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President's Message

To all members:

Belva Perry and I both regret our delay in getting this report into your hands, but the last several months have been very difficult because of serious illness in both of our immediate families. Things are now much better and we have some exciting information that will be passed along to all within the next few months. I can report that we have had a great amount of material submitted, some of which should fill in some gaps and answer a number of perplexing questions. Belva has been spending many long hours coordinating this material and following up on several new leads and sources.

We are extremely lucky in having Belva Maybee Perry as our executive secretary, and at this time I will tell you something about her. She describes herself as an average loving wife, mother and grandmother; but she is far more than average in her many activities. She and her husband Robert Perry (also a member of the clan) have four children. She has shown a great love for learning and teaching -- in her home, her church and her community -- teaching cooking, sewing, gardening and the domestic arts. She has served on her community council. She is a student and an able researcher, well able to dig out answers to perplexing problems.

Belva's father, Eric Maybee, born 4 June 1909, was the son of Orlow "Billy" Maybee and Elizabeth York. He worked for the Forest Service, was a pilot for "smoke jumpers" and participated in road building. He would have liked to have been known as a cowboy because he loved to work with horses -- he was killed when a horse reared and fell on top of him while being "broken". Belva says that she was quite young during those Montana days and never had an opportunity to learn much about her heritage. She was born January 5, 1934 and at an early age she was fascinated by the Maybee name and began searching for her "roots". She was quite amazed to find Maybees everywhere. She and her husband have traveled over much of the United States and have made exhaustive searches in the cities and the hinterlands for members of the clan. Belva is indeed more than average, and how lucky we are.

George Maybee Martin

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

CRETA MABIE ENSLEY #38
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Creta Mabie Ensley is an active genealogist and sister to our Richard, #12 and Guy, #36.

MRS CARROLL HARTL #39
1409 RUTLEDGE ST
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Shirley Hartl and her husband Carroll visited us here in Everett and we had such a nice visit., Whenever we meet members of the family we feel right at home with them. Shirley is descended from the William Mabie and Sophia Scripture line through James Dana Mabie. She will concentrate her efforts on that branch of the family.

MAILE HO #40
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Maile, a Van Orden, has written a book containing over 1200 sheets on the "History and Records of the Van Orden Family". She has traveled extensively and worked diligently to prepare this carefully documented work. Only 60 copies of this compilation were made and they sold for \$100 each. There are no more available at this time. Included are Family Group sheets of Pierre Gaspard Mabile and his wives and children, Sergeant Gaspard Mabile with his wife and children and Seigneur Pierre with his family and ancestors extending into the French Royal Line. Maile is not feeling well at this time and is unable to answer any direct correspondence.

MELVIN VAN ORDEN #41
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Melvin Van Orden is a cousin to Maile Ho and he has selected 27 pages from her book that he felt would be of the most worth to our members. They have made these sheets available and have given us permission to reproduce them for any of our members who are interested.

DEBORAH B. KIRWAN #42
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Deborah Kirwan is descended both through Mabie and Van Orden lines.

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John Couchman Mabee descended from Jacobus (James) Mabee through his son Bartholomew. John's wife, Betty is the one who has been most active in research and she was recommended to us by several people.

MARY TILDEN BROOKS #44
1810 CALLE DE LOS ALAMOS
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Mary is a descendent of Harriet Maybee McKenzie. Harriet is one of the daughters of David Maybee from Michigan and grand daughter of David Maybee from Canajoharie, NY.

BARRIE AND GLORIA MABIE #45
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Barrie shared with us some clippings and information that were of great interest. His research at present is centered in New Jersey.

GIFFORD M. MABIE #46
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Gifford Mabie is descended from one of the brothers who founded the Mabie Brothers Circus.

QUERIES, COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Frances C. Roberts, 5 Linden Ave, Pelham, NY, 10803 is trying to find the ancestry of MARY MABER (MABEE) who married WILLIAM UPTON, May 27, 1701 according to Wakefield MA Congregational Church Records. She may be the daughter of RICHARD MABER and MARY ALLEN who married 21 Sep in 1670 in Salem.

Mrs. R.M. McDowell, #6, has moved to 2235 Providence St., Eugene, OR, 97401

In our last newsletter, Judith and Ernest Maby, #15 and Clayton Chee, #22 were seeking more information about John Peterson Mabile and Hannah Grimshaw. They were successful and also learned that John Peterson Mabile had previously been married to Maria Dunn. They are now extending their search to John's parents, Jacob Maby and Margaret Petersen

Edward W. Maby has information on the Westerlo Mabys of New York State. His address is Mr. Edward W. Maby, 171 Second St. Troy, NY 12181

Alice McDowell, #6 reports that she has been accepted as a member of the Huguenot Society.

Barrie Mabile, #45, is interested in communicating with someone who has centered their research in New Jersey, particularly someone who has been to Trenton to see the early records of the New Jersey towns; e.g., Ft. Lee and Leonia.

