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### **SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS**

By George Maybee Martin

Tradition indicates that the Maybee clan traces back to Seigneur Pierre Mabile, a French Huguenot who fled France at the time of the St. Bartholomew's Massacre of August 24, 1572. Seigneur Pierre took refuge in Holland along with many Huguenots.

During the 400 plus years since then members of our clan have taken part in many historical events and activities. There is still some confusion as to the family history in France.

One thing is quite certain however - Pierre Mabile did flee from France to Holland and settled in Naerden - a town that was very important to the family members who ultimately settled in the New World.

Tradition also has it that Seigneur Pierre had a son, Sergeant Casper, believed to have been born in Naerden about 1575. He was also known as Casper de Sergeant and as Sergeant Caspar Mabile. But at times he used the French Gaspard for Caspar.

Pieter Casparszen Mabile Van Naerden appears on the scene and is well documented as the ancestor of the American Mabies. He was first married in Naerden and had 3 children. He came to New Amsterdam and married a second time and had 9 more children.

He settled in New Amsterdam on Broad Street on a 20 acre tract. He became a burgomeister and was active in town affairs. A son Jan assumed the name of VanNaerden and it was he who became one of the first settlers of Schenectady.

So what have the Mabies (spelled in many ways) done in our nation? They have been civic and community leaders, doctors, lawyers, farmers, ministers, preachers, carpenters, teachers, merchants, newspapermen, soldiers, sailors, authors, politicians, explorers, railroad builders, bankers, nurses. One of the very first circuses was started by Mabies. At least two towns have been named for the family.

We still have a lot of work to clear the questions concerning our genealogy. Every additional bit of recorded material, traditions and legends may help to fill some gap. We need many researchers, readers and correspondents and yes more members. Already our group has filled several gaps!

Now I would like to go back in my life when I was about 10. My mother and her sisters and brothers were involved in a suit to quiet title to that land on Broad Street, New York, where Pieter Casparszen Mabile Van Naerden had his homestead, and which became the site of the New York Stock Exchange and of Trinity Church. The family was excited, letters began to come and go, soon I and my sisters were hearing fascinating tales about the family and the background and travels and adventures. We knew that our grandfather had come from Parish, NY and had left to seek his fortune in the goldrush of 1849 (he didn't find any gold but he gained a wife).

I became a Maybee fan and asked question of every family member I met; but it was to be another 13 years before my sister, Esther, my wife and I went in search of family ties around the USA. Some of those we found had memories of long gone years. In New York I was allowed to take pictures in the Stock Exchange, something that was usually forbidden. The search has never ceased!

### **50 GOLDEN YEARS**

Elton and Virginia Maybee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 9th. Congratulations! Elton and Virginia are the parents of Linda Kay Maybee, our member #97



### THE JAN MABIE HOUSE

By Kim A. Mabee 1991

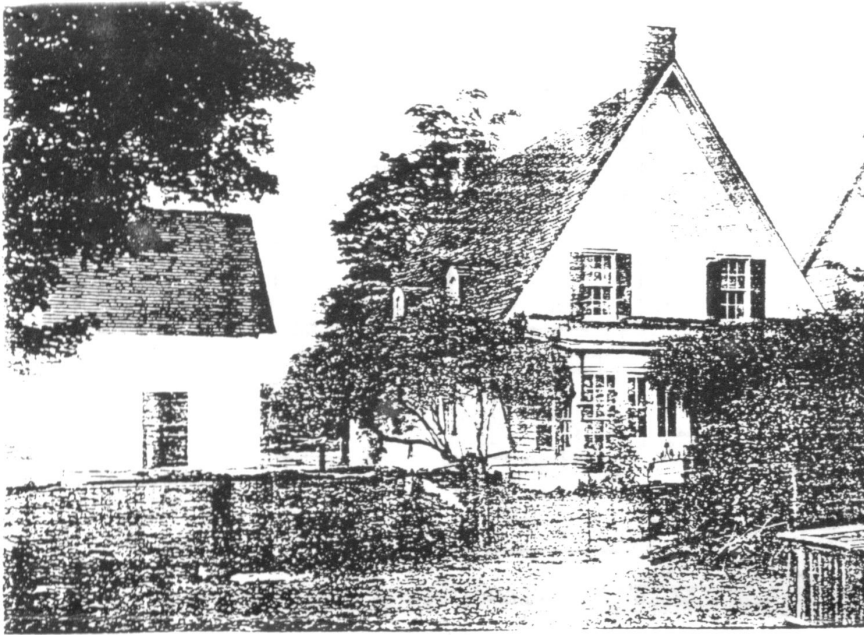
On the south bank of the Mohawk River, what was once known as the "third flat", now as Rotterdam Junction, sits what is considered the historic Mabie house. It is approximately five miles west of the city of Schenectady on Route 5S. It sits about 300 feet from the highway and is bounded on the north side by the river, the east side by property of the Schenectady Chemical company and the west side by another old house and farm. It appears to us, in this day, as a small crude stone and wood home but in the 1700's it was known as a mansion. Out by the road is a New York State Historical marker naming it the oldest house in the Mohawk valley. On the side of the House, placed into the whitewashed stone, is a bronze tablet stating the same put there in 1926 by the Schenectady chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The road frontage of the property is 824 feet, and the depth seems to be about 650 feet, including about a fifty foot bank that slopes down to the river. In the front side of the yard is a field-stone enclosed cemetery known as the family farm cemetery. Many of the stones are totally illegible so it is impossible to tell who all was buried there unless records were kept somewhere. There is at least one cemetery on the farm for slaves, some sources think as many as three were there. Jan Pieterse Mabie and wife Anna are not buried there. They were buried in the Dutch Reformed Church parish cemetery on the corner of Church and Union Streets and that was moved in 1879 to upper State Street, Vale Cemetery, to make room for progress.

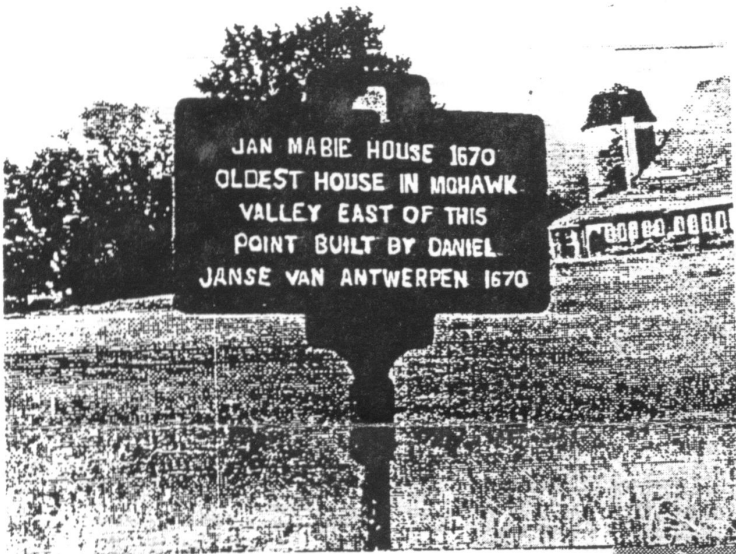
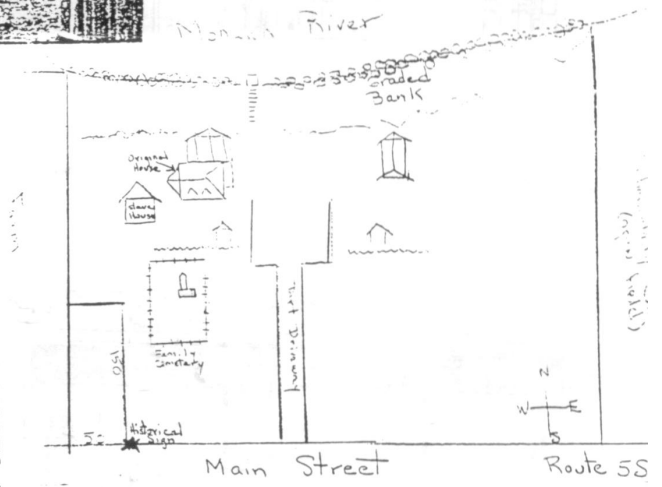
It is strange to say that in the last forty years new information has come to light that all this might not be true, as pieced together by John Vrooman, author and past president of the Schenectady County Historical Society and research done by the state historian Stefan Bielinski for the bicentennial. The historical marker tells us the house was built about 1670-80 by Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen but is now believed not built until 1706 when Jan Mabie bought it. But let's start at the beginning, as the two men's history will always be entwined.

