for McBrair or McBrier. The McBrayer

list is shown in the following table.

Feature Name	ID	Class	County	State	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (ft)	Map	Entry Date
McBrayer Branch	122448	Stream	Franklin	AL	341933N	0874508W	718	Hackleburg	04-SEP-1980
McBrayer Branch	122449	Stream	Franklin	AL	342404N	0880947W	486	Red Bay	04-SEP-1980
McBrayer Lake	161525	Reservoir	Franklin	AL	342642N	0873348W	748	Newburg	01-DEC-2003
McBrayers Mill Post Office (historical)	167432	Post Office	Franklin	AL	Unknown	Unknown	-	Unknown	01-DEC-1990
Town Creek Watershed Dam Number 11	161524	Dam	Franklin	AL	342642N	0873348W	748	Newburg	01-DEC-2003
McBrayer Ditch	195288	Canal	Eagle	CO	393654N	1065732W	6539	Suicide Mountain	13-OCT-1978
McBrayer and Fenner Ditch	195289	Canal	Eagle	CO	393700N	1065759W	6562	Suicide Mountain	13-OCT-1978
Mcbrayer Lake	336413	Reservoir	Warren	GA	333315N	0823904W	463	Cadley	01-SEP-1992
Mcbrayer Lake Dam	336412	Dam	Warren	GA	333312N	0823859W	469	Cadley	01-SEP-1992
McBrayer	497764	Populated Place	Anderson	KY	375831N	0845308W	833	McBrayer	20-SEP-1979
McBrayer (historical)	2491671	Populated Place	Montgomery	KY	Unknown	Unknown	-	Unknown	22-OCT-2008
McBrayer Cemetery	513843	Cemetery	Rowan	KY	381110N	0831630W	1122	Haldeman	20-SEP-1979
McBrayer Post Office (historical)	2566552	Post Office	Anderson	KY	375832N	0845310W	827	McBrayer	11-AUG-2009
McBrayer Railroad Station (historical)	2566553	Locale	Anderson	KY	375831N	0845309W	833	McBrayer	11-AUG-2009
McBrayer Springs	2491672	Spring	Montgomery	KY	Unknown	Unknown	-	Unknown	22-OCT-2008
McBrayer Cemetery	1004479	Cemetery	Cleveland	NC	351702N	0814008W	863	Boiling Springs North	01-FEB-1990
McBrayer Park	1385205	Park	McLennan	TX	312315N	0971305W	587	Lorena	01-JAN-1995
McBriar Ditch	228275	Canal	Tulare	CA	363342N	1192724W	335	Reedley	19-JAN-1981
McBriar Branch	317840	Stream	Dade	GA	345450N	0853249W	1325	New Home	25-SEP-1979

If you go to the GNIS site and access these tables you can click in a feature name which will take you to another page with more information on the feature. You can also then, on the right hand side of the page, select one of a number of map options which you can select to see a map of the feature. The exception is if the feature line does not show longitude and latitude. Essentially, the location of the site is unknown and so can't be shown on a map. Even then you can in some cases get an indication where the feature is, or might have been, located. For example:

1. The McBrayer Mill Post Office (historical) in Franklin County, Alabama – This feature name was obtained from the U.S. Postal Service Site Location Report, 1837-1950. A reference is given for the microfilm record which might tell more.
2. McBrayer (historical) Populated Place in Montgomery County, Kentucky – This feature was located 1 ½ miles southwest of Mt. Sterling. It may have been the location of the original Old McBrayer Distillery.
3. McBrayer Springs – a springs in Montgomery County, Kentucky – This feature has the same description as the populated place in 2 above.

If you know of someplace else with our surname, please pass the word along and maybe we can get it placed in the database.

Vital Records

If you are looking for vital records (birth, death, marriage and divorce) in any of the United States, you may find help by going to www.ancestry.me/LVAkkV. This is an Ancestry.com WIKI with a listing of articles for all 50 states that relate to vital records. Randomly picking a state and entry was found in "West Virginia, Marriages Index, 1785-1971" (www.Ancestry.com):

Name: **Kathleen McBrayer** Birth Date: abt 1929 Age: 18
Spouse's Name: Dallas Edward Taylor Age: 19
Marriage Date: 22 April 1947 Place: Boone County, West Virginia
Father's Name: **Howard McBrayer** Mother's Name: **Edward McBrayer**
Spouse's Father's Name: Edward Taylor Mother's Name: Mabel Taylor

Questioning Kathleen's mother's given name of "Edward," it was noted that the data was obtained from "West Virginia, 1853-1970" (www.FamilySearch.org). Checking that site showed there was no transcription error. Further the Family Search page had a link to the image of the original hand-written page – www.WVculture.org. The clear hand-writing does have Edward as Kathleen's mother's name. Not being satisfied with this result, the 1940 U.S. Census was checked where it was found that Kathleen's family was living in Sherman Magisterial District, Boone County in a home rented for \$ 8 per month, it obviously was a coal camp. The family was:

Howard McBrayer, head, age 30, born in West Virginia, a coal miner who earned \$ 1000 for 30 weeks work in 1939

Effie McBrayer, wife, age 31 born in Kentucky

Robert L. McBrayer, son, age 15 born in West Virginia (*No, this is not the Editor of this newsletter.*)

Roy McBrayer, son, age 13 born in West Virginia

Kathleen J. McBrayer, daughter, age 10 born in West Virginia

Josephine McBrayer, daughter, age 8 born in West Virginia

Clayton McBrayer, son, age 5 born in West Virginia

Betty Lou McBrayer, daughter, age 11/12 born in West Virginia

The 1930 U.S. Census also give's Kathleen's mother's name as Effie and Effie was the one who provided the information to the enumerator. So even official records sometimes are in error.

Do You Know Him?

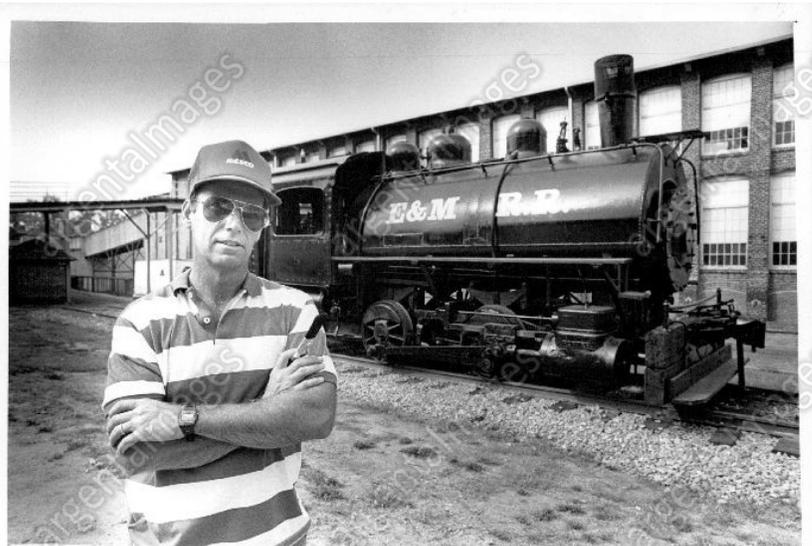
This photograph was recently offered in an eBay auction. It is a newspaper photo original; the name of the newspaper was not given but it was noted that the photo print was needed by 24 July 1987 and the text from the newspaper affixed to the back of the photo was date stamped 27 July 1987.

The text was:

The Tracks of History

Mike McBrayer of Lando has been sprucing up Manetta Mills' No. 5 steam engine, the last commercially used steam engine in the United States and the featured attraction of the fourth annual Lando Days Friday through Saturday. The engine ran on 1 ½ tons of coal a day from 1941 to 1975, hauling coal and yarn from Lando to Edgemoor. Because there was no turntable for the engine, the train backed it's cars to Edgemoor and pulled them to Lando. The festival begins Friday at 5 p.m. with hot dogs, snow cones and cold drinks in downtown Lando next to the fire station. It ends Saturday with 1 p.m. horse-drawn buggy rides, barbecue and 7 p.m. street dance with live music. Profits will be used to help needy Lando residents.

(Editor note: I think I have identified him and attempts are being made to contact him to verify the identity.)



His Great-Grandfather was from Scotland

In searching for records using variations of our surname, a biographical record was found which stated that the subject's parental grandfather was the son of a man who had come to America from Scotland. This led to quite a few potential leaves for our family tree. If we can now find living descendants of the man from Scotland, we can perhaps prove some relationships through DNA studies.

First the biographical sketch which appeared in "**Portrait and Biographical Record of Orange County New York**" published by Chapman Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1895 which was found on Google Books.

Henry C. McBrair, D.D.S., a successful and rising young dentist of Middletown, has an office on Franklin Square, corner of Main and South Streets, where he occupies a suite of six rooms. Every equipment is provided for the successful prosecution of his profession. Besides the reception, there are one extracting and two operating rooms, and one or two assistants are employed. The rooms are bested by I team and lighted by electricity. The machinery is operated by electricity, and there is an electric porcelain furnace for crown work, together with every convenience and improvement which modern investigation has made in the science.

Dr. McBrair was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is the only child of James and Mary (Reynolds) McBrair, natives respectively, of New York and Brooklyn, and both now deceased. The parental grandfather was a resident of New York, where he had large and valuable real-estate interests, and to which city his father had come from Scotland. The education of our subject was obtained in Walkill Academy, Rockland College at Nyack and Exeter College at Exeter, N. H. Under Dr. Barnes he began the study of dentistry, and in 1888 entered the Baltimore Dental College, from which he was graduated two years later with the degree of D.D.S and with high honors. On his return to Middletown he engaged in practice with Dr. Barnes until the latter retired from the profession in 1893, since which time he has been alone.

In this city Dr. McBrair married Miss Caroline, daughter of N T. Hayes, of whom mention is elsewhere made. They have a comfortable home at No. 35 Highland Avenue, and one child, Uzal Lawrence. has been born to bless their union. Socially the Doctor is identified with the Middletown Club, and is also an honorary member of the Monhagen Hose Company. While interested in all progressive enterprises, his profession has received the largest share of his attention, and in everything pertaining to the science he is well informed. He holds membership in the Second District Dental Society of New York City. As a skilled practitioner he holds a high place in the estimation of the people, a fact which his large practice sufficiently attests.

Henry was not only a "skilled practitioner," he was an inventor and was cited in several **Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents** documents found on www.genealogybank.com. Only one of these specifically mentions dental use of the invention, but the others give his home city location to show they are from the same person.

U.S. 657202 – Electric Furnace - September 4, 1900 (This mentions use for making porcelain crowns.)

U.S. 1023862 – Transmission Gearing – April 23, 1912

U.S. 1125385 – Transmission Gearing – January 19, 1915

U.S. 1176766 – Variable-speed Gearing – March 28, 1916

U.S. 1197748 – Shifting Mechanism – September 12, 1916

The last four patents possibly are for dental drill applications because the patent diagrams show them to be small and compact.

As to his parents, **James** and **Mary Reynolds McBrair**, The following information is from "**New York City, Marriages, 1600-1800s**" at Ancestry.com:

Name: **James McBrair**

Spouse: **Mary D. Renolds** (it is not know if this is a transcription error or as originally recorded.)

Date: 12 November 1868

Place: Manhattan, New York, New York

Certificate: 7176

Henry's birth record was found in "**New York, Births and Christenings, 1640-1962**" at FamilySearch.org.

Name: **Henry Clay McBrair**

Birth Date: 22 August 1869
Birthplace: Brooklyn, Kings County, New York
Father: **James McBrair**
Mother: **Mary Reynolds**

While the sketch above gives Henry's wife Caroline's fathers name as N. T. Hayes, it was found that it actually was U. T. Hayes:

UZAL T. HAYES has been a resident of Middletown for twenty-nine years. He is Treasurer and General Manager of the tannery owned by the Howell- Hinchman Company, the other officers being H. C. Howell, President, and T. E. Hayes, Secretary. The tannery, which occupies two blocks, is located on Fulton Street, extending from Wawayanda to Mulberry Street.

The main building is three stories in height and 82 x 288 feet in dimensions, while the office and wareroom, also three stories high, is 100 x 40 feet in dimensions. A small lake near the tannery furnishes an abundance of water supply for power. There are two engines, one of one hundred and the other of forty horsepower, and boilers with a capacity of two hundred and thirty-five horsepower. From ten to twelve tons of bark, both oak and hemlock, are used daily, being brought here from Sullivan County. The hides are secured principally in this state, the works having a capacity of one hundred and fifty a day. The business is a flourishing one and the plant is never shut down, but furnishes steady employment for one hundred and twenty-five hands. In addition to the office in Middletown, the company has an office in Newark, N. J.

The Hayes family is of Scotch descent, and Thomas Hayes, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, took part in the early wars of our country. The father and mother, S. R. and Lydia (King) Hayes, were born in Bloomfield, Essex County, N. J., where the former was a manufacturer for many years, his death occurring there when he was eighty-five. The mother, who died at the age of seventy-six, was a daughter of John I. King, an architect and builder of Bloomfield. The family was directly descended from Rufus King, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The three children born to the union of S. R. and Lydia Hayes are as follows: Thomas, who resides in Bloomfield, and is engaged in business at Newark, N. J.; Uzal T.; and Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Bloomfield. The second of these was born in Bloomfield, February 5, 1834, and was there reared to manhood, completing the course of study in Seymour's Institute. Bloomfield had the first free school in New Jersey, and in it our subject was a student for one quarter.

In 1856 he embarked in the leather business in Newark, being first a salesman for T. P. Howell & Co. In December, 1865, he became a partner in the same firm, which took the name of Howell, Hinchman & Co., buying out Moore's Tannery in Middletown and considerably enlarging the plant.

In 188(?) the business was incorporated with H. C. Howell President, T. E. Hayes Secretary, and our subject Treasurer and General Manager. His second son, H. M., is also a stockholder and actively connected with the enterprise. There is a capital stock of \$100,000, and the business is in a most flourishing condition. In addition to this enterprise, Mr. Hayes is a Director in the Savings Bank, of which he was one of the organizers in 1869.

The marriage of Mr. Hayes took place in Bloomfield, N. J., in 1860, his wife being Miss Caroline A. Morris, a native of that place, where her father, James Morris, was engaged in farming and the milling business. She died July 3, 1888, leaving four children: Harry M., a graduate of the academy and a stockholder and superintendent of the tannery; Thomas E., a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Academy and now Secretary of the firm; **Caroline, Mrs. McBrair**, of Middletown: and Mabel, an accomplished young lady, who is with her father.

For many years Mr. Hayes was a member of the Board of Education. He has also been a Water Commissioner for a long time, and for four years served as President of the board. Socially he is a Royal Arch Mason, and admitted member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Newark, N. J. Besides his residence at No. 52 South Street he owns other property in this city. In politics he advocates Republican principles. In 1875 he was appointed Trustee of the Middletown State Homeopathic Asylum, and soon after his appointment he became Treasurer of the board, which office he held until March, 1894. During his incumbency of the position most of the present buildings were erected. Since retiring from that office he has served as Trustee.