Barbara Maybee Carter says that several members of our family have a physical condition which has been tentatively diagnosed as Familial Periodic Paralysis, a genetic condition, which we have traced through the Maybee line as far back as Milo Frederick Maybee, who married Mary Amanda Rufus and have reason to believe that it goes back before their generation. The symptoms are extreme weakness in arms and legs, causing you to fall to the floor where you are unable to move for several minutes. (You do not always lose consciousness). Doctors describe this condition as 'paralysis'. None of my immediate family has been tested yet for Familial Periodic Paralysis, because the test is dangerous to those to have asthma.

We would like to know if anyone else in the family has been diagnosed as having this condition.



BRANCHES FROM THE SAME TREE

We asked you to describe some of the common characteristics of Maybees. I must admit that, of the many that came up, the one generally mentioned first and with the most emphasis by spouses was stubbornness, although "good marriage partners" was also a general consensus. Maybees seem generally to pay close attention to detail, have a tendency to dominate a conversation and are knowledgeable on a variety of subjects. One, reporting on that subject, said "honest, straightforward, plain-spoken, strong in likes and dislikes and not backward in airing these when the occasion arises." Also high on many lists was generous to a fault, and compassionate.

Even physically, there were many who seemed to bear certain characteristics. Maybees generally are not tall, but often are very strong. In his book, Charles Rendell Mabey, Governor of Utah's comments on this subject. He told of his ancestor, Joseph Thomas Mabey, who in his prime carried eight bushels of wheat up the granary steps on his back. Emmanuel Mabey could carry a sack of oats in his mouth and one under each arm for a distance of two hundred feet. Emmanuel was also reported to have carried five men, one under each arm and three on his back without any difficulty. I have no trouble accepting these stories as fact because I have seen the strength of many in our own generation. We have weight lifters, arm wrestlers and when Gordon Maybee, son of our member, William Maybee, was a young teenager he worked at a bakery and carried several 100 pound sacks of flour at a time.

George comments:"Over the years I have had several strangers walk into my office and without my secretary telling me their name and I have immediately recognized them as members of the Maybee family. They had certain common physical characteristics - not tall, stout but not fat, roundish faces and a certain look that I cannot describe. In addition they have all been outspoken, truly curious about the family, willing to help. They were in various vocations, and all seemed to be interested in education. Likely the outstanding description of Maybees is that "most Maybees, although stern, have an outgoing sense of humor".

Family History Centers

For those who are not already acquainted with the LDS Family History centers and the help they can be for Genealogical research, Barbara Maybee Carter includes the following information. If you would like to know where you can visit a Family History Center (formerly called Branch Genealogical libraries), send Barbara a self addressed stamped envelope in care of the Maybee Society.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has almost 1,000 "Family History Centers". These centers are all open to the public at no charge.

All LDS Family History Centers have the following collections:

1. Genealogical Library Catalog GLC

The GLC is a catalog on microfiche, listing and briefly describing the materials to be found in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. This catalog lists over one million rolls of microfilm and 150,000 books gathered from all over the world.

The films can be ordered for study for a small handling fee, usually about \$2.50 plus postage.

2. International Genealogical Index (IGI)

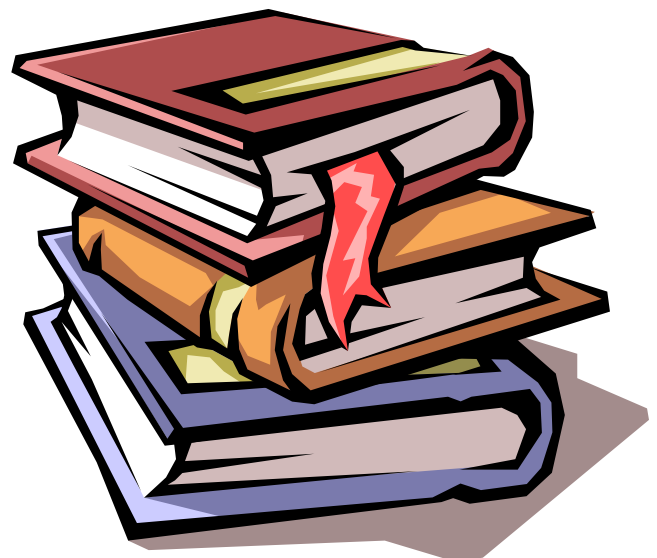
The IGI is an index on microfiche of over 120 million deceased persons from more than 90 countries. Most names date from the early 1500s to about 1875. The majority of the information has been gleaned from original records such as Parish registers and vital records.

3. The Accelerated Index System (AIS), although not prepared by the LDS Church is made available to Family History Center patrons. The indexes are alphabetical listings of some of the people living in the United States from 1607 to 1906. The information is compiled from national & state censuses, tax and voter lists and are particularly valuable for locating the area in which your ancestor lived.