It is thanks to Maile Ho for straightening out of the two Jan Mabies from New York City, This Jan apparently being the nephew of the other, was born in 1661. From official documents we have been able to learn that he came up the Hudson River and was in Fort Orange (Albany) by 1684. There he met and married the Mohawk Iroquois half breed daughter of Pieter Jacobse Borsboom, Anna.

Pieter Borsboom became one of the 15 original proprietors of Schenectady with Arent Van Curler in 1662; it seems partly out of necessity as he was frequently banished from the community for selling liquor to the Indians according to court records. I believe Jan and Anna lived in Albany until the spring of 1690 because their first 3 children were baptized there at the Dutch Reformed Church. The Schenectady Massacre occurred on February 8, 1690 when attacked by the French and Indians. All were either killed or captured and lists were made of both, no Mabies appear on either of those lists. But it seems that they came to help resettle the little stockade and purchased the property now part of the current Dutch Reformed Church. Their other six children were born in Schenectady and baptized at that church, beginning in 1691. His neighbor was Daniel J. Van Antwerpen. It seems that they were of similar personalities and interests, bosloopers (traders) for fur and purchasing property as a vehicle to wealth. Daniel J. Van Antwerpen, also one of the 15 proprietors, decided in 1670 to look westward from his friend Schermerhorn's mill. He chose one of his trading spots on the Mohawk River (his grant was patented in 1680 by Governor Edmund Andros for 127 acres) and built a house. Then in 1706, getting on in years, he decided to sell the westerly half to Jan P. Mabie, the deed was recorded October 8, 1708, and there was no mention of a house. earlier in 1702 Jan bought property north of the Mohawk on the fifth or "Wolf flat". I believe that is where his first son Pieter went to live as that was the inheritance he received when Jan died in April 1725. His second son Abraham received the stockade property where he was a blacksmith, and his third son Jacob received the property on the south side of the river, the now historical house. Jacob married Catarina Vrooman in 1725 and they had nine children, 3 being sons. The oldest, John, headed across the river with his uncle, and the second son Cornelius inherited the house in 1755 when Jacob died. It is believed that during the 1740's it was first used as an inn. One of the newspaper articles tells of a sign of an Indian shooting a bow and arrow reading "Mabes Inn 1740". Its proximity to the river made it attractive as that was the most convenient mode of travel then. What is now a window on the south side of the building reportedly was once the door opening into the inn. Still others say that the small brick building 12 feet away was the inn. But it is more often believed that was the slave quarters, evidence was found in 1936 when the WPA did a historic building survey of an underground tunnel between the two. It was also believed that there was a tunnel to the river also.



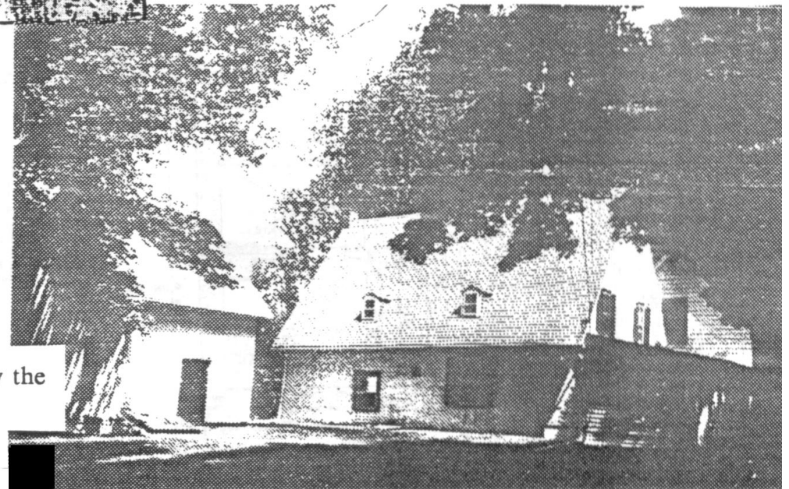
From the Scotia-Glenville Journal  
Photo, courtesy Larry Hart.

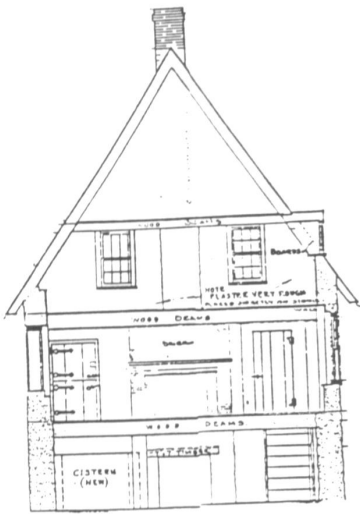


Since these pictures were taken, the historical sign at the Jan Pieter Mebie House has been stolen. The state no longer has funding for replacing it, so it would have to be replaced privately at a cost of \$400.

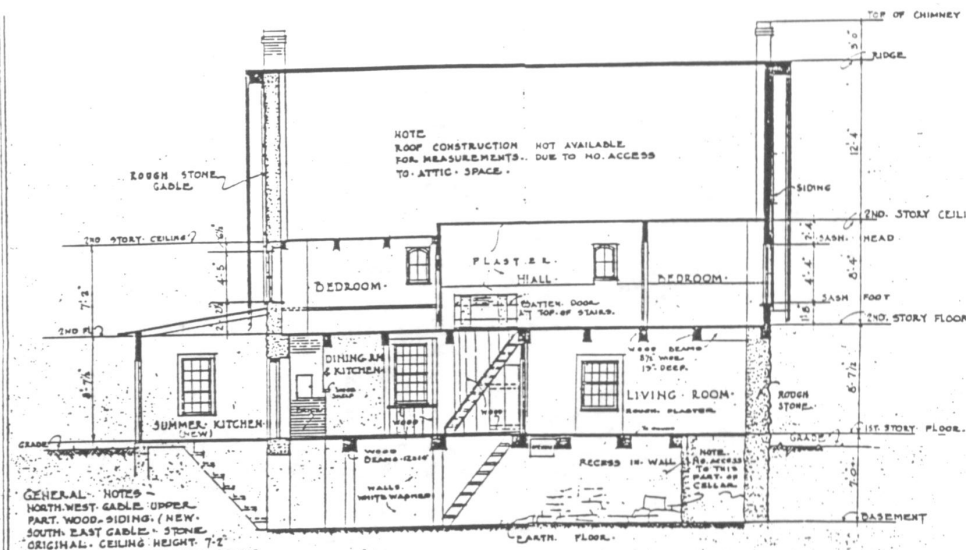


Plaque on the side of the Mabie House. Donatd by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1926.