<http://www.ebooksread.com/authors-eng/chapman-publishing-company/portrait-and-biographical-record-of-rockland-and-orange-counties-new-york-cont-pah/page-32-portrait-and-biographical-record-of-rockland-and-orange-counties-new-york-cont-pah.shtml>

Uzal is an ancient biblical name usually taken to mean wanderer. While not common, it is seen today more as a surname than as a given name.

Two census records closest to the marriage of Henry Clay McBrair and Caroline A. Hayes help to clarify later records.

The New York, State Census, 1875 (Ancestry.com) gives the following information:

- U. T. Hayes**, head, age 41, a tanner, born in New Jersey
- Caroline A. Hayes**, wife, age 40 born in New Jersey
- Harry M. Hayes**, child, age 12, born in New Jersey
- Thomas E. Hayes**, child, age 6, born in New York (indexed as Thos)
- Caroline Hayes**, child, age 3 ½, born in New York
- Mabel L. Hayes**, child, age 2, born in New York (indexed as Maple)
- Maggie Eagan**, servant, age 30

The home was in Wallkill, Orange County, New York, described as frame worth \$5000.

1880 United States Census (Ancestry.com) shows the family now living in Middletown, Orange County, New York, consisting of:

- Uzal T. Hayes**, head, age 46, a tanner, born in New Jersey as were is parents.
- Caroline A. Hayes**, wife, age 45, born in New Jersey as were her parents
- Henry M. Hayes**, son, age 16, born in New Jersey
- T. Edmund Hayes**, son, age 11, born in New Jersey
- C. Augusta Hayes**, daughter, age 8, born in New Jersey (middle name probably was spelled Augusta)
- Mabel Lydia Hayes**, daughter, age 6 born in New Jersey
- Bridget Priest**, servant, age 44, born in Ireland

In spite of the name variations, this is clearly the same family as the State Census. The **U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925** (Ancestry.com) has the image of a passport application for Uzal T. Hayes, Number 21025, dated 10 July 1888 giving his birth date as 4 February 1834 in Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey. He was 5 foot 9 inches tall, had brown eyes and hair and had a full beard.

Now, back to Henry and Caroline's family. The **1900 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) has them living at 31 Highland Avenue, Middletown, Orange County, New York. The family:

- Harry C. McBrair**, head, age 30, a dentist, born May 1869 in New York
- Caroline A. McBrair**, wife, age 28, born December 1871 in New York, had one child
- U. Lawrence McBrair**, son, age 5, born October 1894 in New York (indexed as W. Lawrence)
- Sarah Haddock**, servant, age 27, born May 1872 in New York

The **1910 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) has them still living in Middletown. The family:

- Dr. H. C. McBrair**, head, age 40, a dentist (also indexed as Dr. H. C. McBrberi !)
- Caroline A. McBrair**, wife, age 38
- Charles A Adams**, brother-in-law, age 39, Secretary of a tannery
- Mabel Adams**, sister-in-law, age 36, had two children, none living (sister of Caroline)
- Lawrence McBrair**, son, age 15
- Henry C. McBrair**, son, age 1 (indexed as Henry C. McBrair Jr.)
- Julia M. Dolan**, cook, age 42

The **New York, State Census, 1915** (Ancestry.com) now has them living at 39 Highland Avenue, Middletown. The family (note change in spelling of surname):

- Henry C. McBriar**, head, age 43 (indexed as Harny)
- Carolin A McBriar**, wife, age 42
- Uzal L. McBriar**, son, age 20 (indexed as Ural)
- Henry C. McBriar**, son, age 7
- Charles A, Adams**, brother-in-law, Secretary, Howell Hinderman Co.
- Mabel L. Adams**, sister-in-law, age 41
- Celia Pride**, servant, age 30

The **1920 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) retains the surname spelling of the 1915 Census.

- Henry C. McBriar**, head, age 50, a dentist
- Caroline A. McBriar**, wife, age 48
- Uzal L. McBriar**, son, age 25
- Henry C. McBriar**, son, age 11

Blanche Everly, maid, age 39

The **New York, State Census, 1925** (Ancestry.com) has the surname spelling returned to McBrair. The address remains 39 Highland Avenue, Middletown.

H. C. McBrair, head, age 55, a dentist (indexed as A. C. McBrair Sr.)

Caroline A. McBrair, wife, age 54

Henry C. McBrair, son, age 16

Blanche Everly, servant, age 45

This is the last record found thus far for the 16 year old Henry. We can assume he was Henry Clay McBrair Junior.

The **1930 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows another spelling of the surname. The home, which they own, is still at 39 Highland Avenue, Middletown, and is valued at \$15,000. They also had a radio which seemed to be an important thing in 1930.

Harry C. MacBrair, head, age 60, a dentist

Caroline A. MacBrair, wife age 58

Blanche Everly, servant, age 50, her parents were from Ireland (indexed as Eairly)

No record has yet been found for Henry or Caroline in the 1940 United States Federal Census. The only later record found for them so far is a short death notice in the Boston Herald 30 December 1951 issue:

McBRAIR – In Middletown, N.Y., Dr. Henry C. McBrair, 82, a dentist for more than 60 years.

(www.genealogyBank.com)

There is a possibility, based on birth date and state, that Henry Clay McBrayer the son died 20 July 1990. www.archives.com has three summary reports, two from the Social Security Death Index and one from the Texas Department of State Health Services Death Records:

SSDI: Birth Date: 13 July 1909; Death Date: 20 July 1980; SSN issued: New Jersey; Last Known Address: Texarkana, Texas

Texas Death Records: Birth Date: 13 July, 1908; Death Date: 20 July 1980; Death Location: Bowie, Texas; Certificate Number: 1980050670; Marital Status: separated/divorced

Nothing more definite has been found to date.

More is known about **Uzal Lawrence McBrair**.

U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 (Ancestry.com):

Name: **Uzal L. McBrair**

Home address: 39 Highland Avenue, Middletown, NY

Born: 26 October 1894, Middletown, NY

Employment: Factory Manager and Chemist, Howell Hinchman Co.

Marital status: single Physical characteristics: medium height, slender, blue eyes, brown hair

Dated: 5 June 1917

It is obvious that the form was filed out from someone other than Uzal, his signature is in a different hand and the surname is spelled MacBrair.

New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1918 (Ancestry.com)

Name: **Uzal Lawrence MacBrair**

Residence: 39 Highland Avenue, Middletown, New York

Born in: Middletown, NY, 26 October 1894

Called to service as: 2 Lt Ord C Jan 7/18 – fr CL (*civilian life*)

Promotions: 2 Lt QMC USA Sept 17/18

Organizations: Ord C to Sept 17/18; QMC to disch

Principal stations: Philadelphia, Pa

Hon. disch.: Dec 16/18

U. S. School Yearbooks (Ancestry.com) for Columbia University, New York, New York lists:

U. Lawrence MacBrair as a member of the Delta Gamma Chapter in 1919.

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (Ancestry.com) lists among the passengers sailing on the SS

Orizaba from Havana, Cuba on 29 November 1924 to New York arriving 2 December 1924:

Uzal MacBair, age 30, born in New York, 26 October 1894

Florence MacBair, age 25, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1899

Their address was Number 16, 472 West End Avenue, New York.

As you will see later, this may have been a honeymoon trip.

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 (Ancestry.com) for Middletown has the following 1929 listing:

MacBair, Florence B Mrs asst treas U L MacBair & Company Inc 13 King r 72 Wallkill av

MacBRAIR SECURITIES CORPORATION 1 Center

MacBRAIR U L & COMPANY INC conservative investments 13 King tels 26550-2651-2652 and 2653

MacBRAIR U LAWRENCE (Florence B) pres U L MacBair & Company Inc 13 King and MacBair Securities Corporation 1 Center h 72 Wallkill av

1930 United States Federal Census (Ancestry.com) has living at 72 Wallkill Avenue, Middletown, Orange County, New York:

U. Lawrence MacBair, head, age 35, a broker in an investment firm

Florence B. MacBair, wife, age 30, born in Pennsylvania, father in Maryland and mother in Pennsylvania, a secretary in an investment firm

They had been married about 5 years. They were renting in a home for \$ 75 per month, they had a radio.

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 (Ancestry.com) for Middletown has the following 1935 listing:

MacBair U L & Company Inc – 13 King Inc Feb 25 1928 Pres **U Lawrence MacBair** V Pres Francis J Roe Sec-Treas **Florence B MacBair** Asst Sec Helen A Dougherty

Sometime between 1935 and 1940 Uzal and Florence either divorced or she passed away, it is not know which occurred. In any case, Uzal remarried.

Massachusetts, Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970 (Ancestry.com) has the images of the **Index to Marriages in Massachusetts 1916-1940**. This is in two volumes, but the following were found:

MacBair, Uzal Lawrence; married in Ayer in 1940, Volume 5 Page 273

Brown, Phyllis, married in Ayer in 1940, Volume 5, Page 273

The **1930 U.S. Federal Census** shows a **Phyllis Brown**, age 21 living as a boarder in a house at 67 E. Main Street, Middletown, Orange County, New York. She was a children's librarian at the Thrall Library. This library is still in existence, but at a different location. The year prior to her marriage she was living at 206 Wisner Avenue, Wallkill, New York (next to Middletown). A 1941 city directory has an entry for **Lawrence** and **Phyllis McBair** living in Cuddebackville, a part of the Toen of Deerpark, New York. (private communication Charles DeYoe to Robert McBrayer dated 10 March 2014)

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (Ancestry.com) shows the manifest for the voyage of the SS Santa Lucia sailing from San Antonio, 13 March 1953 and arriving in New York 30 March 1953. First Class passengers included:

Uzal MacBair, age 58 of Cuddebackville, New York

Phyllis MacBair, age 44 of Cuddebackville, New York

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 (Ancestry.com) for Middletown has the following 1957 listing:

MacBair U Lawrence (Phyllis B) co-mgr Carl M Loeb Rhoades & Co 26 North h at Cuddebackville

Loeb, Rhoades & Company was a Wall Stree brokerage firm originally founded in 1931. It later became known as Shearson Loeb Rhoades and eventually became part of American Express in 1981

Uzal died in 1968 and Phyllis in 1994. No obituaries have yet been found for them. No record has been found of any children born of the two marriages of Uzal. Uzal and Phyllis are buried side by side in the Rural Valley Cemetery, Cuddebackville, Orange County, New York (www.findagrave.com)

U. Lawrence MacBair 1894-1968 Memorial Number 89635771

Phyllis B. MacBair 1908-1994

U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current (Ancestry.com):

Uzal MacBrair SSN: 078-10-0873 issued in New York before 1951

Last residence; Cuddebackville, Orange County, New York

Born: 26 October 1894 Died: November 1968

Social Security Death Index (www.Archives.com)

Phyllis B. MacBrair Born: 13 September 1908 Died: 31 December 1994 in New York

And so apparently ends this branch on the Family Tree. But there is more to the story **Who was Henry Clay McBrair's** (the one on page 12) **great grandfather?**

The following biographical sketch gives the answer but also leads to a lot of yet unanswered questions. The difficulty lies with the early records where census reporting was done with only the head of the household named. Another complicating factor is that many people with the names of James and John with surnames of McBrair, McBriar, McBrier appear around the same time of the late 1700s and early to mid 1800s. More sources need to be checked to clarify what has been found. This biographical sketch is from "**Biographical and Genealogical History of the City of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey**" published by The Lewis Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1898 (downloaded from www.archives.org)

The following sketch was published in "Biographical and Genealogical History of the City of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey" by The Lewis Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1898. (www.archives.org). This starts with yet another Henry Clay McBrair.

HENRY CLAY McBRAIR, known as a substantial citizen of Livingston township, is a native of New York city, his birth having occurred on the 15th of July, 1847. His parents were also born in America's metropolis, but the paternal grandfather, James McBrair, was a native of Paisley, Scotland, Emigrating to America, he became one of the directors of the Washington Fire Insurance Company of New York, and was very prominent in fire insurance circles. John McBrair, the father of our subject, was a dry-goods merchant in his early business career, but later engaged in the fire-insurance business as secretary of the Washington Company. When a young man he kept the first set of books of the Erie canal. He was a prominent member of the volunteer fire organization of New York city and in all commercial transactions managed his interests with an ability that brought him handsome financial returns. He married Margaret Ann Varian, whose ancestors were among the first settlers on Manhattan Island, New York. In August 1865, his life's labors were ended by death, and his wife, surviving him for a number of years, passed away in April 1880. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom three are now living, namely: Margaret, wife of William V. Hanson, of Brooklyn; Eliza, wife of Andrew Marshall, of Brooklyn; and Henry C, of this review.

At the parental home Henry C. McBrair was reared to manhood, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. At an early age he accepted a clerkship in the establishment of Harry Miller, a ship chandler of New York, with whom he remained for two years, after which he spent two years in the employ of E. & G. Blunt, dealers in nautical instruments on South Water street, New York. Since 1869 he has not been in active business, but has speculated in real estate, and has made some very paying investments in property whose rapid rise in price has brought him a handsome income. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, farsighted in all transactions, and his sound judgment and keen discernment seldom allow him to make a mistake. His reliability, too, is one of his marked characteristics, and has won him the confidence of the public in a large degree.

On the 2d of February, 1870, Mr. McBrair led to the marriage altar Miss Susan A. Winans, a daughter of William B. Winans, of Livingston township, and a native of Livingston. This union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Wilfred Clayton, a resident of Essex Falls, New Jersey, who was born July 13, 1871, and married Dorinda Kent; Robert James, who was born September 15, 1873; Horace Linden, born June 26, 1877; Florence, born September 16, 1879, and died August 31, 1891; Bertha Marion, born April 22, 1887; and Annie Gladys, born August 27, 1889.

Mr. McBrair has maintained his residence at his present home for a quarter of a century. To be a resident of this section of the county and not know Mr. McBrair, is to argue one's self unknown. His genial manner, affability and kindness have won him the warm regard of all with whom he has come in contact, and his sterling worth commands the respect of his fellow townsmen in an unlimited degree. He is now serving as trustee of the Olivet Chapel, of Livingston. In politics he is an independent Democrat and has been very active and prominent, exerting a wide influence in his partv. However, he has never consented to accept public office, content to fill the position of a "high private" in the ranks of American citizenship.

Starting the search with **James**, the grandfather of the above **Henry Clay McBrair**, a number of family trees popped up on Ancestry.com.. Several of these were created by the same person, however, there are differences seen for a given person in different trees. Still these can be used to try to piece together a new tree while verifying records which do not always show what they seem to be from the tree and conflict with the biographical sketches.