4. The Family Registry is a service enabling you to coordinate research with others having the same surname or a common ancestor.

5. 100 Books on Fiche.The Salt Library has provided each Family History Center a copy of the most frequently requested books. These books have been placed on micro-fiche and can be searched in your Family History Center.

Each Center also has it's own unique collection of films, books, and periodicals. The hours vary from area to area so it might be wise to check ahead of time before visiting your local center.



CHARLES MAYBEE 1828-1895

Charles Maybee was born near Paris, Oswego County, New York on April 8, 1828, the son of Joseph Maybee, a farmer. His grandfather, David had served in the American Revolution. Charles was an expert cabinet maker and carpenter.

In 1856 he caught the California Gold Fever and set out to make his fortune in the West. He caught a sailing vessel for Panama, where he crossed the Isthmus to the Pacific, a very difficult trek. He then caught another sailing vessel for San Francisco. He searched for gold along the Sacramento and Feather Rivers and on up to Yreka. He had to take time out from prospecting at various times to earn money as a carpenter to stake another search. He never did strike it rich, and he drifted northward to the Oregon country; spent some time at the Sailors' Diggins and then up to Jackson where he spent a winter.

In 1862 he helped to form a company of 52 men, outfitted with riding horses and packs, which headed for John Day where there was another gold rush, and then on to Baker City. They barely made a living; and so Charles rode on to the Salmon River and then on into Montana, still searching for gold. Next he rode to Denver where the "sagebrush was as tall as a man's head". It was so cold that he had trouble firing a gun to obtain game. He decided to head for home and in due time he reached St. Joseph, Missouri as a very sick man, due to exposure.

He entered a hospital in St. Joe and there he was cared for by a pretty nurse, Mary Jane Mount. Her father; Thomas Mount, was a physician and he disowned his daughter, Mary Jane, when she and Charles were married. He was a Southerner and his daughter had married a "Damn-Yankee". Mary Jane never saw or heard from her family again.

The couple made their home near Agnes City, Kansas where Charles had cousins, the Rulisons. After ten years they decided to head west to Oregon with their family of children, over the Oregon Trail, traveling by covered wagon. En route, Calamity Jane came to their camp and the men kept her under armed guard and escorted her back along the trail.

The wagon train reached the Willamette Valley, where most settled, but Charles was by then without funds and so headed to Sublimity and other Oregon points, doing carpentry work as they traveled. Eventually they reached Weston, Oregon where they made their home and raised their family of 2 boys and 3 girls.

Before Charles left Parish, New York, he had built a schoolhouse in Parish, and as he traveled he built many schoolhouses, as he was a firm believer in education. Some of the schoolhouses that he built in Oregon are still standing. He served on the school board at Weston for many years, and all of his children became well educated. Charles died in 1895 after many years of service to his fellow men --a typical Maybee.

George Maybee Martin

The above story was written by our President, George Martin, about his grandfather. Members of the Society are urged to submit stories for publication.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is our second newsletter and hopefully with each newsletter we will get to know one another better. We have been so grateful for suggestions and contributions, that George has given the Newsletter a new name and a new mast-head. So from now on you will be receiving "THE MAYBEE SOCIETY COMMUNICATOR". We will expand our query column so that it contains not only queries but 'communications' from our members and friends throughout the world.

Nothing is more exciting than to have someone write to inquire about a family member and then to be able to answer their question. It is especially exciting when we can send information obtained from original sources such as birth, marriage and death records or to be able to share well documented life histories. As secretary I have had this privilege several times in the last few months and I am so grateful for those who so generously share their information to make this possible. We truly hope this newsletter can be a "Communicator" in every sense until our entire family is linked together.

I would like to get the replies to you faster, but time and energy have their limits so please be patient and know that we appreciate your communications and will answer as soon as possible. In cases where we send a sheet or two of information, we are happy to do so at no cost, but when we are fortunate enough to find many pages that we think will be of interest to you we will have to charge for our costs. That will usually include \$.05 a page for copying as well as mailer and postage costs. For instance the information compiled by Maile Ho will cost us about \$3 to reproduce and to mail to people living in the United States.

→ CORRECTIONS ←

We have received so many letter that contain phrases such as 'have just read a book about Maybees (or read a manuscript' and we found it excellent, but the information on my grandfather is incorrect." For instance, David Maybee of Canajoharie had a son David, so when a researcher found a David born about the same time in the same place who had married Catherine Bellinger he logically assumed that that David was th same person. He was not!.David's son had married a Mary Mowland, and moved to Michigan. We have also noted circumstances where the birth of children were listed as 3 or 4 months apart, We have therefore started a book of "corrections" so that if you become aware of such an error you can report it along with the evidence to show that the original material is incorrect. If you would submit these corrections on an 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper or family group form, with just one sheet for. each family group, it will make it easier to keep mistakes from being repeated and repeated until they seem to be truth.

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