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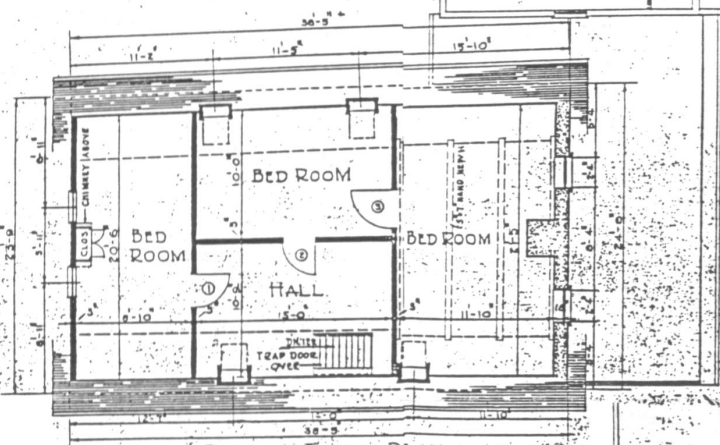


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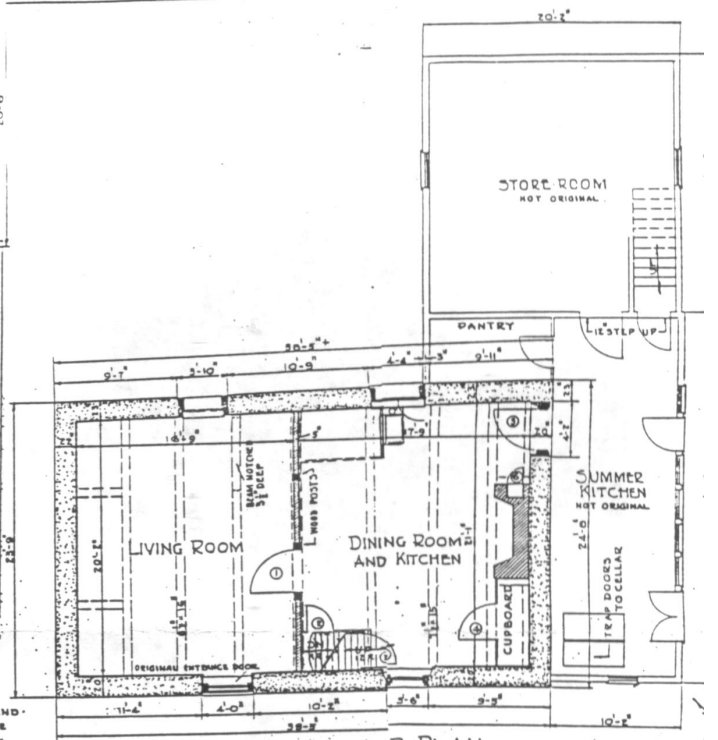
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STORE ROOM



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

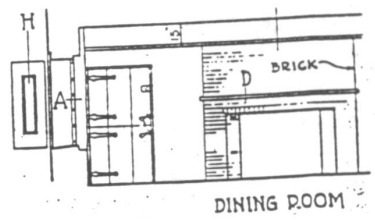
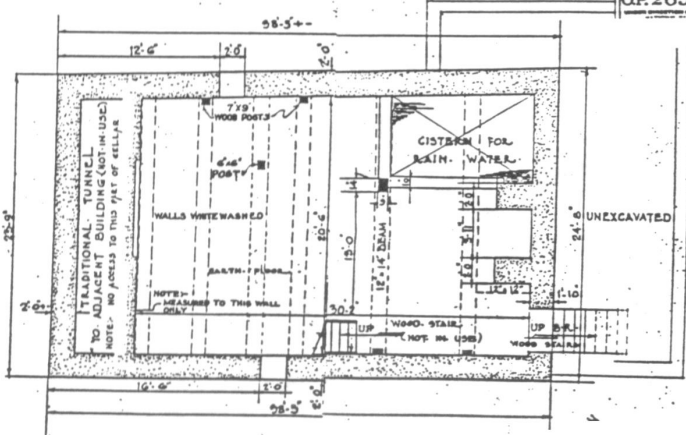


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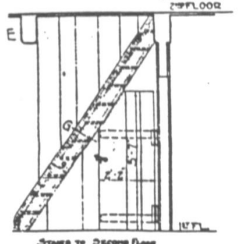
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MABIE HOUSE



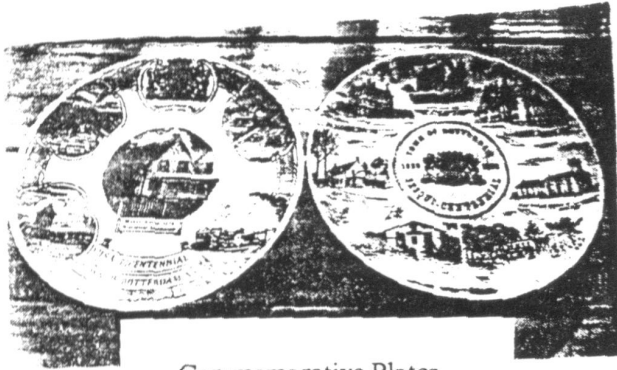
DINING ROOM



Stairs to Second Floor

## THE MABIE HOUSE

### Changing Hands Through the Centuries



Commemorative Plates  
Left, Mabie house in center  
Right Mabie house on top.

According to the 1790 census there were 2 males, over the age of 16 and 2 females and 7 slaves residing at the Mabie family farm and house. The record of the survey saying that the house has historical value is recorded in the Library of Congress and in 1944 Miss Scrafford was given a citation by the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes.

The original house itself is about 23'9" by 30', with the walls two feet thick of stone. It was placed so tightly that mortar was not necessary. The inside was plastered. It is two stories tall with an attic and dutch gabled roof with a 12x12 pitch. There are 3 rooms on the first floor, 4 on the second for sleeping with 2 dormer windows. There is a single door to the outside, presumably to withstand Indian raids. Interior doors still have the antique hinges and are in halves like the old Dutch doors. It also has a colonial fireplace with built in Dutch ovens on either side. The rafters and beams are hand hewn from whole trees and used hand forged nails. The plank flooring is hand tongue and grooved and all uneven widths. Gun turrets were in the upper story but are now filled in with masonry and are barely detectable. The slave house is also 2 stories and has an oven for cooking. Around 1906 a fire destroyed a large barn and several out buildings and contents. According to news articles it seems that the high point of prosperity was in the 1800's with the Mabies owning about 400 acres. Part of it being the nearby Yantapooshaburg Mountain (John-ear-o-corn) and a half mile race track known as Mabie's Lane. It was the first track in Schenectady County and had a half mile straightaway.