The Family Tree "MacBrair Family Tree" has the following with the surname spelled as shown:

James MacBrair, born in Paisley, Scotland, 2 September 1780 and died in New York City 7 February 1856

Spouse: **Eliza White**, born in Scotland 1788, died 1841

Children:

John MacBrair 1808-1865

James MacBrair 1808-1839

Robert MacBrair 1810-1835

Eliza MacBrair 1816-1830

George P. (or F.) MacBrair 1819-1848

We can take from the sketch that **James** (the father) was from Paisley, Scotland, therefore giving validity to the tree's reported birthplace however, the birth date has not been verified and no citation was given for it. The death date can be verified by "**New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890**" (Ancestry.com) from the New York Evening Post of Thursday 7 February 1856:

City Wed Feb 7, James MacBrair 76y (note: the extract had a 6 struck out before the 7, so the date of death should be the 6th to correspond to the day noted..) With the age given as 76, this would correspond to the 1780 date in the tree. The date also corresponds to the burial date given below..

From Saturday, 18 September 1835:

This morning in 25th yr. Robert, s. James MacBrair, 14 Lispenard This corresponds to the tree dates but not to the burial date below. Perhaps he was re-buried.

From Monday, 18 February 1839

Havana, Jan. 29, in 30th yr. James MacBrair, Jr. of N.Y. This corresponds to the tree dates but not to the burial date below. Perhaps he was re-buried.

From Wednesday, 21 April, 1841:

Wed Apr 21, Eliza w James MacBrair 55 y 14 Lispenard St This corresponds to the tree date but not to the burial date below.

From Wednesday 29 March 1848:

Tues Mar 28, George P McBriar in 29y Greenwood Cemetery This corresponds to the tree dates but not to the burial date below. Perhaps he was re-buried.

Further supporting information of the death can be found in the Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. This cemetery was founded in 1838 and is located on the highest point of Brooklyn and four glacial ponds. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. A number of famous people are buried there. Found in Lot 2115, Section 90 are:

McBriar, James burial date 1856-02-08

McBrair, Anna burial date 1849-12-15

McBrair, Eliza burial date 1848-04-17

and in Lot 2037, Section 82 (just across a path from Section 90) are:

McBrair, Julia burial date 1883-11-25

McBrair, Robert burial date 1859-01-24

McBriar, George burial date 1869-02-08

The dates for Robert and George do not correspond to the tree dates. Genealogical data have been requested from the cemetery which may help with other information. All these burials are referenced with memorial numbers on www.FindAGrave.com.

U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 (Ancestry.com) has the following:

James McBrayer, spouse **Elizabeth White** born 1788

This data base is a compilation from many sources including family data sheets and an original document is not available, therefore the accuracy cannot be judged

The tree also has a timeline which shows James immigrating to America in 1812. The data is in **U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s** (Ancestry.com) and

is from "**British Aliens in the United States during the War of 1812**", Kenneth Scott, compiler; Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1979. The book is out of print but may be found in some libraries. The data:

James McBrair primary immigrant, arrival year 1812, arrival place New York, New York

The date of arrival may be in error since the biographical sketch states James' son John was born in New York and the tree date gives his birth year as 1808.

Lomgsworth's American Almanac: New York Register and City Directory, T. Longworth, 1837, New York, New York has the following entry:

**WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY – Fire.
8 Wall Street**

Winding up.

Receivers — James Swords, **James McBrair**, Wm. Mandeville.

This supports the statement in the biographical sketch of James involvement in Wshington Fire Insurance Company.

Now to **John McBrair**:

The Family Trees "MacBrair Family" and "MacBrair Family Tree_2012-06-16" contain information about John and his family. His family:

John McBrair, born 1808 in New York, died 1865 in Rye, Westcheste County, New York

Wife No. 1 **Margaret Ann Varian McBrair** 1810-1880 and her children:

Eliza MacBrair

Margaret H. MacBrair 1827-

James MacBrair Jr. 1830-1873 (this is the father of **Henry Clay McBrair** on page 12)

Lucretia G. MacBrair 1832-1860

Infant MacBrair 1835-1835

Robert MacBrair 1838-1841

Anna McBrier 1839-1846

Cornelia MacBrair 1845-1845

Henry Clay MacBrair 1847-1926 (the one on pages 17 & 18)

Wife No, 2 **Deborah Varian MacBrair** – no known issue.

The two wives were sisters, the daughters of **Jacob Harsen Varian** and **Hester Murphy**. Their family is given in the book "**The Varian Family**" by Samuel Briggs, printed by T.C. Scwenk & Co., Cleveland, Ohio 1881

(<https://ia600306.us.archive.org/13/items/bookofvarianfami1881brig/bookofvarianfami1881brig.pdf>)

180. **JACOB HARSEN VARIAN**, b. N.Y., Jan., 1773, may be identical with the person of the same name who is mentioned in old directories of N.Y. as residing or doing business as butcher at 74 Bowery, 1796-7: 113 Bowery, 1798-1805: 24 Catherine Market and 95 First St., 1809-1815; Rivington St., 1817; Forsyth, near Rivington, 1817; 26 Catherine Market, h. 233 Forsyth, 1819-1821; h. 21 Eldridge St., 1823-1827 and 1836-46. He resided at 74 Forsyth St., 1848-0, and deceased of paralysis there, 16 April 1849, aged 76 years and 3 months, and was bur. at St. Mark's Cemetery

He m. Hester Murphy, and at the decease of his father received but a *life interest* in *his* estate, which was entailed to his (Jacob's) children and their heirs.

Such children would appear by said will to have been:

182. Elizabeth, m. and had issue at date of will.

183. Charlotte, m. ----- Webster and had dau. Mary

184. Cornelia

185. Alletta, m. and had issue at date of will

186. Hester

187. **Margaret** (first wife of **John MacBrair**)

188. Ann

189. Michael

190. James

191. Jacob Harson, b. N.Y., 16 Sep., 1811, d. 4 Feb., 1855, at 19 Eldridge, N.Y., of nephritis, aged 43 years 8 months, bur. St. Mark's Cemetery.

192. **Deborah** (second wife of **John MacBrair**)

193. Mary, d. 74 Forsyth St., N.Y., 19 Dec., 1848, of phthisis (*TB*), aged 32 years, 7 months,

6 days, and was bur. at St. Mark's Cemetery. Her will was proved 1849 (N.Y. Co. Records, Lib. 97, p. 100), and mentions "mother Hester," Mary Webster, dau. of Charlotte 183, and *late sister*----

194. Lucretia, and her sons Joseph, Samuel H. and Jacob H. Graham.

The "**New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890**" (Ancestry.com) from the New York Evening Post of Saturday, 14 April 1849 announced:

Sat 14th Jacob H Varian Sr in 78y son Jacob H Jr., son in law Dr James Cockcroft

U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925 (Ancestry.com) has the image of a hand written letter from John McBrair to Honorable Daniel Webster, Secretary of State dated 9 April 1851 in application for a passport. The text read:

"Being about to visit Europe, I am desirous of obtaining a passport. Below you have the description as required by the recent act of Congress. Your attention to the same will confer a favor on.

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obt. Sr.

John McBrair"

Height: 5 feet 10 in.

Hair: Brown & Grey

Eyes: Dark Blue

Weight: 190 lbs.

Complexion: Fair

Age: 43 Years

Born: in the City of New York

Forehead: High

Mouth: Medium

Nose: Roman

Chin: Ordinary"

Going now to **Henry Clay McBrair** of the sketch on pages 17 & 18, he is first found in the **1850 United States Federal Census** living with his mother and sister in the Hanson home in Williamsburg, Kings County, New York. It is not clear if these families are related. In the household:

Wm. V. Hanson, age 32, a ship carpenter, born in New York

Margt Hanson, age 22, born in New York

Ann Hanson, age 0, born in New York

Maria Hanson, age 54, born in New York

Garrett Hanson, age 21, a bookbinder, born in New York

Ann Hanson, age 16, born in New York

Ann McBrair, age 44, born in New York (*this is Margaret Ann Varian McBrair*)

Eliza McBrair, age 14, born in New York

Henry McBrair, age 3, born in New York

Margt Quinn, age 18, born in Ireland

Why was Margaret and her children living away from their husband and father? This explained by the following which appeared in the MacBrair Family Tree as a two part photo more easily read by transcribing it. The source was not given, however, it is probably from State of New York Court Records.

LAW REPORTS

SUPREME COURT – SPECIAL TERM

Before Judge Daniels.

THE RIGHTS OF A DIVORCED WIFE AS TO ALIMONY AND DOWER.

Margaret Ann McBrair vs, Deborah McBrair et al. — In January, 1849, the plaintiff in this action obtained a divorce, on the grounds of adultery, from her husband, John McBrair. By the terms of the decree the husband was to pay a stipulated sum per annum by way of alimony, so long as she should remain unmarried. For several years the alimony was duly paid, but latterly it had come to be in arrears. At length the divorced husband died, but before his death, and subsequent to the decree of divorce, his father died, leaving a will under which the husband became entitled to an annuity, and, as the Courts have decided, to a vested remainder in certain lands which the father died seized. This action was brought by the widow against the representatives of the deceased husband, for the purpose of obtaining the alimony in arrear, some guarantee as to the prospective dower as to all the lands in which her husband had an interest at the time of his death.

The Court, among other things, has decided that the plaintiff is not entitled to dower in lands

acquired by her husband after the decree of divorce was obtained, but that she is entitled to alimony during her life, and that her husband's death makes no difference as to her claim for prospective alimony or arrears of the same. The decree, therefore, is for all now due, and that security be given for all prospective alimony, so far as the property will satisfy it. But she has no claim for dower in property acquired subsequent to the decree of divorce.

Unfortunately there was no date recorded for the above case but it would have been after John's death. The **New York Genealogical Records, 1675-1920** (Ancestry.com) states:

John McBrair Death Date: abt 1865 Burial date: 1865
Burial Place: Rye, Westchester County, New York

A further report of legal action is given in the following excerpt and helps to further identify family members. (**Women, Money, and the Law**, Joyce W. Warren, University of Iowa Press, September 1, 2009 - available from Amazon. Editor's note: This book is very interesting reading and helps to explain the status of and attitudes towards women in the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries in particular.)

A final inheritance case involved a suit for the construction of the will of the deceased. In 1856 James McBrair died leaving much property, including buildings on Wall Street and Water Street and undeveloped land on Fifth Avenue at Fortieth Street. In his will he specified that all of his property was to go to his son John and John's children. He also specified that the property should not be sold during the lifetime of John and his children but should be leased. John had four living children: James, Eliza, and Margaret, as well as Henry Clay, who was still a minor. His daughter Lucretia had died, but her husband, Abraham, and son, John, were among the defendants. The other defendant was John's wife Deborah, who, along with their adult children and son-in-law; apparently disagreed with John regarding his father's will. In 1859 the court ruled that the terms of the will must be upheld: the property could not be sold. John was appointed trustee to execute leases for the premises. However, when the leases were drawn up, John's adult children refused to sign them. Margaret used avoidance tactics. When the lawyer called, she remained 'busy elsewhere in the house, superintending cleaning and repairing her home.' Interestingly, the lawyer did not ask to see her; he talked only to her brother. The next time the lawyer called, she was out and remained away from home from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. "Entirely accidental," she said, when she was threatened with contempt of court. The lawyer gave her a copy of one of the leases, but, she said, "it would have been utterly impossible for me to read the lease and understand and compare it to the judgment of the court without several hours time and the aid of counsel or other person of experience." Her husband, she said, was out of town. She conceded that if her brother and sister signed the lease, she would. On October 5, 1864, the court ordered James, Eliza, and Margaret to sign all of the leases within fifteen days, which they did. However, John McBrair died the following year. He left all of his real estate to his wife with the remainder of his property to his son Henry Clay McBrair, now of age, and his grandson, John Rose, a minor. After John McBrair died, Deborah, his widow, along with her son-in-law, Abraham, went to court and obtained an order to sell the land, even though according to her father-in-law's will the land was not to be sold. In March 1869 the land was ordered sold at public auction. James McBrair's will was broken by his son's wife.

As stated above, John's daughter Lucretia died before he did. The **U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885** (Ancestry.com):

Lucretia Rose, age 28; Death Date December 1859; Cause of Death: Consumption, Census Year: 1860; Census Place: New York Ward 20, District 5, New York, New York

Green-Wood Cemetery records show that she was buried in the same lot and section as James and Eliza McBrair, her grandparents.

Lucretia G. Rose Burial Date: 1859-12-19

Also there is:

Alice Rose Burial Date: 1860-1-12

Could this be an infant daughter of Lucretia and Abraham? Perhaps records at Green-Wood Cemetery will answer this question

It does appear that the book excerpt above has the date of **John's** death transposed from 1865 to 1856. Lucretia died before her father did and the book agrees with this point.

Now back to Henry Clay McBrair. As stated in the sketch, he married Susan A. Winans on 2 February 1870. Her background can be seen from the **1860 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com). The

family was living in Livingston, Essex County, New Jersey. Her father had personal property worth \$100.

Wm. B. Winans, head, age 46, a shoemaker, born in New Jersey

Betsey Winans, wife, age 42, born in New Jersey

Thomas J. Winans, son, age 15, born in New Jersey

Sidney Winans, son, age 13, born in New Jersey

Susan A. Winans, daughter, age 10, born in New Jersey

Mary Winans, daughter, age 5, born in New Jersey

Henry has not been found yet in the 1860 Census, but appears with Susan in the **1870 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) living on a farm in Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey. He apparently did get some inheritance from his father because he had real estate valued at \$10,000 and personal property at \$30,000.

Henry C. McBrair, head, age 22, a farmer

Susan A. McBrair, wife, age 20, keeping house

George Varian, age 23, farm labor (*Perhaps he was a cousin of Henry's.*)

Oscar Carter, age 18, farm labor

Anne Murray, age 40, a domestic, born in Ireland

It is interesting to note that Henry being shown as a farmer in the census was not referred to as such in the sketch. Perhaps he was more of a "gentleman farmer" who owned a farm but did not work it. By the **1880 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com), the family was living in Livingston, Essex County, New Jersey.

Henry McBrair, head, age 32, a farmer

Susan A. McBrair, wife, age 30

Wilfred McBrair, son, age 8

Robert J. McBrair, son, age 6

Horace C. McBrair, son, age 3

Florance McBrair, daughter, age 1

In the **1900 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com), the family was originally indexed with the surname "Mcdrair" but the actual document could be seen to be McBrair. They owned a home at 25th Avenue, East Orange Ward 4, Essex County, New Jersey. Henry and Susan had been married for 30 years and had had 6 children, 5 of whom were living at the time of the census. From the sketch we can learn that Florence died in 1891.

Henry C. McBrair, head, age 52, a real estate agent, born July 1847 in New York

Susan A. McBrair, wife, age 50, born December 1849 in New Jersey

James R. McBrair, son, age 26, born September 1873 in New Jersey

Horace L. McBrair, son, age 22, born June 1877 in New Jersey

Bertha M. McBrair, daughter, age 13, at school, born April 1887 in New Jersey

Annie G. McBrair, daughter, age 10, at school, born August 1889 in New Jersey

No employment was shown for sons James and Horace.

By the time of the **1910 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com), the family had moved to Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey where they owned a home on Hillside Avenue. The surname was recorded as MacBrair. Henry was no longer working.