A note of interest, excerpts from the minutes of the Committee of Safety in Schenectady July 17, 1774 and December 18, 1775 show that payment of "ball" found in the cellar of the Mabie house was ordered seized and paid for at current price.

About 1906 the house was no longer lived in by members of the Mabie family, but it has been rented out and kept up by the tenants. My husband Gary was shown through the house by a Mr. George Clark in the early 1960's because he was a "Mabee". The current owner is a Mr. George Franchere of Florida.

1706 - Jan Mabie (b. 1661 d.1725) purchased from Daniel J. Van Antwerpen - deed recorded October 5, 1708.

1725 - Inherited by his 3rd son Jacob Mabie. b. 1698 d. 1755

1755 - Inherited by his 2nd son Cornelius Mabie. b. 1741 d.1789

1789 - Inherited by his 1st son Jacob C. Mabee. d. 1823

1823 - Inherited by his 2nd son Simon Mabee. b. 1805 d.1879

1879 - Inherited by his 1st son Jacob Mabee. b. 1834 d. 1885 unmarried

1885 - Inherited by his sister Margaret Ann Mabee. b. 1844 d. 1914 unmarried

1914 - Inherited by her sister Rachel Frances Mabee. b.1849 d.1922. Married George Scrafford in 1883

1922 - Inherited by their daughters Mabel Mabie Scrafford. b. 1890 d. 1973 unmarried

Edna Mabie Scrafford b. 1890 d. 1973 Married Harry Birch Franchere 1923

1973 - Inherited by their son George E. Franchere Margaret Mabie was the last family member to live at the house. It was then leased.

1906 - To the Crawford family

1931 - To the George Clark family

1967 - To the Frederick C. Hesler family

1989 - At the time visited by Gary & Kim Mabee by the Steve Larkin family

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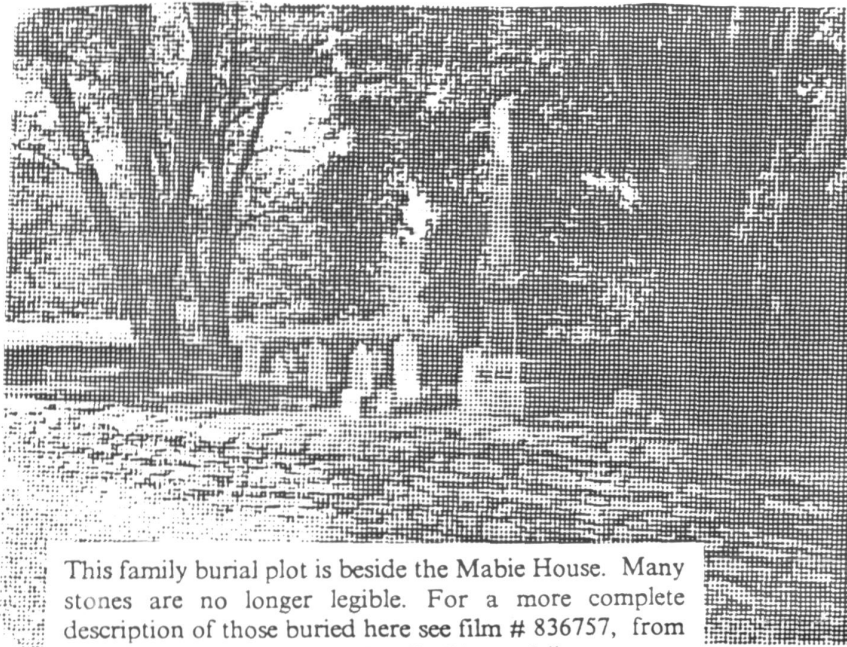
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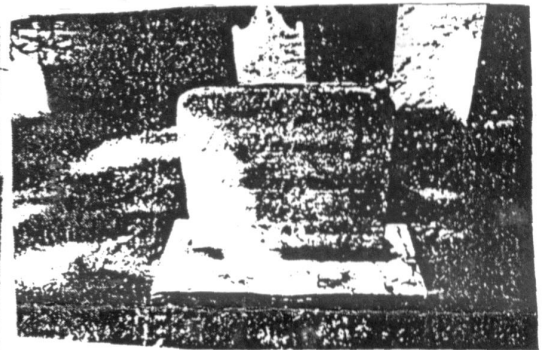
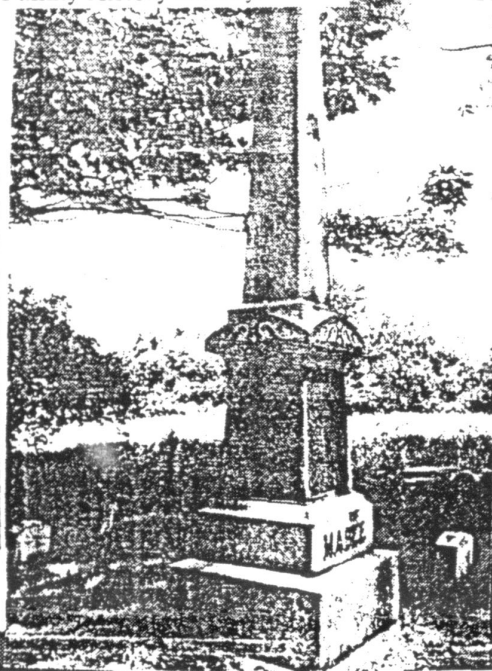
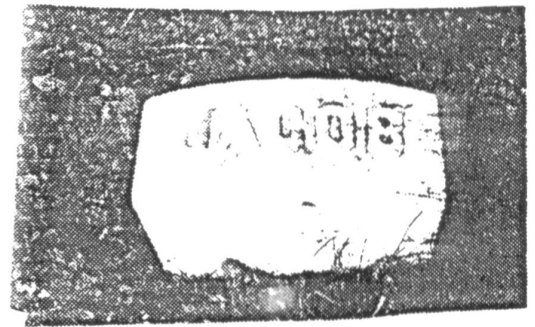
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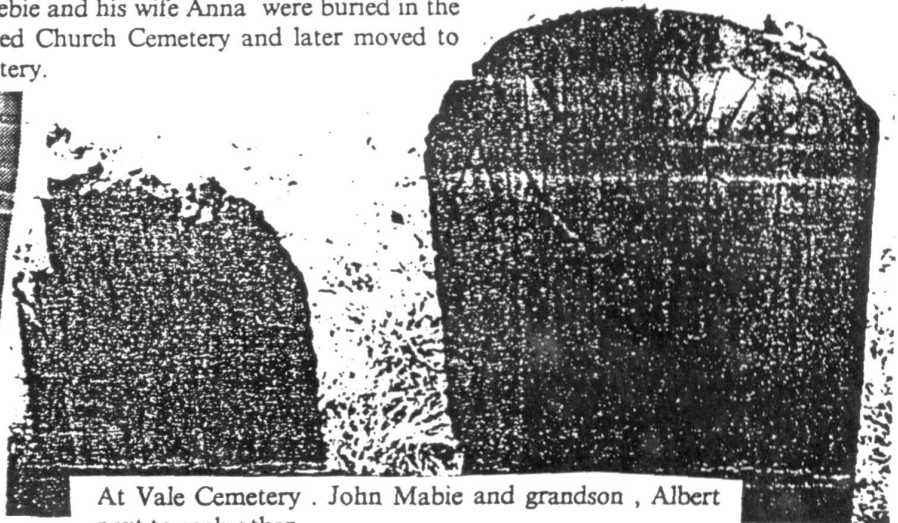
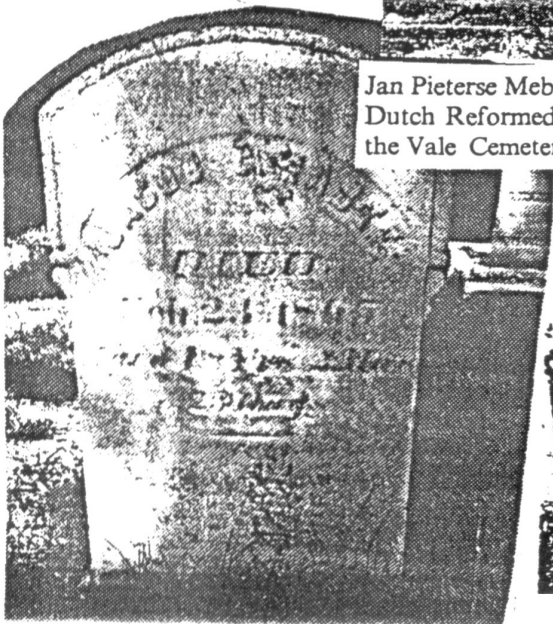
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This family burial plot is beside the Mabie House. Many stones are no longer legible. For a more complete description of those buried here see film # 836757, from the Church of Jesus Christ Family History Library.



Jan Pieterse Mebie and his wife Anna were buried in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery and later moved to the Vale Cemetery.



At Vale Cemetery . John Mabie and grandson , Albert next to each other.

## A DREAM BEING REALIZED

When George Maybee Martin, our President first suggested a family organization, I expected possibly 20 members. It is almost unbelievable that we are now past 100 members, with more joining us. We appreciate the work each of you are doing and all of your enthusiasm. I cannot express to you the joy I felt when we received computer diskettes containing thousands of family names. Guy R. Mabie, # 36 sent us the descendants of Alphonso Hale Mabie.



Jack Maybee, #58 sent us a disk of names he had gathered from many of you and by his own diligent research including his branch (the Minard Maybee Family), many members the South Valley Branch of the family and descendants of Jan Pieters Mebie. He received help David "Wayne" Mabie and Wayne's Aunt Marian, Luella Brodie, Ed Mabie, #82, Margaret Mabie, #87, Earl and Marietta Mabie, #93, Hanson Mabie's minutes of the South Valley Branch's reunions from 1917 to 1973 containing the genealogy prepared by our former member Maurice Strobeck (now deceased). He also used notes from Royal A. Mabie and information from the book " A Compendium of Mabie Research" by Bob Mutrie, "The Tillapaugh Family", and "First Settlers of Schenectady" by Pearson. Jack tells us there is lots to go and he'll need data from other families.



The most recent addition was three disks containing information on the Van Orden family from Melvin Van Orden. He has recorded Maile Ho's extensive work and has added other Van Orden information. The disks from Melvin contain 10679 individual names and 3,433 marriages.



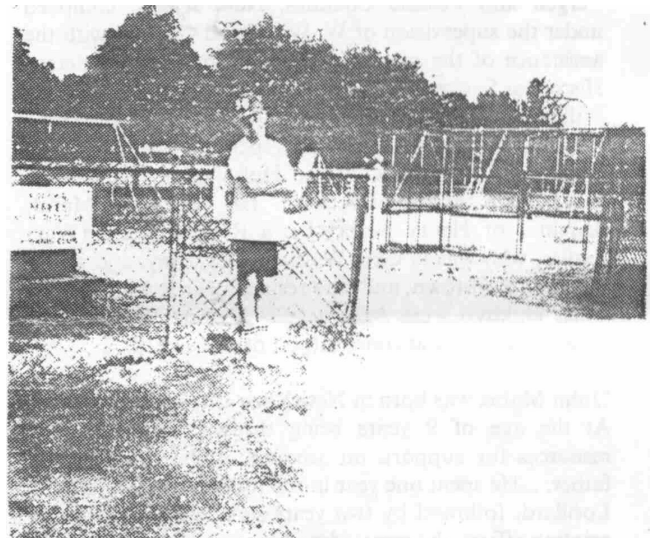
If you would like a any of the disks mentioned above, we will be happy to send you a copy. The disks will run on IBM compatible computers that have a program that can receive and send Gedcom information. You may want to include \$3, as that is about what we expect it to cost for the disk, mailer and postage. Pease let us know what size diskette your computer uses.

Also please be patient. The work is very rewarding, but sometimes takes more hours than are available.



## FRANK MABEE PARK

In the center of the Collins Park in Scotia, NY is a "Tiny Tot Park" dedicated to Frank Mabie for his community service. Frank Mabie is an UNCLE to our member, #78, Gary Mabie.



Jonathan Mabie at Frank R. Mabie Memorial Park. Jonathan is son of Gary & Kim Mabie, #78 and grandnephew to Frank R. Mabie.



fifty-one acres of land at Fairview, in Bergen County, upon which in 1857 he built a substantial brownstone mansion. Restless under too much ease, Mr. Mabie remained from business only a few months, and in 1850 established in New York City, the world-renowned gold pen and pencil-case house, first known as 'Mabie Knapp & Co.,' afterwards as 'Mabie Smith & Co.,' and for the past ten years as Mabie Todd & Bard' the sales of which extend to the most distant parts of the world." (this was published in 1882).

"In 1871 Mr. Mabie retired from business in favor of his sons, George Whitfield and John Henry.

Mr Mabie is naturally of an ingenious turn of mind, and besides inventing the screw-pencil, he invented a 'car replacer.' which has been successfully used on railroads.

His wife whom he married April 22, 1841, was Eliza Jane, daughter of Samuel Smith and Eliza Ossa of Westchester County, who died in 1870, and bore him children as follows: Ann Maria, wife of Charles Sageman, George Whitfield, John Henry, Mary Eliza wife of William Newcomb and Charles Edgar who died at the age of fourteen. His present wife is Emmagene, daughter of Samuel Sweetland of Providence, R. I."

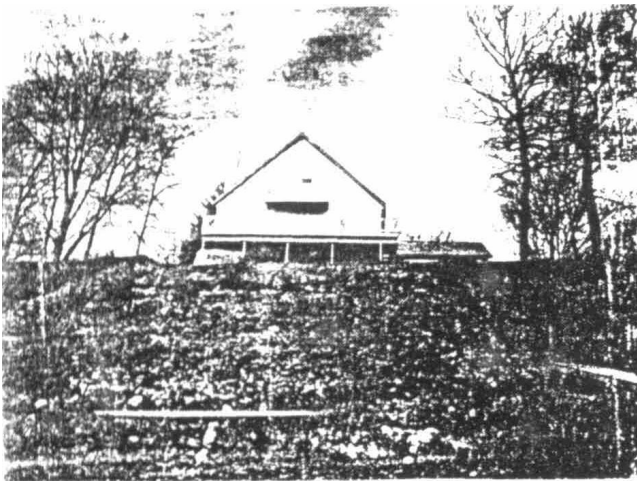
Judith and Ernest Maby, #15 sent us this picture and biographical sketch of John Mabie. It is from "History of Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey" compiled under the supervision of W. Woodford Clayton with the assistance of the recording secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, William Nelson. "His (John's) father, William Helimus Mabie, born at Tappan, Rockland Co., NY., was a mason by trade, and spent his active business career in New York City and Hoboken. ... He died in 1828, aged thirty-nine years. His wife was Maria, daughter of Henry Verbrycke, a Revolutionary (War) soldier, who was in Gen. Washington's army, and at the battle of Yorktown, and who resided near Ramapo, N.J.. Their children were Ann, wife of Robert W. Higgs of New York City and John, subject of this sketch."