Henry C. MacBrair, head, age 62

Susan A. MacBrair, wife, age 58

James R. MacBrair, son, age 37, a carpenter

Bertha M. MacBrair, daughter, age 22

Gladys A. MacBrair, daughter, age 20 (*Annie G. in the 1900 Census*)

Henry and Susan have not been found in the 1930 Census. From the McBrair Family Tree cited, Henry dies in 1926. This is yet to be verified.

The widowed **Susan** moved to Texas where she is shown in the **1930 United States Federal Census** living with her daughter Anne's family at 902 N. Winnetka Avenue, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The home which they owned was valued at \$5,300.

Joseph D. Malcomson, head, age 57, an insurance salesman, a veteran, married first at age 30, born in New Jersey, father born in England and mother in New York.

Anne G. Malcomson, wife, age 40, married first at age 30

Catherine A. Malcomson, daughter, age 7, born in Texas

Susan McBrair, mother-in-law, age 80

Joseph was the son of **Thomas H. Malcomson** and **Emily B. Macomson** as shown in the 1920 United States Federal Census when they lived in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The 1930 Census would suggest that he had been married before but nothing has been found yet on a first wife. The age difference between Joseph and Anne is verified by the birth certificate for their daughter **Catherine Ann** issued by the Texas Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics (Ancestry.com).

Place of birth St. Paul Sanatorium, Dallas Date 4 June 1942 at 6:40 P.M.

Father: **Joseph Malcomson**, age 49 born in New Jersey, living at 5523 E. Grand, Occupation: Southern Law

Mother: **Gladys MacBrair**, age 32 born in New Jersey, living at 5523 E. Grand, Occupation: Housewife

Register Number: 1605 Certificate Number 31443

Joseph, Anne and **Catherine** lived in the same home at the time of the **1940 United States Federal Census**. It is thought that **Susan** died about 1936, but no record has been found to date. The **U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current** (Ancestry.com) reports **Joseph Malcomson**, SSN 461-24-1408, whose last residence was in Dalla, Dallas County, Texas, died in June 1968. **Anne Gladys McBrair Malcomson** also died in 1968 according to Memorial 24059355 on www.FindAGrave.com with the place of death noted as Oak Cliff, Dallas County, Texas. Her birth date is given as 27 August 1889 which corresponds to the census data.. She was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Orange, Essex County, New Jersey. Anne's sister, **Florence McBrair** who died at the age of 12, also is buried in that cemetery. No dates are given in Memorial 25009950 for either birth or death dates.

But there is still at least one more **Henry Clay McBraier**, the grandson of the Henry Clay McBrair above. He was the son of **Horace Linden McBrair** who can be seen in the home of his father in the 1880 and 1900 Census on page 22 of this newsletter.

Horace registered for the **WW I Draft – U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918** (Ancestry.com):

Lived at: 3 Buttonwood Road, Essex Fells, Essex County, New Jersey

Born: 26 June 1877

Occupation: Fire Insurance Examiner, Home Insurance Company

Spouse: **Emma M. McBrair**

Description: Medium Height, Medium Build, Blue Eyes, Brown Hair, No physical disability

Emma was the daughter of Frederick Sayre and Etta E. Ward of New Jersey. Frederick died in March 1897 when Emma was 9. Frederick was a carpenter. Etta supported the family of 4 children by working in a grocery store. Frederick was the descendant of John Sayre who died in the Battle of Monmouth during the Revolutionary War. (from various records on Ancestry.com)

The **1920 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) has Horace's family living in a rented home on Butterwood Road.

Horace L. McBrair, head, age 42, a clerk in an insurance office

Emma M. McBrair, wife, age 31

Henry C. McBrair, son, age 9

Elizabeth W. S. McBrair, daughter, age 3

Etta E. Sayre, mother-in-law, age 69, widowed

In the **1930 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) Horace's family is found as a renter in the home of his older brother Wilfred. The home was at 285 Roseland Avenue, Essex Fells. Rent was \$65 per month.

Horace L. McBrair, head, age 52, cashier in a fire insurance company

Emma M. McBrair, wife, age 42

Henry C. McBrair, son, age 19

Elizabeth W. McBrair, daughter, age 13

By the **United States Census, 1940** (www.familysearch.org) Wilfred's and Horace's families were shown as one household at the Roseland Avenue address. The surname spelling was changed by the enumerator.

Wilfred MacBrair, head, age 70, in his own poultry business

Elizabeth MacBair, wife, age 70, a Postmaster who made \$2100 in 1939

Florence U. MacBair, daughter, age 36, a nurse who made \$75 for 2 weeks work in 1939

Bertha MacBair, sister, age 52, a nurse who apparently did not work in 1939

Horace L. MacBair, brother, age 62, accountant for a fire insurance firm who made \$3210 in 1939

Elizabeth MacBair, niece, age 23, a salesgirl in a department store who made \$150 for 9 weeks work in 1939

Elizabeth, the daughter of Horace, apparently did not marry. The **U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current** (Ancestry.com) data for her:

Name: **Elizabeth S. McBair**

Last Residence: Marlton, Burlington County, New Jersey

Born: 8 November 1916

Died: 6 November 2010

But what happened to **Henry C.** and was he **Henry Clay McBair**?

An article in the 9 June 1937 issue of the **Greensboro Record**, Greensboro, North Carolina (www.genealogybank.com) covered the commencement at the University of North Carolina. Among the graduates receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering was "**Henry Clay McBair, Essex Falls, N.J.**" The town name is correctly Essex Falls.

The **Greensboro Daily News**, Greensboro, North Carolina (www.genealogybank.com) had earlier reported in its 18 April 1937 issue the following announcement.

Miss Jordan Weds Henry C. McBair in Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill. April 17. - Miss Margaret Nicholson Jordan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Melville Jordan, was married tonight to Henry Clay McBair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Linden McBair, of Essex Falls, N.J. by Rev. A. S. Lawrence in the Chapel of the Cross.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, wore an ice-blue satin Empire gown with a court train fastened with pearl clips at the shoulders. Her mother's wedding veil of net was caught at the back of the crown, forming a fraulein cap of rose point lace. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. McBair attended Smith College at Northampton, Mass., two years, and graduated from the University of North Carolina last spring. She is a member of the university chapter of the Chi Omega sorority and was president of the campus women's association last year.

Mr. McBair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McBair of Essex Falls, N. J. He received his early education at Kingsley Academy in Essex Falls, attended the University of North Carolina for four years and was graduated from the school of electrical engineering last spring. He is a member of the honorary electrical engineering society, Tau Beta Pi, and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, of which he was president in 1935.

Following the ceremony, the couple were entertained at a bridal supper at the home of the bride's parents.

The **1930 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) provides information about Margaret. The family was living at 401 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina. The home was owned and was valued at \$ 15,000. Nearby neighbors also were employed the same as Margaret's father.

Arthur M. Jordan, head, age 42, born in Virginia, married at 26, a teacher at a university

Carrie N. Jordan, wife, age 42, born in Kansas, married at 26 (*her maiden name was Nicholson*)

Margaret N. Jordan, daughter, age 14, born in Arkansas (*she was indexed as Margaret W.*)

Arthur M. Jordan Jr., son, age 9, born in Arkansas

Mary F. Jordan, mother, age 72, a widow, born in North Carolina

U.S. Cities Directories, 1821-1989 (Ancestry.com) include two of interest.

1955 McBair, Henry C (Margaret J) elec engr NY h 20 Bowers rd C (*C= Caldwell*)

McBair, Elizabeth S. clk Newark r 285 Roseland av EF (*EF = Essex Falls*)

McBair, Horace L. (Emma H) tax assessor 241 Roseland av EF r 285 do

1957 McBair, Henry C (Margaret J) elec engr NY h 20 Bowers rd C

McBair, Elizabeth S. rem to E. Orange

McBair, Horace L. (Emma H) rem to E. Orange

(On the same page is McBair Edwin M b 203 Mountain av. He is from the F. W. Woolworth dime store family)

Social Security Index, 1937 to 2011 (www.archives.com) reports Henry Clay's death

Henry C. McBair born: 25 November 1910

Died: 29 January 1990

Last known residence: Caldwell, New Jersey

No record has been found for any children of Henry and Margaret nor has a report of Margaret's death been found.

More research is now needed to determine if there are living descendants of this family who may be able to help in our DNA surname project and firmly place our roots in Scotland.

Three Generations of Patricks

Having gone through the generations of Henry Clay McBairs, we can get more current with three generations of McBrayers with Patrick as part of the given names.

On the right is Family Association Member **Patrick Allen McBrayer**, on the left his son **Patrick Johnson McBrayer**, and in the middle his grandson **William Patrick**. Young William Patrick joined the family in June 2012 and was born in Philadelphia.

Patrick Allen is 8th generation in America (James Woodrow, Reuben, David Onslow, Elisha, David, William, William) and was born in Rutherfordton, Rutherford County, North Carolina. He and his wife Leslie Lee Johnson McBrayer now live in Newtown, Pennsylvania. He participated in the first McBrayer DNA surname project (only 4 of us then) and he and your Editor's profile were identical even though our branches split at the second generation.

Note: There is also another Patrick Allen McBrayer in the family who was born 4 years before the above Patrick Allen. The split in their branches came in the second generation of William's line.



The Neversink Light and Power Company

Why would we be interested in a light and power company? Because it was founded by Dr. Henry Clay McBrair, the dentist (see starting on page 12 of this newsletter). The company was located on the D & H (Delaware and Hudson) Canal in the Neversink Valley, Orange County, New York.

The following is an extract from an article in "The D&H Neversink Feeder" from the Neversink Valley Museum of History and Innovation. (<http://www.neversinkmuseum.org/Neversink%20Feeder.html>)

The D & H Canal, conceived as a means to get coal from Pennsylvania to New York City, was dug and blasted through 108 miles of wilderness by 2,500 men and 200 teams of horses linking the Delaware River to the Hudson in an engineering feat employing 108 locks.

On February 22, 1899, the D&H Canal's board of directors adopted a resolution sanctioning the abandonment of the D&H Canal. Shortly thereafter, the canal was sold to S. D. Coykendall. Like the rest of the canal, the feeder had been subject to blowouts and breaks. Problems with the feeder didn't stop when the canal was sold. In 1901 the feeder was, once again, a source of trouble. A lack of water entering the canal from the feeder was causing dismay in the neighborhood. Dr. Henry C. McBrair, a well-to-do dentist from Middletown who owned property on the west bank of the Neversink River just above the Roebling aqueduct, was the owner of the feeder and had shut it down. This caused the water in the nearby canal to stagnate. (His son would later go on to become part of a five man consortium that purchased Wolf Lake and developed the land for sale to New York City vacationers.) Complaints reached all the way to the Governor's office in Albany.

The feeder didn't lie dormant for long. In 1903 a hydropower plant was built by the Neversink Light and Power Company just below the site of the former lock 51. Dr. McBrair founded the company and became its first president. This plant would supply 1,200 kilowatts of electric power to Monticello, Port Jervis and Middletown. In conjunction with the construction of the power plant and its reservoir, the feeder was rebuilt to accommodate a flow rate of 400 cubic feet per second. To prevent erosion of the feeder's walls by the fast flowing stream of water, the feeder was lined with wood.

"**Electrical World and Engineering**," published by Electrical World and Engineering, New York, in Volume XLII on page 213-215 (August 8, 1903) and extensive article on "Hydraulic-Electric Development in the Neversink Light and Power Company, Middletown, N.Y." In that article was the following:

The president of the Neversink Light & Power Company is Dr. Henry C. McBrair, of Middletown, N.Y., who first recognized the value of the power purposes of the abandoned canal and indefatigable energy secured control of the properties and arranged for the completion of the development.

From a comment on the shared photo page of www.flickrriver.com, the company went out of business in 1950 and all the buildings are in ruin.

Whiskey

What would an issue of *In Defiance* be without some mention of whiskey?



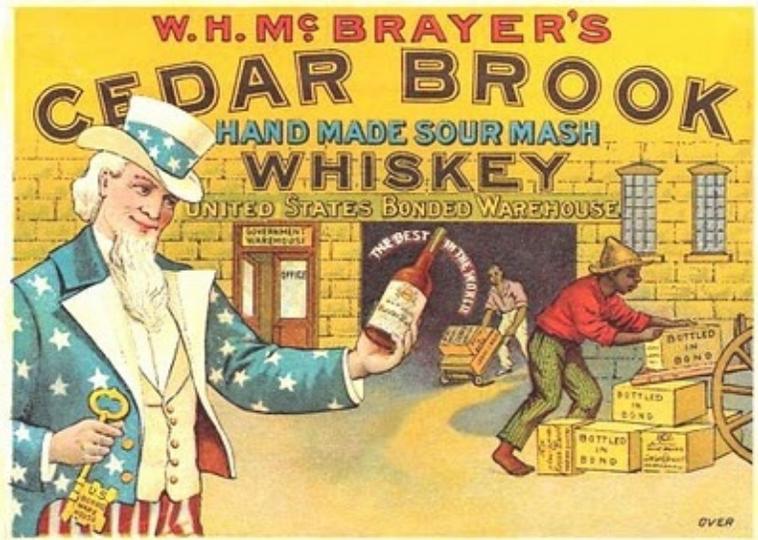
The bottle shown in the picture on the left was sold in an eBay auction on 30 January 2014 for \$51.00. Only the front label was on the bottle and there was no location of the distillery shown. The seller said it was from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky but wrote me that he had no proof of this, it was just what he had been told by the auction house where he obtained it. The bottle had a metal cap so it dates from the 1920's or so.

In the red circle is “DISTILLED from SELECTED GRAIN and MATURED in WOOD.” Bordering the circle in the black bands is “FINE” on the left and “OLD” on the right. This is an example of a label which differs from the trademarked names we know: “Cedar Brook” and “Old McBrayer” which were originally made by family members. It is possible that someone used the reputation of the name “McBrayer” to sell whatever they made. I have in my collection a bottle with a similar label, again no location is shown.. I also have a bottle with the label “Old McBrier Whiskey” which has a back label stating “Produced prior to January 17, 1920, by Glendale Distillery Co., Distillery No. 9, District of Indiana. Bottled at General Bonded Warehouse No. 1, Fifth District of Kentucky.— For Medicinal Purposes only. Sale or use for other purposes will

cause heavy penalties to be inflicted.” The tax stamp states it was made Spring 1917 and bottled Spring 1930. Other bottles in the collection have just “McBrayer Whiskey” and were bottled for various merchants.

In the pre-Prohibition era, it was not unusual for distillers to use Uncle Sam in their ads. . The one at right and the one on the following page for Cedar Brook are examples.