"John Mabie was born in New York City, June 19, 1819. At the age of 9 years being thrown upon his own resources for support, on account of the death of his father.... He spent one year in the tobacco factory of Mr. Lorillard, followed by two years service in Mr. Booth's printing office; the remainder of his minority, eight years and four months being spent as an apprentice in the manufacture of gold pencil cases with Thomas Addison, the first man to engage in that business in this country. For three years following he continued this business as a journeyman, then, with John H. Roanch, Patrick Kean and Louis Baulman, Journeyman, he, in 1843, established business for himself, and was one of the founders of the gold-pen and pencil-case house of Roanch & Co., which continued business until 1849, when this partnership was dissolved. That year Mr. Mabie purchased



Winter view from the deck of 15 Van Buren Lane  
A view of the Mohawk River. Looking Southwest is Mt. Yantapuchaburg. Up until 100 years ago, it was part of the Jan Mabie farm.



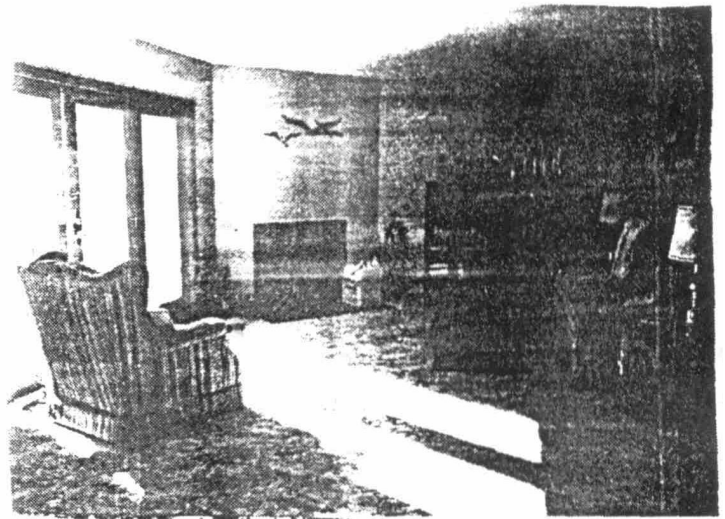


### THE NEW MABEE HOUSE ON THE MOHAWK

Our new Mabee house is on the north or Glenville side of the Mohawk River. It is about a mile downstream (East) as the crow flies, from the historic house. It is off state route 5 on Van Buren Lane.

The property was owned for many generations by the Van Buren family. They leased it for 99 years for summer camps that were built. They later became permanent homes. Gary came here because his grandparents on his mother's side, the Dawsons owned number 18. When his grandparents died he bought the shell from his Aunt and built it into a nice home. In 1975 the 99 year lease and the Van Buren will was broken by the widening of Route 5 and all the people on Van Buren Lane were able to buy the property that their homes were on. There were several extra parcels unspoken for. The house on this property, 15, had burnt down long ago. We bought it hoping to someday build a dream house. We decided 1990 was it or not at all, so we hired a man named Jeff West and moved in November 1st.

The new house is 32' by 42' with a 24' by 24' attached garage. We have three floors with the basement a family room, laundry room, and workshop. The first floor is the living room, dining room, with a corner fireplace, kitchen, bathroom, and 2 kids bedrooms and a large deck. The 2nd floor has the master den with a small deck, bath with Jacuzzi, and large den and storage rooms, all with cathedral ceilings and skylights. I guess the steep pitched 12 x 12 roof is about the most we have in common with the old Mabee house. It has beige vinyl siding with chocolate brown trim. We have been busy hanging the pictures of generations of family members on the new walls. Gary has also mounted "points" (arrowheads) that we found down the hill from us here known as the "Bent Site". It is pre-Iroquois. We live in an interesting and historical area.



Gary and his father and grandfather have worked at the General Electric Company since it began in 1892. And last but not least we unknowingly named our son Jonathan James. Until we became interested in genealogy we had no idea that it was such an "old" name. Thank you very much for your interest to Belva and the Society and any time we can be of assistance to any of you please feel free to contact us.

### THANK YOU!

We would like to express our appreciation to Kim and Gary Mabee, #78. This issue of the "Communicator" would not have been possible without the countless hours spent by Kim and Gary in researching and preparing information for us on the Jan Pieter Mabee House in Rotterdam Junction. Kim not only wrote the article but sent us the drawings and many of the pictures. Many of you, have also contributed information on this old house. Thank you.



## ACHIEVEMENT OF ARMS

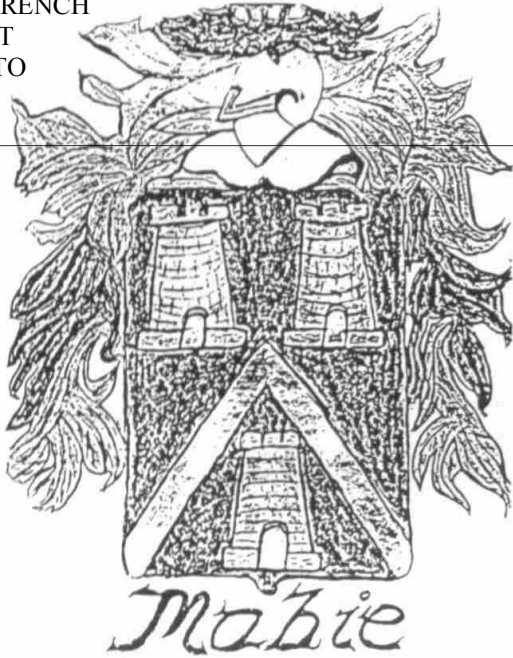
The Achievement of Arms, more commonly called Coat of Arms, has been an interesting way to follow some of the different branches in the family. We therefore have mentioned it frequently in our past newsletters and we were pleased to have found one for the Mabile family and the Van Orden family as well as to see the more modern ones that have been adapted by family members. I had been told that the "Mabie" branch of the family also had a coat of arms, but we had not located a copy. When Edmund Mabie, #89 sent his membership papers, he supplied further information. He also referred us to his sister, Patricia Magette #91. Patricia not only helped us with the information we desired, but also made us a hand copy of the "Mabie" coat of arms. The use of these symbols of honor from royalty were in use in the United States until the American Revolution.

### ARMORIAL GENERAL ARMORY.

MABIE, FRENCH

NO CREST

NO MOTTO



"The armorial bearings of the Mabie family are illustrated in Rietstap, *Armorial General Armory*, Vol. 4, pl 110, Text:v. p.120, The genealogy states this family was linked with some early settlers of New Amsterdam and these with a noble family of Anjou in France, by the name Mabile."

"This grant was made prior to the seventeenth century and bears no motto as these had not come into use at that early period."

"The gold chevron represented the rafters of the gable of a house and denoted protection. It was given in the army for valiant service in protecting the homeland. The leaves are used for decoration only and have no special meaning."

Colors: Gold signified stainless honor.

Blue denoted truth and sincerity."

## WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO SERVED DURING THE WAR IN THE GULF.

As genealogists we have a tendency to look at those who served in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, but we are proud of all of our family that were willing to risk all for the safety of the rest of us in all wars.



LT. DAMON L. MABEE, U.S. NAVY

(Grandson of Eloise C. Mabee, #20)

Damon was assigned to a Navy Maintenance Unit at the Port of Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia - 120 miles South of Kuwait. He was stationed with Naval Beach Group One and was there from 1 Nov 1990 to 1 Mar 1991. He returned home to Oregon City, Oregon on March 8, 1991 and is now stationed in San Diego.



John MayBee, son of John MayBee, #8 also served in the war. He was stationed off the Gulf of Onan. He returned to his homebase of San Diego, but has recently been sent back to the Gulf.

## THE REST OF THE STORY

While browsing through some Mabie files that had been shared with us, I discovered the story about "Grandfather's Horses and Lincoln." It was so charming that I did not check the accuracy but printed it for your enjoyment. I was pleased to have ALICE McDOWELL share with us the real story:

"I have had a copy of this write-up by Will H. Head in my files for a number of years, since I am the great grand-daughter of John Turneure, the subject of the article. The writer Will H. Head was not born until 1864, six years after the debate in 1858. And the only L.W. Head (Leander Warren) that I find in my Turneure records would have been two years old at the time of the debate, so the write-up is an embellished, fictionalized description of an actual event that they had been told about. Giles, the oldest son mentioned in the story, was already married and living on his own farm at the time, and only four of the boys and one girl were still unmarried and living at John Turneure's home."

My grandmother, Emily Byington Turneure, wife of Albert and daughter-in-law of John (who lived with us when I was a child and often told us stories of her life) grew up on a farm near the Turneure farm and married Albert in 1860 (two years after the debate." She told us of her first hand knowledge about John's carriage being chosen to carry Lincoln from the railroad station to the hotel because it was considered the finest carriage in the area. When she and Albert moved to Milford, Iowa, in 1881, they brought the famous carriage with them as their family carriage, so my mother obviously rode in it many times. It eventually burned in a stable fire. Only the silver fittings were rescued and my mother kept them for many years until they became lost."

## QUERIES

WILLIAM ALBERT and SARAH SULLIVAN MABIE were married in Seymour, Indiana in 1850. They lived in Indiana, then Port Dover, Ontario, Canada, then back to the Seymour Indiana area.

Some of the children were born in Canada, some in Indiana. I have some of their names and approximate birthdates, but they don't always match up the family history as I know it.

Does anyone know the names and birthdates of these children? Also, can anyone confirm that William Albert (born 1819 in Port Dover) was the son of Simon and Mary Katherine Grant Mabie?

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## A HELPFUL (?) DUTCH CUSTOM

It was the custom of Dutch people to name their children (at least the first two boys and the first two girls) with the given name of the child's grandparent. In some families the names of the two grandfathers or grandmothers were alternated for all of the children of that same sex, thus putting several children of the same first name in the same family. This sometimes makes it easier to identify a line, but also, often there were many brothers, sisters and cousins with the same name living in close proximity.

John A. "Jack" Maybee, #58, reports that there were three Maria Hogans that Albert could have chosen to marry. He at present only has circumstantial evidence as to which was the correct Maria. If you have strong evidence as to which Maria, Albert selected, please let Jack know:

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## CAN YOU HELP APRIL ???

April Mabee writes, "I'm so thrilled that I found you. All my life I wanted to know about my past.... It would mean a lot to me if you can tell me, or tell me who to get a hold of who knows my past. I would love to know what kind of man my Grandpa (Albert Earl Mabee) was." April is the daughter of Gary Paul Mabee, b. 13 Dec 1941 in Detroit, Wayne, Michigan. He was married the 31 March 1968. His father was Earl Albert Mabee (?). Earl Albert was born 1898, married Matilda Mary Parson and died 4 July 1948 in Detroit, Wayne, Michigan. His parents were Albert Henry Mabee and Anna Louise. As you can see, April has some question about the exact name of her grand-father and great grandfather. She would like to have her information confirmed and become better acquainted with them. From old letters written by Royal Mabee to a member of her family she learned that she was the 12th generation of a "French Huguenot Family going back to 1550, coming from France to Holland, then to what is now New York City, then in your line going to St. John, New Brunswick, Canada in 1783 and on to Ontario in 1794 coming back into the states at a later date."

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## A NOTE FROM GEORGE

I have a warmness in my heart because of the inquiries and concern expressed by so many because of my absence from the last two issues of the COMMUNICATOR. Thank you one and all!

Having practiced law in Yakima for 51 years we had accumulated thousands of files ( more than 5 tons) and when we decided to move to a smaller office (but much nicer) we had to go through every old file and then shred most of the files for re-cycling. That was a long and tedious task, requiring many hours over our regular office schedule.

Then out of the blue I received a telephone call from a corporate client, telling me of serious internal problems = which required my time completely almost from early morning until late at night for almost two months. (I did solve the many problems.)

Then, early in May, while getting ready to attend the spring meeting of the American Philatelic Society at Denver, I took my companion Joyful, Joy (our dog who is an essential part of our life, a Sheltie) for her evening hike. I stopped at the back door of our nearby Memorial Hospital to visit with friends. I had just lifted my right foot to step down from the curb to head home, when a girl came and started her motorcycle parked next to Joy. That scared Joy, she dove between my legs and I fell flat on my face on the pavement. Within moments there was a bump on my forehead as large as an egg and I was rushed to emergency. No trip to Denver.

Medical treatment was quite intensive and for 48 hours I had to keep ice packs on my face = quite a task to accomplish while one is sleeping, more or less. Within hours I had two black eyes along with very black areas from the top of my forehead to the bottom of my chin. I did not have a lot of pain, but I was out of circulation, and I was scared! Now, almost 1 1/2 months later, most of the blackness has gone away, but I still have some bumps and soreness.

How thankful I am! By the way Betty and I celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary June 14 and I had my 85th birthday on June 18 and we are looking forward to many more.