There was a good reason for making these ads to show government control of commerce. In 1897 following a Congressional investigation into large scale counterfeiting and adulteration of whiskey, the Bottled in Bond Act was passed and signed into law by President Grover Cleveland.. The Act stated that whiskey must be straight whiskey, made in one distilling season and made by one distiller. It must be stored in bonded warehouses under U.S. government supervision and it must also be bottled at 100 proof and aged for no less than 4 years. The Act is still in place and can be used as a gauge or getting really good whiskey. Prior to its enactment, a distiller could add many things such as tobacco, iodine, molasses, fruit juice or even acid to make their product. Adulteration with methanol (wood alcohol) could cause blindness.



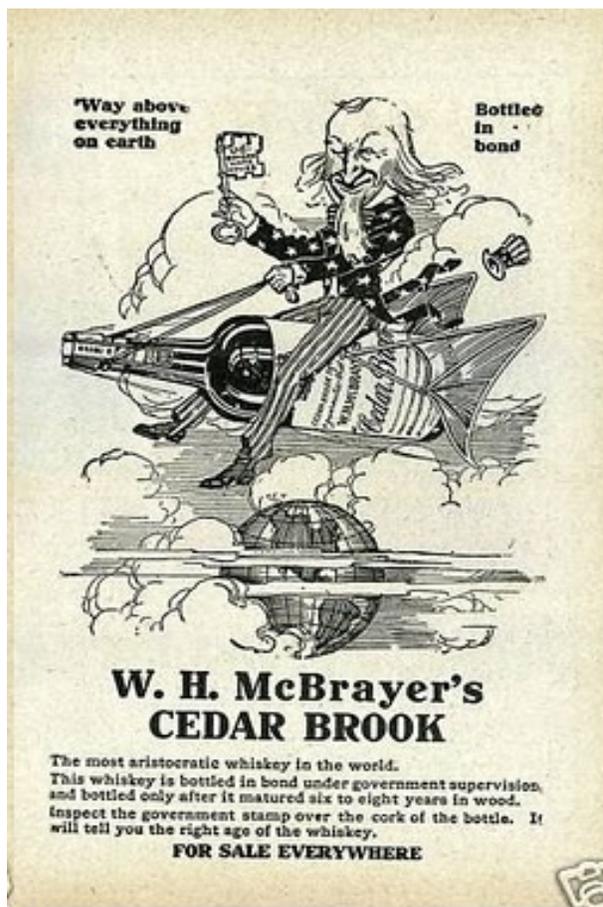
During prohibition bonded whiskeys were still produced. We know that the **Old McBrayer** brand name appeared on bottles which show that they were produced by different companies. This was no guarantee that every whiskey with the **Old McBrayer** name was of the same quality since the trademark was owned by the

American Medicinal Spirits Company yet produced by several distillers.

It should be noted that following Prohibition, after National Distillers Products Company was the producer and near the end of production, **Old McBrayer** was no longer a bonded whiskey. It was labeled as 86 proof blended whiskey and the back label stated “The straight whiskies in this product are 4 years or more old. 35% Straight Whiskey, 65 % grain neutral spirits.” Nothing is mentioned about the water used to cut the proof to 86 nor about any color added to make the grain neutral spirits, a normal clear liquid, appear the same as an aged whiskey. It was not a “sippin’ whiskey.”

It is not known for certain that the **Cedar Brook** brand was produced during prohibition, but the bottle shown below suggests it was. The bottle, which was in a recent eBay auction, had no back label and no producer was shown on the front label which states:

Cedar Brook
 (By Authority Julius Kessler & Co.)
 Hand Made Kentucky Whiskey.
 The best known Brand in the World.
 Unexcelled in Purity and Quality.
 Exceptional for Medicinal Use..
 Bottled in Bond under the supervision
 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Department.



As you might expect, some of our kin have been involved in the making of whiskey outside the law during prohibition.

No doubt they were just carrying on a tradition from the early days of the family in America. Records have been found for family living in Alabama who were jailed for the crime of “Distilling” and who were incarcerated in the Jackson County, Alabama, Prison (Ancestry.com – **Alabama, Convict Records, 1886-1952**).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sentence began</u>	<u>Discharged</u>
Byrd McBrayer	42	18 March 1925	18 April 1926
Herbert McBrayer	22	18 March 1925	8 December 1925 – Paroled
Lack McBryar	21	15 September 1932	18 March 1933 – Paroled
Claud McBryar	22	15 March 1933	20 September 1933 – Paroled
Tom McBryar	26	15 March 1933	22 September 1933 – Paroled

Bryd was 6th generation in America (Thomas Jefferson, William, David, William, William). He was a farmer who lived with his family in Gross Springs, Jackson County, Alabama. Claud and Tom were his sons. Lack was the son of Byrd’s brother Isaac. Herbert’s connection is not clear.

While we can’t say for certain why these men got into the distilling business, two conditions may well have influenced their decisions. Prohibition began in the United States on 16 January and ended on 5 December 1933. Lots of alcohol was available during those times both legally and illegally made. The Great Depression

in the United States also left men out of work and any way to make money was of interest. The Depression began with the Stock Market crash of 29 October 1929 and was not considered over until the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 and industrial production soon began booming as the U.S. entered World War II. Both could have been a reason for **Lack McBryar**. The **1930 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) has him living with his small family in the home of his brother-in-law at 2804 William Street, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. The house was rented for \$18 per month.

Mike Gentry, head, age 35, born in Alabama, married at age 21, a welder in a bottle manufacturing plant

Gertrude Gentry, wife, age 27, born in Alabama, married at age 13 (*sister of Lack McBryar*)

William Gentry, son, age 12, born in Alabama

Lena Gentry, daughter, age 10, born in Alabama

Oval Gentry, son, age 8, born in Alabama

Chester Gentry, son, age 3, born in Tennessee

Ivan Gentry, son, age 1, born in Tennessee

Lack McBryar, brother-in-law, age 19, born in Alabama, a laborer on a steam railroad

Carrie McBryar, sister-in-law, age 22, born in Georgia

Lebron McBryar, nephew, age 0, born in Georgia

Gertrude and **Lack** were 7th generation in America (Isaac "Ike", Thomas Jefferson (Pvt.), William, David, William, William).

Lack's family has not been found in the 1940 Census but more was learned about Lebron after his obituary:

LEBRON McBRYAR, 83 of Rossville, Georgia departed this life Thursday, October 10, 2013. He was born in Dade County, Georgia to the late **Lack & Carri McBryar**. LeBron worked for Vulcan Materials where he drove a concrete truck for 37 years and he was of the Baptist Faith.

LeBron was also preceded in death by his wife, Imogene McBryar, son, Darryl McBryar, daughter, Sharon McBryar, great-grandson, Dakota Avans, and brothers, Roy, J.C., and Bay McBryar.

Survivors include his children, Kathy Sumner of Rossville, Jill (Francisco) Morales of Athens, TN, David McBryar of Chickamauga, Terry McBryar of Rossville, Michael McBryar of East Ridge, brothers, LaVene McBryar, Rayburn McBryar both of Sand Mountain, 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, October 14, 2013 in the chapel with Pastor Rick Sumner officiating. Family will receive friends after 4:00 PM Saturday, all day Sunday, and prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Hawkins Cemetery on Lookout Mountain. Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home -Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

(<http://hosting-25677.tributes.com/show/LeBron-McBryar-96533885>)

The **U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1** (Ancestry.com) gives **Lebraon's** birth date as 6 January 1930 and his address in 1991 as 1110 Arkillous Circle, Rossville, Georgis 30741-1109.

LeBron served in the U.S. Air Force according to **Honolulu, Hawaii, Passengers and Crew Lists, 1900-1959** (Ancestry.com) where he is Listed as McBryer, Labraon, Specialist 3rd class, age 27, Service Number RA4298504 on a flight from Midway Island to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, which arrived on 22 July 1957. The flight was on a C-97 Stratofreighter (based on the B-29 Superfortress).

LeBron was laid to rest in the Hawkins Cemetery, Rising Fawn, Dade County, Georgia (www.findagrave.com Memorial 118630298) where his wife **Imogene** is also buried. She was the daughter of Boyd and Mary Abbott Cameron. She died 16 February 2008. (www.findagrave.com Memorial 125706502). She was born 3 May 1934 (Social Security Death Index, www.legacy.com)

Many of **McBryar** Family members are buried in the Gib Dock Stephens Cemetery, Trenton, Dade County, Georgia., including **LeBron's** father **Lack** and brother **Roy**. (www.findagrave.com)

Given Name	Memorial	Birth	Death	Relationship
Bertha M.	52710669	20 April 1941	unknown	
Betty Jean Hartline	112124249	31 August 1937	10 June 2013	w. of Isaac LaVene
Carrie	52712666	14 April 1908	5 May 1995	w. of Lack
Infant	52712743	unknown	unknown	baby of Nell
Jerry L.	52712095	9 June 1952	2 January 1953	

Lack	52712684	10 May 1911	28 March 1978	f. of LeBron
Minnie	52712721	18 Nov. 1879	31 August 1945	w. of Ike (Isaac)
Nell	52712767	17 January 1900	20 March 1921	
Randall Leon	52710702	1 November 1960	25 February 1962	
Roy L.	52710652	15 Nov. 1936	2 August 1999	b. of LeBron
Tina Marie	61812432	17 October 1953	26 Dec. 2008	
William I "Bay"	52712637	26 August 1931	29 August 1996	b. of LeBron
Betty Sue (Smith)	52712988	13 October 1936	3 July 1973	

The information in the table will help us to find more leaves on this branch.

Big Step Forward Maryville native appointed judge by Gov. Haslam

By J.J. Kindred | jj.kindred@thedailytimes.com

NASHVILLE — Nashville attorney and Maryville native **W. Neal McBryer** never set a goal to become a judge, but it was appealing to him.

His non-goal has now become the ultimate big step, as Gov. Bill Haslam appointed McBryer as a judge for the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section Friday.

McBryer will replace Presiding Judge Patricia J. Cottrell, who will not seek an additional term.

"Neal McBryer has a strong background as an attorney, and I am pleased to make this appointment," Haslam said in a press release. "We are fortunate to have someone on the bench with his experience and expertise."

McBryer, 50, is an attorney at Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC in its Nashville office, concentrating on areas of commercial litigation and bankruptcy law. He was previously at Miller & Martin from 1999-2012 and at Trabue, Sturdivant & DeWitt from 1989-1998.

"I did know that I was under consideration," McBryer said during a telephone interview Sunday afternoon, as far as the selection process. "I was one of three nominees coming out of the judicial nominating commission at the end of June.

"I didn't expect it. Honored is really the right word," McBryer continued. "The governor's administration spent a lot of time to make sure they were comfortable with the picks. I'm just honored to be selected."

McBryer received his juris doctorate from the College of William & Mary in Virginia in 1989, where he was editor of the William & Mary Law Review. He is a 1986 magna cum laude graduate of Maryville College.

McBryer has served as a 20th Judicial Circuit Delegate to the Tennessee Bar Association House of Delegates since 2001, and is a fellow of the Nashville Bar Foundation and has been recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America" and as a Mid-South Super Lawyer.

McBryer is past president of the Mid-South Commercial Law Institute, and is also a member of the Planning Commission in the Nashville suburb of Brentwood, and the city's Environmental Advisory Board.

He and his wife, Kelly, live in Brentwood and has considered the Nashville area home since 1989 after he finished law school, but is very fond of his East Tennessee roots.

"I felt very fortunate to live in Maryville," McBryer said. "It was an interesting couple of decades being there. I was fortunate enough to go to Maryville College and spending four years there. I just had a terrific upbringing there. East Tennessee is beautiful and I still have family there, but Brentwood is my home now. I do miss the mountains."

McBryer said there will be a great deal of adjustment from being an attorney to being on the bench.

"I'm currently at a large law firm, and so one of the benefits is the opportunity to work collaboratively with other lawyers on cases and helping to solve clients' problems," McBryer said. "As a judge, you don't have that. I'm sure I'll miss that component of practice, and I will miss trying cases. That was always something I got a great deal of enjoyment out of, standing up in a courtroom. I know it will be an adjustment not having that. I will still be in a courtroom, but just in a different capacity."

McBryer will take the bench at a date yet to be announced as soon as final details relating to the appointment are sorted out.

(The Daily Times – Maryville, Tennessee – 25 August 2013 + submitted to In Defiance by Family Association member Barbara McBryer Collins)

Neal is the son of the late **William J. "Bill" McBryer** whose obituary may be found in this issue on page

Neal will take his position on the bench on 30 August 2014. (http://judgepedia.org/W_Neal_McBryer)

Some Bad News

In doing searches for information on family sometimes there is bad news. While the individuals named in the two articles below have not yet been connected to any branch of our family tree, you might find them interesting.

Love and Lead.

Special to the News.

Georgetown, June 6. – On Silver Creek today, about 11 o'clock, H. J. McBryar was shot and seriously wounded by a young man named McMurtrey, who escaped after the shooting and at this hour the sheriff and his deputy have not succeeded in finding him. From what has been learned it appears that the man McMurtrey has been paying attention to the daughter of Mr. McBryer for some time, to which Mr. McBryer has objected. McMurtrey had perfected a plan to elope with the girl last evening, but her father discovered the fact in time to prevent the elopement, ordering the young man out of the house. He retaliated by using his gun.

(**Rocky Mountain News** – Denver, Colorado – 7 June 1886 + www.genealogybank.com)

TWO KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED IN PISTOL BATTLE

Special to the Item.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Jan. 12 – As the result of a desperate pistol battle that occurred in Rickey, near here, Louis Conti and a man named McBryer are dead, Jack Conti has a bad wound to the head and Will Finley is in jail at Rolling Fork.

The trouble arose over a dispute concerning an ox team. Conti and McBryer met in front of a blacksmith shop, where the trouble began. Conti is said to have left McBryer and gone to his store. Later, Louis Conti and his brother, John, met McBryer, who was accompanied by Finley, and McBryer renewed the trouble, and the shooting followed, with the result that McBryer and Louis Conti were shot three time each and John conti was wounded in the head. Finley escaped unhurt, but was later arrested in Rolling Fork.

Conti's remains were brought here and prepared for burial. He was single. McBryer was employed by the Finley Lumber Company at Richey, and leaves a wife and child.

(**The New Orleans Item** – New Orleans, Louisiana – 12 January 1910 + www.genealogybank.com)

The Grand Army of the Republic

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was probably the first nationwide organization of military veterans. Members had served in all branches of the military during the War between the States - the Civil War. It was a very influential organization in its times and many splendid monuments and building were constructed by them. It was founded in 1866, the last encampment was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1949 and the last member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at the age of 109. There is a GAR Museum and Library located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In Detroit there is a fine old building that was the GAR Post which is currently being renovated and which will house a museum.