### LETTERS FROM ROYAL A. MABEE

As members share with us letters from Royal A. Mabee we are so impressed with his dedication and efforts that I thought I would quote a few excerpts from letters he wrote to some of you. *23 June 1962* "I learned of this in Sarasota where we have been lucky enough to be for a few cold February days each winter. (My wife stays eight

weeks but I find it necessary to get back to Ice and Snow)..." "It is surprising how this constantly incoming information from all over the country, fits together, so little was known about the early Mabee folks, even though we were first settlers in the Dutch colony in 1623. We have to thank the person who sent Mr. Marshall to Europe to dig out the very early background ..." *Aug 2, 1963*. "This collection has now grown to 8,950 descendants and therefore a sizeable record. Last December the entire history known to date was put on to microfilm for the assistance of future generations. So again be necessary. ...." "I sincerely feel that not hearing from Mrs Matilda Mabee was only because she found it not convenient. ..." "At this point I am nearing the time where I can conclude my efforts in asking every known Mabee- Maybee- Mabee to do their small part and I feel that you folks would have no reason not to be proud to do likewise, by listing the steps by generations as far back as you can go..." "Of the hundreds written to, only 38 have failed me in this research, and I do hope that I can receive your help in learning of Mr Mabee's family..." *8 February 1970* "Receiving your letter was a pleasant surprise, as it was the first letter that I had from a number of letters written to your mother, Gary and yourself, other than one from your mother in 1966 stating that she had no interest in the Mabee family and to save the stamps. So I don't feel any richer by saving the stamps, but I complied..." So here we are in Sarasota, I have recently retired and its good to be down from the ice and cold. After vacationing here for 20 years. First, may I say that our collection has gone forward and we have as good family records as any other family, and we have over 13,100 of our names indexed on our family branch charts. In Oct of 1966, I wrote to your mother stating that I had just been able to complete the lineage of Mr. Albert Earl Mabee's family and I did not think it commendable to retain this information without letting her know it was available for the use of her children and perhaps grandchildren. As I have tried over the years to impress our many cousins that this is a very big project, but still a hobby and no commercial venture. You should see the results in your family, particularly when I couldn't even find the name of Mrs. Matilda Mabee's husband, but I got lucky and am so pleased to pass it on to you, your sisters and brother.

### CENSUSES SEARCHED

Orvan L. Mabee is doing a work of inestimable worth to the members of the family. He is recording the Mabees, Maybees, Mabys, Mabees, Mabeys and Mables from the Federal Census Records of 1850 to 1900. His index at present has over 1400 names and that does not include any spouses or children with different surnames.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Barbara writes that Clare has scads of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, some from as far away as Australia and New Zealand

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Anita tells us that in 1892/93, her grandfather, Hugh Simon Mabee, drove a covered wagon containing the family's household goods and a dog from Seymour, Indiana to Rush River, Nicollet Co., Minnesota. He was set upon by thieves, but the dog, fortunately, drove them off. Her grandmother and their (then) three children came up by train. Anita still has an oak table that came up by covered wagon almost 100 years ago.

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Linda is the daughter of Elton and Virginia Maybee. She descends from the Minard Maybee line.

BRUCE VAN ORDEN, #98  
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I was pleased to recently attend some classes taught by Bruce. Bruce Van Orden is known to the world as an author, an Historian, a Professor at Brigham Young University and a Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but I think that his favorite title is that of father. He and his wife Karen Hoyal Van Orden are proud parents of five children and their family motto is "Be gentle and kind". Bruce and his family will be heading to Vienna within the next year to teach at one of Brigham Young University's Study Abroad programs. One of his favorite activities when he was younger was serving as sports editor of his student newspaper. He went to Brigham Young University on a journalism scholarship and after one semester he was called to serve a mission for his church in South Germany. His son Stephen is now serving a mission in East Germany.

Bruce has Doctorates in American and European History.

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Meet Jon Nicholas MayBee, his grandfather John D. Maybee signed him up as a member of the Maybee Society.

DELORES BRENNER, #101  
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De never knew that a trip to an Elder Hostel in Canada would put so many people on a search for their roots. While there she met Jim Mabey and together they learned and shared. Next to be influenced by her enthusiasm was her daughter Susan Edgington. Together they have become well acquainted with many Mabies (all spellings) through their research and now Delores is member #101, Susan is member # 102 and Jim is member # 104. De is heading for Minneapolis to research the records on her branch of the family and then upon her return will tell us of her "unbelievable discovery story". We will be anxious to hear more from her.

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A call from Susan acquainted me with the interest that she and her mother( De Brenner, #101) were developing in the family. Susan has been becoming better acquainted with the family by reading biographies such as "Life and Letters of Hamilton Wright Mabie," by Edwin W. Morse and "Congo Cameos "by Catherine L. Mabie, M. D. She was able to obtain these books by inner-library loan. Currently, Susan is endeavoring to make an appointment and see the picture, "The Mabie Children" at the National Gallery of Fine Arts. A painting presented to the Smithsonian by Mrs Margaret Sturm, grand-daughter of John Henry Mabie. We all certainly hope that she is able to see and photograph it.

TYRONE TILLSON, #103  
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It is always so exciting when we find family members that closely tie in with one another. Our president, George Maybee Martin has a great love for the family and it was at his instigation that we formed the Maybee Society and it is with his leadership we carry on. I was therefore pleased to receive a letter from Tyrone, who wrote that he had been recently told of the Maybee Society and wanted to join. Tyrone and George are both descended from Charles Maybee, b. 1828 and Mary Jane Mount.

JIM MABEY, #104  
R.R. #1  
TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA  
CANADA B2N5A9

While De, #101, was in Canada becoming excited about her heritage she was put in touch with Jim Mabey, The son of Ernest L and Marian Mabey. Jim's father, Ernest had worked closely with Royal Mabee. He was a Teacher and Broadcaster before his recent death. Jim is an enthusiastic genealogist and we are pleased that he will be carrying on in his father's steps.

JOAN D. TURNURE, #105  
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Joan writes that she recently discovered a Mabee in her past. She descends from Effie Johns Mabee (1741 - Tappan, NY - -1825) who married Col. Thomas Blanch (1740 -Cloister, NJ - 1823).

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CANADA ROG OJO

Mary-Ann, too learned that she was a descendant from a Maybee, was told about The Maybee Society and decided to join.

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Bruce is another Mabey joining our ranks. But, Bruce adds a new dimension. His family, like most "Mabeys" originate in England, but Bruce is descended from Henry John Mabey of the Isle of Wight.

## **MABEYS ON THE MARCH**

It has been exciting of late to hear from many of the Mabey members of the clan. It seems there has been an excitement in Canada among the Mabey members of Canada and many phone calls and letters have been exchanged. We received phone calls from both Jim Mabey, member # 104 of Truro, Nova Scotia and Bruce Mabey, #107 of Ottawa. Ontario. Not only does there seem to be a greater Canada but we recently heard from Hilda Mabey, wife of Ronald Mabey #64, sharing information with us

Most recently we received a query from Mr . F.D.G. Somers, of Dianella Australia, he writes:

I am descended from Ann Mabey, born in Weymouth, Dorset on 4th of Nov ember, 1812 .... There are now hundreds and possibly even in excess of a thousand descendants of Ann Mabey throughout Australia.

William Mabey was born in the county of Dorset, at Wareham in 1750. The family moved to Weymouth in 1762 after the great fire of Wareham, which destroyed most o the town. William married Betty Osmond of Corfe Castle, Dorset. Her birthdate 1748. They had seven children.:

William, born March 15, 1773. He went to London as a young man, married and settled there.

Ann, born July 5, 1775.

John, born Dec. 29, 1777 married Susanna Allen of Portland and settled in Weymouth , their only child, ANN was born, 4th November 1812 . She married THOMAS WILLIAM LAWTON.

James, born Jan 23, 1781, married Mary Bennet of Portland and settled in Portland.

Timothy, born March 25, 1784, left home Nov. 30, 1818 and was never heard of again.

Henry, born Oct. 18, 1787, went to London , married twice and died at Mortlake.

Joseph, born Feb. 27, 1790, settled in Weymouth, married twice.

John Mabey was a Sea Captain and the owner of a small craft. The Mabey family were later connected with the "Blue Funnel" line of ships.

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