Posts were established in many towns and cities. They were organized in State Departments. A number of records may be found online. One of these for Kansas has the name **J. R. McBryar** as Chaplain of Post 466 in Bucklin, Kansas, a small town in Ford County in southwest Kansas. The Post membership was only 12 at the end of December 1899. In the six month prior report to the Department of Kansas, the financial report was:

Receipts: Cash on hand last report: __ 28 cents Receipts from all sources __ \$ 9.53

Disbursements: Department per capita tax for term at 12 ½ cents per member __ \$ 1.50

For relief from Post Funds __ \$ 6.59

Cash balance on hand (31 Dec. 1899) __ \$ 1.43

They also maintained a separate Relief fund which had a balance of \$ 5.00 with nothing expended during the term. Their total value of Post property was then:

Cash Balance __ \$ 1.43

Cash Balance Relief Fund: __ \$ 5.00

Cash invested in Furniture, Flags, etc. __ \$25.00

Total value of Post Property __ \$ 31.43

They had no real estate belonging to the post. (**Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic Post Records, 1880-1940** Ancestry.com)

The Kansas Historical Society also has records for the GAR (**Kansas Members of the Grand Army of the Republic** – www.kshs.org) Searching this site did not give the name **J. R. McBryer**, but did have the name **John H. McBrier**. Could it be the same person? More research is needed to be sure.

The data for **John H, McBrier** – Service: Co. C. 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry

Rank: Private

GAR Post: Junction City Post #132, Junction City, Geary County

Remarks: 1826 - 3/13/1893 (Birth & Death dates)

The **U.S. Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960** (Ancestry.com) has:

Birth Year: about 1827 Death Date: 13 March 1893 Cause unknown

Burial Place: Leavenworth National Cemetery

Service: 16 Pa Cav

However, www.findagrave.com Memorial 78284998 shows him buried in the Highland Cemetery, Junction City, Geary County, Kansas, with a picture of his tombstone engraved “**John H. McBrier**, Private Co. C Pa. Vol. Cav., Died Mar. 13, 1893, Aged 67 yrs. 5 mos.”

The **U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938** (Ancestry.com) shows that **John H. McBrier** was admitted to the Western Branch Home in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Military History: Enlisted 15 August 1862 in Erie, Pennsylvania in Co. C 16. Penn. Cav. as a Corporal (rank disagrees with other records). **Discharged:** 15 June 1865 in Lynchburg, Virginia at end of War **Disability** Injury of right arm and disease of eyes contracted in December 1863 in Virginia.

Domestic History Protestant **Born** New York **Age** at admittance to home 64 **Height** 5 ft. 8 ½ in. **Complexion** Light **Eyes** Grey **Hair** Grey **Occupation** Butcher **Residence** subsequent to Discharge Junction City, Kansas **Marital status** married wife **Catherine McBryer**, Junction City **Papers:** Admission One Death while on furlough at Junction City, Kansas, March 13/93. Received notice through Liaison March 25/93. **Pension Certificate** 513.039

A document (www.fold3.com/image/#21700537) verifies the Pension Certificate number for which application was made for an Invalid Pension on 12 December 1888, Application 685,400. An application Number 587,665 was also filed for a Widow's Pension but no date or Certificate Number are on the document.

The **1870 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) has a record for a family living in Washington, Green County, Wisconsin, that may or may not be the John and Catherine mentioned above.

J. H. McBrier, head, age 43, born in New York, a farmer, parents born in U. S.

Catharine McBrier, wife, age 42, born in New York, keeping house, parent born in U. S.

The **1890 Veterans Schedules** (Ancestry.com) does show **John H. McBrier** living in Alma City, Waseca County, Minnesota.

Rank Private, Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, **Enlisted** 15 August 1862, **Discharged** 15 June 1865, **Length of Service** 2 years 10 months 28 days, **Disability** broken shoulder

As was said earlier in this article, more research is needed to identify these men. If anyone has information, please pass it along to the Editor.



Rest in Peace

We remember our kin by providing their obituaries. Where possible, more is told about them and their families. In this way we can continue to build the story of our family. Many new relatives have been found by these documents.



[Editor's note: I began compiling and researching the following obituary on Valentine's Day and found it led to a sad story of love between a couple married for 63 years. Death did not keep them apart long, may they rest together in peace.]

Funeral services for Mr. **CYRIL MANTEL CLAY** were held on Thursday, February 13th, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Junior Davis officiating. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Porter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Clay was born February 28, 1927 to parents **H.T. (Hob) Clay** and **Abbie Mae McBrayer Clay**. He was married to wife Betty Walker Clay on December 23, 1950.

He is preceded in death by his wife; his parents; brother, Talmadge W. Clay; and sister, Helen Clay Chambliss. He is survived by sister, Sylvia Cordon of Franklin, NC; brother, Charles Clay of Georgetown, TX; and many nieces and nephews.

He was a long time member of First Baptist Church in Louisville, where he served on The Board of Deacons, and for many years he taught the Adult Men's Sunday School Class.

Mr. Clay served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He later served for 10 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, and The 457th Civil Affairs Company in Starkville. He served as Educational Officer in the rank of Major. After WWII, he enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi, graduating with a B.S. in Science. He later received a Masters Degree in Education and School Administration from Mississippi State University. He also received a Specialist Degree in teaching. After having taught for several years, he received a National Science Foundation Scholarship from The University of Mississippi where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Zoology and Chemistry.

Mr. Clay taught for many years in the Winston County schools, having taught at Nanih Waiya, Noxapater, and Louisville High Schools. He retired in 1986 as Principal at Louisville High School for 20 years. After retirement, he joined the staff at Winston Academy as Guidance Director.

Mr. Clay enjoyed people and made many friends throughout the years. He touched the lives of many young people as they passed through his classes. He enjoyed camping, fishing, football, and especially traveling and seeing the world with his wife Betty.

Serving as Pallbearers for Mr. Clay were Olyn "Sonny" Clay, Dr. Todd Brand, Sonny Turnage, Trey Turnage, Burt Flannagan, and Farrell Rigby. Honorary Pallbearers will be M.D. McMinn, Harold Hudson, and The Deacons of First Baptist Church.

(**Clarion Ledger** – Jackson, Mississippi – 14 February 2014 +

www.legacy.com/obituaries/clarionledger/obituary.aspx?n=mantel-clay&pid=169665366&eid=sp_ommatch#thash.zsZledHj.dpuf)

Cyril, who apparently was usually called **Mantel**, was 7th generation in America (Abbie Mae McBrayer Clay, Paul D., David, David, William, William). His father's full name according to our family records as well as census records was Hollis Talmadge Clay. The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows the family living on their own farm valued at \$1500 in Plattsburg, Winston County, Mississippi. The family, all of whom were born in Mississippi, was:

Hollis T. Clay, head, age 43, a farmer (*indexed as Hallie J. Clay*)

Abbie Mae Clay, wife, age 39 (*enumerated as Abbie May*)

Helen Clay, daughter, age 16

Talmadge Clay, son, age 14 (*indexed as Lalmadge*)

Mantel Clay, son, age 13

Mary Sylvia Clay, daughter, age 1 (earlier family records have her name as Silvia)

Family records show another child after Sylvia; this probably is Charles names in Martel's obituary.

Sadly, Martel's wife Betty died just a month before he did. Her obituary follows.

MERIDIAN — Services for **Betty Walker Clay** will be held today, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Rev. Junior Davis and Rev. Billy Bowie officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery with Porter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Clay, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at Winston Medical Center in Louisville. Mrs. Clay was born Sept. 24, 1929, in Quincy, Fla. She retired after 30 years as office manager for Dixie Wholesale Waterworks. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Mantel Clay of Louisville; Virginia Clay of Enterprise; Sylvia and Carlos Cordon of Franklin, N.C., and Charles and Tricia Clay of Georgetown, Texas; and 12 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edith and Lewis Carl Walker; a brother, Jerry Walker, and a sister, Eddie Faye Walker. After the



death of her mother, she was raised by her step-mother, Eddie Lou Walker.

Pallbearers are Olyn "Sonny" Clay, Dr. Todd Brand, Sonny Turnage, Tre Turnage, Burt Flannagan, and M. D. McMinn. Memorials may be made to the Library Fund at First Baptist Church of Louisville; or St. Judes Children's Hospital.

(**The Star** – Meridian, Mississippi – 14 January 2014 + www.genealogybank.com)

The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows Betty living with her father's family in their own home valued at \$600 in Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi. Betty was born in Florida, but all other family members were born in Mississippi. The family was:

Carl Walker, head, age 46, bought and sold scrap iron, earned \$160 in 26 weeks in 1939

Eddie Lou Walker, wife, age 30, step-mother of Betty

Betty Walker, daughter, age 10

Edith Fay Walker, daughter, age 4

Mary E. Crowson, mother of Eddie Lou, age 76, a widow

From Mantel's obituary it was shown that his older sister Helen had passed away earlier. Family records showed that she had married Denton Chambliss. No obituaries have been found for either Helen or Denton however memorials have been found for both on www.findagrave.com showing they were buried in the Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, King County, Washington.

Clifton Denton Chambliss, born 22 July 1922, died 3 December 1997, was a PFC, US Army, Memorial 481674

Helen Clay Chambliss, born 23 August 1923, died 27 September 1999, Memorial 481679
Buried together in Plot 25, 0, 182

Mantel's obituary also stated his brother Talmadge also had passed away earlier. Family records showed his wife was Virginia with no surname noted. Two obituaries were found for him on www.findagrave.com showing that he was buried in Enterprise Cemetery, Enterprise, Clarke County, Mississippi. Memorial 36974633.

Services for **TALMADGE WESLEY "DICK" CLAY** will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Enterprise Baptist Church, with Revs. Taylor Wallace, Richard Cothorn and Arlis Nichols officiating. Burial will be in Enterprise Cemetery with Robert Barham Family Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Clay, 83, of Enterprise died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be held today from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to service at the church. (**The Meridian Star** + **The Clarion Ledger** – Meridian + Jackson, Mississippi – 11 May, 2009)

and

Services for **TALMADGE WESLEY (DICK) CLAY** will be held today at 2 p.m. at Enterprise Baptist Church with the Revs. Taylor Wallace, Richard Cothorn and Arlis Nichols officiating. Burial will be in Enterprise Cemetery with Robert Barham Family Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Clay, 83, of Enterprise died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. Mr. Clay was born July 31, 1925, in Noxapater to Hollie Talmadge and Abbie McBrayer Clay. He graduated from Noxapater High School in 1943. He married Virginia Murphy of Louisville on July 26, 1947, and they moved to Enterprise in 1952. He was a member of Enterprise Baptist Church and enjoyed more than anything fishing and playing with his great-grandchildren. Mr. Clay earned the rank of Sergeant First Class in the 186th Railroad Operating Battalion and served at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. After being discharged from the Army, he worked for GM and O Railroad for a few years before going to work for Southern Natural Gas in 1949 where he worked until he retired in 1985. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; three children: Ann (Sonny) Turnage of Meridian, Olyn "Sonny"(Gaytha) Clay of Aberdeen, and Susan Moore of Enterprise; brothers: Mantel (Betty) of Louisville and Charles (Patricia) of Georgetown, Texas; sister, Sylvia (Carlos) Cordon of Franklin, N.C.; seven grandchildren: Trey (Sidnette) Turnage of Brandon, Lori (Kenny) McGowin of Enterprise, Rae (Scott) Taylor of Orlando, Fla., Brandi (Nicolas) Johansson of Sweden, Wes Clay of Aberdeen, Amy (Todd) Brand of Meridian, and Beth (Burt) Flanagan of Greenville; and six great-grandchildren: Essi Morales Turnage, Anna Kate McGowin, Macy Taylor, Mya Johansson, and Eli and Noah Brand. Mr. Clay was anxiously awaiting the arrival of three more great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Helen Chambliss. Pallbearers will be Clint Lee, Kenneth Murray, Cecil Melton, Steve Helms, John McPhearson, Wayne Kidd, Randy Kidd, and James Robert Kamper. Honorary pallbearers will be Butch Goodin, Noffett Boggan, Charles Helms, Jimmy Helms, Dan Kersh, Mark Kidd, and the Eugene Walker Sunday School Class. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church.



McBRAYER, HAROLD EUGENE, 75, of Avon Park (*Florida*) passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Harold McBrayer was born July 1, 1938 in Dora, Alabama to the late Herman Luther and Opal Eunice (Morgan) McBrayer. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves and then in the U.S. Navy. He was a retired owner and operator of an automotive transmission repair shop in League City, TX. He was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, as well as the LIONS Club and the National Finch Society. He loved NASCAR, raising birds, hunting and fishing. He moved to Avon Park in 2004 from League City, TX. Survivors include his loving wife of 44 years, Margie; 6 children, Tony, Gene, Rick, Donna, Fred and Bob; 1 brother, Howard; 1 sister, Juanell; 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A prayer service for Mr. McBrayer will be held 3:00PM, Thursday, February 13, 2014 in the Chapel of Peace at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Avon Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, FL 33872. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspageetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

(Tampa Tribune Online (TBO.com) – 13 February 2014 –

www.legacy.com/obituaries/tbo/obituary.aspx?n=harold-mcbrayer&pid=169660090&fhid=18700&eid=sp_om_match#sthash.RqdtUXHY.dpuf)

Harold was 8th generation in America (Herman Luther, Fritz Anderson, John, W. Alfred, William, David, William, William). The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows the family living in a home rented for \$3 per month on Railroad Avenue in Dora, Walker County, Alabama. The family, all of whom were born in Alabama were:

Herman McBrayer, head, age 32, a laborer on a WPA Canal Project made \$ 300 in 1939

Opal McBrayer, wife, age 32

Violet J. McBrayer, daughter, age 5 (She does not appear in the family records)

Harold E. McBrayer, son, age 1

Little is known about Opal; the family records give her name as Opal Eunice Morgan. Based on 1910, 1920 and 1930 U. S. Census records, her parents may have been James M. and Mabel E. Morgan. The family lived in Walker County, Alabama.

Little is known about Harold's wife Margie. She is shown in the Florida Registered Voters List as Margie Goller McBrayer born 27 June 1935 and registered to vote Republican on 24 February 2004. She was shown living at 1180 Lake Lotela Drive, Avon Park. (http://flvoters.com/by_number/1045/15718.html) Harold was found in the same listing and at the same address.

Other family information:

Family records list a younger sibling for Harold named **Billy Joy**, born 19 October 1932 in Dora, Walker County, Alabama, who died 16 May 1933. The sex was not noted. In the **Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1924** (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/JDP6-9Z7>) that Billy Joy was female.

Another sibling, **Juanell**, is shown in family records. Her birth date was not given. she was shown as have married "Self."

Alabama Marriage Records, 1800-1969 (Archives.com) show **Juanell McBrayer** married **Carvwin Y Self** in June 1957 in Marengo, Jefferson County, Alabama. Another record "Alabama _ L Archives" on <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/ALABAMA/2001-05/0988816952> states:

Opal Morgan who married Herman McBrayer, Daughter, Juanell McBrayer married C. Y. "Bud" Self, 1 June 1957, 3 children.

and

The following article appeared in the 12 August 2007 issue of the **Decatur Daily** (Alabama):

ANNIVERSARY TRIP

Bud and Juanell Self celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise in May with friends Frank and Linda Little of Decatur.

Then on June 1, they marked their actual wedding date with a dinner and cut a miniature wedding cake at the home of their oldest son and wife, Michael and Resa Self, in Fayetteville, Tenn. Their granddaughter Maria served as a hostess for the evening.

Then they continued to celebrate with a visit to Crowley, Texas, where their youngest son and wife, Greg and Hortensia Self, and grandsons Gregory Jr. and Daniel live. Their daughter, Susan Roberts of the Birmingham area, joined them in Texas, where festivities included a dinner at the Reata Restaurant in Fort Worth and a George Jones concert at Bass Hall.

The couple have four other grandchildren from the Birmingham area: Sarah Darby, James, Rachel and Joseph Roberts. The Selfs married June 1, 1957, in Ensley Community Church, Birmingham.

That was the year he graduated from Auburn University with a degree in electrical engineering. He served five years in the Navy as a pilot and retired with Prestolite Wire in 1994 after serving as plant manager. They now live in Fayetteville (Tennessee).

<http://legacy.decatordaily.com/decatordaily/livingtoday/chatterbox/070812.shtml>



Frankfort- **JOY ANN WILLIAMS McBRAYER**, 66, wife of Carroll “Scott” McBrayer, died Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Hospice Care Center. She was born March 11, 1947 in Christian County, Kentucky to LeRoy E. and Olene Gibson Williams.

Besides her husband she is survived by her daughter, Cheri Lynn Works, Las Vegas, NV; stepdaughter, Stephanie (Dave) McBrayer May, Nicholasville, KY; brother, David LeRoy (Marcia) Williams, Tallahassee, FL; step grandson, Sam Keathley; nephew, Ryan Williams, NC; niece, Melissa Joy Williams, FL; numerous cousins.

Joy was a member of the Memorial Baptist Church for many years. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held 4-8pm, Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Road. Funeral service will be held at 1:30pm, Thursday, February 20th at Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Road. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Pastor Mike Colston and David Banks will be officiating the service.

Contributions can be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass. A special thank you to the Staff at Markey Cancer Center, Memorial Baptist Church and Hospice of the Bluegrass.

<http://www.clarklegacycenter.com/obits/obituaries.php/obitID/532116/obit/Joy-Ann-Williams-McBrayer> + An abbreviated version was published in The Anderson News – Lawrenceburg, Kentucky area – 19 February 2014)



Joy was the second wife of **Carroll Scott McBrayer**. Previous family records have his first name as Carrol, however newly found information shows it is Carroll. His is 7th generation in America (Irwin Floyd, Edgar Everett Emerson, Hugh Galloway, Preston W., James “Chad”, James). His name in the **Kentucky Birth Records 1911-2007** (www.archives.com) is given as Carroll S. McBrayer; born 11 August 1947 in Franklin County, Kentucky; his mother’s name was given as Virginia Green; Certificate Number 57879..

Both Carroll and Joy were previously married. **Kentucky Divorce 1907-1998 and Marriage 1973-1999** Records (www.archives.com) provide the following:

1. **Carroll S. McBrayer**, Divorce Date 21 November 1983; Franklin County, Kentucky; Certificate Number 3316432-037, Spouse Linda Jacobs.
2. **Carroll S. McBrayer**, Marriage Date 12 November 1992; Franklin County, Kentucky; Certificate Number 38707; Groom’s Marital Status: Last marriage ended by divorce; Bride: **Joy A. Works**, 45 year old female, white race, residence Franklin.

It is not known at this time Joy’s first husband’s name nor how that marriage ended.



GOOSE CREEK - **LILLIAN CHRISTINE ALEXANDER**, 80, of Goose Creek entered into eternal rest on February 4, 2014, surrounded by her loving family. Christine was born on December 16, 1933 in Cherokee County, AL to Frank and Susie McBrayer. She spent her life taking care of her children, her husband and her home. She loved playing B-I-N-G-O and passed that joy on to her two daughters. She is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Taylor and Kathy Marshall; three sons, Franklin Alexander, Donnie Alexander and Terry Alexander; and one sister, Vernell Coleman. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 36 years, Herman Alexander; and one son, Tommy Alexander. Visitation will take place on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m at Carolina Memorial Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday,

February 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Carolina Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Carolina Memorial Funeral Home, 7113 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406 to help assist with funeral expenses. Arrangements by Carolina Memorial Park, Funerals and Cremations, 7113 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406. 843-797-2222 www.carolinamemorial.com
(Post & Courier – Charleston, South Carolina – 6 February 2014 +
http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston/obituary.aspx?n=lillian-christine-alexander&pid=169527652&fid=8933&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.PnW2mxhD.dpuf)

Lillian was the daughter of of Frank and Susan “Susie” Magnolia North McBrayer. Frank was 6th generation in America (William Blyth, Humphrey Posey, Andrew, Samuel, William). The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows the family living on Forney Road in Ellis, Cherokee County, Alabama.. The home was rented for \$ 3 per month. All family members were born in Alabama.

Frank McBrayer, head, age 44, a road worker who made \$ 105 for 52 weeks work in 1939

Susa M McBrayer, wife, age 43 (*her given name as shown on the census record, actual name Susan*)

Albert McBrayer, son, age 20, a road laborer who made \$50 for 12 weeks in 1939

Archie S. McBrayer, son, age 18, labor in a saw mill made \$22 for 10 weeks work in 1939

Thelma P. McBrayer, daughter, age 16

Mable R. McBrayer, daughter, age 12 (*first name is Mabel and middle initial should be I for Irene*)

Vernell McBrayer, son age 8 (*Indexed as Vemell*)

Christine McBrayer, daughter, age 6 (*this is Lillian Christine*)

Willard J. McBrayer, son, age 4, (*middle initial should be T for Thomas*)

Nothing more has been found about her husband **Herman Alexander**.



MERIDIAN (*Mississippi*) — Graveside services for **CARL WAYNE McBRAYER** will be held today, Friday, at 2 p.m. at Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery with Dr. Richard Wallace officiating. Robert Barham Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. McBrayer, age 67, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at Rush Foundation Hospital. He was born to the late Carl L. McBrayer and Lorene McBrayer on March 2, 1946 in Meridian.

He is survived by his significant other, Lynell Goss; sisters, Marie Beddingfield and husband, Larry, and Joann McDaniel and husband, James; daughters, Barbara Brogle, Melanie Elaine Stahl and husband, Charlie, Theresa May, and Kimberly Hover and husband, Ronnie; son, Shon DeWayne McBrayer; grandchildren, Eric Graves and wife, Renee, Douglas May, Brittany Stahl, Jessica Castillo, Chassity May, Trey Hover, Dustin Hover, and Natalie McBrayer; great-grandchildren, Sophia Graves and Keiden Graves; and nieces and nephews, Susan Estes and husband, Hal and their three children, Taylor, Brooke, and Jacob, Terry McDaniel, Kay Carter and husband, Larry and their two children Matthew and Zachary, Christy Young and husband Jacob and their children, Katie and Gracie, Philip Beddingfield and wife, Natalie and their child, Ava, and Mark Beddingfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Louie McBrayer and Lorene Bernice McBrayer.

Pallbearers will be Eric Graves, Larry Beddingfield, Philip Beddingfield, Mark Beddingfield, Charlie Stahl, and Jacob Young. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at robertbarhamffh.com.

(The Meridian Star – Meridian, Mississippi – 24 January 2014 + www.genealogybank.com)

Carl Wayne was 8th generation in America (Carl L., William Arthur, John, W. Alfred, William, David, William). In the family records Carl Wayne was known as Wayne. The obituary above gives us the father’s name as Carl Louie and the married names of his sisters and the names of Carl Wayne’s children and grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

The name of the mother of Carl Wayne’s children is not yet known, however, in the **Alabama Marriage Records** (www.archives.com) is a record for Carl W. McBrayer being married in Sumpter County in July 1965, Certificate 22026 in Volume 45.

Carl Wayne was buried in the Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, Lauderdale County, Mississippi as were his parents. All three have www.findagrave.com memorials and are the only McBrayers so noted in the cemetery.

Carl Wayne McBrayer Number 124037543

Carl Louie McBrayer Number 26454315 He has 2 headstones, one shows U.S. Navy World War II service as a Machinist’s Mate 2 Class

Lorene Bernice McBrayer Number 300009772 From the obituary which is on the memorial page,

her parents were Elmer and Audie Robinson; her brothers were Grover Robinson, Cecil Robinson, Ethan Robinson and Ozell Robinson; and her sisters were Deloris Williams And Ruby Faye Robinson.

In 1940, before Carl Louie and Lorene were married they were boarders in the same boarding house operated by Mamie Shannon at 225 Street, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. (1940 United States Federal Census – Ancestry.com):

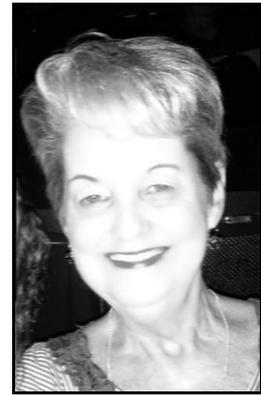
Lorene Robinson, lodger, age 18, born in Mississippi, a looper in a hosiery mill who made \$702 for 52 weeks work in 1939. (*sbe was indexed as Lorrne Robison*)

Carl McBrayer, lodger, age 24, born in Mississippi, a building contractor who made \$ 857 for 42 weeks in 1939.



An obituary was published in **In Defiance**, Volume 18, Number 4, page 26, for **Kerrie Ann McBrayer**. At that time her connection to the family was unknown even though her grandparent's and mother's names were given as were the names of some other kin. With the obituary below we now know how she is connected.. Also since that time, a memorial has been posted on www.findagrave.com: Number 121337831 which gives her birth date as 6 April 1978. She was buried in the Liberty Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Royal, Blount County, Alabama.

MARGARET ANN McBRAYER, age 71 of Moody, AL went home to be with her Lord and family on January 23, 2014. A woman that gave unconditional love. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billie McBrayer; daughter, Wendy Gainer; granddaughter, Kerrie Ann McBrayer; grandson, Joseph Elrod; parents, Thedford and Dixie Seale; brothers, Tommy and J.W.; sister-in-law, Della. Margaret is survived by her adoring family; children, Christie (Chris) Pridmore, Leigh Ann McBrayer (Randy), DeLynn (Eddie) Cornelious, Mike (Carmenchu) McBrayer; nephew, Wes Seale; grandchildren, Tina, Tammy (Rodney), Jody (Tonya), Jacob (Kristie), Brent, Pia, Ashley (Jacob), Tara (Curtis), Cami, Vann, and Mae; great grandchildren, Nikki (Terry), Nickolis (Brandy), Colton, Brady, Will, Patrick, and Logan; great-great grandchildren, Phillip, Damon, McKinzie, Tristan, Gavin, Blake, Nicholas, Braden, Gracie, Mason, and Memphis; and a host of loving friends. A visitation will be held, Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 5 PM until 7 PM at Ridout's Trussville Chapel. Funeral service will be Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 1 PM at Ridout's Trussville Chapel. Interment will follow at Liberty Cemetery in Royal, AL.



(The Birmingham News – Birmingham, Alabama – 24 - 26 January 2014 http://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-ann-mcbrayer&pid=169264139&fhid=8341&eid=sp_ommatch&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.WD6wt3fr.dpuf + www.legacy.com)

Margaret was born 16 March 1942 according to her grave marker (www.findagrave.com Memorial Number 12793966). The stone was engraved prior to her death. Margaret's husband Billie predeceased her. His obituary:

MCBRAYER, BILLIE S., age 73, of Birmingham, died January 27, 2003. Survivors include wife, Margaret McBrayer; son, Michael Dewayne McBrayer; seven daughters, Rickie Ann Moore (Kenneth), DeLynn Cornelious (Eddie), Joyce Watkins (Ken), Brenda Demetrius (Michael) Christie Pridmore (Chris), Wendy Gainer, Leigh Ann Bolin (Randy); eight grandsons; nine granddaughters; seven great grandsons; one great granddaughter; one very special granddaughter, Kerrie Ann McBrayer; one sister, Ruth Horsley (Arvil).

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, January 30, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Ridout's Trussville Chapel, with burial in Liberty Cemetery in Royal, AL. Rev. Wayne Thrasher officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home tonight from 5-7 p.m. Ridout's Trussville Chapel directing. (**The Birmingham News** – Birmingham, Alabama – 29 January 2003 – www.genealogybank.com)

Billie was 8th generation (Henry Grady, Manly, William Blyth, John Young, David, Samuel, William), the son of **Henry Grady McBrayer** and **Otis Bailey**. Family Association member Teff ayral is the great-granddaughter of Henry Grady, the daughter of Rita Joyce Henderson who was the daughter of Jewell, Billie's sister. There is some confusion as to his given name.

The gravestone is engraved "Billie S. McBrayer; Dec. 2, 1929; Jan. 27, 2003" (Memorial Number 12793984, www.findagrave.com). The 1930 Census lists him as Billie, but the 1940 Census names him Billy. His mother's name differs in records. The 1920 Census says Odis, the 1930 Census says Otis, the 1940 Census says Odis, and the Alabama Death Index has her as Otis McBrayer (all from Ancestry.com). It is difficult to tell for certain what is correct from the actual Census images. His father was named Grady in all these records. In 1920, 1930 and 1940, the family lived in Chepultepec, Blount County, Alabama, in a rented house on Inland Road. Grady was a coal miner. Grady and Otis were married when he was 20 and she was 14.

It is interesting to note that three daughters in Billie's obituary are not mentioned in Margaret's: Rickie Ann Moore, Joyce Watkins and Brenda Demetrius. No further records have been found to clarify this.



ASHLEE KAY GILKEY lost her lifelong battle with Cystic Fibrosis on Wednesday, January 8th at the Billings Clinic Hospital in Billings, Montana. She passed away peacefully surrounded by people who cherished her.

She was born on January 11, 1993 in Sheridan, Wyoming to Matt and Shauna McBrayer Gilkey. She was so excited to be turning 21 this week, but just couldn't hang on for her big day.

She lived in Sheridan, Wyoming for a large part of her life, Fort Collins, Colorado for a time, and in Gillette, Wyoming where she finished school and graduated.

She made friends wherever she was, and since she spent a large part of the last few years in the Billings Clinic Hospital, she was very close to her caregivers. She was so grateful to Dr. Cathy Stephens and the 3rd floor nursing staff for taking such good care of her. The Food Services team, and especially Deanna and Jacob, fed her so well and were wonderful friends to her. Ashlee's family will be forever thankful for their kindness. They have become a part of our family.

Ashlee was so friendly and outgoing she had friends everywhere, and loved staying in touch online. She had a creative side and was a prolific painter. She had recently learned to crochet and knit, and tackled her projects with her usual enthusiasm. She made the world a brighter place with her sunny personality and her awesome sense of humor. She is greatly missed.

Ashlee was preceded in death by her grandfathers Joe Gilkey and Tom McBrayer, and her grandmother Katie McBrayer.

She is survived by her parents, her 3 brothers Shaun, Joe and Tom Gilkey, her grandmother Darlene Gilkey, Aunt Melanie Baker (Mary Beth) of Justin, Texas, Uncles Jamey (Lisa) Gilkey of Sheridan, and Gregg (Robin) Gilkey of Aurora, Colorado and Aunt Janelle (Jessie) Iddings of Sheridan. Her cousins are Sarah (Brent) Zimmerman, Nate Baker, Riley Gilkey, Josh and Jacob Gilkey, Katie and Ryder Iddings, Madelyn Zimmerman, Lanie and Gabe Baker. She is also survived by Uncles Ron and Bob Wood and their families, as well as numerous great aunts and uncles and their families.

She adored her dog, Billy and his two sidekicks Pete and Crash and had many happy times with them. They miss her.

A memorial Service and celebration of Ashlee's life will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 4:00 P.M. at the American Legion in Gillette.

Donations in her name may be made to the Dog and Cat Shelter in Sheridan or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at www.cff.org.

(The Sheridan Press – Wyoming – 14 to 16 January 2014 + http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thesh Sheridanpress/obituary.aspx?n=ashlee-kay-gilkey&pid=169095512&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.kivTlft.dpuf)

Ashlee's mother Shauna L. McBrayer Gillkey is 10th generation in America (Thomas Mitchell, Ivan Elmo, Lewis T., James Wesley, William Martin, Carlton, Samuel Jr., Samuel, William).



MARY ANN McBRAYER DOLES, 54, of Morris passed away January 2, 2014. She was a member of Pineywood Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Paul Doles; daughters, Kimberly Doles Eisenberg (Eric), Amanda Doles McCarn (Michael), and Paula Doles Higgins (Greg Bryant); grandchildren, Austyn, Michael, Steven, Dixie, Trinity, Zane, Auburn, Kari and Elyssa. Also, a great grandchild is due March 21, 2014 and will be named Ace William Mayes. Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 4, between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2:00 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home with burial in Castle Heights Cemetery. The New Gardendale Funeral Home directing. (The Birmingham News -- Birmingham, Alabama -- 3 to 5 January 2014 http://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?n=mary-ann-mcbrayer-doles&pid=168883641&fhid=9321&eid=sp_ommatch&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.uLlQBwjT.dpuf + www.legacy.com)

Mary Ann was the daughter of **Leo** and **Helen Crowson McBrayer** and was 9th generation in America (Leo, Howard, James Mattison, Robert "Bob", William, David, William, William). She had one sister Frankie who married a man surnames Ray. They had at least one child, Kevin. Her grandfather's family is in the **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) where they were living in Precinct 9, Jefferson County, Alabama, in a house at 404 Avenue D which was rented for \$13.75 per month. All were born in Alabama
Howard J. McBrayer, head, age 34, a head runner in an ore mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company
Lucile McBrayer, wife, age 30
Howard McBrayer, son, age 12
Mary C. McBrayer, daughter, age 11
James W. McBrayer, son, age 9
Leo McBrayer, son, age 5



ATTICA - **Wilmer Vern Brier, Jr.**, 88, of rural Attica (IN), passed away at his home on Friday, Dec. 27, 2013.

Wilmer was born on the family farm, the home where he resided, on Nov. 9, 1925. He was the son of the late Wilmer Vern and Mary Jane (Hayes) Brier, Sr. Wilmer has resided his entire life on the family homestead. He was a 1944 graduate of Williamsport High School.

Wilmer was a farmer all of his life, farming in Warren and Liberty Townships of Warren County. He drove the school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Warren County for 34 years.

Wilmer served both in WW II and the Korean War with the United States Army. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Action in WW II. At the time of his honorable discharge, he had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Wilmer was a member of the Hickman Heights Christian Church. He enjoyed his antique farm tractors and operated them in many area parades. Wilmer never met a stranger. He was proud of his profession as a farmer; proud of his family and proud of his country that he served.

On June 12, 1947, Wilmer married Juanita Caroline Hetrick in Attica. Wilmer leaves behind his wife, Juanita of 66 years; their four sons, David F. (Jacki) Brier, Steven V. (Rozanna) Brier and John M. (Diana) Brier, all of Attica; Scott D. (Jae Ann) Brier, Pine Village; nine grandchildren, Shane Brier, Jason (Hillary) Brier, Andrew (Shey) Brier, Collin (Kayla) Brier, Sean Brier, Heather (Dan) Roudebush, Mark Brier, Brandon (Chelsey) Brier and Kayla (Matt) Taylor; twelve great-grand-children, Easton, Sloan, Evynn, Kaylin, Molly Brier; Thomas, Sidney and Lauren Roudebush; Kelsi, Kenton and Austin Brier and Addison Taylor.

Funeral services were held at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Jan. 2. with Pastors David Keeton and Bob Elness officiating. Burial with military honors was held in the Highland Cemetery, Williamsport. Memorial contributions may be made to "Honor Flight" (Lafayette Division-Gold Star Mothers). Envelopes will be available at the funeral Home. Condolences may be sent on line to www.mausfuneral-home.com.

(Fountain County Neighbor -- Attica, Indiana -- 9 January to 8 February 2014 + http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fcneighbor-info/obituary.aspx?n=wilmer-brier&pid=168975740&fhid=24987&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.OCTUegn.dpuf)



Wilmer was 8th generation in America (Wilmer Sr., Frank, John Wesley, Andrew, Isaac, David, William). The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows Wilmer living with his parents on a farm in

Liberty Township, Warren County, Indiana.. (Note: the obituary which states he was of rural Attica, Indiana, and that he was born on the family farm. Attica is in Logan Township, Fountain County, Indiana and lies on the border with Liberty Township. Williamsport is in Washington Township which is south of Liberty Township and abuts Fountain County.)

Wilmer V. Brier, head, age 39, a farmer on his own farm

Mary J. Brier, wife, age 33

Wilmer V. Brier, Jr., son, age 14

Frank Brier, Father, age 74

His future wife, **Juanita**, lived with her parents and siblings in Liberty township, Warren County, Indiana, on their farm.

Freeman Hetrick, head, age 49, a farmer

Lena Hetrick, wife, age 47

Emerson E. Hetrick, son, age 18, labor on the family farm

John E. Hetrick, son, age 14

Eunice W. Hetrick, daughter, age 12

Juanita C. Hetrick, daughter, age 10

Wilmer enlisted in the U.S. Army on 8 March 1944 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, as a private. He had finished 3 years of high school. (**U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946** – Ancestry.com).

Wilmer's Memorial Number 122422995 (www.findagrave.com) is for Highland Cemetery, Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana.



"Together again"

After 58 years of marriage and a nine-year separation caused by his death, **CARMEN KALISH McBRAYER** has joined her husband, Lloyd, in the heavens.

Carmen was an adventurous gal, always game to try any challenge and join in the fun. In her youth, she enjoyed snow skiing and earned a brown belt status in Judo. She enjoyed fishing with Lloyd, singing, playing the organ and piano. In retirement she enjoyed bowling and golf. She was a devout Catholic Christian described as generous and having a self-sacrificing sweet spirit and quick wit.



She leaves behind their five children, Connie, Annette, Rob, Janel, Kim, and their spouses; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

We shall celebrate her life at Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Paschal Baylon Church.

Contributions may be made to Hillcrest Meals on Wheels, 1341 Parkview Dr., Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

(www.News-Herald.com 1- 6 Dec.2013: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-herald/obituary.aspx?n=carmen-kalish-mcbrayer&pid=168196694&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.Q7tIRBKv.dpuf – Lyndhurst, Ohio)

Carmen Mary Kalish was born in Ohio, 10 September 1924, the daughter of Edward and Antoinette Ardina Kalish (**Ohio Birth Records, 1908-1967**, Ohio Department of Health, www.odh.ohio.gov Certificate No. 1924089267 filed 13 Sept 1924 + www.archives.com.)

In 1940, The family was shown in the U.S. Census for Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, E.D. 92-828, Sheet 7B, Lines 65-69 downloaded from www.archives.com.)

They lived in their own home at 1125 East 169th Street valued at \$3500. The family consisted of:

Edward Kalish, head, age 51, born in Yugoslavia, a naturalized citizen, an unemployed gas station attendant who had no income in 1939. (*the country's spelling in the census is Yugoslavia*)

Antoinette Kalish, wife, age 48, born in Yugoslavia, a naturalized citizen, proprietor of a retail millenary shop who had steady work (income not shown since she was the owner).

Robert Kalish, son, age 26, born in Ohio, an electrician in a machine company, earned \$1248 in

1939.

Carmen Kalish, daughter, age 16, born in Ohio, a student.

Carmen and **Lloyd** were married 7 August 1946. Lloyd was 8th generation in America (John, Seneca, William Parks, James R., Ichabod, Samuel, William). His obituary was published in **In Defiance** July 2004, Volume 15, Number 3, page 20.

Lloyd was born 17 May 1923 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio {**Ohio Birth Index, 1908-1964** (Ancestry.com)}. The 1940 United States Federal Census (Ancestry.com) shows he was living with his parents and older brother at 1209 East 172nd Street, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in their own home valued at \$2500.

John McBrayer, head, age 55, born in Kentucky, a brakeman on a steam railroad who earned \$2600 in 52 weeks during 1939

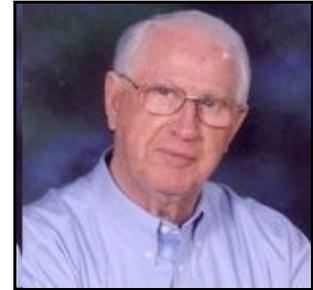
Rose McBrayer, wife, age 52, born in Kentucky (*She was indexed as Ross*)

Eugene McBrayer, son, age 19, born in Ohio, an inspector in an airplane factory who made \$710 for 17 weeks work in 1939.

Lloyd McBrayer, son, age 16, born in Ohio, a “salesman working on his own account” selling newspapers for 7 weeks in 1939



WILLIAM J. "BILL" McBRAYER, Maryville native and co-founder of Realty Mart, passed away on August 19, 2013, at the age of 81. Mr. McBrayer devoted his life to his family and community. A graduate of Everett High School, he attended Maryville College before serving on active duty in the U.S. Army. Following his discharge, he resumed his studies at the University of Tennessee, receiving his degree in 1960, the first in his family to do so. Mr. McBrayer was a realtor for nearly forty years and a well-known broker and property manager before co-founding Realty Mart. He served his profession for several years as an officer and director of the Blount County Realtors Association. He enjoyed and supported various sports, fundraising for groups such as the Maryville High Athletic Boosters Club and the Blount County branch of the UT Boost-Her Club. He also served on the Maryville Little League Board of Directors. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Maryville. More than anything, Mr. McBrayer was proudest of his three sons. He inspired their pursuits and reveled in their accomplishments. Mr. McBrayer was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Mable Russell McBrayer; brothers, Bob McBrayer and Luke McBrayer; sisters, Charlene Clingan and Judy Sparks; granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace McBrayer. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bess Patty McBrayer; sons and daughters-in-law, W. Neal & Kelly McBrayer of Brentwood, TN, J. Brett & Laura McBrayer of Knoxville, TN, and Steve & Dara McBrayer of Bristol, TN; six grandchildren, Haley and Cole McBrayer, and Rebekah, James, John and Luke McBrayer; sister, Juanita Headrick; brothers, Ken McBrayer and Keith McBrayer. Family will receive friends from 5:30 until 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Smith Trinity Chapel with a memorial service to follow, Mr. Aaron Dogotch officiating. A private ceremony will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013 at Grandview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to either the Maryville City Schools Foundation or the American Heart Association. Smith Funeral & Cremation Service, Maryville, 865-983-1000, www.SmithMaryville.com.



(Submitted by Family Association member **Barbara McBrayer Collins** – **The Daily Times** – Maryville, Tennessee + (http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/knoxnews/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-mcbrayer-bill&pid=166541270&fhid=8543&eid=sp_ommatch#fbLoggedOut)

Bill was 7th generation in America (Bascome Luther, Jasper Newton, William Ervin, James Madison (Rev.), James, Samuel, William). He was born 4 December 1931. The **1940 United States Federal Census** (Ancestry.com) shows him living with his parents and siblings at 502 Knoxville Avenue, Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee. This may have been an apartment building as at least four families are shown with the same address. The McBrayer family:

Luther McBrayer, head, age 40, born in Tennessee, a carpenter who had been unemployed for 70 weeks

Mable McBrayer, wife, age 31, born in Tennessee

Juanita McBrayer, daughter, age 11, born in Tennessee

Robert McBrayer, son, age 10, born in Tennessee
Bill McBrayer, son, age 7, born in Tennessee
Charleen McBrayer, daughter, age 5, born in Tennessee
Keith McBrayer, son, age 4, born in Tennessee
Kenneth McBrayer, son, age 4, born in Tennessee
Luther McBrayer Jr., son, age 3, born in Tennessee

His brother **Robert Franklin McBrayer's** obituary was published in **In Defiance**: Volume 11, Number 4, page 4 (October 2000).

Bill's youngest sister, **Florence Ann "Judy" McBrayer Sparks**, was born in 1941. She was an enthusiastic Family Association member. She also worked as a real estate agent at Realty Mart. Her obituary was published in **In Defiance**: Volume 18, Number 2, pages 17-18.

Do You Want to Become Armigerous ?

No it is not some strange disease, but it means a person who has received a coat of arms. I know this has been a matter of contention in recent years in our family. For many years our family proudly displayed what we called the McBrayer coat of arms. Then it was explained to us by a person in Scotland that this was not proper. The following is taken from an article which appeared in the March/April 2014 issue of **The Highlander** magazine. It was written by Andrew Nicoll, the Scottish Political Editor for the **Sun** Newspaper and an author. He described in the article how he came about receiving his own personal coat of arms, that is, became Armigerous.

Heraldry in Scotland is very different from heraldry anywhere else in the world. For one thing it is governed by law and has been for centuries. To use or display arms which are not yours is a criminal offence.

In much of Europe, arms can simply be adopted, but in Scotland it's a legal process that culminates in a warrant with Royal authority. In Scotland, **arms are personal**. They belong to only **one person at a time** with slight differences added to identify the members of a family, like a horizontal line with three short, vertical lines — a label of three points — which signifies the eldest son, five points for his eldest son or eight for his grandson. Arms are property, like your money or your house — except they can't be bought and sold, only handed down. They belong to you alone, never to a name, so all those Internet outlets offering to engrave your family coat of arms on a glass are taking you for a ride. If you use those glasses in Scotland, you may be committing a crime., and there are an awful lot of people tattooed with somebody else's heraldry.

Mr. Nicoll suggests that if you want to learn more about heraldry, you read **Scotland's Heraldic Heritage: The Lion Rejoicing** by Charles J. Burnett and Mark D. Dennis available on Amazon.com.

If you want to obtain your own personal coat of arms from Scotland, it will not be a quick and inexpensive task. You can find details by going to www.lyon-court.com and clicking on the tab **About Coats of Arms**. You have to provide considerable background information and it will cost at least \$2000.

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